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briefs

Woman charged with ID theft

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — An Allen woman was arrested Monday after she allegedly used her daughter's food stamp card to make four purchases for herself.

Carolyn Jean Stricklin was housed at the Floyd County Detention Center on Monday and remained there under a \$10,000 cash bond after her arraignment Tuesday.

She is facing four counts of theft by unlawful taking and four additional counts of theft of identity for using her daughter's card to make purchases on four occasions, beginning July 13.

Stricklin was granted a preliminary hearing on July 24 to determine if the charges will be passed to a grand jury for felony consideration.

eBay thefts top list of indictments

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Two women accused of stealing items from friends and neighbors and then selling the goods on eBay topped the list of indictments handed down by a grand jury Thursday.

Deborah Wallen, 36, of Bull Creek, was charged with 15 counts of receiving stolen property in the case, after investigators found many items stored at her home that have since been returned to victims.

Gora Wicker, 59, of Prestonsburg, was charged with nine counts of burglary, nine counts of theft and one count of criminal mischief in the case.

Investigators report that more charges are expected against the pair. Wallen and Wicker were arraigned in circuit court later in the day Thursday. Wallen, who appeared in court last week to seek a bond reduction, saw her bond remain at \$100,000 cash. Wicker's bond was reduced from \$730,000 cash, which was set in district court, to \$200,000. Both were given pretrial conference dates on Oct. 16. At that time, they will either take a plea offer from the commonwealth or set a trial date.

The grand jury returned seven other indictments Thursday, which include:

■ Judy Myers, 37, of Virgie; fraudulent use of a credit card, two counts of theft.

■ Jessie Lee Lemaster, 25, of Sitka; first-degree bail jumping.

■ Edward Lee Jones, Jr., 43, of Estill; first-degree assault.

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TAKING A BREAK



photos by Kathy J. Prater



These out-of-town visitors, above, decided to "get jiggy with it" during the "Karaoke in the Park" event held Tuesday evening at the Auxier Community Park. Most of those in attendance were volunteer workers who have been assisting Floyd and Johnson county families with home repairs this week. While in Eastern Kentucky, the workers reside at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center. The center, in conjunction with LINKS, helps organize the work effort. The volunteers, serving a week-long mission as members of the same church, are from the southern Indiana area.

At left, paint-smattered and sweaty from a long day of home repair work, these young people from southern Indiana still found time to have a little fun during the event. The young lady in the photo is tickled by the young men who are serenading the leader of their local church, who accompanied the group to the area on the home repair mission.

Grand jury finds no crime in Luv shooting

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A grand jury charged with looking into the shooting death of a man who allegedly broke into the Luv Homes lot in Ivel last year returned a no-true bill in the case on Thursday.

The grand jury also released a statement about the case and expressed sympathy for the family of Ronald Dillion, who was shot and killed in a trailer on the lot on March 22, 2005, by business manager Mike Kirk.

The statement included a summary of the evidence heard by the jury which helped them decide not to charge Kirk with the shooting. They noted that there was evidence that Kirk had sought help from area law enforcement agencies in dealing with a string of break-ins at the Luv Homes lot. They reported that evidence proved Kirk did call Kentucky State Police the

day of the shooting and reported that someone was "casing" the business and Kirk feared they would be robbed that night.

The jury also confirmed that Kirk did call 911 during the break-in when he reported he had a gun trained on the man, who had gained entry into a model home on the lot that contained various electronics.

The jury also said that there was no gun found on Dillion, who reportedly told Kirk he was also armed and made a motion that convinced Kirk he was reaching for a weapon, which was when the shooting occurred.

The jury concluded from the evidence that, "Under these circumstances and without any evidence to the contrary, we do not believe there is enough evidence to justify a criminal homicide charge against Mr. Kirk."

The jury expressed sym-

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Man charged with beating child, woman, unconscious man

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Langley man was arrested Tuesday and charged with two assaults that saw one man airlifted to the University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center due to the severity of his injuries.

Preliminary reports indicate that Michael Edward Murphy allegedly assaulted a man who was passed out in the roadway Monday night. The beating resulted in a head trauma, which saw the man taken to UK for treatment via Med-Flight.

The second assault case stemmed from a Tuesday morning incident which alleges that Murphy struck a juvenile and caused facial contusions to the victim.

State Trooper B.J. Caudill, who is investigating the cases, noted in his citation that Murphy appeared to be intoxicated at the time of his arrest and had slurred speech.

Murphy is currently facing a third assault charge for a May incident which has yet to be adjudicated.

He was arraigned for the two most recent charges Wednesday and placed under a \$100,000 cash bond in the second-degree assault case. Murphy asked Judge Eric Hall for a property bond and was promptly refused. He was granted a preliminary hearing on July 24.

The other assault case constitutes a misdemeanor offense. Murphy pleaded not guilty to that charge and

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Last defendant pleads guilty to Dwale beating, robbery

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Floyd County man accused of breaking into a Dwale home last September and beating the occupant unconscious before robbing him entered a blind plea to one count of robbery on Tuesday.

Shawn Sexton will find out his punishment on August 18,

when his formal sentencing will be ordered by Judge Danny P. Caudill.

Sexton was one of three people who broke into the victim's home last year and beat him up before taking the cash out of his wallet, which came to \$300. The thieves, which included Stevie Ed Caudill and Melissa Ferrell, who entered guilty pleas for the incident last April, missed a side compart-

ment in the victim's wallet which contained another \$2,000.

At a preliminary hearing for the case last year, Trooper Justin Cornett testified that he interviewed Ferrell, who told him that the robbery was orchestrated by Sexton. Cornett noted that Ferrell and Caudill had spent part of the day with

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Obituaries

Sollie Bryant

Sollie Bryant, 85, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, July 17, 2006, at his residence.

Born June 30, 1921, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Wess and Liddie Bentley Bryant. He was a retired coal miner, and a member of the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry.

He is survived by his wife, Tessie Hamilton Bryant.

Other survivors include four sons: Homer Bryant of Columbus, Ohio, Dana Bryant and Kenneth Bryant, both of Betsy Layne, and Darvine Bryant of Ivel; five daughters: Shirley Abshire of Boldman, Norma Jean Tackett and Nora Baxter, both of Betsy Layne, Kathleen Newsome of Robinson Creek, and Brenda Robinson of Harold; 19 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Emma Hall and Gilva Bryant, both of Teaberry.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son: Joe Bryant; three brothers: Milford Bryant, John B. Bryant and Webster Bryant; a sister: Bertha Kendrick; and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 20, at noon, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, in Teaberry, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin. Visitation was at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m.

(Paid obituary)

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Della Hall Clark

Della Hall Clark, 89, deeply loved and mourned by family and friends, passed away Sunday, July 16, 2006, in San Jose, California.

She was born July 26, 1916,

in Wheelwright, the daughter of the late Sill and Melvina Hall. She was a member of the Pikeville Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Clark; a son, Morton Downey; and sisters: Stella Hicks, Dora Patton, and Flora Woods.

Her faith in God and her family were the most important aspects of Della's life.

She is survived by four children: Rod Clark and his wife, Georgia, of Miamisburg, Ohio, Sybil Barefoot and her husband, Granville of San Jose, California, John Clark and his wife, Beth, of Louisville; and a daughter, Sandy Clark of San Jose, California; eight grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; her much-loved nieces and nephews; and other family members of her large circle in the U.S. and abroad.

Over the years Della lived with her husband, Frank and family in Wheelwright, Pikeville, Centerville, Ohio, and in their home in Belbrook, Ohio. In her retirement years, she often spent time with her daughters in California, where she passed away.

She was a cosmetologist/instructor, holding licenses in Ohio, California, Virginia, and Kentucky.

A highlight of her life was her many years as owner of the Pikeville Beauty College on Grace Avenue in Pikeville. It is fitting she would work on Grace Avenue, for she was truly a woman of grace and love. It was there she instructed her beloved students and served the patrons with her faith in God, her gentle spirit, and huge heart. Many lives were touched by her presence. She will be missed beyond measure.

Funeral services will be held at the Pikeville Freewill Baptist Church on Chloe Road, in Pikeville, at 11 a.m., on Saturday, July 22, with Pastor Don Lee officiating.

Burial will follow at the Sill Hall Cemetery, in Wheelwright, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home, Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, KY 41501.

Visitation is Friday, 5 p.m.-9 p.m., at the funeral home chapel.

Flowers may be sent to the Call Funeral Home, or donations sent to Hospice of the Valley, 1150 S. Bascom Avenue, Suite 7A, San Jose, CA 95128.

Guestbook @ JWCAllFuneralHome.com (Paid obituary)

Pet Martin Conn

Pet Martin Conn, age 85, of Printer, wife of the late Ike Conn, passed away Wednesday, July 19, 2006, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin.

She was born November 29, 1920, in Floyd County, a daughter of the late Arthur and Beulah Hayes Martin. She was a homemaker, and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons: James Edward (Norma) Conn of Lockbourne, Ohio, and Tony (Jessica) Conn of Martin; two daughters: Kay Conn Hagans of Martin, and Doris (Mike) Collins of Irvine; four brothers: Tandy Martin, Creed Martin, and Wendell Martin, all of Printer, and Joe Martin, of Peebles, Ohio; three sisters: Dot Belcher of Drift, Nora Martin of Printer, and Bonnie Martin of Columbus, Ohio; six grandchildren, Paul, Anna, Vivian, Wally, Clint, and Kaden; several great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Pet Martin Conn will be conducted, Saturday, July 22, at 1:00 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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Lewis Henry Dotson

Lewis Henry Dotson, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at his residence.

Born January 27, 1917, in Coats, Kansas, he was the son of the late William J. Dotson and Carrie Belle Fields Dotson. He was a former self-employed auto mechanic.

He was a member of the Community Freewill Baptist Church in Goble-Roberts, and was a deacon and adult Sunday school teacher, former clerk of Floyd County Association of Freewill Baptists, and Kentucky State Association of Freewill Baptists and a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Marshall Dotson.

Other survivors include a daughter, Nancy Eileen Campbell (Keith) of Prestonsburg; a half brother, George Archer Dotson of Whitesburg; and one sister,

Thursa Keathley of Ashland; three grandchildren: Chuck Campbell (Sebrina) of Raleigh, North Carolina, Chris Campbell (Susan) of Prestonsburg, and Denise Campbell Howard (Jeff) of Harlan; three step-grandchildren: Dwayne Campbell of Louisville, Joey Campbell

(Audrey) of Prestonsburg, and Tina Clark (Jeff) of Louisville; six great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, July 21, at 1 p.m., at the Community Freewill Baptist Church, with Pastor Paul Coleman, and others, officiating.

Interment is at Davidson Memorial Gardens, in Ivel. Visitation is Friday, 11 a.m., until service, at the church.

The family has entrusted arrangements to the Carter Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

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She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology, graduating Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Kentucky; received her Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine; and completed her Pediatric Residency at the U.K. Children's Hospital. She will provide quality care for patients from birth to age 18. Dr. Shutts will begin seeing patients on Monday, July 31st. Her office is located in the Hometown Family Care Office Suite, on the second floor of Highlands Medical Office Building.

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The Honorable Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive
Honorable John K. Blackburn, Floyd County Sheriff
Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2005. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Sheriff. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for County Fee Officials issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, the Sheriff's office prepares the financial statement on a regulatory basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the laws of Kentucky, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents, fairly, in all material respects, the revenues, expenditures, and excess fees of the Sheriff for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 2, 2006, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Sheriff and Fiscal Court of Floyd County, Kentucky, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these interested parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Crit Luallen
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed -
May 2, 2006

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

For the Record

Marriage Licenses

Casey Shannon Bowling, 24, of Fayette County, to Luis Ramirez Verduzco, 23, of Prestonsburg.
 Shawna Nicole Perry, 18, of Germany, to Anthony Wayne Hunell, 21, of Richlands, Va.
 Santanna Nicole Collett, 18, of Huntington, W.Va., to Joshua Michael Stumbo, 23, of Prestonsburg.
 Crystal Lynn Slone, 25, of Prestonsburg, to Christopher Derrick Akers, 34, of McDowell.
 Betty Jean Conn, 19, of Dwale, to Charles Eugene Hicks Jr. of Prestonsburg.
 Chandra Noell Bailey, 20, of Prestonsburg, to Richard Martin Turner, 23, of Pikeville.
 April Dawn Hardy, 26, of Germany, to Jake Edward Nutt, 27, of Fort Benning, Ga.
 Tiffany Arlene Hamilton, 18, of Martin, to Kyle Astair Hall, 18, of Pikeville.

Civil Suits Filed

Crissy Hamilton vs. Rickey D. Harlow; petition for child support and health care insurance.
 Amanda Cox vs. Charles Cox; petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Erin Capital Management LLC vs. Judy Pack; to collect a debt.
 Jason Gayheart vs. Crystal Gayheart; petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Corrina Zamora vs. Nabil Basha; to collect damages.
 Sunshine Justice vs. Ralph Justice; dissolution of marriage.
 James Goines vs. Jessica Stumbo; petition for health care insurance.
 Stephanie Lee vs. Stevie Tackett; petition for health care insurance.
 Melissa Adkins vs. Larry Case; petition for health care insurance.
 Sunshine Justice vs. Ralph Justice; petition for child support and health care insurance.

Charges Filed

Jimmy Farmer, 51, of Wheelwright; public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in its original container.
 Max Scott Allison, 60, of Kingsport, Tenn.; theft by unlawful taking.
 John Howell, 39, of Wayland; criminal possession of a forged instrument.
 Carmel Justice, 49, of Harold; theft by deception.

Jerry Lee Hurt, 46, of Weeksburg; flagrant nonsupport.

Deborah Little, 42, of Prestonsburg; receiving stolen property.

Margaret E. Blackburn, 37, of Prestonsburg; fraudulent insurance acts.

Brandy Perez, no date of birth available, Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking.

Orville Moore, 39, of East Point; alcohol intoxication.

Kayla Blackburn, 19, of Auxier; alcohol intoxication, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

Daniel Hunt, 19, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

Rex Reynolds, 40, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Mark Meade, 55, of Prestonsburg; indecent exposure.

William Ray Sparkman, 37, of Garrett; alcohol intoxication.

Valerie Thacker, 30, of Harold; alcohol intoxication.

Bryan D. Adams, 29, of McDowell; criminal mischief, two counts of wanton endangerment.

Frank Albert Rudder, 39, of David; possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Justin D. Mosley, 19, of Auxier; alcohol intoxication, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

Oliver R. Reynolds, 20, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication, possession of an alcoholic beverage by a minor.

Jonathan C. Johnson, 23, of Dema; public intoxication, carrying a concealed weapon.

Edna Mullins, 43, of Harold; fourth-degree assault.

Rita Thornsberry, 43, of Garrett; terroristic threatening.

Inspections

Hillbilly Pizza, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Proper hair restraints not in use, wiping cloths improperly stored, ceiling tile in back storage area in disrepair, light in walk-in cooler inadequately shielded, employee clothing stored on food equipment, cans of paint observed stored with food and food equipment. Score: 89.
 Wee Care, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, proper hair restraints not in use. Score: 98.

Bob's Catering, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Chemical test strips not available at three-compartment sink, floor tile in disrepair, ceiling in disrepair. Score: 97.
 Redi-Mart, Lackey, follow-up inspection. Critical violation corrected. Score: Food 95, Retail 99.
 Peking Chinese Buffet, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: No drain boards at three-compartment sink, automatic dish washing unit being run without sanitizer, wiping cloth stored improperly, food contact surface in need of routine cleaning, floor tile in disrepair, food prep area floor in need of cleaning, walls in food prep area in disrepair, outside garbage area in need of cleaning. Score: 88.

Property Transfers

Avenell Bentley to Knott-Floyd Land Company, property located at Frasure's Creek.
 Tessie Slater Campbell to Michael and Patricia Fitzpatrick, property location undisclosed.
 Avonelle and John Conley to Amanda and Jeremy Blackburn, property located at

Little Paint Creek.
 Bertha Flanery to Vernon Flanery, property located at Buck's Branch.

Mallie and Paul Harmon to Beulah Joyce Ousley, property location undisclosed.

James Blaine Hopkins to Virginia Hopkins, property located at Beaver.

Lizzie and Scottie Keathley to Jonathan Keathley, property location undisclosed.

Judy and William Pfister to Karen and Oliver Hall, property located at Left Beaver.

Paul, Shirley, and Tina Poe to Cassie Allen, property location undisclosed.

Thomas Pridham to Mark Boatwright and Hazel Hall, property located at Brandy Keg Creek.

Davy Rogers to Amanda and Jody Mulkey, property located at Toler Creek.

Lowell and Mary Samons to Maggline and Paul Scarberry, property located at Martin.

Fayette, Gary, Valerie, and Gary Matthew Slone to Kevin and Liza Tackett, property

location undisclosed.
 Randy, Theresa, and Zettie Snyder, J.R. and Jerry Stephens to Karen and Oliver Hall, property located at Left Beaver.
 Andy and Norma Jean Tackett to Pamela and Russell Lewis, property located at Betsy Layne.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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

— Albert Einstein

Amendment 1

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

— Guest View —

Editorial roundup

The Watertown (N.Y.) Daily Times, on Mideast violence:

While the world was preoccupied with North Korean missile launches, Iran's nuclear program and the Iraq war, terrorists in Gaza and Lebanon struck at Israel this week. The brazen attacks by Hezbollah and Hamas militants have provoked the worst violence in years, raising fears of a regional conflict if it is not restrained.

Palestinian radicals initiated the hostilities with a foray from the Gaza Strip into Israel to kidnap a soldier for use as a bargaining chip to secure the release of Palestinian prisoners. Israel rejected the demand. Refusing to negotiate, it rightly counterattacked with airstrikes and military incursions into Gaza. ...

With Israel distracted on its Western border, Hezbollah, long entrenched in southern Lebanon, crossed the border, killed eight Israeli soldiers and captured two others. They were also being held as hostages in a demanded prisoner exchange. ...

Hezbollah and Hamas share a creed devoted to Israel's destruction and are both backed by outside powers. Syria has long supported Hamas and Iran backs Hezbollah, which Lebanon has been unable to control or disband.

... Before the violence spreads or draws in neighboring countries, intervention is required to secure the unconditional return of Israeli soldiers followed by a pullback of Israeli troops.

The Ironton (Ohio) Tribune, on Internet gambling:

After some heated debate between Congressmen, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Internet Gambling Prohibition and Enforcement Act, to make most types of online gambling illegal. ...

For the most part, regulation of gambling in the U.S. has been entirely a states' rights issue. But with the advent of the Internet and online gambling sites, confusion about the issue has reigned.

Despite the massive support, the bill itself may actually do very little to curb online gambling by U.S. citizens. The Internet always has been — and probably always will be — a difficult protocol to regulate. ...

Since human beings have been able to walk, there has been some type of gambling in the world. And an Internet prohibition is probably not going to do anything to change that. ...

The Press and Sun-Bulletin, (Binghamton, N.Y.) on terrorism funds:

Call it Hoosier Hysteria of the Third Kind. In a thought alien to most wary of future attacks, Indiana was listed as the state most vulnerable on Department of Homeland Security report of more than 77,000 potential terror targets in the United States.

Included on the list issued Tuesday was Amish Country Popcorn in Berne, Indiana. Forget the lolling farmland name; did you know that this was one of the nation's leading popcorn suppliers? (According to its Web site, that is.) Can you imagine the havoc wreaked upon this country if the popcorn supply routes were shut down suddenly? Movie theaters would collapse. Brangelina would have no income to support their booming U.N.-style family.

Indiana has over a third more sites on the list than the state with that little metropolis along the Hudson. (You remember, the one hit by those two terrorist-driven planes.) And cheeseheads, beware! Wisconsin isn't far behind Indiana. ...

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., told The New York Times that, "This report is the smoking gun that thoroughly indicts the system." He's right. ...

Back to that bizarre list. Amish Country Popcorn owner Brian Lehman offered The New York Times a possible explanation as to why his business made the list. "Maybe because popcorn explodes?"

His guess is as good as any.



HITTING ROCK BOTTOM

— Guest Column —

Public should demand action from board

by MICKEY MCGUIRE
FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

As a school board member, I would like to thank the Floyd County grand jury for taking the time to investigate and condemn the action of the Floyd County Board of Education.

The grand jury heard over 14 witnesses and reviewed stacks of documents. This is certainly more than the Floyd County Board of Education ever did.

The Floyd County Board has denied access and intentionally kept this matter quiet. The board members criticized me for trying to bring this serious situation to the public's attention.

I accused the board of a cover-up and because of that they used the Department of Education to come up with a system where only one board member, namely Carol Stumbo, would know what was going on in that case. They attempted to keep the settlement secret, but I found out and made it public. The Board of Education paid out over \$750,000 to settle that case. The scary part is this is only one case and there are so many more that were covered up and the public still does not know.

The other members of the Board of Education have given first priority to protecting its insurance companies from further lawsuits. They have shown a lack of concern for the safety and protection of children.

Teacher have told me they are aware of other instances of physical abuse but are afraid to report them. The school board does not protect teachers or employees that report abuse from retaliation from their superiors. The school board does nothing

to protect employees that report child abuse and therefore make it possible for such wrongdoing to be undisclosed. Teachers and other employees are afraid to speak up because they are not protected by the system, which has made it clear you will be punished. They have learned to keep the matter quiet.

The board attorney, Mike Schmitt, has never made a full disclosure of the witnesses and the testimony that was taken in the May Valley case. Mr. Schmitt advised the board that they should prevent any mention of the facts and I was accused of sabotaging their defense when I expressed strong and grave concern publicly. Because I was unable to speak, I had to go around and address the Board of Education as a member of the public. I was shocked and appalled by the serious allegations of the way these children were abused. There were other people who knew about it, but everybody kept quiet. The Floyd County grand jury should be greatly applauded for their courage in issuing this statement. They are exactly right. I'm ashamed of the actions taken by the other board members and by the administration. This has been an ongoing problem for many years in Floyd County and there is no indication of any change.

Until the public speaks out and expresses their outrage, nothing will happen. Just like the utility tax, until people spoke up, the Board of Education was willing to impose additional taxes. They spend \$56 million a year and some of it is wasted.

I couldn't even get the Board of Education to give the children a few more minutes for lunch. They are allocated 20 minutes, and it may take them 10 minutes to go through line. Sometimes they have less than five or 10 minutes to eat their lunch. The board voted it down. We do not run a school system for the children; we run it for the employees.

We protect offenders and we punish anyone that speaks out or complains. Our children are at risk and our

Board of Education has shown no concern.

My sincere appreciation goes to the Floyd County grand jury for its report. May Valley Elementary School is not the only school in which these incidents have occurred. There are other schools where I have received reports of children being beaten. Employees have begged me not to mention their names so they would not be retaliated against.

At Stumbo Elementary, we have a teacher selling drugs right out of the school and there were also charges against her for injuring a child. The Board of Education conducted no investigation and took no action!

The grand jury's report that the Floyd County School System has failed in its duty and efforts to adequately document and maintain records as they pertain to children and family or to properly investigate and protect the safety and well-being of the children by not taking immediate action to attend to complaints was exactly right. I believe the grand jury has made a case for malfeasance of office. The Floyd County School System is a public agency operating with tax dollars that should be required to protect the safety of the children entrusted to their protection. They have failed the children and families of Floyd County.

The unreasonable lapse of time between reporting and investigation was supported by the other board members. Carol Stumbo, board chair, threatened me if I brought the matter to the public's attention. However, I am not concerned about our insurance company. I am concerned about the children.

I need help to change the system. I need the public to speak out and let the board members know your concerns. Please call your board member and tell them what you think:

- Jeff Stumbo, 478-5527.
- Carol Stumbo, 478-5527.
- Sherry Robinson, 285-0036.
- Dr. Chandra Varia, 285-9575.

Thank you for speaking up.

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At the Movies: 'Lady in the Water'

by DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER



"Lady in the Water," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 for some frightening sequences. Running time: 109 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

There's a difference between storytelling and myth-making. M. Night Shyamalan can be very good at the former, but he's not so hot at the latter with his latest film, "Lady in the Water."

A tale that originated as a bedtime story Shyamalan made up for his kids, "Lady in the Water" carries much of the dark, broody atmosphere that's a signature in the writer-director's films, including "The Sixth Sense," "Signs" and "The Village."

The premise — a mystical water nymph living under the swimming pool of a drab apartment complex — is intriguing, yet the mythology Shyamalan builds around his

main characters is forced, pre-entensive and outright silly at times.

Strong performances from Paul Giamatti as the complex's melancholy manager, Bryce Dallas Howard as the nymph and a plucky supporting cast of amiable weirdoes makes the fantasy occasionally palatable — but just barely.

Shyamalan's make-believe world is just too fatuous and

corny. Disney, which released Shyamalan's big hits, balked at the script, and the director stomped off to Warner Bros. to make "Lady in the Water" (a book timed to the movie's release, "The Man Who Heard Voices: Or, How M. Night Shyamalan Risked His Career on a Fairy Tale," recounts Shyamalan's break with Disney).

It's hard enough for some

hard-nosed moviegoers to accept the nasty orcs of Mordor in "The Lord of the Rings" or a talking lion in "The Chronicles of Narnia," and those movies come with decades of literary veneration. So it's a leap of faith many won't care to make when Shyamalan's characters start babbling about creatures called narfs, scrunts, the tartuic and the great eatlon.

Compounding viewers' unwillingness to suspend their disbelief is the disjointed, herky-jerky expediency with which the human characters decipher the mysteries surrounding the nymph's plight and settle on the strange course of action they must take to speed her back to her own

(See MOVIE, page seven)

Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

It was a light week for new releases, with the best fare coming from television and rediscovered films.

"She's the Man" — Nickelodeon Network's Amanda Bynes ("The Amanda Show") gets to sink her comic chops into this loose adaptation of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Here she is cast as an avid soccer player who opts to pose as her twin brother in order to play after her school cuts the female team. A few yuks ensue and this material is nowhere near as banal as Bynes' self-titled series.

"Totsi" — Award winning South African drama which deserves to be seen. The story follows a young Johannesburg thug who wantonly robs and murders others until a brutal carjacking leaves him in the care of an infant. The new responsibility awakens something in him and forces him to examine his own relationship with his parents. Based on a novel from Pulitzer winning playwright Athol Fugard

("Master Harold and the Boys").

"Road House 2" — Patrick Swayze does not return for this low-rent sequel, which focuses on a DEA agent (related to Swayze's character from the first film) who comes to the rescue of a night club owner being brought under the thumb of a mobster. Don't bother.

"The Adventures of Briscoe County" — Bruce Campbell ("Army of Darkness") stars as a lawman in the old west who is determined to bring his father's killers to justice. Fox Network only ran this series for a year, but fans of Campbell and "Wild, Wild West" should get a kick out of its blend of Western action with a little sci-fi and comedy thrown in.

"Jack of All Trades" — Campbell is back in this series which cast him as a rogue in the 19th century. The accent here is on the laughs and action sequences which Campbell is adept at playing. The whole series (it only ran for a year) is collected here and the show also sports a catchy theme song as well as Campbell's laconic wit.

"Meet the Feebles" — Racy Muppet-style action from Australia's Peter Jackson ("King Kong") that centers on the various characters who work on a variety program. Despite the fact that they are all played by puppets, this is no kids show and satirically deals with decidedly adult themes such as extortion, drug abuse and AIDS. Never before released in the States, this sophomore effort from Jackson is wicked fun for grown-ups.

"That's the Way of the World" — Low-key music drama from 1976 features Harvey Keitel as a record executive who backs an up and coming band (portrayed by "Earth, Wind and Fire"). Dated but occasionally fun with good musical performances and a rare chance for Keitel to play an average guy who doesn't even own a gun.

This week marked the passing of stage and screen veteran Red Buttons. He got his colorful nickname from an early job as a singing bellhop at a swank Manhattan hotel and kept it for his entire career, which included stints on the Broadway

stage, Vaudeville and eventually movies. He won an Oscar for an early job "Sayonara," where he shared the screen with Marlon Brando. Some of his other notable films include "The Poseidon Adventure," "The Longest Day" and "They Shoot Horses Don't They." He was 87.

Pulp novelist Mickey Spillane also died this week at age 88. Best known as the creator of the Mike Hammer novels which focused on a hard boiled, womanizing private eye. The character appeared in several TV series and films. Stacy Keach, Darren McGavin and Spillane himself have played the character, though the finest portrayal of Hammer probably goes to Ralph Meeker, who essayed the role in the 1955 classic "Kiss Me Deadly."

Next week look for the return of the Grim Reaper in "Final Destination 3" and a trio of comic actors (Rob Schneider, David Spade and Jon Heder) as "The Bench Warmers."

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT Floyd County, Kentucky (Levisa Fork Basin) Flood Damage Reduction Project

A public hearing on the content of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be held at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, 1 Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, on Thursday, July 27, 2006, starting at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing will give the public an additional opportunity to provide comment on the content of the DEIS.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which documents planning analyses undertaken for a proposed flood damage reduction project in the Levisa Fork basin in Floyd County, Kentucky. The study area includes the incorporated areas of Prestonsburg and unincorporated areas in Floyd County which are subject to flood damage from the potential of a recurrence of the April 1977 flood. The study area does not include the City of Martin, Kentucky, where a separate flood damage reduction project is underway. The DEIS documents agency evaluation of four alternatives, two of which include floodwall/levee alignments intended to protect Prestonsburg and non-structural flood-proofing measures, a total non-structural alternative, and the No Federal Action alternative.

The USACE has distributed copies of the DEIS to appropriate Members of Congress, State and local government officials in Kentucky, Federal agencies, and other interested parties. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Levisa Fork Basin flooding problems as they affect Floyd County and the environment are urged to participate in this NEPA process. The DEIS is available for public review at the following locations:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, WV 25701-2070, Room 3100
2. Floyd County Public Library, 18 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653-1269
3. Prestonsburg Community College Library, One Bert T. Combs Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653
4. <http://www.lrh.usace.army.mil/projects/review/>

After the public comment period ends on August 14, 2006, USACE will fully consider all comments received. The DEIS will be revised as appropriate, and Final EIS will be issued.

ADDRESSES: Send all written comments and suggestions concerning this proposed project to the following address by August 14, 2006.

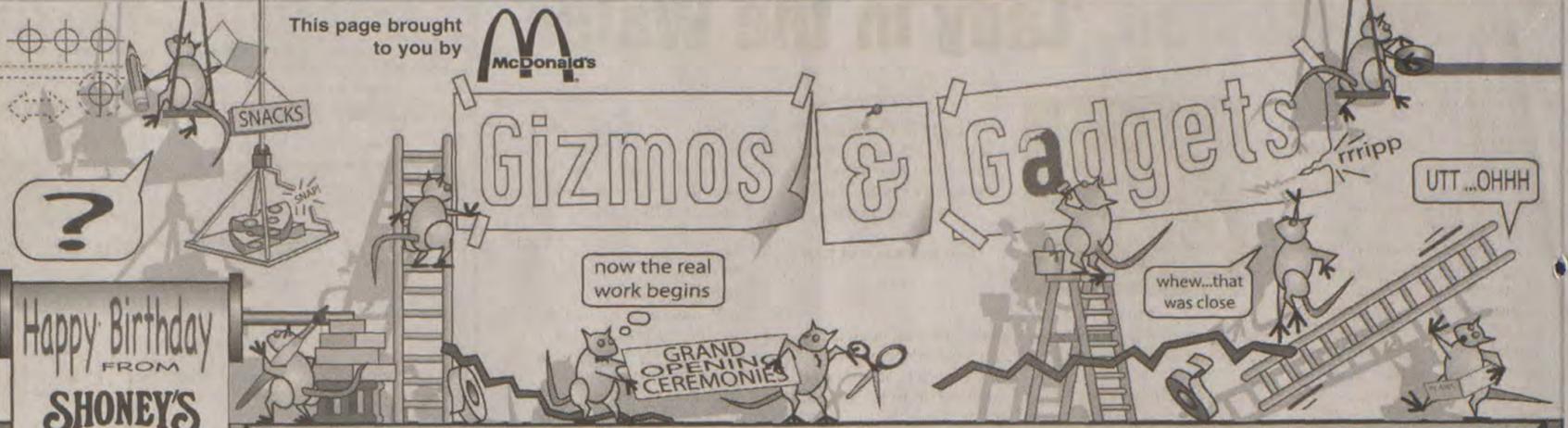
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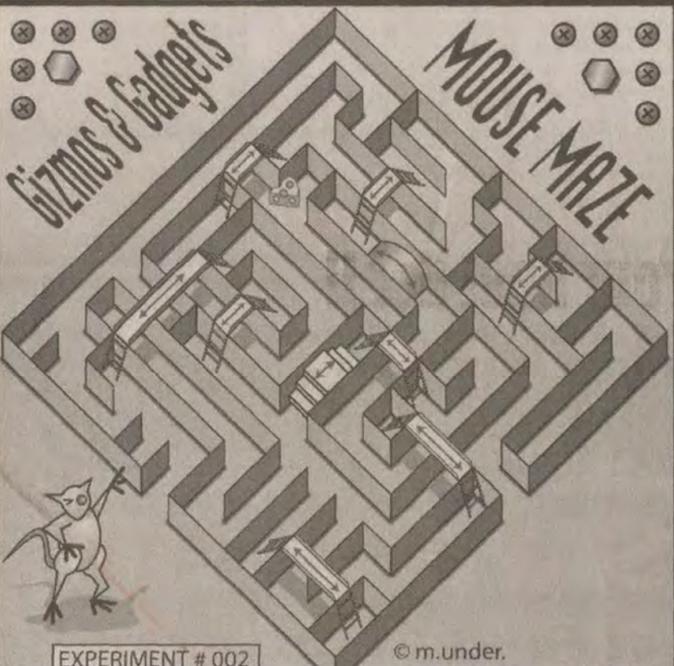
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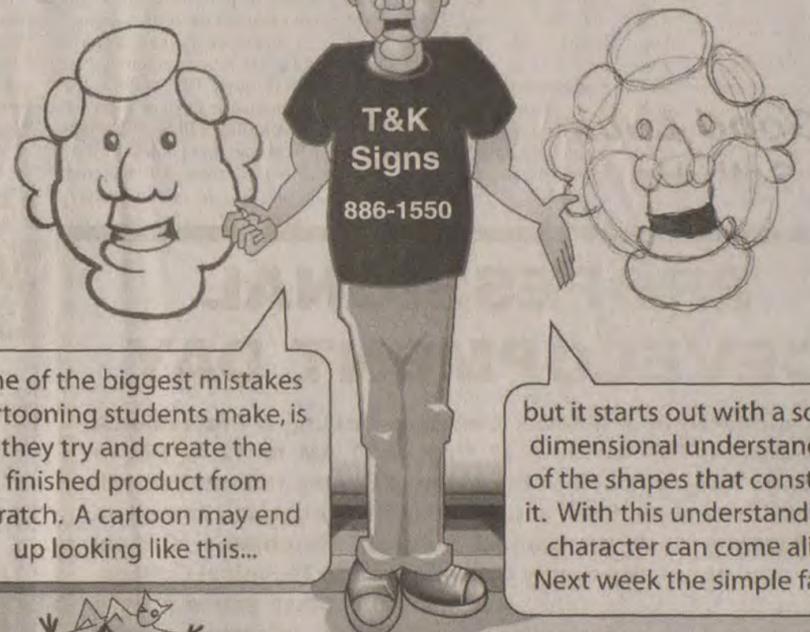


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domain. To add another groaner, her realm is called the Blue World.

Blue world would be a good name for the Cove apartment complex, where dispirited manager Cleveland Heep (Giamatti) wanders about fixing lights and toilets while quietly harboring grief over a past tragedy.

Perpetually bathed in dusky twilight, the Cove is populated

with oddballs and loners, many trying to bury themselves from the rest of the world.

One night, Cleveland discovers a nymph — or “narf” — named Story (Howard) has been living in a chamber beneath the swimming pool. Story’s from a parallel world sent to help violent humanity reconnect with its spiritual, magical side, and Cleveland

learns — through contrived and dubious means — the importance and tactics of sending her back home.

There are creatures bound to help her, others that aim to stop her, and denizens of the Cove have designated roles to play in Story’s fate. Shyamalan piles it on like the arbitrary rules of a video game, to the point where a what-the-heck-is-going-on

factor drowns the filmmaker’s attempt to invoke childlike wonder.

The real wonder is that the actors are able to maintain straight faces amid the movie’s preposterousness. It’s almost worth seeing “Lady in the Water” just for the warmth and decency Giamatti injects beneath his character’s bot-tomless anguish.

Howard, the sparkling star of Shyamalan’s “The Village,” is a luminous presence, though she’s never allowed to stray far from Story’s hushed stoicism.

Generally taking bit parts in his films, Shyamalan here steps into a bigger role as a writer with an integral connection to Story. Given the nature of his character — a man with momentous things to say about humanity — you’ve got to wonder if Shyamalan’s trying some mythmaking in his real life, with himself starring in his own fairy tale.

Highlighting the rest of the supporting ensemble are Sarita Choudhury as Shyamalan’s sister, Bob Balaban as a stand-offish new tenant, Jeffrey Wright as a crossword-puzzle

fan, Freddy Rodriguez as a bodybuilder with an unusual goal, Cindy Cheung as a vivacious student, Bill Irwin as a shut-in and Jared Harris as a middle-aged slacker.

There are chills and scary moments, though nowhere near as many as Shyamalan’s past hits have offered. “Lady in the Water” is more about mood than menace.

It would be nice to say “Lady in the Water” is a story for the kid in all of us. But it should have remained a story just for Shyamalan’s kids.

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Obituaries

Patty Lou Chaffins Moss

Patty Lou Chaffins Moss, age 65, of Garrett, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at her residence.

She was born January 10, 1941, in McDowell, the daughter of the late Kendall and Ruth Conley Chaffins.

She was a retired school teacher, having taught in the Knott Co.nty School System. She graduated from Eastern Kentucky University, and attended Morehead State University. She taught school at Emmalena Elementary, Beckham Combs Elementary, and Jones Fork Elementary.

She is survived by her husband, Earnest G. Moss; a son, Larry “Candi” Crager of Garrett; three brothers: Clarence “Bud” Chaffins, Marvin Chaffins, and Richard Chaffins, all of Garrett; three grandchildren: Carrie Lou Crager, Chisum Lee Crager, and Brooke Stewart; and a great-grandchild, Chad Stewart.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Leslie Keith Crager.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 20, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Jerry Manns officiating.

Burial was in the Chaffins

Family Cemetery at Rockfork Road, Garrett, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: William Chaffins, Brian Webster, Dwayne Moore, Bryan Manns, Z.W. Chaffins, and Marvin Chaffins. (Paid obituary)

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Earl L. Thomas

Earl L. Thomas, 49, of Raccoon, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Harold.

Born September 2, 1956, in Wyandotte, Michigan, he was the son of the late Sanders and Eulavein King Thomas. He was a disabled construction worker, and a member of the Turkey Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Tobie Keene Thomas

Other survivors include two sons: Billy Joe Santos of Watts, Georgia, and Austin Lee Jerome Thomas of Raccoon; two daughters: Eula Miranda Kay Odom of Washington State, and Alexis Pauline Goldie Thomas of Raccoon; three brothers: Richard Joseph Thomas, Tommy Dewey Thomas, and Gary Lynn Thomas, all of Cartersville, Georgia; two grandchildren: Collin and Haley; and his grandmother,

Goldie Bell King of Cartersville, Georgia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandfather, Joseph (Abe) King.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 22, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with Jimmy Stanley and Johnny Smith officiating.

Burial will be in the May Cemetery, at Main Toler, in Harold.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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KHSAA releases six-class playoff draft

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — It appears as if the playoff system of Kentucky high school football is destined to change. On Monday, the Kentucky High School Athletic Association released its proposed six-class playoff system alignment. The alignment, however, still has to be cleared by member schools.

Under the proposed six-class playoff system, three Floyd County high school

football teams would be in one Class A district as Allen Central, Betsy Layne and South Floyd would play out of District 1-8, along with Pikeville, Paintsville and Phelps. The proposed six-class system moves perennial Class 2A powers Belfry, Breathitt County and Russell to Class 3A. Prestonsburg is slated to remain in Class 2A under the six-class system and move into District 2-7 with current district foe Shelby Valley, Morgan County and Bath County.

Prestonsburg Coach John DeRossett favors the proposed six-class system.

"I like the looks of it and think it's very fair," commented DeRossett. "This type of system gives a lot more teams the chance to play for a championship and

ultimately creates a more level playing field."

At its July 11 meeting, the KHSAA Board of Control approved the draft six-class playoff system in football. The Board went on to approve the distribution of the draft alignment to its member schools. As with previous alignments in other sports, member schools will have a period of time to respond with written comments for the Board to review. Member schools have until Monday, Aug. 7 to respond in writing as the Board will review and consider correspondence at the upcoming Aug. 21 meeting.

Adoption of the alignment by the

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PHOTO BY JAMIE HOWELL
PASSING MAKES PERFECT: Prestonsburg junior quarterback Bobby Hughes let go of a pass during a morning practice held earlier this week.

Do we really want six classes?

by RICK BENTLEY
TIMES COLUMNIST

Never had let an idea stand in the way of, well, anything.

That could easily be the new motto of our very own KHSAA, which has now decided to split the commonwealth's football teams into 37 classes of six teams each, all in the name of progress.

Actually, as you probably know, it's six classes averaging about 37 teams, but this is only

slightly less preposterous. Think about this — at one point about 15 years ago, there were 18 schools playing basketball in the 15th

Region. Now only twice that many will compete for a state championship in football.

All this will do is water down the state-championship experience. Six classes in a state as small as Kentucky is just too many. Four is probably pushing it, but we were relatively comfortable there.

I've read some of the reasons for this change, and basically come away thinking that it was done for nothing other than monetary purposes.

I don't understand why we have such a great need for change. One reason I've heard tossed about is that this is one way to pacify those all up in the air about the public/private schools debate. There's only one problem with that: While that whole thing boiled over this calendar year, the first line of the letter sent to schools about this alignment change begins, "For nearly three years..."

So I feel fairly safe in marking that one off.

The letter lists seven reasons, which I'll try now to summarize: Getting more teams in the playoffs; participation numbers; using boys only in enrollment figures; disparity of enrollment figures within classes; limiting

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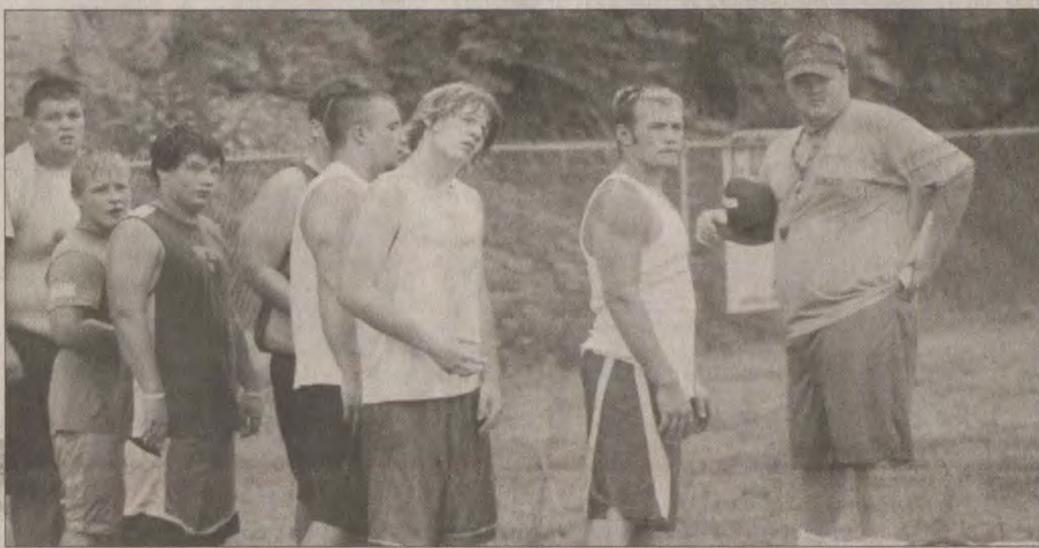


PHOTO BY JAMIE HOWELL
Betsy Layne High School officials have touted Bobby Branham (pictured below, left) as the head coach to guide the Bobcat football program through the 2006 season. Above: Betsy Layne players went through drills as assistant coach John Parsons looked on.

Bobcat schedule finalized, practice under Branham begins

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Four home games highlight the 2006 schedule for the Betsy Layne High School football program. Betsy Layne, hoping to turn things around following last season's 1-9 showing, heads into the upcoming campaign with new head coach Bobby Branham calling the shots. Branham, who has coached at a couple of different high schools in neighboring Pike County, replaced Glen Ripkoski, who wasn't hired back to guide the Bobcats. Betsy Layne's schedule for the upcoming season features six away games and four home contests.

As has been the case in many previous seasons, Floyd County rivals Betsy Layne and Allen Central will hook up during the first week of the regular-season. This season, Betsy Layne will host the Rebels. The season-opener between the two Floyd County teams is Aug. 18.

After opening up against Allen Central, Betsy Layne will remain at home for a second straight week, hosting Powell County Aug. 25.

In a tough and challenging stretch, Betsy Layne will take to the road for six straight road games in weeks three through eight. The Bobcat road games are matchups versus Cumberland (Sept. 1), Magoffin

County (Sept. 8), Paintsville (Sept. 15), South Floyd (Sept. 22), Pineville (Sept. 29) and Haysi, Va. (Oct. 6).

After playing six consecutive games away from its homefield, Betsy Layne will have a week off. Betsy Layne's open date for the campaign ahead is Oct. 13. Phelps and Jenkins will visit Betsy Layne during the last two weeks of the regular-season.

Betsy Layne remains out of district competition. The Football Bobcats aren't scheduled to return to district play until the 2007 season.

BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL 2006 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

- Aug. 18 Allen Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 25 Powell County, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 1 at Cumberland, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 at Magoffin Co., 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15 at Paintsville, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 22 at South Floyd, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 29 at Pineville, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 6 at Haysi, Va., 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 13 Open
- Oct. 20 Phelps, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 Jenkins, 7:30 p.m.



South Floyd hoops camp set for next week

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The familiar sound of basketballs thumping against the hardwood will return to South Floyd High School's Raider Arena next week. Basketballs won't return to the court for the start of another hoops season, but instead will make a visit back as part of an annual camp held each summer. The Eighth Annual South Floyd Basketball Development Camp will get underway next week inside of Raider Arena. The camp is scheduled to run July 24-26 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

(See CAMP, page ten)

Kinzer headed back to Bulls Gap

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BULLS GAP, Tenn. — Brandon Kinzer enjoys racing at Volunteer Speedway. Tonight he'll return to "The Gap" for yet another Late Model feature race.

The Ray Cook Southern Nationals will be at Volunteer Speedway tonight for a Super Late Model racing feature event which will pay \$3,500-to-win. The Southern Nationals series is comprised of 10 events held in five states in just 13 days. Tonight's feature race will be the next-to-last in the 2006 edition of the series. Kinzer has already fared well in the series. The Allegan native claimed a third-place finish last week at Wythe Raceway in Whytheville, Va.

The Ray Cook Southern Nationals' purse breakdown for tonight's race looks like this: 1. \$3,500; 2. \$2,000; 3. \$1,000; 4. \$800; 5. \$700; 6. \$600; 7. \$575; 8. \$550; 9. \$525; 10. \$500; 11.

(See KINZER, page ten)



BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES BOUND: A pair of Martin-based T-ball teams (pictured) are headed to the Bluegrass State Games this weekend.

RIGHT: Martin 7-8 T-ball team—J.R. Tackett, Brett Samons, Kane Taylor, Cameron Blevins, James Little, Dustin Johnson, Seth Hall, Ricco Dominguez, Hunter Johnson, Andrew Tackett, Jayla Spurlock. Not pictured: Jacob Meade, Steven Howard.

Coaches: Charlie Collins, Ryan Collins, Ricky Johnson, Terry Spurlock, Roger Tackett.

LEFT: Rebels 5-6-year-old T-ball team—Cameron Nelson, Kevin Chaffins, Brody Adkins, Blake Warrens, Dawson Stephens, Blade Stone, Austin Bartrum, Michael Prater, Collin Ousley, Braxton Turner, Brae Coleman, Tyler Martin, Joshua Huff. Not pictured: Bryce Morris, Jonah Parsons. Coaches: Rodney Nelson, Kelvin Chaffins. Coach not pictured: Keith Parsons.



Bentley

teams in each district to no more than five; geographic proximity within districts; and allowing schools to "play up" to higher classes if they so desire.

Let's eliminate a couple of them real quick: We let everybody in the playoffs in about every other sport, and they aren't split into classes at all, so that doesn't wash. It doesn't matter if you count with boys, everybody or number of left arms when deciding how many classes to have. And allowing schools to "play up" has nothing to do with it either.

So suddenly we're down to four reasons already. I liked the reasoning of having no more than five teams in the districts. God forbid we have more than eight districts per class. Besides that, in my estimation the worst move the KHSAA has made in the last 20 years was letting four teams

per district into the postseason. That first week of playoff action all in the name of money is where the expense of traveling comes in anyway.

And seriously, at this point why not just let everybody in the playoffs? I read someplace where this would eliminate fewer than 20 teams from the playoffs. Just let them all in and be done with it.

I liked this line in the explanation as to how this helps with "geographic proximity." The Board considered an expansion to five classes, but the geographic location of the member schools would have placed a considerable travel burden on a larger number of schools than is present with a six class division.

Once again, if we don't want people to travel, why not just let each school play one game against the school closest to it and declare the winner

a state champion? This comes from the same people who have decided instead of winning regional championships next football season, we'll begin play statewide a week earlier, meaning if the draw ever comes out as such, Phelps could wind up traveling to Mayfield in the third round of the playoffs.

Another reason is that they say there's just too big a disparity between teams within classes, citing the 4A and Single-A classes. There's always going to be a disparity in the largest class. That's just all there is to it. But there's really no better way to do it than to put the smallest 25 percent in Single-A, the next quarter in Double-A, and so forth.

I really don't see the reason to change other than to allow for more state champs. Yes, more kids would be able to lay claim to being a state champion, but is that the goal here? Should that be the goal?

And what message is that sending to our youth? We're going to eliminate about one-fifth of your competition, now see if you can win the title.

There has to be a better way. Besides, from here, I don't see a whole lot wrong with the current way.

Let's hope at August's meeting of the Board of Control, common sense will prevail.

Camps

The camp is open to both boys and girls in fourth through eighth grades.

The South Floyd Basketball Character Development Camp has been one of the most well-attended youth camps in Floyd County during its successful run.

A parent or guardian must register each participating student with South Floyd Youth Service Center's staff the day of the camp. The camp is being sponsored by South Floyd Youth Services Center.

P'burg Youth Football Camp set for today

The Prestonsburg High School football program will host its annual youth football camp today from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$30. Each camper will receive a jersey.

KHSAA

KHSAA Board could come as early as the Aug. 21 meeting. The latest the adoption would come is at the Board's September meeting.

"If adopted, this represents the most significant change in the alignment of football schools and the football playoff system since 1975 when we expanded from three to four classes," said Association Assistant Commissioner Julian Tackett, who handles the sport on a day-to-day basis for the KHSAA. "Many options were considered and reviewed over the last few years as the staff, Board of Control and the Football Advisory Committee continually review the championship playoff format including adjustments to the

current system and expansion of classes. In the end, this system appears to accomplish the most objectives put forth during review."

"This draft culminates months and years of work by various KHSAA representative groups and attempts to strike a balance between the traditions of the past and the desire for change and expansion, which was a goal of many KHSAA constituent groups," noted KHSAA Commissioner Brigid DeVries. "More than anything, it puts football on par with other sports in which a vast majority of the participating teams have postseason opportunities."

Kinzer

Drivers in the Ray Cook Southern Nationals series have to put up an \$80 entry fee. The Southern Nationals uses Lucas Oil Late Model Dirt Series and Southern All-Stars Series body rules. Southern All-Stars Series weight rules are used. The rear tire rules calls for the following: Hoosier 1350, shoulder plated 55, LM 40, and 1600 or American Racer 48 and 56. An open tire rule is in effect for the front tires.

Hotlaps for tonight's feature are tentatively set to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Changes made as Wood prepares for Cup move

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

HARRISBURG, N.C. — With sponsorship and driver lineup announcements for 2007 expected by Labor Day, Wood Brothers/JTG Racing made several personnel moves effective this weekend, when the Wood Brothers' No. 21 Ford races at Pocono and JTG Racing's No. 47 and No. 59 Fords race at Martinsville.

Michael "Fatback" McSwain assumes the crew chief's role for Ken Schrader's No. 21 Nextel Cup car. Schrader's former crew chief, David Hyder will take over as crew chief for Jon Wood's No. 47 Busch car, as Wood, a third generation racer who tested last week at Indianapolis, prepares for his anticipated entry into Cup next season.

Ernie Cope moves from crew chief for Stacy Compton's No. 59 Busch car to assist McSwain. Jay Guy, who was Wood's Busch crew chief, will serve in that capacity for Compton.

Abramson vetoes giving unions a voice in building arena

by BRUCE SCHREINER ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — Mayor Jerry Abramson said Tuesday he'll veto giving labor unions a negotiating role in building a downtown arena, setting up a showdown with Metro Council that could decide the long-debated project's fate.

Abramson sided with state and business leaders giving financial backing for the \$450 million arena, but angered labor activists who held signs and booed as the mayor announced his veto at Louisville Slugger Field.

He said a council-passed measure features construction hiring guarantees that would doom the project by allowing unions to participate in negotiations about construction details — terms deemed unacceptable by the state and business community.

Gov. Ernie Fletcher told the gathering that based on state procurement code, the labor provisions would keep the state from issuing \$75 million in bonds.

The mayor, who is running for re-election, said he would send a revised proposal to the council in coming days that would guarantee fair labor practices, market-rate wages and participation by minority and women workers.

"The choice is very clear — the arena project is going to live or die based on the

vote of the council," Abramson said.

Louisville Arena Authority chairman Jim Hosple pledged that the authority would "make absolutely every effort" to comply with Abramson's revised proposal. Host said that would include support for union and nonunion labor, minority and women participation and "a huge commitment to local jobs."

At stake is about 2,700 construction jobs and nearly 800 permanent jobs once an arena is opened, Abramson said.

A group of union activists booed and occasionally offered their own comments from the back during the announcement. Bill Clark, a member of a bricklayers' union, said the labor provisions were meant to protect local workers.

"It's a power play by business," he said in an interview.

Without direct input by unions, he said, "I don't think the project's going to go as smooth as they would like for it to go, they're liable to run into cost overruns." He also worried that much of the work would go to out-of-state labor.

The proposed arena is the result of a delicate agreement among the city, state, business community and the University of Louisville.

The arena would become home to UofL men's and women's basketball teams that play in Freedom Hall at the state fairgrounds. Supporters of a downtown arena say it will spur more growth in the city's inner core. The proposed site would give the arena a prominent place amid the city's skyline near the waterfront.

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Churchill Downs names new president/CEO

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE — An experienced business executive who also heads a Woodford County thoroughbred breeding farm will become the next president and CEO of Churchill Downs Inc., the company's board of directors announced Wednesday.

Robert L. Evans will replace Thomas H. Meeker, who has served as Churchill's top executive for 22 years. Evans will become president and CEO on Aug. 14.

Evans, 53, has most recently worked in top positions at technology and private equity capital companies, such as the Symphony Technology Group. He is the president and founder of Tenlane Farm LLC, a thoroughbred breeding farm near Versailles, and has been involved in the horse racing industry for more than 20 years.

In making the announcement, board chairman Carl Pollard said Evans has an impressive record that will help him lead Churchill Downs into the future.

"Bob has successfully worked in the very areas where CDI is currently focused: developing international markets, offering enhanced customer service and deploying technology solutions," Pollard said in a statement. "Bob understands how to use technology to enable and transform a business while increasing shareholder value."

Churchill Downs Incorporated owns and operates six racetracks in Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky and Louisiana. The company's track in Louisville hosts the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks.



photo by Jamie Howell
HAND OFF: Betsy Layne backs will look to get the Bobcat offense going under new head coach Bobby Branham.

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High school baseball gets rules changes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

INDIANAPOLIS — Effective with the 2007 high school baseball season, a team playing with fewer than nine players may return to nine players. In addition to this change, 12 other rules revisions were approved by the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Baseball Rules Committee at its June 16-17 meeting in Indianapolis. These rules changes subsequently were approved by the NFHS Board of Directors.

Rule 3-3-1n addresses revised penalties for initiating malicious contact on offense or defense. Transgressions will now result in the ball being immediately dead, and if on offense, the player is ejected and declared out, unless he has already scored. If the defense commits the malicious contact, the player is ejected; the umpire shall rule either safe or out on the play and award the runner(s) the appropriate base(s) he felt they would have obtained if the malicious contact had not occurred.

Other rules pertaining to malicious contact were also revised, as were their corresponding entries in the base-running table and dead-ball table.

In another change, Rule 6-2-1 now states that a ball will be called each time a pitcher brings his pitching hand in contact with his mouth, either without distinctly wiping off the pitching hand before it touches the ball or while in contact with the pitcher's plate.

Rule 3-2-1 was revised to state that one player or coach may occupy each coach's box while his team is at bat. A coach or player occupying the coach's box shall remain in the box from the time the batter enters the batter's box until the release of the ball by the pitcher. If the coach or player steps out of the box during this time, regardless of who violates the rule, the head coach will be restricted to the bench/dugout.

Another rule change (Rule 3-3-4) stipulates that whenever team members are loosening up in an area that is not protected by a fence or other

structure, another member of the team with a glove must be positioned between them and the batter to protect them from a batted or thrown ball.

In another effort to minimize risk, Rule 10-2-1 was revised to specify that when behind the

plate, the umpire-in-chief shall wear proper safety equipment including, but not limited to chest protector, face mask, throat guard, plate shoes, shin guards and protective cup (if male).

A new signal was adopted that uses the point motion for the start of the game. This will align NFHS officials with other rules codes to begin a contest and put a ball back in play.

In an effort to make baseball compatible with other NFHS sport rules, Rule 1-4-4 now states that a commemorative or memorial patch, not to exceed 4 square inches, may be worn on jerseys without compromising the integrity of the uniform.

In addition to the rules changes, the committee identified Points of Emphasis for the 2007 season. Among those are malicious contact, concussions, good sporting behavior, face protection, umpire's

professionalism, non-adult bat/ball shaggers and game management.

Baseball is the fourth-most popular sport among boys at the high school level with 459,717 participants during the 2004-05 season, according to the High School Athletics Participation Survey conducted by the NFHS. It also ranks third in school sponsorship across the nation.



photo by Steve LeMaster
New and revised rules will be in place for high school baseball during the 2007 season. Pictured is recent Allen Central High School graduate Tyler Turner, a standout baseball player for the Rebels.

Amburgey named Knott Central boys' coach

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HINDMAN — Justin Amburgey, who has coached the Cordia High School girls' basketball team for the last three years, has been named the new boys' coach at Knott County Central. Amburgey takes over for Neal Feltner.

Due to an opposing program wanting out of a contract, the Ohio County girls' basketball team now needs a game. Ohio County is looking for a team to enter into a two-year contract. Interested coaches should email Ohio County Coach Bradley Johnson at the following address: Bradley.Johnson@Ohio.kyschools.us.

Floyd County native Tim Rice is entering another season at the helm of the Southwestern High girls' basketball program. Due to a team dropping out, Rice is looking for one team to fill his program's preseason panorama on Saturday, Nov. 18. All participating teams in the Southwestern panorama will receive a postgame meal and T-shirts. Currently, 15 teams from various regions have committed to play in the Southwestern preseason event.

For more information on the Southwestern girls' basketball panorama, contact Rice via phone at 606/305-1238 (cell), 606/678-9000 (school) or email at tim.rice@pulaski.kyschools.us.

KHSAA Proposed Six-Class Football System For 2007 Through 2010

- CLASS 1A**
DISTRICT 1-1-Ballard Memorial, Crittendon County, Fulton City, Fulton County, Mayfield, Russellville.
DISTRICT 1-2-Beth Haven, Bethlehem, Caverna, Evangel Christian, Holy Cross (Louisville), Kentucky Country Day.
DISTRICT 1-3-Beechwood, Bellevue, Dayton, Ludlow.
DISTRICT 1-4-Bracken County, Eminence, Frankfort, Gallatin County, Trimble County.
DISTRICT 1-5-Fairview, Lexington Christian, Nicholas County, Paris, Raceland.
DISTRICT 1-6-Berea, Campbellsville, Lynn Camp, Williamsburg.
DISTRICT 1-7-Cumberland, Evarts, Harlan, Hazard, Jenkins, Pineville.
DISTRICT 1-8-Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Paintsville, Phelps, Pikeville, South Floyd.
- CLASS 2A**
DISTRICT 2-1-Caldwell County, Heath Murray, Reidland, Trigg County.
DISTRICT 2-2-Fort Campbell, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic, Todd County Central.
DISTRICT 2-3-Clinton County, Glasgow, Green County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County.
DISTRICT 2-4-Bardstown, Danville, Fort Knox, Washington County.
DISTRICT 2-5-Carroll County, Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Owen County.
DISTRICT 2-6-Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Newport, Newport Central Catholic.
DISTRICT 2-7-Bath County, Morgan County, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley.
DISTRICT 2-8-Corbin, Knott County Central, Leslie County, Middlesboro, Somerset.
- CLASS 3A**
DISTRICT 3-1-Muhlenberg South, Paducah Tilghman, Union County, Webster County.
DISTRICT 3-2-Adair County, Butler County, Edmonson County, Hart County.
DISTRICT 3-3-Central, Elizabethtown, Moore, Shawnee.
DISTRICT 3-4-Henry County, Highlands, North Oldham, Spencer County, Western Hills.
DISTRICT 3-5-Casey County, Garrard County, Jackson County, Taylor County, Wayne County.
DISTRICT 3-6-Breathitt County, Cawood, Estill County, Magoffin County, Powell County.
DISTRICT 3-7-East Carter, Fleming-Neon, Lewis County, Mason County, Russell, West Carter.
DISTRICT 3-8-Belfry, East Ridge, Pike County Central, Sheldon Clark.
- CLASS 4A**
DISTRICT 4-1-Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Lone Oak, Muhlenberg North.
DISTRICT 4-2-Allen County-Scottsville, Franklin-Simpson, Logan County, Russell County, Warren East.
DISTRICT 4-3-Atherton, Breckinridge County, Fairdale, Valley, Western.
DISTRICT 4-4-Bullitt East, LaRue County, Marion County, North Bullitt.
DISTRICT 4-5-Bourbon County, Covington Catholic, Harrison County, Pendleton County.
DISTRICT 4-6-Boyle County, East Jessamine, Franklin County, Lexington Catholic, West Jessamine.
DISTRICT 4-7-Bell County, Knox Central, Madison Southern, McCreary Central, Rockcastle County.
DISTRICT 4-8-Boyd County, Greenup County, Lawrence County, Rowan County.
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DISTRICT 5-1-Christian County, Hopkinsville, Madisonville North-Hopkins, Ohio County, Owensboro.
DISTRICT 5-2-Barren County, Bowling Green, Grayson County, Warren Central.
DISTRICT 5-3-Doss, Iroquois, John Hardin, Waggener.
DISTRICT 5-4-Anderson County, Jeffersonton, Oldham County, South Oldham.
DISTRICT 5-5-Dixie Heights, Grant County, Holmes, Scott.
DISTRICT 5-6-Ashland Blazer, Bryan Station, Johnson Central, Montgomery County, Woodford County.
DISTRICT 5-7-Lincoln County, Mercer County, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern.
DISTRICT 5-8-Clay County, Letcher County Central, North Laurel, Perry County Central, Whitley County.
- CLASS 6A**
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DISTRICT 6-3-Bullitt Central, Butler, DuPont Manual, Pleasure Ridge Park.
DISTRICT 6-4-Fern Creek, Male, Southern, St. Xavier.
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DISTRICT 6-7-Henry Clay, Lafayette, Paul Dunbar, Bates Creek.
DISTRICT 6-8-George Rogers Clark, Harlan Consolidated, Madison Central, Scott County, Shelby County.

Kentucky turns fan postings in to NCAA as violation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LEXINGTON — Kentucky self-reported a secondary NCAA violation because of postings on a potential recruit's MySpace.com Web site, apparently by fans.

The postings on the site of high school basketball star Patrick Patterson, of Huntington

High School in West Virginia, tried to entice him to attend Kentucky, WLEX-TV in Lexington reported.

"Fans are not allowed to interact with recruitable student athletes," Kentucky athletics spokesman Scott Stricklin said Wednesday. "We had to report that to the NCAA."

Patterson was named West Virginia Player of the Year and led Huntington High to its second straight state title this year.

Stricklin said when fans contact potential recruits, the school tries to educate them not to do that or it will hurt the school.

He said if that takes care of the problem there would likely be no further action.

Reigning Miss Basketball leaves UK women's team

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON - University of Kentucky freshman Arnika Brown has left the women's basketball program and plans to enroll at St. Catharine's College in Bardstown, Coach Mickie DeMoss announced Monday.

Brown, a native of Hopkinsville, enrolled in UK's summer school in late June, but decided to discuss the junior college route with DeMoss.

"Arnika expressed concerns to me that she would like to try a smaller environment and get a better feel for academics," DeMoss said. "I understand that a big-time college program isn't for everyone. It's challenging mentally and physically. I support her decision and wish her the best at St. Catharine's. We'll do whatever we can to help Arnika succeed as a student-athlete."

Brown, a 6-2 power forward, was named Kentucky Miss Basketball after leading

Christian County High School to a 164-21 record since she slid into a starting role in the eighth grade. She was named The Associated Press 2006 Player of the Year after leading the Lady Colonels to a 25-4 overall mark and averaging 25.5 points and 12.3 rebounds per game. She ended her prep career as Christian County's all-time leading scorer under Coach Don Dillard and she was a three-time first-team All-State selection. She also helped lead Christian Co. to three state tournament appearances.

The Wildcats have their sights set on the upcoming 2006-07 season as all but one senior, Stephanie Stumbo, returns. UK also welcomes prep standouts Lydia Watkins (Hopkinsville), Brittany Edelen (Springfield), and Amani Franklin (Decatur, Ga.). The Cats are coming off an incredible season of

"firsts" that included the most wins (22) since 1989-90, the most

conference wins in school history (nine), the highest conference finish (fourth) in 23 years, an appearance in the SEC Tournament semifinals for the first time in seven years, and UK's first bid in the NCAA Tournament in seven years with its highest seed (fifth) since 1983.

Louisville picked to finish second in BIG EAST

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LOUISVILLE — The University of Louisville football team was picked to finish second in

the 2006 BIG EAST Conference football standings in a preseason poll of media representatives who cover the league teams on a regular basis during the conference's media day activities on Tuesday. West Virginia, which posted a perfect 7-0 mark in the conference last season en route to the outright league crown and the conference's automatic BCS bid, was selected as the favorite to win the conference title in 2006.

West Virginia received 18 of a possible 24 first-place votes in the preseason poll. The Mountaineers registered an 11-1 record in 2005 and capped off the campaign with a 38-35 victory over Georgia in the Nokia Sugar Bowl. WVU finished fifth in the season's final Associated Press Poll and sixth in the final USA Today Poll. In '06, head coach Rich Rodriguez's Mountaineers return 15 starters, including nine on offense.

Louisville received the other six first-place votes. In their first season in the BIG EAST in 2005, head coach Bobby Petrino's Cardinals recorded a 9-3 overall mark and finished second in the league with a 5-2 record, earning an invitation to the Toyota Gator Bowl. The U of L was ranked 19th in the final AP Poll and 20th in the final USA Today Poll. This season, Louisville returns 19 starters — eight on offense and nine on defense.

Pittsburgh was picked to finish third in the league. In Dave Wannstedt's

first season at the helm of the Panthers a year ago, Pitt finished 5-6 overall and tied for third in the conference with a 4-3 league mark. The

Panthers return six players on both sides of the football this season.

Rutgers was projected to finish in fourth place. Last season, head coach Greg Schiano's Scarlet Knights (7-5, 4-3 BIG EAST) posted seven wins for the first time since 1992 and registered their first winning season in league play. RU also played in the 2005 Insight Bowl — the school's first bowl appearance since 1978. The Scarlet Knights have 16 starters returning as they attempt to reach back-to-back bowl games for the first time.

USF was chosen to finish fifth in the conference. In their inaugural BIG EAST campaign a year ago, the Bulls finished tied for third with a 4-3 league mark. In just its ninth season of existence, head coach Jim Leavitt's program went to its first ever bowl game — the Meineke Car Care Bowl — and finished the season with a 6-6 overall record. The Bulls return 15 starters in 2006.

Connecticut was picked to finish sixth in the league this season. The Huskies posted a 5-6 overall record and a 2-5 conference mark in 2005. Despite a number of critical injuries, UConn went into the final week of the regular season still fighting for a bowl berth. Head coach Randy Edsall's Huskies return 15 starters this season.

Cincinnati was tabbed seventh in the preseason poll. In their first season in the league in 2005, head coach Mark Dantonio's young Bearcat squad registered a 4-7 overall record and a 2-5 mark in the BIG EAST. Cincinnati returns 10 starters on defense and seven on offense. Syracuse was selected to finish eighth in the league. The Orange went 1-10 overall a year ago and were 0-7 in conference play. First-year coach Greg Robinson's SU squad was vastly improved defensively last season, ranking 21st in the nation against the pass. The Orange return 42 letterwinners in 2006, including 12 starters.



photo by Jamie Howell
Prestonsburg High football players have dodged some of the heat thanks to early-morning workouts. The Blackcats have conducted a.m. practices throughout the week.

BluegrassPreps.com Preseason H.S. FB Rankings

- Class A:** 1. Newport Central Catholic (13-2); 2. Beechwood (8-4); 3. Danville (11-2); 4. Somerset (12-2); 5. Bardstown (13-1); 6. Mayfield (11-4); 7. Louisville Holy Cross (9-3); 8. Lynn Camp (9-3); 9. Pikeville (8-4); 10. Russellville (7-4).
Class 2A: 1. Russell (14-1); 2. Owensboro Catholic (13-2); 3. Belfry (11-3); 4. Mercer County (10-2); 5. Western (10-3); 6. Newport (11-2); 7. Middlesboro (7-5); 8. Corbin (6-6); 9. Sheldon Clark (9-4); 10. Elizabethtown (4-6).
Class 3A: 1. Bowling Green (13-2); 2. Highlands (9-4); 3. Covington Catholic (7-5); 4. Rockcastle County (11-3); 5. Lexington Catholic (14-1); 6. Hopkinsville (9-4); 7. Boyle County (11-2); 8. Bell County (10-3); 9. Central (8-4); 10. Southwestern (7-5).
Class 4A: 1. Male (10-2); 2. Trinity (13-2); 3. Saint Xavier (14-1); 4. Pleasure Ridge Park (6-5); 5. Scott County (6-6); 6. Henry Clay (12-2); 7. Warren Central (12-2); 8. Paul Dunbar (10-3); 9. North Hardin (6-5); 10. Boone County (8-5).

Hayden returns to U.S. with MotoGP lead

by JENNA FRYER
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It would have made sense for Nicky Hayden and his brothers to pursue NASCAR careers while growing up in Owensboro, a city that sent Darrell and Michael Waltrip and Jeremy Mayfield to the top of stock car racing.

But four wheels never was really their thing.

The Haydens always were interested in the high-speed thrills and spills of motorcycles, and Hayden has gone straight to the top. "The Kentucky Kid" competes in MotoGP, the world's premier motorcycle series that is as revered as Formula One racing.

Hayden heads to Monterey, Calif., this weekend as the defending champion of the Red Bull United States Grand Prix, and as the leader in the world championship standings.

"At the beginning, everybody

thought it was a fluke," the 24-year-old Hayden said. "But I definitely feel strong. I've got a good team around me. I am healthy, and I feel really strong mentally and physically. "We are a serious contender."

Tell that to Valentino Rossi, the five-time defending world champion who trails Hayden by 26 points. An Italian known as "The Doctor," Rossi's worldwide popularity and stature in MotoGP is akin to a Jeff Gordon or a Michael Schumacher.

Hayden knows holding him off over the final seven races will be difficult.

"He's the one we are really up against," Hayden said. "I actually feel like a bit of an underdog, because I know it is going to be tough to get the crown away from Rossi."

The challenge continues Sunday at Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca, a twisting 13-turn track with the tricky corkscrew that Hayden stunningly mastered last year.

It was the first MotoGP event on American soil in 10 years, and Hayden, then in his third season on the tour, had yet to win a race. But in front of a crowd of more than 153,000 — including Michael Jordan and Brad Pitt — Hayden scored his

first career victory and was able to hoist the American flag on top of the podium.

"Man, it was like a fairy tale — by far the best day of my life," he said. "Just this total sense of pride, being in front of American fans. It was almost like the Olympics, where they play the national anthem while you are up on the podium."

"I had never had so much fun riding a bike, it was just really good to come home and get it done."

The event and Hayden's victory raised so much interest in MotoGP that it was chronicled in a feature-length documentary, "The Doctor, The Tornado & The Kentucky Kid," that will be previewed this weekend in downtown Monterey.

But that's just the tip of Hayden's sudden fame. He was named one of People magazine's "Hottest Bachelors" last year, and has posed in the Italian versions of Vanity Fair, Sport Wheel and on the cover of Men's Health Italia.

He's become such a superstar in parts of Europe — overcoming a disdain there for American racers — that Hayden couldn't wait to return to the U.S. this weekend for a brief return to anonymity.

In his home country, Hayden can go almost anywhere without being noticed. Competing in a sport that draws little national interest, his hometown is the only place in America where Hayden is considered a star.

That's just fine with Hayden. "I don't want to be a rock star. I just like the racing," he said. "I am pretty passionate about it. I like going toe-to-toe with my rivals, and that's enough for me. Paying your bills by riding a motorcycle is pretty cool, and it was definitely my ticket out to really do something."

Despite living in a city full of "pretty die-hard NASCAR fans," Hayden said he and his two brothers were drawn to motorcycles because their father was into them and occasionally raced. Oldest brother Tommy was the first to give them a spin, and Nicky and Roger Lee soon followed.

Nicky had turned professional by the time he was 16, and was picked up by Honda a year later. It helped him break into the European market, and Hayden is now the lead rider for Repsol Honda.

Tommy, 28, and Roger Lee, 24, are top riders in the AMA Superbike

series, the American version of MotoGP. A year ago, they punctuated Nicky's USGP victory by finishing fourth and sixth in their earlier races.

The Haydens want to celebrate the anniversary with another strong weekend at Laguna Seca. And even if most of America isn't watching, the sport still has its fans — including NASCAR points leader Jimmie Johnson, who grew up racing motorcycles.

"Those guys — you think we're crazy — those guys are going as fast as we do, if not faster, without a roll cage. They're nuts," said Johnson, who grew up with MotoGP rider Colin Edwards and keeps tabs and has been rooting for him and Hayden to succeed.

"When Nicky went over to carry the American flag, he really did an amazing job. I've been paying close attention ... and I'm stoked for him leading the championship," he said. "I hope he can do it. I know over in Europe, people frown on U.S. riders and drivers, and I'd love to see him go over there and kick some butt and represent us."

Childress team closing in on competition

by MIKE HARRIS
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Richard Childress never got to the point where he hated coming to the race track, but there were times in the past five years when he rather would have been hunting or fishing.

Since his longtime driver and friend Dale Earnhardt was killed in a crash during the 2001 Daytona 500, Richard Childress Racing, once considered one of the elite teams in NASCAR, has struggled just to be competitive.

"I hated seeing the faces in the race shop," said Childress, who won six championships with Earnhardt as his driver. "Nobody was smiling."

"We just couldn't find the right combination of people and equipment. It was tough on everybody on our team because we were used to winning races and winning championships and, all of a sudden, it wasn't happening."

For the first two years of NASCAR's Chase for the Nextel Cup championship, RCR was little more than an observer, with Kevin Harvick, the team's marquis driver, failing to qualify for the 10-man, 10-race playoff.

But thanks to some major personnel moves within the team, a lot of determination and a renewed excitement, it looks like RCR is back.

Heading into the Cup race this Sunday in Pocono, just seven races from the start of the Chase, Jeff Burton is third in the points and Harvick is eighth. Even rookie

Clint Bowyer is having a solid season and is 16th in the standings.

"You've always got to be happy when you make any kind of progress," Childress said. "We know we've got a lot more we've got to accomplish to get the teams and the cars to where we want to be to win consistently and be in the top five consistently. And that's what you've got to have to run for a championship."

"But the improvements alone that we've made in our aero programs, our engines, our cars, our chassis, personnel, it's been a pleasure to sit back and watch all these guys and ladies do their jobs and get these teams up and running. And the smiles are a lot bigger. So it's fun."

One big question heading into this season was whether Harvick, the driver who stepped into Earnhardt's big shoes in 2001, would stick around for the resurgence. He spent much of the past two seasons complaining about team's lack of success and appeared ready to walk away.

Harvick would have been a free agent after this season and he certainly would have been a target for the new Toyota teams entering Cup in 2007. But, after seeing the direction RCR was headed late last season and early this year, Harvick signed a multiyear contract extension — perhaps the most significant evidence that Childress has turned it around.

"We're not all the way where we need to be with our cars and engines and things like that," said Harvick, who gave RCR its only Cup victory of the season early this year in Phoenix. "We've made a lot of strides, but we've got to continue to make progress. It's down to small things now. We've come a long way in a short amount of time. I think we're pretty close."

Childress, Harvick and Bowyer all give a lot of credit for the new attitude —

and the improved results — to veteran racer Burton, who joined the team midway through the 2004 season.

"Everybody at RCR has played a role, but Jeff has played a big role in the improvement," said Bowyer, who bears a resemblance to Burton, both on and off the track. "He has a lot of experience and he came from a successful team over at Roush (Racing). I think he's brought a lot to the table, a lot of ideas, a lot of input on where we need to be, where we need to change. And Richard listened to him."

Burton, the elder statesman of the RCR drivers at 39, said, "The big thing is, we have faster cars."

"When you have a 16th-place car, you finish 11th and you think you've done a really good job and everybody else thinks you're lousy," he added. "You leave the racetrack feeling like you got all there was, but you finished 16th and you just can't get anything done."

"But, now, we have revisited and rebuilt every part of our program, everything from marketing and merchandising to shock expertise and chassis and bodies. For the most part, we've seen improvements in every area."

Childress is a realist, though. He knows that a couple of bad races before the Chase could ruin a lot of good things that have happened this year. Still, he grinned when asked how big it would be for RCR to have two drivers in the playoff.

"It would be huge," Childress said. "We've been in a rebuilding mode, a growth mode, since 2001."

"We're still not over the loss of Dale. We never will be, but it's one of those things you've just got to work past, and we're making progress."

2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup Remaining Schedule

July 23 — Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 6 — Allstate 400 at the Brickyard, Indianapolis
Aug. 13 — TBA, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 20 — GFS Marketplace 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 26 — Sharpie 500, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 3 — Sony HD 500, Fontana, Calif.
Sept. 9 — Chevy Rock & Roll 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 17 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Sept. 24 — Dover (Del.) 400
Oct. 1 — Banquet 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 8 — UAW-Ford 500, Talladega, Ala.
Oct. 14 — Bank of America 500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 22 — Subway 500, Martinsville, Va.
Oct. 29 — Bass Pro Shops MBNA 500, Hampton, Ga.
Nov. 5 — Dickies 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 12 — Checker Auto Parts 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 19 — Ford 400, Homestead, Fla.

Driver Standings

1. Jimmie Johnson, 2,789
2. Matt Kenseth, 2,721
3. Jeff Burton, 2,478
4. Kyle Busch, 2,455
5. Mark Martin, 2,451
6. Kasey Kahne, 2,445
7. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 2,428
8. Kevin Harvick, 2,408
9. Jeff Gordon, 2,342
(tie) Greg Biffle, 2,342
11. Tony Stewart, 2,331
12. Denny Hamlin, 2,324
13. Carl Edwards, 2,196
14. Kurt Busch, 2,136
15. Casey Mears, 2,091
16. Clint Bowyer, 2,024
17. Jamie McMurray, 1,985
18. Brian Vickers, 1,974
19. Ryan Newman, 1,966
20. Elliott Sadler, 1,963

Horsemen to face Rock River in UIF Semifinals

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Horsemen begin their quest for the 2006 United Bowl on Saturday when they play host to Rock River in the United Indoor Football Semifinals. The matchup was determined after the Raptors defeated Sioux City, 37-33, on Saturday in Rockford, Ill.

Kickoff in Rupp Arena between the East Division Champion Horsemen and the Central Division Champion Raptors

(12-4) is set for 7:30 p.m.

West Division Champion Sioux Falls will face fifth-seeded Evansville next Sunday in Sioux Falls, S.D., in the league's other semifinal matchup.

The second-seeded Horsemen (13-2), who lost to Sioux Falls in the semifinals of the 2005 UIF playoffs, look for their first UIF title and the second national title in franchise history after winning the 2004 National Indoor Football League Championship. Lexington, which posted its best regular-season record in franchise

history this year, has a 5-2 all-time record in playoff contests, including a 1-1 mark in UIF postseason action.

The Horsemen will be looking to avenge their only two losses of the season when they face Rock River. The Raptors are the only team to beat Lexington this season and they swept the season series with the Horsemen with a 55-46 win in Rupp Arena on June 3 after defeating them 62-43 in Rockford, Ill., on May 20.

Guardado relishes being back in closer's role

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The game is on the line, three outs to go. The bullpen gate opens. The fans pick up the chant, softly at first and then a little louder each time around.

"Eddie! Eddie! Eddie!"

The Cincinnati Reds' new closer loves it, now more than ever. Losing the job in Seattle reminded Eddie Guardado of how much it means to him to be pitching the last inning of a close game.

"Anything that anybody takes away from you that you get back, you appreciate more," the left-hander said. "I'd been doing it for a while. I struggled a little bit at the start of the year with Seattle."

"When you get pulled out of your role, you think: Is this it? As strong as I am mentally, when something like that happens, anybody's confidence drops a little bit."

In less than two weeks, it's all the way back.

Guardado made good on his first three save chances after he came to the Reds in a July 6 trade, showing he hasn't lost his touch. His arrival began settling down a bullpen that was dragging the Reds out of contention.

It also provided a boost for a 35-year-old pitcher who wondered if he would ever get back the job he loved most. The

Mariners demoted him to a set-up role after his horrid start. He had an 8.31 earned run average in April and lost his job after blowing three saves.

He did better after that, putting up a 3.77 ERA in 19 games. But the Mariners were willing to deal, and the Reds were delighted to get someone who had saved 45 games for Minnesota in 2002 and 41 a year later.

Guardado was just as delighted to come to Cincinnati, which represented a second chance.

"You feel like you're wanted," Guardado said. "They called me up and (manager Jerry Narron) said, 'You're the man unless you don't want it.' I said, 'I want it, definitely.' It lifts your spirits."

So does the reception he's gotten in Cincinnati, where fans were desperate for someone to end a half-season of watching games slip away at the end. They start chanting his first name when he makes it to the mound, just as Twins fans did a few years ago.

"That's pretty nice," he said. "It reminds me of Minnesota, back in the day. Things like that really pump you up. When you have fans supporting you like that, the last thing you want to do is let them down."

After three chances, there were no blown saves and no letdowns.

GETTING IT DUNN: For much of the first half of the season, outfielder Adam Dunn was predictable at the plate. He would either hit a homer, walk or strikeout in most of his appearances.

That's changing. Dunn had a walk, a pair of strikeouts

and a pair of singles Tuesday night in an 8-3 loss to the Mets. The first single extended his hitting streak to six games (10-for-23 with three homers). The second single drove in a run and left him on a 9-for-17 roll with runners in scoring position.

"I don't really pay attention to those things," he said, before Wednesday's game. "I know I feel better. I didn't know I was doing that good."

Dunn has raised his average 30 points, and he's becoming more adept at driving in runs with something other than a homer.

"One run is one run," he said. "I guess a broken-bat single with a runner in scoring position is probably as good as a 600-foot solo homer."

WISHING HE WAS HERE: Right-hander Paul Wilson is scheduled to pitch for Triple-A Louisville on Thursday, the latest rehab outing in his recovery from shoulder surgery 13 months ago.

It's been a long, frustrating comeback for Wilson, who had hoped to be back in the majors by now. Every step forward has met a temporary setback — a tired shoulder, for instance.

There was an encouraging sign in his last start. His fastball was clocked in the mid-80 mph range, the best that it's been since his surgery.

The Reds have stayed in playoff contention while Wilson stays on rehab, leaving him nothing more than a spectator.

"That makes it all the more frustrating," Wilson said Wednesday. "I've been here for four years and this is the closest we've been. I don't want to get left out of that."



photos by Steve LeMaster

Below: Ranier Racing Museum, located inside of the Prestonsburg Tourism Building, now has for sale official museum T-shirts and hats. Above: The museum's Havoline racing memorabilia is among the many items on display.



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THROUGH MY EYES

The light side of a heavy issue

I'm running a tad behind deadline for this edition. Plus, I've been a bit pensive this week, tending to keep my thoughts to myself. Sounds like the perfect time to share a little friendly email I've been saving in my files. Always one looking back to that slender figure of yesteryear and wishing I could wake up one morning and look in the mirror and see that it had returned, this "Health Question and Answer Session with our Favorite Doctor" sure tickled my funnybone. Hope it'll do the same for you.



Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Health Questions and Answers
(Gotta love this doctor!)

Q: I've heard that cardiovascular exercise can prolong life; is this true?

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POSTSCRIPT

Our tax dollars at work

By Pam Shingler
COLUMNIST

Accusations came out the other day that a doctor and two nurses killed several patients in a hospital that was in the path of Hurricane Katrina last year on the Gulf Coast.

The trial will certainly address the question: Was it murder or mercy killing?

When a trial does begin, we'll surely learn more details — likely more than we want or need to know. Until then, I won't offer an opinion.

With this news, I was, however, reminded again of how inept our government was in the wake of Katrina's rage.

This hospital was literally shut down — flood water on the lower levels, no drinking/washing water, no air-conditioning in 100-degree

(See SCRIPT, page fifteen.)



Elaine Stover, foreground, a center volunteer from New Mexico, and Judy McGuire, Floyd County Extension Service, help children learn about the food pyramid by building shish kebabs from the five food groups.



Learning to make a vitamin-enriched fruit smoothie was also among the day's activities at the Auxier Center's "Cooking Camp."



"Fruit Fly Bingo" helped the campers learn about the many varieties and types of fruit while having fun at the same time.



McKinley Mitchell, visiting his grandmother, Joyce (pictured), from West Liberty, attended the cooking camp with his sister, Brianna.

Someone's in the kitchen at Auxier Center

'Cooking Camp' fun summer activity

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

School's out for the summer, but the learning is continuing for area children at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center. In addition to sewing, knitting and crafting classes, children have been learning about good nutrition this past week during the center's "Cooking Camp" lessons.

"I'm always looking for something for my grandkids to do when

they're visiting me," said Joyce Mitchell, of Auxier. "There's always something going on here at the center," she continued.

Mitchell's grandchildren, McKinley and Brianna, visiting from West Liberty, attended the center's Cooking Camp with fellow campers Grace Powers, Breanna Lamb, Destiny Olcott, and Destiny Shell.

Early Wednesday morning, the campers were learning about nutrition, food safety and sanitation, and the Food Pyramid from Judy McGuire of the Floyd County Extension Service, and center volunteer Elaine Stover, of New Mexico. Mary Shell, of Paintsville, and Mitchell were both attending the camp with their grandchildren.

Jump-starting the children's sleepy brains with a few games of

"Fruit Fly Bingo," a game intended to teach children about the wide variety and types of fruits available around the world, McGuire followed the activity with some hands-on fun.

Building on a lesson about the Food Pyramid and the five basic food groups from the day before, McGuire quizzed the children about types of foods and their placement on the pyramid. Using items from each of the basic food groups as a visual aid, she then instructed the children in how to build a food shish kebab, using the food pyramid blocks as building plan.

Following, the adults assisted the children in making fresh fruit smoothies with the use of a blender. Using bananas, oranges, pineapple, and fruit juice, the children concocted a tasty mixture that they learned

they could drink from a glass, or freeze into popsicles or a frozen dessert to be eaten with a spoon.

"It's good," McKinley Mitchell said before adding, "Can I make some more?"

Other lessons from the week included how to make no-bake cookies, pasta salad, homemade chicken salad, and "edible" Play-doh.

In addition to the summer Kid's Camps, the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center also conducts adult education classes (GED), basic and advanced computer classes (all ages), a food pantry, and home repair programs in conjunction with the LINKS offices, Prestonsburg.

For more information about future classes or any of the programs listed, call the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center at (606) 886-0709.

Presenting Kentucky Opry's newest group — 'Junior Jamboree'

Expectations were high when the Mountain Arts Center and the Kentucky Opry held local auditions in February for a new program that would feature talented young people. However, these high expectations were exceeded on July 11 when these young performers took the stage as part of the MAC's Junior Jamboree. The audience was captivated by the talent and the confidence of these young singers who paid tribute to US 23 Country Music Highway artists such as The Judds, Dwight Yoakam and Billy Ray Cyrus.

The performers, representing seven

different counties in Eastern Kentucky, included Bronson Bush, Tyler Childers, Kristen Coots, Ally Davis, Emily Dillon, Ashley Hall, Arron Haney, Jesse Osborne, Hannah Ratliff and Tyra Short.

The Junior Jamboree is part of a performing arts series that features a variety of young talent from the region. The show was created by the Mountain Arts Center and the Kentucky Opry to provide artistic opportunities for area youth and at the same time, promote the rich heritage of US 23 Country Music Highway. In time, a multimedia presentation which incorporates live performers along with video will be developed and toured to different cities as an endorsement of our region and culture.

(See OPRY, page fourteen)



MAC's Junior Jamboree

FLY LADY

Drink Up

By Marla Cilley

Have you lost your get up and go and you don't know where it got up and went? Many of us have this problem. The answer, however, to why we have this problem may surprise you.

You are dehydrated. Yes, you heard me. You are not drinking enough water; note that I did not say 'liquids,' I said 'water.'

You know how much water you need to drink on a daily basis. Eight — 8-ounce glasses, or 64 ounces, is the

recommended amount for normal height and weight. I have some tips to help you remind yourself to drink your water. Look at your 8-ounce measuring cup; note that it is really small, actually, when you stop to think about it. One lady I know uses a nice tea cup for her water. It is small and makes her feel good when she uses it. Here are some more ways to remind yourself to drink your water:

1. Put up Post-It notes to remind you: Bright red or neon. Any color that will get your attention.
2. Get 4-16 oz. bottles of water and set them out each morning. Refill each night.
3. Drink water with all your meals.

4. If you have a difficult time drinking water, use a pretty glass or favorite cup to drink it from. You can also drink from a straw. Try it. Water goes down much faster when you suck it up.

5. Keep a bottle of water in your car, by your chair, and by your bed — at all times.

6. When you think you are hungry, drink a glass of water first.

7. If you can't keep up with the number of ounces you are drinking, keep a pile of pennies for every 8 oz. glass. Move the pennies from one pile to the next, each time you drink a glass of water. I used polished rocks from my candle rock garden on my entrance table. Each time I filled up my water

bottle, I moved a rock.

8. Take a pretty bottle that can hold 64 ounces. I used to have a big, round, green wine bottle that I filled with 12 oz. glasses. Each time I poured the water into the bottle, I made a mark on the side to calibrate it. That way, anytime during the day, I could count how many ounces I had drunk for the day.

9. My favorite glass was a 12 ounce stemmed water glass. I felt special drinking water from this glass.

10. Drink water at the top of every hour. Eventually you will not have to go potty as often. One other thing:

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Family Medicine

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Question: My 7-year-old son, who has been treated for ADHD for a couple of years, now has been diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome. Can you tell me more about this? Why didn't they find it sooner? How did he get this? Will he outgrow it?

Answer: Tourette Syndrome (TS) is believed to occur in about ten in 10,000 school-aged children, with boys having this problem much more frequently than girls. The onset is usually between

ages 6 and 8, which is probably why it is just now being diagnosed in your son. TS never develops after the age of 18.

The disorder is named for a 19th Century French neurologist who first described the condition in an 86-year-old French noblewoman. The first symptoms of TS are virtually harmless and may go unnoticed — involuntary blinking of the eyes, a facial grimace or twitch of the nose. As the disorder progresses, these "motor tics," as they are called, can spread to other parts of the body. These may

Tourette Syndrome is lifelong, but usually gets better with age

include head jerking, neck stretching, foot stamping, and body twisting.

Perhaps the most frustrating part of TS is what is known as vocal tics. Patients with this manifestation may start to utter strange words or sounds. One type of vocal tic — known as coprolalia — involves uttering obscenities. Despite common misconceptions, most TS sufferers never develop this symptom.

Let me emphasize that these tics are involuntary. The person, therefore, has no control over them. Sometimes the urge can be suppressed for short periods — like holding a sneeze — but a burst of tics usually follow attempts at suppression.

It is not unusual for a child with TS to have another condition like ADHD or obsessive-compulsive disorder. In fact, there is speculation about a genetic link between ADHD and TS.

In most people, the movements

and vocalizations subside in adulthood. The condition, however, is considered chronic and will remain throughout life. TS is not a degenerative condition, so there is no neurological impact on normal aging. It is also felt to be an inherited condition, so other family members may have had similar behavior as children, but were never diagnosed with TS. It is not uncommon to "accidentally" diagnose the father when the child is being evaluated.

The diagnosis of TS is based on medical history and the exclusion of any medical condition that could cause the involuntary movements and vocalizations. There are no specific tests that can make this diagnosis at this time. There are studies being done, however, to see if brain imaging can detect certain patterns unique to those with Tourette Syndrome.

In many children with TS, no med-

ication is needed to control the involuntary movements and vocalizations, but when these interfere with daily activities, medications can be used. Haldol and Clonidine are often used to treat the tics. As with any problem, your doctor will tailor the medication prescribed to your child's individual needs.

Some families also benefit from psychotherapy. Therapy can help the patient develop coping skills for this chronic illness and help other family members understand the needs of the TS sufferer. This last point is very important, because providing a nurturing and understanding home environment is tremendously beneficial in the overall management of this disorder. It's also crucial that the TS child have the same support at school, both in the classroom and on the playground.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Updated health records for students may be turned in to the YSC office throughout the summer. AMS Youth Services Center will be open throughout the summer to assist families. Call 886-1297 for information or assistance request.

■ Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.

■ Adams Middle School Youth Services Center is open each weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center offers services to all families regardless of income. For more information about any of the activities or services of the center, please contact the center at 886-1297. The center is now located in the 7th grade wing of the school. Center Coordinator - Michelle Keathley.

Allen Central High School

■ Aug. 3 - Freshman Orientation, 6 p.m., in school cafeteria

Allen Central Middle School

■ 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

■ The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

■ Brian H. Akers, Center Coordinator; Charlotte Rogers, Program Assistant II; Debra Hayes, School Nurse.

Clark Elementary

■ July 21 - Floyd County Health

Dept. nurse will be at center. Call 886-0815 to schedule an appointment for school entrance exams (Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade), WIC, and yearly checkups required for medical card recipients up to age 18 years.

■ A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly and sees WIC patients, does well-child exams (birth-18 years), and gives immunizations.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building. Open Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. during month of July (with exception of July 20, 24, 25, 26.) Emergencies, call school office at 886-2487.

Duff Elementary

■ Anyone wishing to schedule a school medical exam through the Family Resource Center may call 358-9878 to set one up.

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

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

May Valley Elementary

■ July 24, 25 - Kinder-Camp, for 2006-2007 Kindergarten students and their parents. Meet the teachers and have some fun, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Come join us!

■ 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

■ Upcoming Summer Activities:

■ July 20, 21 - Melissa Perry, McDowell ARH, will present programs on careers, "Learning About Your Body," and how to safely play water games.

■ July 24-27 - "Get Moving Kentucky" camp. Presented by 4-H Extension Office staff, in FRC.

■ Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and postpartum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

Mountain Christian Academy

■ Now accepting Summer Care and Preschool-8th grade 2006-2007 Fall Registration. 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.

■ After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

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

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Watch for forms to be brought home by students requiring parent/guardian signatures and to be sent back to the school. Forms will be sent home at the beginning of the school year.

■ SFHS and SFMS will be participating in the Apples for Students program. Please save and turn in your Food City receipts.

■ SFHS and SFMS will host Open Houses during the upcoming school year. Teacher/parent visits. Dates will be posted. Dates subject to change. Watch school marquee for information.

■ Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center. •Classroom presentations will be held throughout the school year. Call for a list of sub-

jects.

■ School magnetic calendars will be given to each student and employee with school information listed. Dates on calendars subject to change.

■ Sept. 12 - Students with perfect attendance for 2005-2006 school year will be rewarded with a field trip to the Floyd County Justice Center for a Medallion Presentation, followed by a visit to the East Kentucky Science Center for lunch and a show.

■ Parent volunteer training will be conducted throughout the school year. Watch for dates to be announced. If you need training, call to set up an appointment.

■ Committee sign-ups may be done through the Youth Services Center office.

■ Walking track open to public (track closed during special events).

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

■ Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

■ The South Floyd Youth Services Center's mission is to bridge the gaps/barriers with the potential to prevent your child, or you, from succeeding in school.

■ 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 Center.

■ FRC monthly Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month, at 4 p.m. Call for more info.

■ Lost & Found located in Family Resource Center.

■ Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. Osborne

"Rainbow Junction" Family Resource Center

■ July 26, 27, 28 - Cheerleading camp, time to be announced.

■ July 31 - 4-H Day Camp, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

■ Students wishing to participate in camps must be pre-registered by parent. Parent/guardians must call

452-4553 with the following information: student's name, grade level, and contact number (and name of camp student wishes to attend). Camp dates and times are subject to change, therefore, it is essential that a contact number is on file so that notifications may be made in case of change.

■ Center will be closed the week of July 17.

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

Wesley Christian School

■ Fall registration for new school students, contact office at 874-8328, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mon. thru Fri.

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

Learning Ladder Academy

■ For more information, contact MaShawna Jacobs, assistant director, at 886-0771.

■ Learning Ladder Academy privately owned and operated by Cindy DeRossett Hitchcock and MaShawna A. Jacobs. Academy located at 44 Hillside Center Drive, Prestonsburg.

Adult Education and GED Summer Schedule

June 5-July 28

■ Mondays: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - McDowell FRC, Martin Community Center, Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC; 1:30-6:00 p.m. - Layne House, BSCTC, Floyd County Detention Center.

■ Tuesdays: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Weeksbury Clinic, Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1:30-6:00 p.m. - Martin Community Center, Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTC; 6-8:00 p.m. - Auxier Community Center.

■ Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Martin Community Center, Auxier Learning Center, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Dixie Apts., David Craft Center, BSCTC; 6-9:00 p.m. - BSCTC.

■ Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Mud Creek Clinic, BSCTC; 1-4:30 p.m. - Betsy Layne YSC, BSCTC; 1:30-5:30 p.m. - Floyd County Detention Center; 6-8:00 p.m. - Martin Community Center.

Fly Lady

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Every time you go to the bathroom, then drink some more water.

11. If you have the flu or a respiratory infection, the water will help to break up the phlegm and wash the impurities out of your system. You will cough up this stuff. It is my best medicine for a cold, flu, or stomach virus.

12. If you still can't remember to drink your water, send yourself 8 emails per day and leave them in your inbox to remind you! Delete them as you drink!

Please keep in mind that too much of a good thing is bad. Do not drink

more than 12 ounces in a 30-minute period of time. There is such a thing as water intoxication. Your kidneys can shut down. Water intoxication can lead to death, so, by all means, don't overdo it.

Baby steps will incorporate water drinking into your routines. This will be good for you and it may just give you the energy you need to get your routines done.

One other benefit from drinking water, your skin will not be as dry or wrinkled. Water is the best moisturizer you can buy!

Drinking water is one simple way to love yourself. Take the time to drink your water. If you won't take care of yourself, who will? FLYing is all about Finally Loving Yourself! Are you ready to FLY?

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS: check out Marla's website and join her free mentoring group at [HYPERLINK "http://www.flylady.net/"](http://www.flylady.net/) www.flylady.net or her book, *Sink Reflections* published by Bantam and her new book, *Body Clutter*. Copyright 2006 Marla Cilley Used by permission in this publication.

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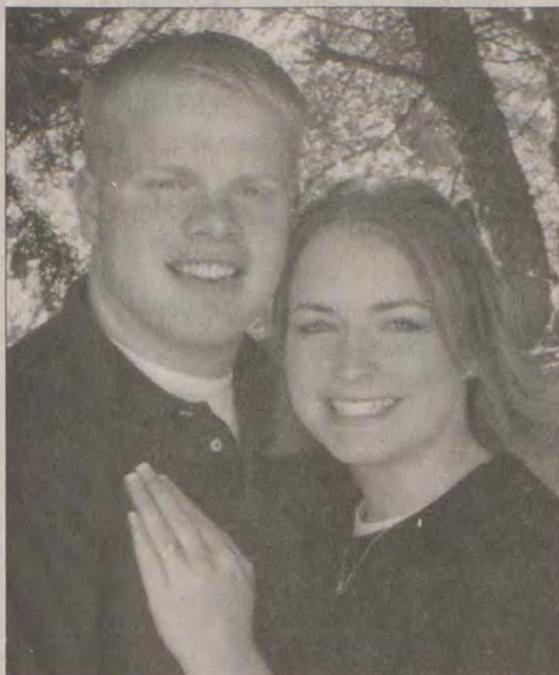
A number of young performers selected from the auditions have also participated in the Young Artists Showcase, a series of four television specials created and produced by the Mountain Arts Center, which will soon air on cable television stations across the state. Other selected performers have been recent participants in the MAC's US 23 Showcase.

Keith Caudill, executive director, Mountain Arts Center, said, "The Junior Jamboree is one of four shows that the MAC is producing to promote our local talent, and in

doing so, we hope to share our region's proud musical heritage with those outside of Eastern Kentucky." Kentucky Opry Founder Billie Jean Osborne added, "We are always looking for ways to get more talented young people on stage and involved in what we are doing here at the Mountain Arts Center."

The Junior Jamboree will be giving an encore performance at the Mountain Arts Center on Tuesday, July 25, at 8:00pm. For more information, contact the Mountain Arts Center Box Office at 1-888-MAC-ARTS.

Weddings



Spurlock-Carlson

Marty and Crystal Spurlock, of Frankfort, formerly of Paintsville, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Erin Brooke-Marie Spurlock, to John Michael Carlson, the son of John and Tracy Carlson, of Fresno, California.

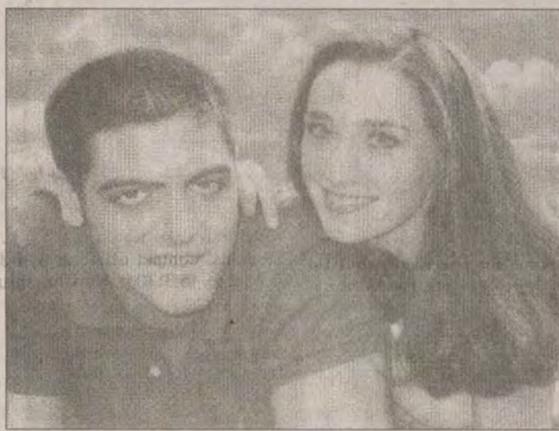
The bride-to-be is the maternal granddaughter of the late James Willard Pickle and Carol Pickle Houston, formerly of Hager Hill. She is the paternal granddaughter of Hobert Spurlock, of Martin, and the late Goldie Spurlock.

She is a 2005 graduate of Beech High School and is currently a student at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Buchanan High School, Fresno, California. He is currently a student at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

The couple will be joined in marriage on Saturday, August 12, 2006, at the Louisville Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Louisville.

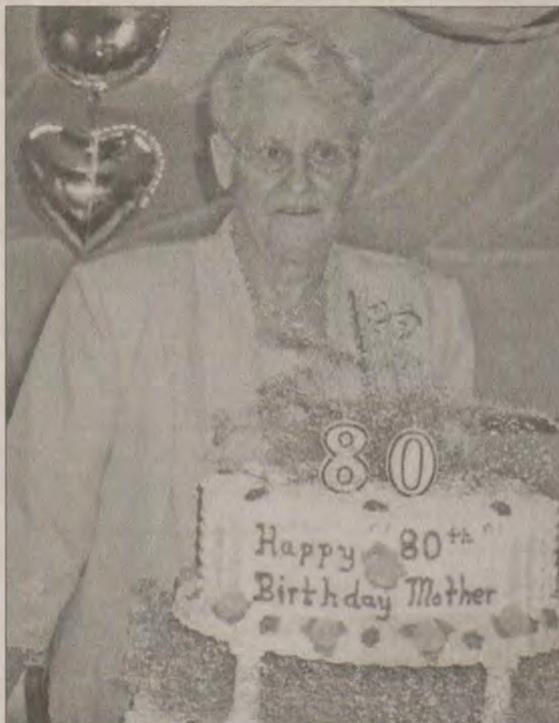
An open reception will be held at The Stockton Farm, in Frankfort, at 6 p.m.



Moore-O'Bryan

The parents of Wendi Lynn Moore and Ricky Allen O'Bryan II take pleasure in inviting one and all to share in the joy as their two children are joined in marriage on Saturday, July 22, 2006, at four-thirty in the afternoon, at the McDowell First Baptist Church, in McDowell.

Birthdays



Celebrates 80th birthday

Minnie Akers, widow of Elder Walter L. Akers, celebrated her 80th birthday on June 16, 2006, with family and friends. Her children, Marie Conn, Patricia Hunter, and Daniel Akers, hosted the birthday reception and celebration at Mrs. Akers' home.

Seven of Mrs. Akers' ten grandchildren, Christopher Conn, Matthew Conn, Susan Marie Conn Hall, Elaine Hunter Jones, Brian Hunter, Lisa Akers Hall, and Kyle Akers, were happily able to attend. Assisted by eight of her fifteen great-grandchildren, Mrs. Akers was delighted when they all helped her blow out the candles on her cake.

Although the weather outside was rainy, it was a happy, sunny day inside for everyone, especially for the beloved mother and grandmother.

Anniversary



Celebrate 50th anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Irene (Mullins) Johnson, of Homer, Michigan, recently celebrated their 50th Anniversary with family and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were married on June 9, 1956 in Bevinville.

The couple have been blessed with three children, Eula (Levi) Moore, Nola (Tom) Robinson, and Nathan (Holly) Johnson. They have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

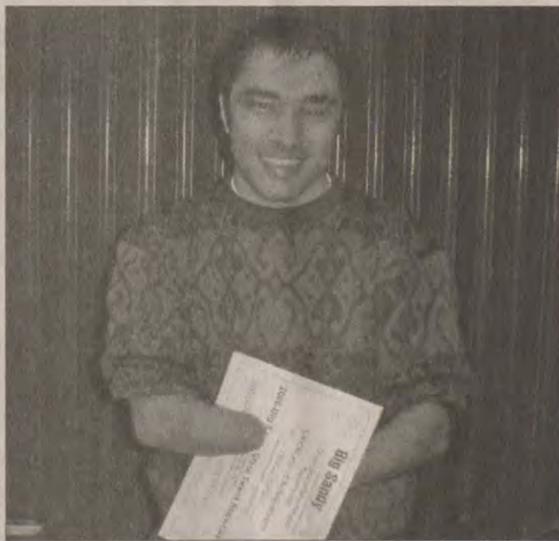
Their loving family sends wishes for many more happy years together.



Jennifer Cole

Cole earns UK master's degree

Jennifer McCracken Cole, the daughter of Richie and Alice Cole, of Minnie, recently obtained a master of science degree in physical therapy from the University of Kentucky, as well as physical therapy licensure. Jennifer was further distinguished by her accomplishment of maintaining a 3.5 grade point average throughout her studies at UK. She is currently employed with East KY Associates and Rehab, Crossroads Plaza, Pikeville, and Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. Jennifer is also a graduate of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, from which she earned an associate of science degree. She is a 2001 graduate of South Floyd High School, where she was valedictorian of her class.



Abdul Samad

Student named US National Collegiate Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Big Sandy Community and Technical College student Abdul Samad, of Prestonsburg, has been named a United States National Collegiate Award Winner in Business.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American college students.

Abdul Samad, who attends Big Sandy Community & Technical College, was nominated for this national award by William Loftus, a professor at the college.

Samad will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Collegiate Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Founder of the United States Achievement Academy.

The Academy selects winners upon the exclusive recommendation of professors, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a professor or college official.

Abdul Samad is the son of Abdullah and Bebe Samad from Afghanistan. Adoptive parents are Jerry and Cindy Tucker, of Liberty.

Eyes

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A: Your heart is only good for so many beats, and that's it... don't waste them on exercise. Everything wears out eventually. Speeding up your heart will not make you live longer; that's like saying you can extend the life of your car by driving it faster. Want to live longer? Take a nap.

Q: Should I cut down on meat and eat more fruits and vegetables?

A: You must grasp logistical efficiencies. What does a cow eat? Hay and corn. And what are these? Vegetables. So a steak is nothing more than an efficient mechanism of delivering vegetables to your system. Need grain? Eat chicken. Beef is also a good source of field grass (green leafy vegetable). And a pork chop can give you 100% of your recommended daily allowance of vegetable products.

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: How can I calculate my body/fat ratio?

A: Well, if you have a body and you have fat, your ratio is one to one. If you have two

bodies, your ratio is two to one, etc.

Q: What are some of the advantages of participating in a regular exercise program?

A: Can't think of a single one, sorry. My philosophy is: No Pain...Good!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: YOU'RE NOT LISTENING!!!... Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Will sit-ups help prevent me from getting a little soft around the middle?

A: Definitely not! When you exercise a muscle, it gets bigger. You should only be doing sit-ups if you want a bigger stomach.

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO Cocoa beans! Another vegetable!!! It's the best feel-good food around!

Q: Is swimming good for your figure?

A: If swimming is good for your figure, explain whales to me.

Q: Is getting in-shape important for my lifestyle?

A: Hey! 'Round' is a shape!

See y'all next week...

Script

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weather, no elevator service, no lights, no food service, no electricity-period.

Hospital officials were told to abandon the building. But after four days of trying to cope, they still had nowhere to go and no way to get there, especially with seriously ill patients who were totally dependent on them - this while our leaders in Washington sat on their, well, you know; this while TV crews could go in and out of flooded areas at will and federal helpers could not.

I'm sure patients and staff of the hospital were considering different escape options after four days.

Adding to my own puzzlement and anger was news a day later that the Government Accounting Office has found hundreds - maybe thousands - more instances of misuse of our tax dollars during and after the Katrina crisis.

For instance, the Coast Guard got money to buy a beer-making kit - purportedly a morale booster for the rescuers.

Several thousands of dollars of relief funds went for Apple iPods, so those in the field could listen to music while they were dealing with stranded, starving people who had just lost everything.

Still more money was paid for government workers to receive crisis training to avert future disasters. Now, that does seem like a reasonable idea, but did the training have to take place at posh resorts?

I'm not sure I can look at the GAO's entire report. The waste of billions of dollars as people died or went homeless

seems like a case of the cure being worse than the disease.

In a separate, but related, story, we've learned in the last few days about the allocation of some Homeland Security grants.

For instance, DHS money has gone to a petting zoo in Ajabama, which did not request the money, the owner says. Plus, funds have gone to all kinds of organizations that have little or nothing to do with the security of our homeland.

And while I have utmost respect for our Hoosier neighbors, I'm not sure there is any justification for the state of Indiana to have received more than twice as much DHS funds as New York City, the largest city in the country, with some of the largest buildings, our financial center, our major transportation and communication center and literally the gateway to the country - not to mention that NYC has already been a target of terrorists.

There appears to be no rationale and no justification for the disparities. And, remember, that's our money.

And, finally, while I'm on a roll, did you see the report that, so far, this is the warmest year on record in the more than hundred years of Weather Service recordkeeping?

It's easy to believe during this heat wave we've been in, but look back to the winter when there was scarcely a day we needed a really heavy coat. Sure, it was cold from time to time, but think about it, we had a pretty mild winter, as winters go.

Global warming? The evidence mounts.

Family reunion?

Share your family news. If your family is having a reunion, the Times will publish a picture, along with basic information, about the happy gathering.

Stop by the Times office, located on 263 South Cental Avenue (across from Ray Howard Furniture), or send info. to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email to: features@floyd-countytimes.com.



Visit www.floydcountytimes.com

Indictments

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■ Darius Mitchell May, 43, of Royalton; criminal conspiracy to traffic in a controlled substance, criminal conspiracy to traffic in marijuana and criminal conspiracy to promote contraband.

■ Kyle Ray Waddle, 25, of Prestonsburg; operating a motor vehicle under the influence, reckless driving, failure to wear a seat belt and speeding.

■ John Byers, 37, of Paintsville; theft by deception.

■ Nathan Jerome Hamilton, 23, of Teaberry; second-degree robbery.

Beatings

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was granted a pretrial conference on Sept. 25. His bond in that matter was set at \$2,000 cash.

The May assault case was also a misdemeanor count. Murphy was freed on a \$200 bond in that matter and is scheduled to seek a trial date or enter a plea in that matter on July 31. The case stemmed from a report by a female victim who alleged that Murphy had beat her up on Middle Street, in Maytown, after an argument.

The troopers who arrested Murphy at that time found him at his parents' residence in Langley and reported that he appeared to be intoxicated.

Guilty

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the victim, who had given them cigarettes and food for their dog.

That evening, the couple returned to the victim's home, along with Sexton, and broke into his trailer and assaulted him while he was working on his computer.

Sexton's case was handled by a special prosecutor because he was a witness for the commonwealth in a concurrent case.

Sexton was in a car that was fired upon by Jeffrey Tackett, 42, of McDowell, at the Vance Kwik Mart in August 2005. Sexton was not injured in the shooting but three others in the vehicle were. It later turned out that Sexton was the target of Tackett's wrath and had several altercations with him when Tackett was his landlord.

Tackett was sentenced to 15 years in prison for the incident last March.

Shooting

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pathy for the Dillion family, noting, "It was obvious from testimony that Mr. Dillion was loved by his friends and family," but went on to note that they had to base their decision on the law and not on their "emotions or sympathies for anyone involved."

The jury statement also addressed the fact that Kirk sought police assistance before the incident and empathized with Kirk's frustration at a lack of response to his reports that someone was planning a break-in.

"If the police do not have the resources to respond to complaints like Mr. Kirk's about past break-ins and possible impending break-ins, then something should be done to change that," the statement said.

The case has already given rise to two civil lawsuits. In May of 2005, Kirk filed a wrongful termination suit against Luv Homes, claiming that they wouldn't approve new security measures that could have avoided the incident.

Last March the Dillion family filed a suit on behalf of his child, seeking damages with regard to future lost income, companionship and support.



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Girl Scouts.

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wants to encourage and acknowledge excellence in the Floyd County Area. The Floyd County Times is conducting its annual ballot of readers so they can let us know whom they consider to be best in the county. Winners receive a certificate suitable for framing and will be featured in a **SPECIAL SECTION** in September.
Deadline to submit entries: Aug. 4, 2006

Reader's Choice

BEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

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| Area Attraction _____ | Employed at _____ | Employed at _____ | Bookkeeping/Tax _____ |
| Church _____ | Boss _____ | Radio Announcer _____ | Building Supplies _____ |
| College _____ | Employed at _____ | Employed at _____ | Car Dealership _____ |
| Community Festival Event _____ | Building Contractor _____ | Real Estate Agent _____ | Commercial Printer _____ |
| Dining Atmosphere _____ | Bus Driver _____ | Employed at _____ | Construction/Remodeling _____ |
| Elderly Care Facility _____ | Car Salesperson _____ | School Teacher _____ | Convenience Store _____ |
| Elementary School _____ | Employed at _____ | Teaches at _____ | Crafts _____ |
| Entertainment _____ | Chiropractor _____ | Secretary _____ | Daycare Center _____ |
| High School _____ | City Employee _____ | Employed at _____ | Dry Cleaners _____ |
| Hospital/Medical Facility _____ | Club President _____ | Store Cashier _____ | Electrical Supplies _____ |
| Local Band _____ | Coach _____ | Employed at _____ | Electronics _____ |
| Middle School _____ | Employed at _____ | Sunday School Teacher _____ | Eyewear _____ |
| Place to camp out _____ | Dental Hygiene _____ | Teaches at _____ | Exterminating _____ |
| | Dentist _____ | Surgeon _____ | Financial Institutions _____ |
| | Electrician _____ | Employed at _____ | Financing _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | Sunday School Teacher _____ | Floor Coverings _____ |
| | EMT/Paramedic _____ | Teaches at _____ | Florist _____ |
| | Firefighter _____ | Waitress/Waiter _____ | Funeral Home _____ |
| | Funeral Home Attendant _____ | Employed at _____ | Furniture _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | Veterinarian _____ | Gas Station _____ |
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| | General Physician _____ | | Grocery Store _____ |
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| | Employed at _____ | | Hearing Aids _____ |
| | Heating/Air Service Room _____ | | Home Decorating _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Insurance Agency _____ |
| | Insurance Agent _____ | | Janitorial Service _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Jewelry _____ |
| | Jeweler _____ | | Landscaping _____ |
| | Law Enforcement Officer _____ | | Laundromat _____ |
| | Loan Officer _____ | | Manufacturing _____ |
| | Mechanic _____ | | Mine Supply _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Mining Company _____ |
| | Nurse _____ | | Mobile Home _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Motel/Hotel _____ |
| | Optometrist _____ | | Motorcycles/ATV _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Newspaper _____ |
| | Painter _____ | | Office Supplies _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Oil Changes _____ |
| | Pastor/Priest _____ | | Pharmacy _____ |
| | Pastor of _____ | | Plumbing _____ |
| | Pharmacist _____ | | Real Estate Agency _____ |
| | Photographer _____ | | Rental Items _____ |
| | Physical Therapist _____ | | Restaurant _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Retail Store _____ |
| | Plumber _____ | | Security _____ |
| | Employed at _____ | | Sewing/Alterations _____ |
| | Politician _____ | | Tanning Salon _____ |
| | Principal _____ | | Tire Store _____ |
| | | | Tools & Supplies _____ |
| | | | Truck Dealership _____ |
| | | | Videos _____ |

BEST FOOD

- Biscuits _____
- Brand of Soft Drink _____
- Burgers _____
- Catering _____
- Chicken _____
- Chinese Food _____
- Decorated Cake _____
- Fish and Seafood _____
- French Fries _____
- Fresh Meat for Grilling _____
- Home Cookin' _____
- Hot Dogs _____
- Ice Cream _____
- Kid's Meal _____
- Mexican Food _____
- Onion Rings _____
- Pizza _____
- Salad Bar _____
- Shakes/Malts _____
- Steaks _____

BEST PEOPLE

- Accountant _____
- Attorney _____
- Bank Teller _____
- Employed at _____
- Barber _____
- Employed at _____
- Massage Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Physicians Asst. _____
- Employed at _____
- Pastor/Priest _____
- Pastor of _____
- Pharmacist _____
- Photographer _____
- Physical Therapist _____
- Employed at _____
- Plumber _____
- Employed at _____
- Politician _____
- Principal _____

BEST PLACE TO PURCHASE

- Athletic Shoes _____
- Auto-Body Repairs _____
- Cabinets _____
- Carpet _____
- Dairy Items _____
- Dress Shoes _____
- Frozen Foods _____
- Health & Beauty Aids _____
- Home Health Care Needs _____
- Home Mortgage Loan _____
- Kids Clothing _____
- Men's Clothing _____
- Pet Supplies _____
- Produce _____
- School Supplies _____
- Shoe Repair _____
- Stereo _____
- TV-VCR Repair _____
- Used Automobiles _____
- Vinyl _____
- Women's Clothing _____

BEST BUSINESS

- Appliances _____
- Auto Parts _____
- Beauty Salon _____

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YOUR VOTE COUNTS!!!

Schools, Churches, Clubs...anyone...do all you can do, see that your favorite people and places win! It's part of the fun! Remember, vote as many times as you wish using an original ballot. No copies of this ballot will be accepted.

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Floyd County Devotional Page

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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Lorie Vannucci, Minister.

In Victory Assembly of God, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship Service, 11:00 & 6:30; Wednesday Evening, 6:30; Gary Stanley, Pastor.

New Bethel Assembly of God, Burning Fork Rd., Salyersville; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Arthur (Sam) Smith, Minister.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile S. of Prestonsburg, intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; J.M. Sloce, Minister.

BAPTIST

Allen First Baptist, Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Arnold Turner, Minister.

Auxier Freewill Baptist, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

Benedict Baptist, Slick Rock Branch, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Gordon Fitch, Minister.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tracy Patton, Minister.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Baptist Student Union, J 102; Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.; Vera Joiner, 886-3863, ext. 67267.

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road, Bonanza; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Jimmy D. Brown, Minister.

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Roger Music, Minister.

Calvary Southern Baptist, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Doug Lewis, Minister.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Paul D. Coleman, Minister.

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Nathan Lafferty, Minister.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Services; Saturday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday morning, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 7 p.m.; Henry Lewis, Minister.

Drift Freewill Baptist, Drift; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Jim Fields, Minister.

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Church every Sun, Morning 11:15 a.m.; Wed. evening Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Third Sun. evening Service, 6 p.m.; First Sat. evening Service, 7 p.m. Hobert Meek, Pastor, welcomes everyone.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Free United Baptist, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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

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

Garrett Regular Baptist, Route 550, Garrett; Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Willie Crace, pastor; Assist. Larry Patton. Phone 958-4275.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

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

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

Return to your Bible

I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

Ephesians 1:16

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

METHODIST

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Road, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Mid-week Service, 7 p.m.; Sunday Evening Service held on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 6 p.m.; Larry J. Penix, Minister.

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

Salisbury United Methodist, Printer; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

Wayland United Methodist, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

Drift Presbyterian, Route 1101, Drift; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. Rev. Mike Chamberlin, interim pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Church Service, 9:15; Sabbath School, 10:45; John Baker, Pastor, 358-9263; Church, 886-3459, leave message. Everyone welcome!

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OTHER

Pastor Atha Johnson welcomes everyone to attend services at the **CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY TRAM KENTUCKY.** Sunday school 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m.

Drift Independent, Drift, Sunday, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Prestonsburg, (next to old flea market), Sunday School, 10 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Bill Stukenberg, Pastor 889-0905.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Don Shepherd, Minister.

Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Randy Hagans, Minister.

Faith Worship Center, US 460, Paintsville; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Thursday, 6 p.m.; Buddy and Maude Frye, Minister.

Full Gospel Community, (formerly of Martin) moved to Old Allen; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6:30 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Lavonne Lafferty, Minister.

Lighthouse Temple, Main St. and Hall St.; Worship Service, 12 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday/Friday, 7 p.m.; Roy Cosby, Minister.

Living Water Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 3, just before Thunder Ridge; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m. Pastor: Curt Howard

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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130 - Cars

CAR FOR SALE
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150-MISC

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EMPLOYMENT

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210-JOB LISTINGS

JOB OPENING
 Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. is seeking qualified applicants for the position of a Receptionist. The position is for twenty hours per week. Must be at least 21 years old. (Senior citizens) are welcome. Phone 1800-444-RIDE/7433, or write to SVTS AT 81 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-7850 for an applicant for employment and more information. SVTS is an equal opportunity emp

JOB OPENING
 Wright lumber company has a job opening for inside sales person. Must be energetic, neat in appearance and willing to work. Apply in person at the Martin location. No phone calls please.

HELP WANTED
 Mountain Manor of Painstville is taking applications for dietary Aid.e. Excellent wages and benefits. Apply

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JOB OPENING
 Alice Lloyd college in Pippa passes, ky is seeking an adjunct instructor to teach introduction to political science in the fall semester, and american government in the spring semester of 2006-07. Candidate must have a graduate degree in political Science. Contact Dean Marylee James, 100 Purpose Road, Pippa Passes KY 41844 or call 606-368-6061.

JOB OPENING
 Alice Lloyd College in Pippa passes, KY is seeking an adjunct instructor to teach introduction to philosophy in the fall semester, and Philosophy of religion in the spring semester of 2006-07. Candidate must have a graduate degree in Pippa Passes KY 41844 or call 606-368-6061.

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 Housekeeping position. Good pat, day shift only. Apply in person at Super 8 motel in Prestonsburg .No phone calls please.

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350-MISC

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HOUSE FOR SALE
 3 BE house + 2 acre lot hill side approximately 4 acres with lumber on state road 1426 4 miles from HW. 8 miles from pikeville hospital off road and 3 car parking space. Can see at 2458 Toller Creek, Herald call 219-937-9545.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 Located at Wheelwright, KY two houses with one in need of repair, large barn, two Car garage with upstairs. One building for commercial use with blacktop parking, also blacktop parking for both homes. One home has approx 1,200 Sq. Ft. The other home has approx. 3000 Sq Ft. with Approx. 0 acres of land. call 606-789-9780.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 3 BR 2 BA Brick house at 23 North Riverview Lane, Prestonsburg, KY. Call 886-8991 or 226-3565.

HOUSE FOR SALE
 Prestonsburg- Approx 1560 sq. ft. 3 br 2 1/2 ba. Hardwood, large screened porch, fenced back yard, 175 ft. lot. Dead end street. Mature trees. 89,900 Days 874-4307 evenings 886-2680

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 Located on Rt 122. Fives miles from Martin. 3 BR 1 BA brick home. Full basement 4 car garage on level lot. Call 932-3274. asking \$89,900

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550-Lands/Lots

TRAILER SPACE FOR RENT
 Located at Spradlin Branch near Prestonsburg. Call 889-0363.

LOTS FOR SALE
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610-APARTMENT

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630-HOUSES

HOUSE FOR RENT
 3 br house Lancer/Prestonsburg \$100 pr week phone 478-5389 or 477-1707

HOUSE FOR RENT
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 Applications may be obtained at 283 Goble Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 and returned to that same address with copies of transcripts and license by close of business on July 28, 2006.
 Must have current valid driver's license. Criminal background checks are required.

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4) The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, and requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky. 40601

Kentucky 41102, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 154.00 acres, located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo, in Floyd County.

2) The proposed operation is located approximately 0.2 mile northwest of KY 850 junction with CR 1288, and located on Prater Branch.

3) The proposed amendment 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 and highwall/thin seam mining. The surface area is owned by Appalachian Resources, LLC, Big Branch Holding Company, LLC, Grady Stephens, Darrell Stephens, Sherri Allen, Abe Shepherd Heirs, and Mysania Moore.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-0320

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Appalachian Fuels, LLC, 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, Kentucky 41102, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation, affecting 154.00 acres, located 2.2 miles northwest of Hippo, in Floyd County.

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4) This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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