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briefs

Man gets eight years for escape

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A man who tried to escape from the Floyd County Detention Center last summer was sentenced to eight years in jail Wednesday, after pleading guilty in April to charges of escape and assault on two staff at the facility.

Delmar Kendrick Jr., 28, of Left Beaver, tried to break out of the facility alongside another inmate, Roman Johnson, last July. He appeared serene at his sentencing and joked with the court about getting the ages of his parents wrong when he was interviewed by the Department of Probation and Parole.

Kendrick's associate, Johnson, managed to escape by slipping through a property intake box. He was cornered by authorities in Florida several months later and took his own life rather than face incarceration.

Kendrick never made it out of the jail. He and Johnson were able to overpower two guards and imprison them in a cell when the guards came

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W'wright officials to appear in court

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

HAZARD — The city council of Wheelwright will be back in court this morning to defend themselves against charges that they violated a court order when they fired a member of the city's Utility Commission.

The motion, which will be heard in Perry Circuit Court at 9 a.m., asks that he city reinstate the utility commissioner and further seeks a contempt of court ruling against the council for violating the court order.

The city had lacked a Utility Commission for several months but created one in October when a suit was filed

by city residents accusing the city of mishandling gas bills and letting them grow to over \$100,000. The suit was filed after the commission raised gas rates by two-thirds, claiming that Hurricane Katrina was responsible for the hike.

After a hearing in Floyd County Circuit Court a special receiver was appointed to negotiate with Equitable Gas

over the arrearage and also was given the power to negotiate with other gas companies.

The city is accused of violating Perry Circuit Judge Bill Engle's order, issued in November, that expressly stated that "The Wheelwright City Commission is hereby

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PROMOTING HORSES



Mayor Jerry Fannin and Director of Economic Development, Brent Graden look over the number of stalls in just one of two buildings at the new horse park. Each building will contain 112 stalls.

photo by Laura Barrett

Prestonsburg nearly ready to open new horse park

by LAURA BARRETT
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — On June 17, the currently named Prestonsburg Horse Park will have its first show.

The new horse park will be located across from the sports center at Stone Crest. It is currently under construction, but when finished it will consist of: 224 stalls, seating for 2,000, a

show ring and a warm-up ring.

Grants have been requested for future equine and walking trails. The park will be used primarily for walking and racking shows.

"There will be five or six shows this year, with room for growth," said Brent Graden, director of economic development for the city.

"Archer Park (horse ring) will still be used," said Mayor Jerry Fannin.

Despite occasional flooding at Archer Park, the ring can still be used and is used rather frequently.

"They both add a lot to the community, said Graden. "We're going to continue to support both."

The building of a second horse park in Prestonsburg will help support the growth of the equine industry in the area.

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AG subpoenas records from oil companies

Stumbo's office investigating price gouging

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — State investigators have issued subpoenas to 43 petroleum companies, wholesalers and retail gasoline stations in a probe that's focusing on possible price gouging.

Attorney General Greg Stumbo said records are being sought from 30 retail gasoline stations and 13 petroleum companies and wholesalers that either refine or distribute fuel for Kentucky motorists.

"We're sending a message to the industry," Stumbo said. "You're going to play by the rules if you're going to play in Kentucky."

That message was delivered at a press conference in Frankfort on Wednesday, with gasoline prices hovering at nearly \$3 a gallon.

The investigation began last August when gasoline prices in some parts of the state increased to more than \$3 a gallon in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Stumbo called on the governor to declare a state of emergency, an action that triggered a Kentucky law allowing investigators from his office to determine whether retailers were inappropriately charging higher gas prices.

The law mandates that no supplier of essential consumer products, like gasoline, can increase prices after an emergency to a level "grossly in excess" to the price before the emergency occurred.

Todd Leatherman, director of the attorney general's consumer protection division, said if the investigation turns up evidence of price gouging, the companies could be fined up to \$5,000 per violation. Leatherman said each sale would be considered a violation of the law if price gouging is proven.

Lawmakers in Washington are considering legislation that would impose far more stringent criminal and civil penalties on energy companies caught price gouging. Under the legislation, refiners and wholesalers could face penalties of up to \$150 million, retailers could be sanctioned up to \$2 million.

Kentucky investigators declined to identify the com-

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Today



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Tomorrow



High: 72 • Low: 47

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Community marks National Week of Prayer

by LAURA BARRETT
STAFF WRITER



Rev. Mike Chamberlin reads a section of the New Testament for "Reading of God's Word", which took place Tuesday through Thursday this week.

PRESTONSBURG — If you drove through town earlier this week, you may have noticed a gathering on the stage at the municipal parking lot.

The banners put up read "Reading of God's Word". Nine local churches had volunteers read sections of the New Testament and in three days all of the New Testament had been read aloud.

"Read the word over the land and it will be healed," said volunteer Linda Stevens, of Praise Assembly, who read Wednesday afternoon.

The event was planned to mark the

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Retired teachers, high school senior honors English students and various community members convened at May Lodge Wednesday morning to help judge Young Authors program submissions for the Floyd County School System. Young Authors is a writing program conducted each year by the school system to help strengthen student writing skills and fuel the imaginative process. A special awards ceremony will be presented this Sunday afternoon, at 2 p.m., at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. In honor of the program's 20th anniversary, all former Young Authors winners are invited back for special recognition. Former winners may bring their winning books along with them. Michelle Y. Green, an acclaimed writer of children's books, will be the guest speaker for the event.

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Penny K Hinkle, 39, of Hazard, to Walter C. Dingus, 44, of Duluth, Minn.
 Paula Kaye Harris, 37, of Prestonsburg, to Allen Dale McCarty, 45, of Knox, Tenn.
 Shenna Marie Moore, 22, to Jonathan Lee Hall, both of Prestonsburg.
 Loretta Dotson, 43, of Dixon, Tenn., to Steven Castle, 43, of McDowell.
 Amanda Gail Campbell, 29, of Pikeville, to Freddy Vaughn Collett, 45, of Pinesville.

Civil Suits Filed

MBNA America Bank vs. D. Stapleton; to confirm and enforce arbitration reward.
 Sheila Jackson vs. Jennifer Patrick; petition for health care insurance.
 Michael Mason vs. Angela Mason; petition of dissolution of marriage.
 Barbara Ferrell vs. Ricky Ferrell; petition for dissolution of marriage.
 Frank Johnson vs. Thomas E. Stewart; for damages stemming from an auto accident.
 Chase Manhattan Bank vs. Rachel Turner; petition to confirm and enforce terms of arbitration.
 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Incorporated vs. Chad and Crystal L. Crace; complaint to foreclose security interest.

Small Claims Filings

Capital One Bank vs. James D. Alley; to collect a debt.
 Capital One F.S.B. vs. Jessica Hall; to collect a debt.
 Aperitivo vs James E. Reid; to collect a debt.
 Capital one Bank vs. Sandra Baldrige; to collect a debt incurred through a credit arrangement.
 Boulder Credit Services Incorporated vs. Orville Tackett Jr.; to collect damages incurred

form credit arrangement.

Charges Filed

Kenneth Perry, 39, of Banner; aggravated assault, terroristic threatening.
 Kyle Ray Waddle, 24, of Prestonsburg; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, reckless driving, failure to wear seat belt, speeding 26 mph over limit.
 Melissa Thacker, 25, of Shelbiana; theft by unlawful taking.
 Robert Skeans, 21, of Martin; speeding 25 mph over established limit, operating an ATV without proper head gear, expired plates, expired registration, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs, driving on a DUI-suspended license, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct.
 Elery Parsons, 49, of Harold; terroristic threatening, menacing.
 Danny Burchett, 51, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication.
 Josh Harris, 25, of Lewisville, Texas; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Jeff Scott Gibson, 39, of Mousie; unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Leta J. Griffith, 36, of Ivel; criminal trespassing.
 Douglas Dwayne Martin, 37, of Grethel; harassing communications.
 Paula Chandler, 55, of Prestonsburg; harassment.
 Donnie Joe Shepherd, 43, of Printer; fourth-degree assault.
 Roy M. Reynolds, 27, of Wallingford; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, criminal trespassing.
 James Robert Vick, 23, of Pine Top; public intoxication, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeremy Boyd, 23, of Ivel; alcohol intoxication.
 Bill Hall, 59, of Mount Sterling; alcohol intoxication.
 Jeffrey Rister, 40, of Garrett; unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Kathy Young, 37, of Garrett; unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Heather Lewis, 26, of Eastern; unlawful transaction with a minor.
 Steven Way Howard, 44, of Garrett; unlawful transaction with a minor, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
 Lenny Johnson, 41, of Virgie; criminal trespassing, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Danny Sullivan, 38, of Warsaw, Ind.; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Elza L. Sullivan, 64, of Hi Hat; alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.

Inspections

Country Kitchen, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers not easy to find in units used to maintain product temperature, ice scoop handle stored in contact with ice, clean plates and utensils stored improperly, floors in prep area in need of repair. Score: 94.
 C & R Grocery, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometer in reach in freezer not operational, some food items stored on floor of walk-in, fruits and vegetables need to be stored at least 6 inches from floor, no paper towels at hand sink in restroom, floor in need of cleaning and repair. Score: 92.
 Double Kwik, Ivel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Various items stored improperly, door of walk-in freezer in disrepair, no test strips at three-compartment sink, no towels at hand sink in food prep area, floors in need of repair, lights not shielded above range and fryers, wiping cloths stored improperly. Score: Food 88, Retail 93.
 Boyd's Grocery, Banner, regular inspection. Violations noted: Upright cooler lacks thermometer, no chemical test strips at three-compartment sink, restroom door not self-closing, lights in food prep area improperly shielded. Score: Food 96, Retail 97.
 Smith's Grocery, Banner, regular inspection. Violations noted: Bottom of upright cooler rusted, restroom door not self-closing, lights in cooler and at three-compartment sink improperly shielded. Score: 95.
 Renos, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Conspicuous thermometers not present in all cooler and freezer units, ice scoop improperly stored, no chemical test strips on premises, wiping cloths improperly stored, single-service articles stored in contact with floor, floor tiles in disrepair, walls and ceilings in need of cleaning, wet mop stored in contact with floor. Score: 90.
 Snacks & More, Langley, regular inspection. Violations noted: Floors in disrepair, walls and ceilings in disrepair. Score:

98.
Property Transfers
 Joyce and Taulbee Barnett to Betty and Fulton Meadows, property location undisclosed.
 Sheldon Barnett to Charlotte and Jesse Goble, property location undisclosed.
 Fred Bingham to Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission, property located at Lick Branch.
 Charles Gregory to Kevin Watts and Rachel Woods, property located at Samp Johnson Farm.
 Kristin Hall to Matthew Scott Hall, property location undisclosed.
 Theda and Walter Hamilton to Brandy and Jason Bentley, property location undisclosed.
 Avonell Harris to Dallas and Lula Dillion, property located at Brandy Keg Creek.

Ethel and Johnny Johnson to Alexandra Tackett, property located at Clear Creek.
 Doug and Eula Lawson to Kevin Watts and Rachel Woods, property located at Samp Johnson Farm.
 Michael and Brandi Murriel to Larry and Stella Watson, property located at Prater Creek.
 Larry D. Music to Jimmy Harvey, property located at Auxier.
 Freeman and Melva Newman to Melva Newman, property located at Hi Hat.
 Harold and Susan Newsome to Adam and Heather Tackett, property located at Big Mud.
 Matthew Ford and Rikki Slone to Tonya Nichols and Ollie Morris Ward, property located at Turner Branch.
 Helen and Johnny Stewart to Dennis and Randal Halbert,

property located at Printer.
 Pamela and Winford Wilburn to Estate of Earrit Hayes, property location undisclosed.

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Prayer

National Week of Prayer.
 "We had a very good response," said Frances Cooley, of Community United Methodist, who was asked to organize the readings by Pastor Steve Pescosolido.
 Thursday was the National Day of Prayer, a day set aside for people all across the country pray for the nation. In Prestonsburg, people gathered on the steps of the courthouse around noon to participate in a prayer service planned by the

Floyd County Ministerial Association. About 40 people gathered for 30 minutes of prayer.
 Mark Walz, president of the Ministerial Association, was there to guide the prayer service. Again, volunteers led each prayer. Subjects of prayer included the country, spiritual leaders, and families.
 "I've been really impressed by the willingness of the different churches to come together and do this," Cooley said.

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Horse park

"We have people in this area with World Championship horses," Fannin said.
 City officials believe the Prestonsburg Horse Park will bring customers to hospitality businesses in the area and keep Prestonsburg's economy growing.
 "We want to show people that we have a lot to offer," Graden said, as he walked around the

soon-to-be horse park. The smell of the wood is thick as he stands in one of the stables that is almost complete.
 The horse park is being funded by state grants, which were received six months ago. These funds are coming from a different source than those for the sports center across the street.
 "Have patience," Graden said. "We'll get it finished."
 The sports center is predicted to be complete by the end of the year — "Hopefully with time for a few celebratory games," Graden says.

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Guest View

Editorial roundup

Dayton (Ohio) Daily News, on gas crisis:

A first look at President George W. Bush's prescriptions for the nation's latest gas-price crisis suggests he's suddenly going bipartisan. ... The presidential list is mainly for show. Mr. Bush almost grants that when he concedes that gas prices will continue to be high all summer. ... There's a problem with any quick fix: It could obscure the need for a long-term approach. ... Fortunately, the current surge in gas prices comes when the economy is strong. Most Americans can deal with it. ...

But what's most important now is not getting through a crisis, but getting serious about a long-term approach to the energy issue, an approach that entails some sacrifices.

The Wichita (Kan.) Eagle, on America's addiction to oil:

When gas prices started to go north this spring, President Bush and others in the federal government turned to the talking points that had worked pretty well during the post-Katrina surge. Supply and demand. Soaring usage in China and India. Fears about Iran's nuclear program and other supply disruptions. New U.S. refineries needed. Ditto drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Reason to stay the course in Iraq. Still cheaper than in Europe and elsewhere. Government doing what little it can. Most of which is true, as far as it goes. But that does not go far enough for many exasperated drivers this time. ... Many consumers now see red on this issue, making it difficult to see how it all could be evidence of a fair and free market at work.

This being a midterm election year, the president and lawmakers have gotten newly serious about sounding serious on gas prices, too. ... If there is something meaningful Congress and the White House can do in the short term, they should do it. More scrutiny of price gouging and encouragement of alternative energy development are warranted. But there are some questionable ideas being floated on both sides of the aisle.

For example, both the GOP proposal to mail a \$100 rebate check to each taxpayer (tied to ANWR drilling) and the Democrats' call for a 60-day suspension of the federal gasoline tax and diesel tax sound costly to implement. And Bush's decision to stop filling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve finds him guilty of flip-flopping, and with an action that experts say won't have much impact on supply.

More likely, this surge in prices probably will pass, and drivers will return to their complacency. If so, that will be another opportunity lost. If the United States is as "addicted to oil" as Bush said it is during the State of the Union address - and it is - what it needs is the leadership to kick the habit, through a moon shot-like initiative on energy independence. As entanglements such as Iraq should have taught us by now, too, finding new ways to power our country also could serve the goal of securing it.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer, on Boomers looming:

Listen. There's a sound off in the not-too-distant future. It's muffled now, but it's there, like the faint rumble of a thunderstorm in the next county. It's the sound of 78 million baby boomers marching toward retirement.

But the real noise will begin when they realize that the Social Security and Medicare programs for which they've so long paid and on which they've so long expected to depend won't have enough money.

The Bush administration on Monday released projections that the entitlement programs will be insolvent sooner than earlier predicted; Social Security by 2040, Medicare by 2018.

Even those lifespans depend on the two programs' trust funds, which are actually government IOUs that can be redeemed only by tax increases, spending cuts or more borrowing.

A more crucial date is the point at which the annual costs of the programs exceed annual revenues from taxes and premiums. For Social Security, that's 2017. For Medicare, that's this year.

If there is a bright side, it is that Medicare's fiscal plight might be a timely incentive for examination of a universal health care plan.

"Congress and the president cannot afford to wait until a crisis is imminent to take action," according to watchdog Concord Coalition, "the consequences of inaction are dire. ... These reports should be a wake-up call to get our fiscal house in order and fast."

Fat chance. The solvency reports were greeted in Congress with the usual partisan potshots meant to play to the gallery in an election year.

Driver Distractions



Guest Column

Oil feeding frenzy

by SHELDON RICHMAN

The feeding frenzy in Washington over oil prices and profits may win pander-points for cynical politicians, but it takes the public's eye off the ball.

The regular outcry over rising prices, which, you'll notice, requires a previous period of falling prices, highlights some fascinating puzzles. For example, there is a considerable gaggle of folks who think world oil production is reaching its peak and will soon decline. If that is correct, then where's the mystery in rising prices? Furthermore, if the "peak oil" theory were correct, there would be no need for oil executives to conspire to gouge the public. In fact, the peak-oil theory is wrong. People have been predicting imminent exhaustion of world oil reserves since shortly after the first reserves were discovered. The world is actually awash in oil, not only the conventional kind, but other kinds, such as shale and tar sand.

But if there's plenty of oil, shouldn't that rehabilitate the collusion theory? Occam's Razor says no: explanations

should be kept as simple as possible. If two equally satisfactory explanations account for a phenomenon, but one is more complex than the other, common sense says to go with the simpler.

Outright collusion might explain rising prices, but that's a more-complex explanation than the combination of things going on that already account for the price rise. The list has been enumerated many times: increased demand from newly growing economies (China and India, for example); troubles in oil-producing nations (Iraq, Iran, Venezuela, Nigeria); President Bush's continuing military threat in the Middle East; the depreciating dollar fueled by deficit spending; environmental regulations that mandate different kinds of gasoline in different states at different times of year (yet do little to clean the air); conservation mandates (ethanol) that raise costs; government ownership of land and offshore locations, prohibiting exploration and drilling. The list could be extended.

In other words, if you are an oil exec, you don't have to collude. World events are doing your work for you. Besides, collusion is risky; you might get caught. Repeated investigations have failed to

uncover evidence of price fixing. And the spot oil market behaves in a way that suggests the lack of collusion.

Nor do large, even record, profits prove collusion. A profit figure says nothing if you don't know the sales figure. A large profit that amounts to ten cents or less on the dollar isn't so extraordinary. Oil is a heavily used commodity produced by a complicated industry requiring large-scale capital investment. Even so, profits have not always been so attractive. Much of the time profit rates have been below those of other industries. It's even true in some cases today.

But this doesn't mean all is well with oil (pun not intended but noted), and that's why I say the Washington caterwauling misdirects us from where we should be looking. The talk about punitive taxes, forced conservation, mandated auto fuel economy (which encourages driving and endangers lives), and subsidies to alternative fuels distracts us from seeing that our mixed economy exists to ensure the health of large, politically connected companies that fear free competition in the unfettered marketplace. Practically from the start, the

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At the Movies: 'Mission: Impossible 3'

by CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP MOVIE CRITIC

Tom Cruise is so much more than just tabloid fodder and the father of Katie Holmes' baby.

Sometimes he's also a movie star — "the most exciting and successful star in the world," if you choose to accept the hype for "Mission: Impossible III," which isn't so much the latest sequel in an astronomical summer franchise as it is a replay of some of Cruise's best-known hits.

Taking over as director after Brian De Palma and John Woo, J.J. Abrams does put his own enormously successful stylistic stamp on the series. "M:I:3" often feels like an extended, sweeps-period episode of Abrams' "Alias"; the action moves so swiftly and skillfully, you don't realize you're watching a two-hour-plus film.

Abrams, who also created the TV series "Felicity" and "Lost," tries to instill within these characters an interior life we hadn't seen in the previous two films. (Cruise's Secret Agent Ethan Hunt keeps his identity hidden from his fiancée by pretending he's a traffic analyst — yeah, right — when he's actually off on adventures with his partners, played by Ving Rhames, Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Maggie Q.) And as you'd expect, some of the toys and



"Mission: Impossible III," a Paramount Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of frenetic violence and menace, disturbing images and some sexuality. Running time: 127 minutes.

Two stars out of four.

twists are coolly clever and amusing.

But time and time again, Cruise goes back to being Cruise, which distracts you from the fact that he's supposed to be a spy trying to track down and take out international weapons dealer Owen Davian (played by Philip Seymour Hoffman — that's right, Academy Award winner Philip Seymour Hoffman).

A scene at an airport finds Cruise disguised as an overgrown hippie in a knit cap, denim jacket and bad facial hair, as if he'd just left the set of "Born on the Fourth of July." Later we see him prowling the dark hallways of a shabby Shanghai apartment building, like something out of "Minority Report."

He's constantly running, which also is reminiscent of "Minority Report" and its mantra, "Everybody runs," or any number of Cruise vehicles,

including "The Firm," "Jerry Maguire" and "War of the Worlds." Hoffman's presence, meanwhile, calls to mind the first time he and Cruise paired up in "Magnolia," one of the most charismatic performances of Cruise's career.

And then of course there is the obvious homage to the original "Mission: Impossible": Suspended by cables, Ethan sprawls out in the air and drops down, his belly just barely hovering above the ground.

Cruise is the same guy with the same look on his face all the time: part panic, part adrenaline rush, his eyes lightly squinting and his mouth slightly agape. He could be scared, he could be in love. Same thing.

Oh, and the woman he loves on screen, played by Michelle Monaghan, looks eerily like Holmes, the woman he loves off screen.

Maybe all these allusions are intentional in the script from

Abrams and his "Alias" co-writers Alex Kurtzman and Roberto Orci; if so, they're too cutesy. Or maybe it's just inevitable that when you've starred in about a film a year for the past 25 years, you're bound to revisit some of the same territory. Either way, this phenomenon of self-reference only serves as a reminder of how little range Cruise has.

Not that you're looking for range when you walk into a movie like this. You don't care whether the plot is sufficiently developed or the villain is believably menacing. (And he's not — you never know enough about Davian to have any reason to truly fear him, which is a complete waste of Hoffman, the best actor the film's got.)

No, you want explosions. You want car chases and shootouts. You want dazzling, gravity-defying stunts. Well, you've got those.

A firefight on the Chesapeake Bay Bridge involving Ethan and his partners goes on too long, but it does feature somersaulting, exploding sport utility vehicles, a rocket-firing drone and a helicopter packed with elite bad guys squeezing off rounds from automatic rifles. If you're into that sort of thing.

But some of the action sequences in "M:I:3" can be jaw-droppingly thrilling, notably the one in which Ethan swings through the night from

the top of one Shanghai skyscraper to another before sliding face-first down an angled glass roof.

Ultimately, though, when he comes to a breathless, abrupt halt, you realize: It's Tom

Cruise. They're not going to kill Tom Cruise.

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Rental Central

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

A slow week saw only three new releases, but an unearthed effort that never hit the big screen finally got a home video debut.

"The Family Stone" — Mean spirited comedy that delivers on the laughs for viewers with a dark sense of humor. Uncomfortable is the theme here, as a young woman journeys to meet her prospective in-laws and is understandably anx-

ious about the encounter. Things go from bad to worse however when her boyfriend's sister poisons the well for her before she even arrives. If you ever wanted to see Sarah Jessica Parker squirm for 90 minutes then this is the movie for you. Costarring turns from Diane Keaton, Luke Wilson and Claire Danes round out the cast.

"Hoodwinked" — Animated films meet murder mysteries in this effort that treats the tale of Little Red Riding Hood as a police procedural which is told

via flashbacks, a la "The Usual Suspects," as all of the characters from the story are questioned by an inspector. Lots of pop cultural references make this an easy pill for parents to swallow too.

"The Last Holiday" — Queen Latifah gets more laughs than the script merits in this comedy which focuses on a woman who takes her dream vacation when she is incorrectly diagnosed as terminally ill. Latifah makes this one shine, even though we've seen this movie before. An eclectic supporting cast helps

with turns by L.L. Cool J, Gerard Depardieu and Timothy Hutton.

"Tales from the Crypt: Ritual" — The third film from the Cryptkeeper finally gets a release after gathering dust since 2001. Jennifer Grey ("Dirty Dancing") stars as a disgraced doctor who is forced to take a nursing job for a strange patient in Jamaica. When she arrives she finds that medicine may not be the cure for her charge, who appears to be suffering from the lingering after-effects of a voodoo curse.

Next week look for Stephen Spielberg's "Munich" and Martin Lawrence in "Big Momma's House 2."



Allen Central Middle School sent three teams to Science Olympiad Regional competition. The school came away with first- and second-place trophies and fifth place recognition. Also, the school placed in the top 10 at state competition in Bowling Green. Several students received first-, second- and third-place medals at the state level. Coaches are head coach Greg Nichols and Stanton Watson, Rebecca Ratliff, Clyde Hamilton, Shirley Hamilton and Angie Carrier.

I'm Gary Wolfe, I'm running for Constable in Dist. 1. If elected I will patrol your streets & hollows of Dist. 1 to try to reduce the crime and drugs.

Thank you,
Gary Wolfe

Pol. Adv. paid by Gary Wolfe

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AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

The Honorable Paul Hunt Thompson, Floyd County Judge/Executive
Honorable Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk
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Independent Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of revenues, expenditures, and excess fees - regulatory basis of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2005. This financial statement is the responsibility of the County Clerk. 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 County Clerk'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 County Clerk 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 March 21, 2006, on our consideration of the County Clerk'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 County Clerk 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 specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy James
Auditor of Public Accounts

Audit fieldwork completed-
March 21, 2006

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Sheriff John K Blackburn
Floyd County

KCPP assessors to address vulnerabilities and recommend improvements in Pikeville

A team of Kentucky Community Preparedness Program assessors will be in Pikeville from Monday, May 8, to Friday, May 12, scrutinizing the community's preparedness levels, and offering recommendations to make the community safer.

Working closely with local law enforcement and community leaders, the team will conduct vulnerability assessments to identify the community's weaknesses. It will scrutinize the community's infrastructure, including schools, water plants, communications systems and government buildings. The assessors will analyze facilities, structures and security policies and their relationship to each other, and will then offer recommendations for security improvements.

"This is the state's premier homeland security initiative," said Governor Ernie Fletcher. "We amassed a team of experienced and knowledgeable assessors, and they are taking their fresh perspectives across Kentucky to help identify weaknesses and give our communi-

ties the information and resources they need to strengthen their security and to become ready and prepared for any act of mass violence."

Communities that complete the entire assessment process and show that they have made steps toward improving security will be certified as a Prepared Kentucky Community and will be eligible to be reimbursed up to \$10,000 for making recommended changes.

Pikeville's is among the assessments in the program's second year. The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security originally funded the KCPP with \$2.4-million grant to perform 60 assessments during 2005. After its highly successful first year, the program received an additional \$1.2 million to fund 30 community assessments in 2006.

"The Kentucky Community Preparedness Program has proved a tremendous success by improving the security of our state's small- and medium-sized communities and has become a vital investment in the safety of every Kentuckian," said Alecia

Webb-Edgington, director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. "This office looks forward to continue building the partnerships that are working to ensure our communities, first responders and families are ready and prepared."

The Kentucky Community Preparedness Program is the Department of Criminal Justice Training's homeland security initiative that strengthens the security of Kentucky communities by locating and eliminating potential vulnerabilities. It focuses on hostile acts and crime in small- and medium-sized communities through a system of risk assessments and recommendations for improved security. By looking at a community as a whole instead of just looking at individual components, local officials are able to allocate resources and funds

to the areas where they are most needed.

"When people think about terrorism they usually think internationally, but the truth is domestic terrorists, whether that be in the form of a local extremist group or someone opening fire in a school or business, could cause just as much devastation to a community, and that is really where we are focusing," said KCPP Team Leader Drexel Neal. "We will go wherever mass casualties could happen in a community. Our assessors will make simple and sometimes inexpensive recommendations that could mean the difference between life and death in a hostile situation. By going through this process a community is helping to prepare itself from any kind of catastrophic event, whether it is an attack or a natural disaster."

Gouging

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panies being looked at in their probe.

Marathon Petroleum Co. LLC, which operates a refinery near Catlettsburg, has been asked to provide information to the attorney general's office, said spokeswoman Linda Casey. Casey said Wednesday afternoon that the Ohio-based company did not engage in price gouging.

"I can honestly tell you that we do not break the law," she said. "The oil and gas industry has been investigated more than 30 times over the last several decades by federal and state agencies, and we have never been found guilty of gouging, collusion or any other price fixing."

Stumbo said his office wants to look at records from specific companies because he believes

other evidence, including profits reported by major oil companies and the quick rise in gas prices after the hurricanes, could suggest price gouging.

"The information we have gathered so far strongly suggests that oil refiners and middlemen have taken advantage of a national crisis, and consumers are paying the price at the pump," Stumbo said.

AAA, the automobile club that monitors gas prices, said the statewide average in Kentucky now stands at \$2.81.

Ann Belcher, spokesman for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky, said the probe by the attorney general's office is welcomed.

"We think it's a good thing just to make sure prices are fair at the pumps and to maintain fair prices," she said.

Escape

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around with evening medications, but they didn't factor in that a sheriff's deputy was also in the facility fingerprinting a prisoner. When Deputy Delmas Johnson heard a commotion, he asked his subject to stay in the fingerprinting room and was able to stop Kendrick and wrestle him to the ground before cuffing him.

After the escape, staff at the jail uncovered a piece of paper in Johnson's cell that indicated some planning went into the

escape. Guards discovered a handwritten grid breaking down the work schedules of guards at the jail.

Jailer Roger Webb later noted that the pair actually made some mistakes on the schedule and didn't realize that there would be three guards on the night shift. They also didn't factor in that subjects under arrest are often brought in during the evening hours and accompanied by policemen, state troopers and deputies.

Wheelwright

ordered and restrained from interfering with the operations of the Receiver and the Utility Commission," when they fired Utility Commission member Blanche Finney.

Finney filed an affidavit stating she was discharged by the city on April 20. She further wrote that she had been openly critical of the city commission at meetings and drew attention to spending practices of the city council with regard to vacation and overtime pay for utility workers.

The hearing will also take up a second motion filed by Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf that will ask for legal fees for the plaintiffs to be paid by the city. The motion asks that the city pay attorney's fees and donate them to the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund. The nonprofit organization was designated because Pillersdorf

said he recruited its former director, John Rosenberg, to assist the plaintiffs. He further notes in the motion that Rosenberg was called upon to lend his advice on how to handle a threat of sanctions that were leveled against him by Wheelwright City Attorney Tim Parker.

A copy of a letter sent to Pillersdorf by Parker was included in the motion. In the letter, dated Oct. 26, Parker says that he is dismayed that the case was filed before he could respond to it and he also noted that he reviewed the original suit's accusations with members of the city commission, who were "outraged" that they were accused of misappropriating funds. The apparent threat doesn't appear until the last paragraph, where Parker wrote, "I will have to insist that this complaint be immediately dis-

missed. Should you fail to dismiss this case tomorrow, I will be forced to ask the court for Rule 11 sanctions against you."

Area attorneys noted that Rule 11 sanctions are a very serious matter for attorneys as they apply to misconduct and, if proven, can see all manner of punishment, including a suspension of the license to practice.

Pillersdorf noted in his motion that his clients were vindicated when Judge Engle ruled in November and promptly

announced, "I find that there has been mismanagement."

The motion also asks that the city pay attorney fees, since Wheelwright made such a request first when their response was filed to the original suit.

To the people of District 1:

I'm Gary Wolfe, I'm running for Constable to serve and protect our children, elderly and all people of Dist. 1.

Thank you, Gary Wolfe

Pol. Adv. pd. by Gary Wolfe

Column

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oil industry has been coddled, cartelized, and subsidized by state and federal governments. Taxes and regulations tend to favor incumbent firms over challengers. Road and interstate-highway construction financed by the politicized gasoline tax rather than by market transactions, and built with eminent domain, have externalized costs and perhaps subsidized users of gasoline-powered vehicles. U.S. policy in the Middle East has socialized the costs of securing the sources of crude oil. If, as a free market would require, the oil industry (and other private interests) had footed those costs, retail prices would have reflected them, and consumers, facing higher prices, would have acted accordingly.

The world might have looked very different today.

What's to be done? Don't give the government more power. That's what got us into this mess. Let's take power away. That would also take it away from the privileged corporations.

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

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Watkins finishes tied for fifth in BFL event

TIMES STAFF REPORT

SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — Boater Michael Stringer, a Monticello native, earned \$5,165 Saturday as winner of the Wal-Mart Bass Fishing League (BFL) Mountain Division event on Lake Douglas. The tournament was the first of five regular-season Mountain Division events and featured 161 boaters vying for the win, which earned Stringer 200 points in the Boater Division.

Stringer's winning catch of five bass weighed 18 pounds, 7 ounces. He threw a floating worm on shallow banks in a foot of water or less to catch his bass.

Rounding out the top five boaters were Brian Holt of Newport, Tenn. (five bass, 17 pounds, 11 ounces, \$2,582);

Guy Siler of Rutledge, Tenn. (five bass, 17 pounds, 9 ounces, \$1,722); Steve Cornett of Manchester (five bass, 15 pounds, 5 ounces, \$1,205); and Buster Lilly of Bluff City, Tenn., and Tee Watkins of East Point, tied for fifth (five bass, 14 pounds, 3 ounces, \$990).

Watkins, a local fisherman, won an additional \$750 for being the highest-placing Ranger Cup and Yamaha contingency participant.

"The weather for the tournament on Lake Douglas was good," noted Watkins, who will fish on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley this. "That's a lake that we really enjoy fishing."

David Mullins of Mount Carmel, Tenn., took Boater Division big-bass award honors, earning \$805 for a 5-

pound, 12-ounce bass.

Richard Wolfe of White Pine, Tenn., bested the Co-angler Division to earn \$2,512 thanks to five bass weighing 14 pounds, 12 ounces that he caught while fishing a trout color deep-diving crankbait in 22 feet of water along shell banks. Wolfe earned an additional \$193.50 as the co-angler big-bass award winner with a 5-pound, 2-ounce bass.

Rounding out the top five co-anglers were Herman Moore of Seymour, Tenn. (five bass, 11 pounds, 13 ounces, \$1,256); Kris Kordenbrock of Covington (five bass, 11 pounds, 12 ounces, \$838); Billy Hughes of Eubank (five bass, 9 pounds, 10 ounces, \$586); and James Griffith of Harrodsburg (five bass, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, \$502).

Wolfe earned an additional \$193.50 as the co-angler big-bass award winner with a 5-pound, 2-ounce bass.

The Mountain Division's next event will be held May 20 on Cherokee Lake near Morristown, Tenn., followed by the divisions two-day Super Tournament on the Barren River near Scottsville, Sept. 23-24.

Following the regular season, the Mountain Division boater with the most points who advances farthest in the Wal-Mart BFL All-American will earn \$10,000 as the Yamaha "Be the Best" points champion. The co-angler points champion who advances farthest will earn \$5,000 as the Yamaha "Be the



Tee Watkins

(See WATKINS, page two)

Free time leads to NFL Draft pondering

by RICK BENTLEY
 TIMES COLUMNIST

I'm what many of you consider a freak. Perhaps I should explain.

In the Hillbilly Dictionary, a freak is defined as "one whose favorite sport is not basketball." Actually, had Rick James not patented the phrase, I'd be a super freak, or "one who favors multiple sports over basketball."

I've made no bones about the fact that baseball is my favorite sport, but let me give you a good example as to why interscholastic baseball doesn't quite measure up: Last weekend in Georgetown, the Mid-South Conference held its tournament.

That's the postseason tournament.

The Bears finished third in the event, including a wild 20-16

decision over Lambuth in their final meeting as league rivals. But the season ended before the calendar made its turn to May.

That's just not right. I don't know what could be done about it, because by definition college sports take place during the school year, but I really wish baseball — and softball too, for that matter (In fact, if you prefer softball to baseball, for the balance of this section just substitute it anytime you see baseball mentioned) — could be played at a better time of year. I've often made the point that by the time the weather gets good enough to enjoy a game the season's over.

High school baseball used to be about as bad, but that problem has been rectified to some extent by pushing back the postseason



Rick Bentley

(See BENTLEY, page two)

Five-run seventh lifts Blackcats



photos by Jamie Howell

Above: Chris Schoolcraft (left), Josh Rodebaugh (middle) and Michael Stephens (left) conferred during Tuesday's game against Wolfe County.

Right: Nathaniel Stephens (front) and Nick McGuire (back) were among the offensive leaders for the Blackcat baseball team.

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

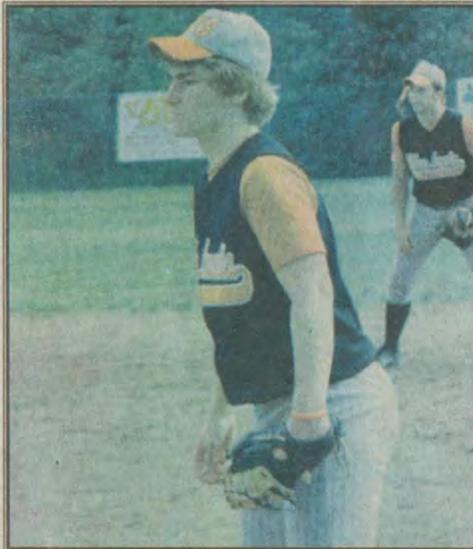
PRESTONSBURG — Playing from behind through the middle innings Tuesday didn't keep Prestonsburg out of reach versus visiting Wolfe County. The Baseball Blackcats saved their best for last. Wolfe County took a 7-3 lead into the bottom half of the final inning and failed to hold off Prestonsburg. The Blackcats plated five runs in the bottom half of the seventh inning and beat the 14th Region team 8-7.

Prestonsburg Coach Bobby Shepherd witnessed his team turn somewhat of a corner during the non-district win.

"This was probably one of the best games we've played all season," said Shepherd. "They hung in there and played like they needed and the way they are capable. I think they'll be there come district tournament time."

Chris Schoolcraft made the start for the Blackcats. Josh Rode-

(See BLACKCATS, page two)



Rebels take five to beat Valley

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

ROBINSON CREEK — Allen Central went out on the road Tuesday evening and enacted some revenge in Pike County.

The Rebels, playing on the road at Shelby Valley, made short work of the host Wildcats. Allen Central got out in front early and defeated Shelby Valley 14-3 in five innings.

Shelby Valley beat Allen Central 9-6 in late-March in the sea-

(See REBELS, page two)



Brock Kidd

Cline pitches Lady Rebs past South Floyd

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

MINNIE — Senior captain Alanna Cline and her Allen Central teammates needed just four innings Monday against host South Floyd. In four innings, Cline struck out nine and walked seven. The Lady Rebels provided nearly two dozen runs, beating South Floyd 23-4.

The win was the first of the season for the improving Lady Rebels.

Cline and teammate Amanda Mills each scored four times. Cline, Mills and Sara Johnson had three hits apiece for the Lady

(See PITCHES, page two)

County volleyball tournament gets underway at ACMS

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Teams started play in the Floyd County volleyball tournament Wednesday evening at Allen Central Middle School. A-team and B-team squads took the ACMS floor for the opening night of tournament play. McDowell Elementary is serving as the tournament host.

In the B-team tournament, Allen Central, playing on its homecourt, topped Mountain Christian Academy (MCA). Allen Central, thanks to the win, punched its ticket to the tournament semifinals and a match versus Adams on Thursday night. In another

B-team tournament match, Betsy Layne blanked rival Stumbo 2-0 and earned a right to face the winner of South Floyd and Allen. The South Floyd-Allen match was scheduled for Thursday evening.

In A-team tournament action, Betsy Layne swept Adams 2-0 and advanced to the semifinals and a match against tournament favorite MCA. The MCA A-team finished the regular-season undefeated.

In Wednesday's other A-team semifinal matchup, South Floyd topped Stumbo 2-0.

Allen was slated to take on Allen

(See VOLLEYBALL, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Betsy Layne won in both B- and A-team tournament play Wednesday evening at Allen Central Middle School. The tournament resumed Thursday and continues Saturday.

Date announced for annual home run derby

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN — Century 21 American Way Realty in Prestonsburg has announced that it will sponsor the local Century 21 American Way Realty Home Run Derby competition for area children on Saturday, June 17 at Stumbo Park. The local Home Run Derby is scheduled to get underway at 9 a.m. Boys and girls ages 9-14 from around the area can register for the daylong contest and compete with their peers for the coveted local

(See DERBY, page two)

Bentley

slightly. There was a time when the high school tournaments took place in early May, but this year the districts won't start until May 22, pushing the regionals into the first week of June.

This isn't a bad thing, in my estimation. The schedule was so crammed it was impossible to enjoy. Besides, when your season is six weeks or fewer in length, go into a slump for a few days and it's impossible to recover.

High school athletics are for the young people to enjoy, and spreading them out over a couple more weeks is the right way to do that.

Lord knows basketball season lasts long enough.

I had some free time Saturday afternoon so I took in a few hours of the NFL Draft, an event that absolutely defies logic. There is no reasonable explanation why a draft should be entertaining, particularly when the every team is given 15 minutes between picks to make a decision they've been

debating about for months.

Somehow, though, Saturday it managed to keep me somewhat occupied, and as it turned out, the main storyline was that somehow the National Football League held its draft and the biggest loser managed to be a college team.

The first day of the draft was the worst beating the Southern Cal football team has taken in years. Consider these events:

■ For some reason, the offensive juggernaut that is the Houston Texans passed on Reggie Bush in favor of defensive end Mario Williams. Please understand I think Williams will be a solid NFL player, but *the number one pick? Are you kidding me?*

No football player in recent memory has come out of college to more fanfare than Bush, but the Texans were not swayed. Incredible. Please insert Mel Kiper's 1994 tirade after the Colts used the fifth pick to take Trev Alberts here.

■ The following players were taken before the supposed

best quarterback in the draft, USC all-world ballroom dancer Matt Leinart; Vernon Davis, Michael Huff, Donte Whitner (one mock draft I saw didn't even have him going in the first round) and Ernie Sims.

Bonus points to anyone who can tell me the college attended and anything else about any of those four Top 10 picks.

■ A whopping 44 names were called before the Titans took LenDale White in the second round.

Look, I know he was the backup at SC, but realize this guy scored 26 touchdowns (24 rushing, 2 receiving) and ran for 1,302 yards, averaging 6.6 per touch. If - and that's a big if, but if - Bush wasn't the best back in college football last year, it had to be his understudy. Yet he lasted until the 45th pick.

Think about this: Much was made when the Titans hired former USC offensive mastermind Norm Chow, but either he realizes it's tougher to make it in the NFL than the Pac 10 or he's not calling the shots, because the Titans could have easily reunited him with both White and Leinart, but instead took former Texas quarterback Vince Young with the third pick.

Never has a school been perceived to have a bad draft when five of its alums were taken in the top 45 picks.

Volleyball

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Central Thursday in an A-team tourney match.

Results from all of Thursday's matches were unavailable at press time.

The A-team tournament is due to get back underway Saturday morning with a pair of matches. The Betsy Layne-MCA match is set for a 10:30 a.m. start time. South Floyd and the winner of the Allen-Allen Central is due to follow in a matchup at 11:30 a.m.

Pitches

Rebels.

Allen Central got on base and ran the bases particularly well. Mills swiped a team-high four bases in the 58th District/Floyd County Conference win.

"Our play against South Floyd was all centered around our captain, Alanna Cline," said Allen Central Coach Don Burke. "She pitched a very good game. She had a few walks late but early on she set the tone with a total of nine strikeouts in four innings. Her bat has come to life in the last two weeks as well and

showed it against South Floyd."

Leadoff hitter Liz Dingus added two hits for the Lady Rebels.

Burke feels his team could be well-prepared come 58th District Tournament Time.

"I think we are progressing," said Burke. "We have grown every game and might be ready come district to make a run. Our team is very young with some senior leadership. The mix is there if we can just click."

Tasha Damron pitched and took the loss for South Floyd.

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ALLEN CENTRAL SOFTBALL UPCOMING GAMES

- May 9 South Floyd, 6 p.m.
- May 11 Prestonsburg, 6 p.m.
- May 13 at Betsy Layne, 2 p.m.
- May 16 Betsy Layne, 6 p.m.
- May 17 at Sheldon Clark, 6 p.m.
- May 18 at Knott Co. Central, 6 p.m.

Watkins

Best" points champion in the Co-angler Division.

Every angler who receives weight credit in a tournament earns points, with 200 points going to the winner, 199 for second, 198 for third, and so on except for Super Tournaments, which award 300 points to the

winner, 299 for second, 298 for third, and so on. The top 40 Mountain Division boaters and co-anglers based on year-end points standings will advance to the Kentucky Lake Regional Championship near Gilbertsville, Oct. 19-21 where they will compete against Buckeye, Hoosier

and Bama division anglers for one of six slots in the 2007 All-American. With a total purse of \$1 million and a potential \$140,000 cash prize going to the winning boater and \$70,000 going to the winning co-angler, the All-American is one of the most prestigious and lucrative events in bass fishing.

Blackcats

baugh came on in relief of Schoolcraft and recorded the win for the Blackcats.

The Blackcat pitching staff continues to show promise.

"Basically, the pitching has been there," Shepherd added. "We have to cut down on our errors. We're starting to hit the ball well. We have to hit the ball."

Wolfe County got the scoring started in the top half of the first inning with a lone run. After its second at-bat, Wolfe County led 3-0.

Prestonsburg didn't plate its first run until the top half of the third inning. The Blackcats managed to score all of their runs in two innings. The host team scored its first three runs in the bottom half of the third inning. Michael Stephens, Nick McGuire and Andrew Shepherd each scored for the Blackcats in the third. Stephens, McGuire and Shepherd also scored in Prestonsburg's productive bottom half of the seventh inning.

Rodebaugh, Prestonsburg's cleanup hitter, fin-

ished 3-for-4 for the Blackcats with two singles and a double.

Stephens and Rodebaugh each smacked doubles in the seventh inning.

McGuire, Bobby Hughes, Brenton Hamilton and Nathaniel Stephens each had singles for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg was back in action at home Thursday evening at Archer Park. The Blackcats will hit the road today and travel to Allen for a key district/conference game against Betsy Layne.

BLACKCAT BASEBALL • UPCOMING GAMES

- May 5 at Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m.
- May 6 at Morgan County, Noon
- May 8 South Floyd, 5:30 p.m.
- May 9 Sheldon Clark, 5:30 p.m.
- May 11 Lawrence County, 5:30 p.m.
- May 12 Cordia, 6 p.m.
- May 15 at Johnson Central, 6 p.m.

Rebels

son-opener for both teams.

Offensively, Justin Jacobs and Scott Little each collected three hits for the Rebels in the latest meeting. Little had a pair of triples and drove in three runs in a 3-for-3 plate appearance.

Alex Hammonds finished 2-for-3 for Allen Central with a double and a single. Hammonds drove in a team-high four runs for the Rebels.

Tyler Turner and Ramon Spurlock had one hit apiece for visiting Allen Central.

AC senior pitcher Brock Kidd limited Valley hitters en route to his third win of the sea-

son. Kidd got some help from fellow senior Nick Musia, who came on in the third inning and helped to beat the Wildcats. Scott Little also pitched for the Rebels, tossing the final inning.

"We lost to them earlier this year, and we wanted to get a win back out of this game," said Allen Central Coach Kenneth Johnson. "We knew we were capable of winning, but we just had to do the little things to get there. When we got on, we stole bases. We had some good hits and some good pitching."

Kidd went well into the third inning before exiting the game.

Music came into the game and pitched well for the Rebels.

"Nick who has pitched well for us all season, and he took us out of it unharmed," Johnson added. "The greatest part of the night though, probably wasn't the final score, but the fact that Scott came to the mound and pitched greatly for the last inning. It is good to see him go out and throw without any pain in his arm. If he gets back healthy for us, then we have a really good shot to go far into the postseason."

Allen Central was back on the road Thursday at East Ridge.

Derby

Century 21 American Way Realty Home Run Derby title and other prizes, including a chance to participate in the finals in Lexington on Aug. 5.

"We are proud to sponsor our fourth local Home Run Derby competition, and give the children in our community and their families a chance to enjoy a fun day at Stumbo Park," said Dorothy Harris, broker/owner of Century 21 American Way Realty. "We thought a local Derby would be a great idea to capitalize on the success of Century 21 Real Estate Corporation's alliance with Major

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Alanna Cline, Allen Central Softball



Josh Rodebaugh, Prestonsburg Baseball

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LITTLE LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT: Seth Carter pitched the Reds to a 3-2 win over the Cubs Tuesday in a Prestonsburg Little League game played at Archer Park.

Pike Central star is first signee for Kelly Wells

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The first signing for Pikeville College men's basketball coach Kelly Wells was a good one: He inked the 15th Region Player of the Year.

Brad Lowe, a senior from Pike County Central High School, signed a scholarship agreement with his hometown college today in a ceremony at the school. Lowe was one of four members of the Pike Cen-

tral Class of 2006 to sign with Pikeville College.

Lowe joined baseball players Tyler Smith and Isaac Williamson and women's golfer Samantha McCoy in signing today.

"This is a great day for Pikeville College and for Pike County Central High School," said Wells. "I'm an Eastern Kentucky boy and believe in Eastern Kentucky people, and I have a great deal of faith in Brad's abilities."

"Brad will be a welcome addition to the family we're building at Pikeville College. He's my first signee since taking the job, and I believe he'll make us all proud."

Lowe averaged 28.2 points per game last season, shooting 46.1 percent from the field, including 36.3 percent from the arc. In addition, he hit 78.7 percent from the free throw line.

But Lowe was more than a scorer for David Rowe's Hawks,

winners of the 60th District all four years since entering it from the 59th. He averaged 6.8 rebounds, 2.0 steals, 1.3 assists and 1.2 blocked shots per game.

"Obviously Brad's a shooter, and I think everyone could see that," Rowe said. "But he brings a lot more to the table than scoring. Having played at Pikeville College myself, I know what it takes to be successful there, and I have confidence that Brad will put that kind of effort into it."



photo courtesy of Pikeville College

Brad Lowe is the first recruit to sign for new Pikeville College men's basketball coach Kelly Wells.

Pikeville College invades Pike Central for multiple student-athletes

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Pike County Central Principal Eddie McCoy is a proud alumnus of Pikeville College. On Tuesday, he was beaming as four members of his senior class signed to continue their educational and athletic

opportunities with his alma mater.

Samantha McCoy signed to play women's golf, while Tyler Smith and Isaac Williamson will play baseball and Brad Lowe became the first player to sign with new men's basketball coach Kelly Wells (see separate

release).

McCoy will play golf for Coach John Biery, who just finished his first season with the women's golfers. "We're trying to rebuild this program so that we can represent Pikeville College and compete with the other schools in the Mid-South Con-

ference," said Biery, who is also the Cross Country coach at Pikeville. "Signing a player like Samantha is a good step in that direction."

Smith and Williamson are part of the 60th District champion Hawk baseball team. "They come from a winning program,

and winning isn't something that's easy to learn," said Don Ashby, assistant coach for the Bears. "Isaac's brother has been a solid player for us and we believe both he and Tyler will add a lot to what we're doing here."

"We look for talented young

players in our traditional recruiting area to play for us at Pikeville College, and certainly feel we've found two good ones in Isaac and Tyler."

Isaac Williamson's brother John, an outfielder, will be a junior when the 2007 season begins.

Callis, Cumberlands softball teammates honored

TIMES STAFF REPORT

WILLIAMSBURG — The Mid-South Conference (MSC) All-Conference team was announced last week at the annual MSC banquet.

From the University of the Cumberlands (formerly Cumberland College), three girls were named All-Conference, two were named Honorable Mention, and six were named Academic All-Conference.

The All-Conference honorees were Sabrina McCul-

lough (Georgetown) with season stats of a .324 batting average, 14 runs, 26 RBIs, and six

home runs; Whitney Piar (Lancaster, Ohio) with season stats of a 2.31 ERA, 91 strikeouts, a .327 batting average, 12 runs, 14 RBIs, and two home runs; and Ashley Rismiller (Maryville, Tenn.) with season stats of a 2.49 ERA, 109

strikeouts, a .237 batting average, five runs, 12 RBIs, and two home runs.

The Patriot Ladies' Honorable Mention honorees were

Melanie Downey (Lexington) with season stats of a .250 batting average, 31 runs, nine RBIs, and one home run; and Kimberly Catoe (Chattanooga, Tenn.) with season stats of a .274 batting average, 13 runs, and five RBIs.

The Academic All-Conference honorees included Johnson Central High School graduate Maggie Callis (Van Lear), Kimberly Catoe, Erin Clancy (Powell, Tenn.), Sabrina McCullough, and Jessica Taulbee (Greenville, SC).

The Patriot softball team finished runner-up at the Mid-South Conference Tournament and will advance to play in the Region XI Tournament next week in Jamestown, May 13-14.



Maggie Callis

Slone helps Herd to win over Southern Miss

TIMES STAFF REPORT

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. — The Marshall lost two of three games over the weekend to Southern Miss. The Herd won the opener, 6-2, before the Golden Eagles notched 19-4 and 5-0 wins to take the series. In the opener, Jeremy Slone (Jr.,

Paintsville), Andrew Blain (Fr., Huntington, W.Va.) and Brian Knippelmeyer (Sr., Lincoln, Neb.) combined to hold the Eagles to three runs and nine hits while Chris Monaco had three hits for the Thundering Herd offense. Southern Miss dominated the Saturday game as Toddric Johnson hit two homers

and drove in five. In the finale, USM's Cliff Rossum dominated, firing a complete-game one-hitter to shut down the Herd.

This weekend, Marshall is traveling to Tulane for a three-game series. The teams play at 7:30 p.m. ET today, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at Zephyr Field in New Orleans.

Sims leaving UK hoops program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky junior Rekalin Sims has requested and been granted his release to transfer from the Wildcats' men's basketball team, Coach Tubby Smith announced Tuesday.

"We certainly wish Rekalin the best as he pursues other opportunities," Smith said. "He's a quality player and he'd be an asset to whatever school

he ends up attending."

Sims did not inform Smith where he intends to play, but he will have to sit out a season under NCAA transfer rules before playing his final season of eligibility if he elects to transfer to another Division I school.

The 6-8 forward from Vallejo, Calif., played in 29 games for UK, earning a starting nod six times. He averaged 4.4 ppg and 2.9 rpg, but showed impressive play early in the

season. Sims played 20 minutes in the season debut against South Dakota State, totaling 11 points and seven rebounds.

His best game of the season came against Iowa in the semifinals of the Guardian's Classic, where he had 22 points and seven rebounds in a starting role. However, Sims totaled just 24 points in his last 15 games this season, including eight scoreless outings after the start of SEC play.

Eagles sign juco point guard

TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD — Junior college point guard Nikola Stajakovic has signed a national letter-of-intent to play for the Morehead State University Basketball Eagles. A native of Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Stajakovic comes to MSU from Highland Community College in Freeport, Ill.

Stajakovic and his Highland teammates were 34-2 in 2005-06 and finished third in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I Basketball Tournament. They lost in the semifinals to eventual national champion Arkansas-Ft. Smith,

then won the consolation game.

"Nikola is a prototypical point guard," said Eagle Head Coach Donnie Tyndall. "He is tough, hard-nosed and is a proven winner. Nikola led his junior college team to 34 wins and to a third place finish in the national tournament."

"He is a big point guard, at 6-2, and is very strong. Nikola is a very mature young man as well. His unselfishness and leadership will be very important to the success of our team next season."

Stajakovic averaged 4.7 points, 3.3 rebounds and 4.5 assists as a sophomore for Coach Pete Norman at Highland. He ranked among the

assist leaders in the NJCAA national tournament.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to come to Morehead State," Stajakovic said. "I enjoyed my visit to campus and found it to be a great place with great people. I liked the team members and everything around the program."

Tyndall had previously signed three Kentucky high school standouts: Vincent Crutcher, a 6-5, 205-pound guard/forward from Louisville Pleasure Ridge Park High School; Dan Penick, a 6-8, 225-pound forward from Ludlow High School, and Maze Stallworth, a 6-4, 190-pound, guard from John Hardin High School

Perry, Taylor to transfer

TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Kentucky women's basketball reserves Afton Perry and Oreonna Taylor have requested and been granted releases to transfer, UK Coach Mickie DeMoss announced Thursday. Perry intends to enroll at Morehead State and play for former UK Hoops assistant Matthew Mitchell while Taylor did not specify what schools she is interested in attending.

"I thank Afton and Oreonna for their hard work and commitment to our program," DeMoss said. "They both would like to play more and with all five starters returning and a nationally-ranked recruiting class coming in next season, I understand their concern for more playing

time. We will help them in any way possible and we wish them the best of luck. We will continue to follow their basketball careers as they will always be a part of the Wildcat family."

Perry, a 6-1 sophomore forward from Fort Walton Beach, Fla., played in 19 of 28 games as a freshman before sitting out the entire 2004-05 season with a knee injury. After extensive rehabilitation, Perry returned to play in 25 of 31 games in 2005-06 when she averaged 5.7 minutes, 1.0 points and 1.4 rebounds per game.

"This was a very hard decision for me," Perry said. "I love my teammates and coaches at UK but I have to do what is best for me. The past two years have been awesome but I feel like I can con-

tribute more on the court at Morehead. I will continue to support my teammates and coaches at Kentucky and will be back to watch them play whenever possible."

Taylor, a 5-6 freshman point guard from Rochester, N.Y., saw action in eight games in a reserve role. She averaged 3.1 minutes per game.

"I love being at Kentucky," Taylor said. "The team, they are my sisters, and the coaches have been so supportive. They are more of a family to me than I ever expected and I love my family. It's difficult for me to leave but I'm a competitor and I need to compete. Coach DeMoss taught me so much and I'm going to be able to take that knowledge of the game and apply it to wherever I'm going to go."



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Prestonsburg senior shortstop Michael Stephens helped the Blackcats to a win over visiting Wolfe County.

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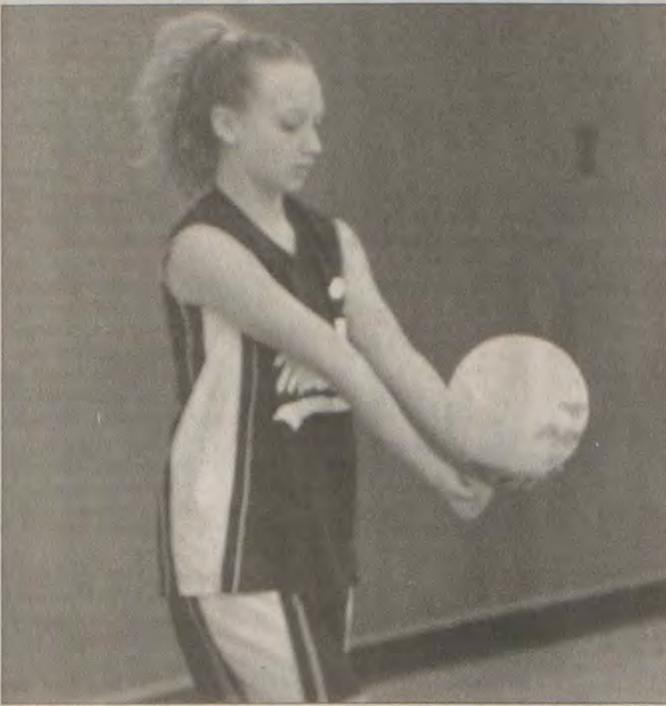


photo by Jamie Howell
Both volleyball teams from John M. Stumbo fell Wednesday evening during county tournament play at Allen Central Middle School.

Floyd Warriors extinguish Belfry Blaze

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ALLEN - The U19 Warriors defeated an excellent Belfry team on Saturday at the Wesley School fields, winning 3-0, despite the absence of defensive ace Josh Holbrook and leading scorer Stefan Hoeffkes. The Belfry squad is an amalgam of Belfry and Pike Central high school varsity team members.

Jarod Willis scored less than five minutes into the game and added a second goal within the next 10 minutes. The game then turned into a defensive struggle, with Belfry standout Daniel Porter playing a strong central

midfield for the visitors. Starting goalkeeper P. J. Collins and his equally stalwart replacement Ryan McKinney stopped shot after shot. It was a smart play by middle defender Nathan Crum, however, that preserved the shutout. Crum circled back to deflect a strike off a rebound from McKinney in the second half.

Collins, who shifted to sweeper in Holbrook's absence, started the play that led to the Warriors' last goal. He stopped a Belfry run and sent a long pass into space. Rushing strikers Nick Banks, Ethan Filowiat and Willis forced the Belfry keeper to play the ball with his hands outside the penal-

ty area. This earned the Warriors a free kick, which Filowiat knocked in over the Belfry defensive wall and the outstretched hands of their keeper.

The Warriors coaching staff was most complimentary of Julia Burchett, who gave a fine effort at left outside midfield, as well as Ryan Johnson. Johnson's steadily improving play and hustle added depth in backing up Adam Kimbler at central midfield. Unfortunately, Johnson suffered a season-ending broken collarbone after being undercut on a header at midfield.

The Warriors have this week-end off.

Spring turkey harvest on pace for record season

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

FRANKFORT - Last year's mild winter and strong acorn crop have poised Kentucky turkey hunters for a memorable spring season this year. With less than one week remaining in the 2006 season, current numbers are on pace for a potential record spring harvest.

"The harvest now is almost 25,000 birds," said Steven Dobey, Turkey Program Coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR). "At this rate, and depending on weather conditions, it is likely we could see in excess of 28,000 birds taken by the closing date of May 7."

After three years of slightly declining spring harvests, this increase is a welcome sight to most turkey hunters in the Commonwealth. These fluctuations in numbers, however, are typical of growing or expanding wildlife populations that are approaching carrying capacity

in some portions of their range.

Wild turkeys are extremely sensitive to food availability and weather conditions. These two factors have played important roles in Kentucky as summer brood surveys have documented moderate to poor reproductive success among turkeys since 2003. The result of this low reproductive output will be fewer jakes and 1.5 year-old birds available for harvest during the spring and fall seasons, respectively.

"The effect of last year's poor reproduction is now evident as jakes have comprised only 14-percent of all birds taken to date", Dobey said. "What this means for hunters is that while many birds remain available for harvest, you will likely be chasing older, more wary gobblers".

While the daily numbers thus far are comparable to the record 2002 season, a new record harvest may come down to hunter success over the last two days of the season. This "extra" weekend at the end of

the season is the result of action taken by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission at its August, 2005 meeting. This regulatory change was made to increase opportunities, and should have negligible impacts on turkey numbers.

This year's excellent spring season, preceded by several years of moderate to poor reproduction, is a strong indicator of the overall health of Kentucky's turkey flock. Given last year's poor reproductive success, however, it is likely that fewer birds will be available for harvest next year. As evident over the past 5 years, fluctuations in harvest will likely be the norm for Kentucky as the turkey population stabilizes.

Complete information about spring turkey hunting is available in the 2006 Kentucky Spring Turkey and Squirrel Hunting Supplement, which can be obtained from license dealers or by calling the KDFWR Information Center at 1-800-858-1549.



YOUTH SOCCER
Above: Jackie Kidd (left) and Hannah MacElhose (right) of the Floyd U10 Bulldogs played a tough game against the Belfry Rampage on Saturday. The Floyd U12 Fireballs played a tough game against the Johnson County U12 team on Saturday, falling 3-0.
Below: Fullback James Sanders is shown making a tackle in the second half. Left: Justin Riley (left) of the Floyd U12 Fireballs played midfield in the first half and goalkeeper in the second half of his team's game against the Johnson County U12s.



Local organizations partner to host First Annual Road to Recovery Car and Bike Show

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE - WestCare Kentucky, Lifeline and UNITE Pike will sponsor the first annual "Road To Recovery Car and Bike Show" on Saturday, June 10, at the City Park, located on College Street in downtown Pikeville.

Trophies will be presented to the Top 20 Cars and Top 20 Bikes. Awards for cars will also be given to the Best GM, Best Ford, Best MOPAR, Best Mini-Truck and Best of Show. Motorcycle awards will be for the Best Street, Best Sport, Best Paint, Best Custom/Custom and Best of Show. Business Choice Trophies will be awarded throughout the day. Only cars and bikes from the year 2000 and under will be eligible

for trophies.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with trophies presented at 2 p.m. The on-site registration fee is \$15. Rain location will be on the first floor of the parking garage located on the corner of Huffman and College streets. General admission to the daylong event is free.

All three organizations sponsoring this show are committed to the prevention, treatment and recovery of those fighting substance abuse.

WestCare operates a licensed drug treatment facility, a jail recovery program and the homeless shelter in Pike County. UNITE Pike is a coalition of concerned citizens that have consolidated their efforts to combat the epidemic of sub-

stance abuse in Pike County. Lifeline, affiliated with Teen Challenge, is a group ministry offering faith-based services to those seeking lifelong recovery.

"This exciting event will feature entertainment for the entire family," said Bill Baird, co-chair of WestCare Kentucky Board of Directors. "Besides the cars and bikes we will have music, concessions, face painting, vendor booths, a silent auction and a community bake sale. I encourage everyone to attend and support the recovery efforts in our community."

For more information contact Debbie Trusty of UNITE Pike at unitepike@setel.com or toll-free by calling 1-877-DO-UNITE, or WestCare's Jenifer Noland at: jenifer.noland@westcare.com.

Holbrook to sign with Pikeville College

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - South Floyd High School senior Leslie Holbrook with sign to play both volleyball and golf at neighboring Pikeville College this morning at 11 a.m. during a signing in the SFHS Library.

Holbrook has played volleyball four years for the Lady Raiders. She was an All-Area selection twice and All-District honoree three times.

Holbrook finished her senior season with 204 assists. For her career, she compiled over 500 assists.

SFHS has sent several volleyball players to the next level.

"She will make the fifth volleyball player to sign in the last two years from our program,"

said South Floyd assistant volleyball coach John Little, who also coaches the Lady Raider softball team.

Holbrook claimed the 58th District girls' individual golf title as a freshman.

Little expects Holbrook to contribute early on at Pikeville College.

"Leslie is a great person and I know that she will excel in both at Pikeville and if it is based on ability I look for her to start in volleyball as the setter next season," Little added.

Holbrook was a four-year starter on the SHS varsity volleyball team. The only game she did not start was during her freshman season when she was competing in the regional golf tournament.

15TH REGION STANDINGS

BASEBALL		SOFTBALL	
Pikeville	19-4	Pikeville	17-4
Sheldon Clark	16-6	Shelby Valley	14-7
Belfry	13-7	Johnson Central	12-5
Allen Central	11-4	Magoffin County	11-2
Paintsville	11-8	Lawrence Co.	11-12
Lawrence County	11-9	Belfry	9-6
Phelps	9-4		
Johnson Central	9-13		
East Ridge	8-14		
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Johnson makes it 2-for-2 in plate races with win at Talladega

by JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — After too many Talladega mistakes to keep track of, Jimmie Johnson figured out the best strategy for restrictor-plate racing: Don't try to lead all the laps when the last is all that really counts.



Jimmie Johnson

Johnson executed it to perfection Monday, passing teammate Brian Vickers with one lap to go to win the rain-rescheduled race at Talladega Superspeedway. It made Johnson two-for-two at plate races this season — he also won the Daytona 500 — and proved he's come a long way from last year, when he was blamed for wrecking 39 cars in two Tal-

ladedga races.

"There were so many times that I decided not to block somebody or make a move," Johnson said. "I'd get pushed back, but I just dealt with it and fought my way back through there."

It's a marked turnaround from last year, when Johnson was criticized for being too aggressive and not patient enough at Talladega. He was blamed for three accidents in two different races, including a 25-car pileup that led Dale Earnhardt Jr. to brand him an "idiot."

Johnson took the criticism seriously, and tried his best to figure out what he was doing wrong.

"I got into some situations

last year, and I just felt in my heart that maybe I was being too aggressive on the track," Johnson said. "I really just stayed cautious. I didn't want to be aggressive. I didn't want to block anybody."

"And then at the end, got really aggressive and raced for the win."

It worked for him in Daytona, even though that victory was subject to intense scrutiny.

Crew chief Chad Knaus was suspended for cheating during race preparations, and even though Johnson rallied to win in a legal car he was forced to defend himself and his team from a wave of criticism that spoiled the victory.

So this win was redemption. It came fair and square, and proved he's learned how to race at Talladega.

Johnson stayed away from the front until the very end, when he

powered to the front and past Vickers at the start/finish line of the final lap. Vickers, who was seeking the first win of his career, knew the move was coming.

"You come down to the last couple of laps, and teammates or not, all bets are off," Vickers said.

Once out front, Johnson still had to contend with Tony Stewart.

Stewart was the leader with nine to go, was shuffled out of the draft and out of the top 10. He sliced his way through traffic and onto Johnson's bumper for the final lap.

He was right there coming out of the final turn, but Johnson used a huge block to hold him off and seal his third win of the season and move into first place in the points standings. He has a 21-point lead over Matt Kenseth.

Stewart wound up second — his sixth runner-up finish in the

past 11 races at the track.

"That's still better than third, so there's 41 guys that wish they ran as good as I did," Stewart said. "As volatile as this place can be ... to be able to get to second is something I feel we can be proud of."

Vickers was third, followed by Jeff Burton and Jamie McMurray. Kenseth, Kurt Busch, Carl Edwards, Scott Riggs and Robby Gordon.

Jeff Gordon, who was seeking his third straight victory in this race, led a race-high 62 laps and was battling teammates Johnson and Vickers for the win in the final laps. But he fell off when Johnson roared to the front, fading back to a 15th-place finish.

"We led so much that I knew that we weren't going to get any help," Gordon said. "It was our job to maintain that lead, and I just wasn't able to do it."

Dale Earnhardt Jr., hoping to cap a weeklong tribute to his late father, had his day come to a disappointing end when his engine failed 37 laps from the finish.

Although he ended up 31st, he thrilled the fans who returned to pack the frontstretch seats by taking a brief lead 71 laps in.

"Wow, man, the grandstands are shaking," his spotter radioed from his perch high on top of the stands.

Earnhardt was driving a black car painted as a replica to the famed No. 3 Chevrolet his father drove. It was part of a tribute on the weekend Dale Earnhardt was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame and would have celebrated his 55th birthday.

"We honored my father this weekend and I wish we could have had a better finish," he said. "But the day's over with. It was a tough day, but, oh well."

Knaus back on pit box, in Victory Lane, and under microscope

by MIKE HARRIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLADEGA, Ala. — Some of the most tense moments for crew chief Chad Knaus at the racetrack these days come after the checkered flag waves.

When his driver, Jimmie Johnson, wins or finishes in the top five — a fairly common occurrence of late for the Nextel Cup points leader, NASCAR automatically inspects his No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet. Thoroughly.

For Knaus, who has been fined numerous times for fudging the rules and served a four-race suspension at the start of the 2006 season for cheating during Daytona 500 preparations, postrace time has become a nervous time.

Monday, after Johnson charged to the lead on the final lap to win the rain-delayed Aaron's 499 at Talladega Superspeedway, Knaus was able to smile when he finally left Victory Lane to accompany Johnson to the interview.

"It's frightening after you win

a race or finish in the top five just wondering what's going to happen to the car with the height sticks and things like that," Knaus said. "But I got the thumbs-up that everything was fine when I walked in here, so it's all good."

Knaus, considered one of the best crew chiefs in the business, remained at home in North Carolina early in the season as Johnson, looking for his first Nextel Cup championship, got off to a fast start with a victory in Daytona, a runner-up performance the next week in California, a win in Las Vegas and a sixth-place run in Atlanta.

The Daytona win — Johnson's first in a restrictor plate race — was particularly hard for Knaus to miss. But he doesn't want people to think he took it too hard that he had to watch those two early season victory celebrations on TV.

"It's great to be here, don't get me wrong," Knaus said. "I like it. I like spraying champagne and doing the hat dance and all that kind of cool stuff. But, when I wasn't here, I was just as happy for this team as I

am today. It's just that I'm celebrating here instead of my living room."

Still, getting the 48 car through "The Room of Doom," as NASCAR folks call the inspection bay, can be a little scary these days.

On Friday, before the first practice, both the 48 and teammate Jeff Gordon's No. 24 had to make some adjustments to their front bumpers before NASCAR would let them practice. It turned out to be a minor problem, with no penalties involved. But, under the circumstances, the situation drew a lot of attention.

Knaus insists he isn't really doing much differently now, though.

"I wouldn't say that we're building the cars any different or doing a lot of changing," he said. "We're making sure, though, that we're following the rulebook maybe a little bit closer to the letter, making sure we stay within the black and white of the rulebook."

"You know, it was a tough time going through that (sus-

pension) and, obviously, we don't want that kind of controversy surrounding our team because it is such a great race team. It doesn't need that."

And Knaus knows that the scrutiny that NASCAR is putting on him and other crew chiefs these days is intensified.

"It's petrifying to be a crew chief in this sport nowadays because if you go out there and don't run competitive you're going to be out of a job," he said. "And, if you go out there and you push it too hard, then you're going to be out of a job."

"It's a tough deal now. But, hey, it's all part of the game."

Johnson is just happy to have Knaus back on the pit box, overseeing strategy during the races. And he was particularly happy to share the spotlight with his crew chief Monday after beating reigning Cup champion Tony Stewart to the finish line.

"I'm happy for Chad, especially because he hasn't had a chance to enjoy Victory Lane," Johnson said. "His cars have been winning races but he was, unfortunately, at home."

2006 NASCAR Nextel Cup Schedule/Results

- Feb. 19 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Jimmie Johnson)
- Feb. 26 — Auto Club 500, Fontana, Calif. (Matt Kenseth)
- March 12 — UAW-Daimler Chrysler 400, Las Vegas (Jimmie Johnson)
- March 19 — Golden Corral 500, Hampton, Ga. (Kasey Kahne)
- March 26 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
- April 2 — DIRECTV 500, Martinsville, Va. (Tony Stewart)
- April 9 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas (Kasey Kahne)
- April 22 — Subway Fresh 500, Avondale, Ariz. (Kevin Harvick)
- April 30 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Jimmie Johnson)
- May 6 — Crown Royal 400, Richmond, Va.
- May 13 — Dodge Charger 500, Darlington, S.C.
- May 28 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
- June 4 — Neighborhood Excellence 400, Dover, Del.
- June 11 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
- June 18 — 3M Performance 400, Brooklyn
- June 25 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.
- July 1 — Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
- July 9 — USG Sheetrock 400, Joliet, Ill.
- July 16 — New England 300, Loudon, N.H.
- 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

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| 1. Jimmie Johnson, 1,394 | 11. Casey Mears, 1,056 |
| 2. Matt Kenseth, 1,373 | 12. Jeff Burton, 1,039 |
| 3. Tony Stewart, 1,316 | 13. Elliott Sadler, 981 |
| 4. Kasey Kahne, 1,213 | 14. Brian Vickers, 978 |
| 5. Mark Martin, 1,210 | 15. Carl Edwards, 969 |
| 6. Jeff Gordon, 1,173 | 16. Kurt Busch, 964 |
| 7. Kevin Harvick, 1,138 | 17. Jamie McMurray, 956 |
| 8. Dale Earnhardt, Jr., 1,120 | 18. Clint Bowyer, 953 |
| 9. Kyle Busch, 1,077 | 19. Denny Hamlin, 910 |
| 10. Dale Jarrett, 1,066 | 20. Martin Truex, Jr., 896 |

Dale Jr., Biffle headed to Eldora

TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio — As promised, the list for Eldora Speedway's June 7 Nextel Prelude to the Dream continues to grow. The most recent additions to the NASCAR Nextel Cup driver participant list include Robby Gordon, Bobby Labonte, Mike Wallace, Matt Kenseth, and Elliot Sadler. The track has also announced that Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Greg Biffle will be special non-driving guests, each of whom will have trackside responsibilities.

This impressive collection of additions will join previously announced NASCAR drivers Tony Stewart (who doubles as the Eldora Speedway owner), Ryan Newman, Jamie McMurray, Kevin Harvick, Carl Edwards, Mark Martin, Kenny Wallace (defending Prelude champion), Kenny Schrader, Dave Blaney, J.J. Yeley, Kyle

Petty and Denny Hamlin. Also in the mix is the ageless veteran Red Farmer, along with NHRA standout Ron Capps.

Gordon will join Stewart as one of the most versatile drivers in the mix. Often compared to Mario Andretti and A.J. Foyt, racing to Gordon is more of passion than business. He can, and has, driven virtually every type of racing vehicle on four wheels. His stats include three NASCAR Cup wins, along with two wins in the CART open wheel series. Most of his dirt track experience has come in the form of off-road racing in the desert, but Gordon is anxious to test the famed Eldora clay high-banked oval.

Labonte and Kenseth, both former Nextel NASCAR Cup Champions, and Mike Wallace will all be making return visits to this late model showcase. Sadler, in his eighth year of NASCAR Cup racing, will be

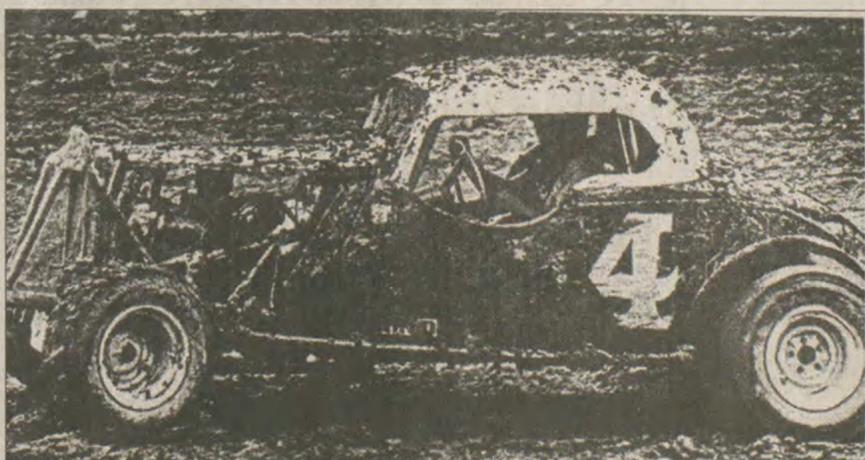
making his Eldora debut. While they won't be behind the wheels, Earnhardt, Jr. and Biffle will also be making their first appearances at the track and will be fully immersed in the festivities.

Geared to be a fun night away from the pressures of NASCAR racing, the Nextel Prelude to the Dream quickly turns into serious business for the drivers, who will all be shooting for bragging rights. Each driver will receive a pair of warm-up sessions in their 'borrowed' dirt Late Models, and then be lined up into qualifying heat races by virtue of their time trial runs. The heat race finishes, in combination with the time trial lap times, will be used for the main event line-up.

Also on the card will be the ARCA (Automobile Racing Club of America) Lincoln Welders Truck Series, with race

time set at 7:30 p.m.

Advance tickets for the event are available online at www.eldoraspeedway.com.



RACING BLAST FROM THE PAST: Johnny Crisp (below) was one of the area's top stock car drivers. Floyd County was once an area leader in dirt track racing. More oldtime racing photos will appear in future Wednesday and Friday editions.

Wimmer to run six Busch Series races for Brewco

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES

CENTRAL CITY — Brewco Motorsports Inc. announced Wednesday that Scott Wimmer will expand his Busch Series racing schedule to cover six races in which Michael Waltrip was originally scheduled to compete. An unexpected sponsor conflict is the reason for the change.

Wimmer will take over the No. 66 Ford this weekend at Richmond International Raceway.

"We are always looking for classy individuals and talented

drivers to represent Yard-Man, and Scott Wimmer has both qualities," said Tim Coughlin, national sales and marketing manager for MTD Products Inc. "His success with Brewco Motorsports so far this season has our organization excited about his potential performance in the Yard-Man Ford."

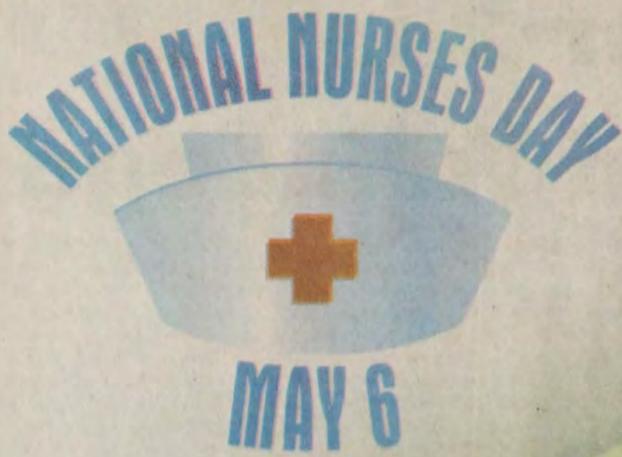
"Michael Waltrip has been a great spokesman for Yard-Man and will continue in that role."

Waltrip finished 10th at Nashville Superspeedway last month in the only race he ran in the car.

"When this conflict arose

we exhausted all efforts in trying to find a solution so that I could continue driving the Yard-Man Ford," Waltrip said. "I am proud to represent Yard-Man and I am happy that I get to carry on a relationship with Yard-Man through corporate appearances and promotions."





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THROUGH MY EYES

Spring has sprung and I'm sure busy!

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

Wow, springtime sure is a busy season, isn't it? Since my employ here at the newspaper, I have come to realize that there are really only about six to eight weeks around here when things actually slow down. And that's just to say that they slow only from about 80 m.p.h. to around the standard 55.

Those six to eight weeks occur in January and February. And that's only if there are no floods, history making snowstorms, or shootings.

As far as the rest of the year goes, it's pretty much wide open and running from March right on through New Year's Day.

As of the present moment, I have so many "invitations" to

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Kathy Prater
Lifestyles editor

Scenes from 2006 Floyd County Schools Band & Art Festival

by Kathy J. Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

The Floyd County School System presented the 2006 Floyd County Schools Band and Art Festival for the public this past Tuesday, May 2, at the Mountain Arts Center. Floyd County middle and high school students participated in the annual event.

Conducting the All-County Middle School Band was Mrs. Jennifer Bowling, band director, Bath County Middle School, Owingsville. Her husband, Mr. Kevin Bowling, band director, McNabb Middle School, served as guest conductor for the All-County High School Band.

The two bands joined together during the finale of the concert performance to present "My Old Kentucky Home" as the audience was invited to sing along.

In the lobby of the arts center, artwork by Floyd County elementary, middle, and high school students was on display for the public to enjoy.

An awards presentation ceremony was conducted during the evening event wherein award winning students in both departments were recognized.



POSTSCRIPT

Reclaiming our history

Ron Short, long-time member of Appalshop's Roadside Theater, penned a poignant song about the need to record our history, called "I Would Have Wrote it Down."

Forget the ungrammatical language. The song is about a pioneer who wishes he had kept a record of the meaningful moments in his life as he struggled to open up the mountain wilderness.

It's a regret many people share. Though it doesn't preserve personal memories, we can be grateful that some folks do take the time to write down the history of places that are important to our cultural history and that are fading away as quickly as we are.

George Torok, who taught history during the 1990s at what was then Prestonsburg Community College, has just had a book published that he started on while here. Published by the University

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Pam Shingler
contributing writer

FLYLADY

Dream Big

Do you remember as a child dreaming of becoming an adult? What happened to those little kid dreams? Have they been tossed aside like the toys of our youth or is there still a little glimmer of those dreams trying to find their way into reality?

For many of us, there were choices along our road to adulthood. Those choices didn't always reflect what our dreams were. Our dreams were shifted to the back burner because other things took priority. This is not to say that those priorities were either good or bad; but rather, just the results of living life. Today, I want us to think about how we can rekindle those dreams.

In our sidetracked natures, we are usually unable to look past the ends of our noses when it comes to our

dreams. We want what we want and we want it now. If our dreams are not easily attainable, we have a tendency to allow our perfectionism to beat us up and tell us that we "can't do that" because it will "take too long." Our dreams fall by the wayside while we go about our daily grind. "Oh, why even bother, I will never be able to do that, anyway!" we tell ourselves.

But, dreams can become realities if we will envision them. This is to "see" the finished product. Maybe your dream is to write a book. What does the cover look like? Is it on the best-sellers list? Can you see your name in print at the bottom of the cover? Then you have to take a step - a babystep - to make the dream a reality.

This is what I did when I wrote my first book "Sink Reflections." People have asked me how long it took me to write it. They seem to be shocked when I tell them that it took me two weeks. The reason it took me only two weeks is because I laid down some strict rules for making sure it happened. I already had my routines in place. It was with those routines that I was able to

make my book come to life.

My one hard and fast rule was that as soon as I got dressed to shoes each morning, made my bed, ate breakfast, cleared my hotspots (coffee table in front of my line of vision), Swiffered my floors and emptied my dishwasher; I could write. My job was to turn on the computer but not my email or my browser. The toughest rule was not answering the phone during my writing time. My writing assignment was ten pages or three hours whichever came first. By noon each day I was finished. In two short weeks of consistently following my self-imposed schedule and rules; I had a manuscript.

I didn't allow anything to get in the way of my vision. I saw my book, I could feel my book and I knew it was just a matter of simple babysteps to release that book from my head. Do you have a dream that you have lost your vision for? Sit down today and write down what that vision is. See it! Now, what simple babysteps



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Family Medicine

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May is National High Blood Pressure Education month. In honor of that, I will devote today's column to this silent killer. However, instead of addressing a specific question, I will answer in aggregate the many questions about high blood pressure (HBP) that my patients have asked me over the years.

High Blood Pressure, also called hypertension, is very common in older adults. In fact, over 50 percent of all people with HBP are over 65 years old. A slightly higher percent of black adults have HBP as compared to white

adults. But hypertension can occur at any age, even in babies and children.

One of the most common patient questions stems from the widely held belief that a person can tell by symptoms when he or she has HBP. The truth is that in most cases there aren't any symptoms. In fact, when most people are diagnosed with HBP, they are surprised.

Despite the lack of symptoms, it's important to be diagnosed and treated for your HBP. Without treatment high blood pressure can damage your blood

vessels and internal organs. It can increase your risk of heart attack, stroke, kidney failure or blindness.

Hypertension is diagnosed when your pressure is greater than 140 over 90 on more than one reading. You have a condition called prehypertension if your readings are lower than this but higher than 120 over 80. In most cases it's not possible to pinpoint the cause of HBP. It's what doctors call "essential hypertension."

It is known that certain genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors can raise your risk for essential hypertension. For instance, this disease does run in families. If your parents had high blood pressure, then you are at risk for developing it as well. Diabetes also predisposes you to HBP, because it

can cause problems with your blood vessels. Obesity is very common in people with HBP. Smoking can lead to narrowing and stiffening of your arteries and lead to HBP. Excessive use of other stimulants, like caffeine, may also be a predisposing factor for HBP in some people.

So what should you do? First get your blood pressure checked several times a year. It's the only way you can tell if you have elevated blood pressure. If you are overweight or obese, get on a healthy diet, with more fruits and vegetables, and less red meat and high fat foods. Exercise at least 30 minutes every day. Lose weight. If you smoke, stop. And, if you don't smoke, don't start. Limit your caffeine and alcohol intake. Take a vitamin. Some studies

have shown that calcium is helpful in keeping your blood pressure down, so eat some calcium rich foods.

Those in the prehypertension category I mentioned earlier have an opportunity to achieve the best in preventive medicine. By adopting a healthier lifestyle — particularly losing weight and getting more exercise — you may be able to reduce your blood pressure and actually prevent high blood pressure before it occurs.

If you already have high blood pressure, keep your appointments with your physician. Get your cholesterol and blood sugar checked a few times a year. Take your blood pressure medications as prescribed. Be careful with over-the-counter medication that may elevate your blood pressure.

Eyes

cover local goings-on that I don't see how I'm possibly going to get to them all without growing an extra set of hands and a spare brain. (Ooh, I better be careful here - starting to sound a little like Black Lagoon...)

Anywho, I'm trying to keep tabs on everything I've been informed about and I'll be doing my best to be out and about for you all in the weeks to come.

There's a lot going on this weekend in Prestonsburg. A special invitation to come out and gaze heavenward is being offered by the East Kentucky Science Center this Saturday. The day will begin at 11 a.m., at the center, located on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. If you enjoy crafts and things Appalachian, stop by and tour the grounds. Area craftsmen will be on hand for demonstrations and to offer their wares for sale.

My good friend David Kraus and other of his fellow Rotarians will host the first annual "Trail of Crafts" this Saturday, also on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. If you enjoy crafts and things Appalachian, stop by and tour the grounds. Area craftsmen will be on hand for demonstrations and to offer their wares for sale.

And, finally, if you were ever a Young Author award winner in the past 20 years, then, please, make Patricia Watson, Floyd County Schools educator and program coordinator, happy by spending a part of your Sunday afternoon with her at Jenny Wiley's Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. And, Watson says, bring your winning books along. She's eager to recognize you and hear your comments about being involved in the Young Authors program.

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Watson, along with guest speaker Michelle Y. Green, Maryland author of award-winning children's books, will be on hand to present this year's school winners with their awards.

My youngest, Elizabeth, won Young Author awards for about five years running and we plan on being there. But, with the cluttered mess my house has been in of late, I don't know how many of her winning books we'll be able to find to tote along.

'Til next time, here's hoping to see you there.



Postscript

of Tennessee Press, A Guide to Historic Coal Towns of the Big Sandy River Valley recounts the history of coal in our region.

Don't let the words "history" and "historic" turn you off. The book is a well-written and personable look at our coal roots.

Torok, who now teaches in Texas, starts with an overview of coal in the area, including the ties with the iron industry that flourished for a time up around Ashland and then the rail lines that made the extraction of coal financially feasible.

His tour through the coal camps starts on the east side of the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy in West Virginia, roughly along the path of US 52. He takes us from what is practically a ghost town, Borderland, all the way to the split-state railroad and coal town of Bluefield, which straddles the West Virginia and Virginia state line.

In talking about individual towns, he describes the rises and subsequent falls, such as Williamson, which has more than a hundred miles of railroad track and once was home to around 12,000 people. This area was the scene of some of the worst mine wars and disasters, including the Battle of Blair Mountain, near Matewan, and the explosion site of Bartley

where close to a hundred miners died.

Then the book brings us back to this side of the river, beginning at Peach Orchard in Lawrence County, where significant coal mining was going on even before the Civil War. We learn that the community of Beauty in Martin County originated as Himlerville, named after an idealistic Hungarian immigrant who established an ill-fated coal company where the employees were primarily immigrants and held shares in the company. (Get the book to find out how the name change came about.)

Torok tells us about the rich coalfields on Marrowbone Creek and on the west side of the Tug, where Henry Ford once had a stake.

From the fascinating stories

of Harlan County camps, it's an easy jump over the border to Big Stone Gap, where noted author John Fox Jr. lived and oversaw coal operations while he was writing, around the turn of the 20th century.

I've been reading from the book every Tuesday on my Pine Mountain Mornings radio show (WMMT-FM, 88.7).

What I'd like to do next is use the book as the title lays it out, as a travel guide. With gas at a premium, here's another opportunity to take some mini-trips, close to home. In the doing, we may discover more about who we are and how much more complex we are than we've been led to believe.

Thanks, George, for helping us reclaim our past.

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can you take each day to make your dream become a reality?

Don't scoff at your dreams; "Dream Big" as the song says by Ryan Shupe and the Rubberband. You can make your dreams come true - one babystep or just 15-minutes at a time. Let your routines help

make your dreams a reality!

For more help getting rid of your CHAOS, check out Marla's website and join her free mentoring group at www.FlyLady.net or her book, "Sink Reflections" published by Bantam. Copyright 2006, Marla Cilley. Used by permission in this publication.

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Lending Library available for students and parents in YSC.

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

Allen Central Middle School

May 8 - SBDM Council elections, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Note to School Volunteers:
Please send in all your volunteer hours to the YSC office. You may call your hours in to 358-0134.

There are several lost coats in the YSC. If your child is missing a coat, please have them check in the center office. Parents are also welcome to drop by and check for themselves. All coats left behind at the end of the school year will be donated.

The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center, call Marilyn Bailey, assistant coordinator, at 358-0134.

Allen Elementary and Family Resource Youth Service Center

Kindergarten Registration now going on. Call 874-2165 for an appointment.

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

Betsy Layne Elementary

The Betsy Layne Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center is located in the 500 building of the campus. The goal of the FRYSC is to meet the needs of all children and their families who reside in the community or neighborhood by the school in

which the center is located. For further information, please contact the center at 478-5550 or 478-9751, ext. 310.

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

Clark Elementary

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

The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Adams Middle School building. Call 886-2487 for questions.

Duff Elementary

May 5 - Last day to receive SBDM Council nominations. Nominations must be received in Family Resource Center office by 3:00 p.m.

May 9 - SBDM election, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

May 10 - Announcement of SBDM election winners.

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

May 3-5 - Annual Flower Sale, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; sponsored by May Valley PTO. Sale will be held in school

gym. Bedding plants, hanging baskets, vegetable plants, flowering bushes, and more. Open to public.

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

May 8 - SBDM parent elections, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and again, from 6-7 p.m., in the school administration building.

May 17 - Confidentiality training, 9 a.m., in FRC. Anyone wishing to volunteer, chaperone school trips, or visit school classrooms needs to attend this training.

Upcoming Summer Activities:

July 10-14 - Neva Francis, Our Lady of the Way Hospital, will present a program on nutrition and how to prepare healthy snacks.

July 17, 18, 20, 21 - Melissa Perry, McDowell ARH, will present programs on careers, "Learning About Your Body," and how to safely play water games.

July 19 - "Back to School Health Fair," Allen Central High School.

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

GED classes offered in the Family Resource Center office, on Mondays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and 1-3:30 p.m.

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

Mountain Christian Academy

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

Floyd County Substance Abuse Counselor will be on the South Floyd campus each Tuesday. If you need to contact the counselor, please call the Youth Service Center.

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

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

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

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

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

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

For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242.

Stumbo Elementary/Mud Creek Family Resource Center

May 5 - "Career Day," K-8.
May 8, 9 - "PRIDE" presentation,

K-8.

May 9 - Hot Air Balloon rides, 8th grade.

GED classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Mud Creek Clinic. Classes are free.

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 Tristian Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

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

GED classes - Tuesdays (1-4:30 p.m.); Wednesdays (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.), at the Weeksbury Comm. Ctr. Questions? Call Kay Ross at 886-7334. Classes are FREE of charge.

Lost & Found is located in resource center. Items not claimed within 2 weeks become property of the FRC.

The Family Resource Center is located in the central building of W.D. Osborne Elementary. For more information about center programs or functions, call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Wesley Christian School

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.

Births

Weddings



Happy 'birth'-day!

Whitney Lacole Hancock celebrated her fourth birthday on February 21, 2006, at home with Dora and family. Whitney would like to take this time to announce the birth of her little sister, Jacalyn Armina Hancock. Jacalyn was born on January 6, 2006, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center. She was delivered by Dr. A. Penny Grino. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and was 20 and 1/2 inches long. Whitney and Jacalyn are the beautiful daughters of John and Margaret Hancock, of Printer. They are the granddaughters of Barbara and Oscar Hancock, Jr., and Edna Mae Click, all of Printer, and Jackie and Drana Sue Click, of Martin. They are the great-granddaughters of Eugene Thompson, of Prestonsburg. The family wishes to say that Jacalyn is doing well. They send their thanks to all who have kept them in their prayers.



Ousley-Blackburn

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Ousley, of Martin, are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Greta Lynn, to Craig Blackburn, the son of Ms. Vonda Blackburn, of Cow Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Blackburn, of Prestonsburg. The bride-elect is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She is currently a student at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Ousley, of Martin, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ousley, of Prestonsburg. The prospective groom is also a graduate of Prestonsburg High School, as well as being a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University. He is currently employed by Clean Gas Company, in Hindman. His grandparents are Mrs. Rita Blackburn and the late Mr. Troy Blackburn, of Prestonsburg, and Mrs. Laura Crider and the late Mr. Wayne Crider, of Cow Creek. The couple will exchange vows on Saturday, May 13, 2006, at half past five o'clock in the late afternoon, at Victorian Gardens Wedding Chapel, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. A reception will follow at Park Vista Resort Hotel. All family members and friends are cordially invited to attend.



Woods-Watts

Zondra Woods and Luke Woods, Jr., of Prestonsburg, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Rachael Dawn, to Kevin Watts, the son of Edward and Patricia Watts, of London. Rachael is the granddaughter of the late Edith Meade, formerly of Prestonsburg, and the late Luke and Ernestine Woods, formerly of Water Gap. Kevin is the grandson of Ruby and Effie Watts, of Hindman, and Marcus and Pearl Stacy, of London. The couple were joined in marriage on Saturday, April 29, 2006, at the Community Freewill Baptist Church, in Goble-Roberts, Prestonsburg. A reception immediately followed in the Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The gracious custom of an open church wedding was observed.



It's a Girl!

Brandi Jo Salisbury was born Friday, April 21, 2006, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, to proud parents John Salisbury and Sarah Shepherd. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz., and was 20 inches in length. She is the granddaughter of Homer and Colleen Salisbury, and Ray and Vickie Adkins. She has one big sister, Alyssa.



Newsome-Alley

Michael and Michelle Alley were joined in marriage on March 24, 2006. Michelle is the daughter of Kermit and Priscilla Newsome, of Teaberry. Michael is the son of Sarah Alley, of Pikeville, and the late Larry Carroll. Their family and friends wish them many happy years together.



Hancock-Gibson

Michael and Rita Hancock, of Printer, are pleased to announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Allison Faye Hancock, to Brandon Gibson, the son of David and Paula J. Gibson, of Prestonsburg. Allison is a graduate of Allen Central High School. She is currently attending Northern Kentucky University where she will graduate with an associate degree in nursing in May. Following, she plans to continue her nursing education and to graduate with a bachelor's of science degree in nursing, in May, 2007. Brandon is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He is a December, 2005 graduate of Northern Kentucky University from which he holds a bachelor's of science degree in industrial and labor relations/human resources. He will enter law school this coming fall. The couple will wed on May 20, 2006, at half past two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Spurlock Church of Christ, in Printer. A reception will immediately follow at the Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



New Arrival

Sheridan Ivy Jeanice Shepherd was born on March 27, 2006, at 4:50 p.m., at Saint Joseph East Hospital, Lexington, to proud parents Mitchell Jr. and Tabatha Shepherd. She weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz., and was 18 and 1/4 inches long. The new baby girl is the granddaughter of Arthur and Virginia Hughes, and Mitchell and Mary Ruth Shepherd, all of Hueysville.



Baker-Adams

Hannah Lee Baker is happy to announce the wedding of her mother, Destiney Baker, to her friend, Daniel Adams, on Saturday, May 20, 2006, at the Berea United Methodist Church, in Berea. Destiney is a psychology graduate student and works as a graduate assistant at Eastern Kentucky University. Daniel is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He is an assistant manager with Wal-Mart, in Nicholasville.



Moore-O'Bryan

Kenny Joe and Beanie Moore, of Drift, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Wendi Lynn, to Rick O'Bryan II, the son of Teresa Daniels, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, and Rick O'Bryan, of Winchester. A summer wedding is being planned for July 22, 2006. Family and friends are cordially invited to join in the celebration.

Floyd County Devotional Page

This devotional and directory is made possible by these businesses who encourage all of us to attend worship services.

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. and 6 p.m.; Thursday, 7 p.m.; Bobby Spencer, Pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Endicott Freewill Baptist, Buffalo: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hobert Meek, Pastor.

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

Faith Freewill Baptist, 1/4 mile above Worldview Ept. 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, (Branch'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 358-4275.

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, Bevinville: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Roger Truety.

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

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

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

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

Ligon Community Freewill Baptist, Ligon: Sunday School, 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 Vamey, 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.

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

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

CATHOLIC

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

CHRISTIAN

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

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.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

CHURCH OF GOD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

EPISCOPAL

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

LUTHERAN

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

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

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

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

First United Methodist, 256 South Arnold Avenue: 9 a.m. Contemporary Service, Sunday School, 10 a.m.; 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 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Bobby G. Lawson, Minister.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PRESBYTERIAN

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

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; Relief Society/Prethhood/Primary, 9:30 a.m.: Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Mtg., 11:20 a.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. Church Meeting House address, Hwy. 80, Martin, KY 41649; Meeting House telephone number: 285-3133; Ken Carriere, Bishop.

OTHER

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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.

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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.

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Spu:lock 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. Arnette, Pastor

Taylor Chapel Community Church, formerly the old Price Food Service building, located 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment Rd., 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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RUMAGE SALE
Community rumage sale Saturday May 6th 9:00 - 2:30 Emma united methodist church.

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480- Miscellaneous

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460 Yard Sale

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570- Mobile Homes

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Older 3 bd room mh for sale, must be moved. call 874-2802.

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530-Homes

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610Apartments

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