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Sgt. Joshua Wise tests a mask at the armory in Gray as 150 members of the 844th Engineering Battalion get ready to deploy.

ing Battalion is gearing up to send 150 troops overseas.

The Marines of Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, returned to Camp Pendleton, Calif., last Saturday and are undergoing out-processing before coming home.

Battalion officials at the Gray Armory said the Marines will be flown to Tri-Cities Regional Airport Saturday. They did not have an estimated time of arrival Thursday and have asked families and friends not to go to the airport due to security measures.

The Marines will be taken to

usually lasts two weeks. Capt. Chuck Anderson, Alpha Company commander, said the company's training will extend into its mobilization and deployment.

"We are preparing for deployment. We're packing our stuff up. We have a lot of vehicles to move out of here," Anderson said.

Those vehicles include bulldozers, graders and scrapers the heavy engineering company will use to build roads or anything else the Army specifies, Anderson said.

"We're self-supportive when it comes to being resupplied with



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Pfcs. William Lewis and Mark Olson check under the hood of a Humvee in preparation for the 844th's approaching deployment.

Volunteers seek stories on history of Riverview. Chelsea Griffith. Kingsport Times-News.

## Fans get Pound teams expelled from Youth League Football

■ **Unsportsmanlike** conduct by adult fans was cited as the reason for the move.

By **STEPHEN IGO**  
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**POUND** — It's the eve of the Youth League Football championships, and Pound's teams have been barred from playing.

Officials said Pound's teams were expelled from this weekend's play for unsportsmanlike conduct by adult fans.

Pound YLF President Ronald Mullins said Thursday the town's teams were ejected by a 3-2-1 vote of league presidents on Tuesday. The league consists of Norton, Clintwood, St. Paul, Coeburn, Appalachia and, until Tuesday, Pound.

Mullins said Norton, Clintwood and St. Paul YLF presidents voted for a motion to eject Pound from the league, Coeburn's president and Mullins voted against the motion, and Appalachia's president abstained.

League members field three teams for three age groups. Mullins said the teams are for grades 2-3, 4-5 and 6-7.

He thinks Pound's 6-7 grade team's 50-4 record over the past four years is what got them the boot.

Steve Childers, president of Norton's YLF, said a potentially dangerous situation caused by overly exuberant adult fans of Pound's teams was the cause of the expulsion.

"I would say that the games between

Pound and Norton have always had some type of fan controversy where fans from both sides would comment and get upset, (and) that is a recipe for the way things go these days where something could be dangerous," said Childers. "So to avoid a dangerous situation, it was agreed to no longer play Pound until things cool off."

Childers said there were other reasons for Pound's expulsion given to Mullins that would "not be good to print," but adult behavior of Pound fans was the overriding factor.

"They have a good bunch of kids. The kids are great," he said of Pound's YLF teams. "I just hate to see a youth activity escalated into something we've seen on TV already in big cities. So we tried to avoid that by removing ourselves from that situation."

St. Paul YLF President Tom Fletcher, the principal of St. Paul High School, was unavailable for comment Thursday. Clintwood's Bruce Jones was unavailable earlier in the day.

Mullins said no member in the league can claim to have perfect angels for fans. He claimed that after a recent game against Norton the grade 6-7 team "got cussed out" by three Norton fans when the team left the field. Mullins also claimed that in recent seasons some coaches of one of the other league teams beat up an opposing coach "and put him into the hospital." He said another of the league's teams was caught cheating by fielding ineligible players "and neither one of them got

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Johnnie Mae Swagerty is one of the volunteers working on the Discover Our Community project to collect oral histories of Riverview.

## Volunteers seek stories on history of Riverview

■ **To contribute** your own story, contact Kingsport Citizens for a Cleaner Environment at 247-2481.

By **CHELSEA GRIFFITH**  
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**KINGSPORT** — If you've got a story to tell about the development of the Riverview community, volunteers working to collect oral histories want to hear it.

Volunteers working on the Discovering Our Community project want to collect oral histories from people who live in and around the Riverview community.

Rachael Bliss, program director for Kingsport Citizens for a Cleaner Environment, said about a dozen volunteers have worked on the project, which started in the summer.

KCCE is spearheading the project, which was funded with a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Project volunteers also distributed a health survey to Riverview residents.

Bliss said about nine oral his-

tories have been collected, and the group would like to have more from people they may have missed or who live out of town but grew up in the Riverview area.

"We feel there are people out there that have stories we'd like to include," she said.

The end result will be a written compilation of oral histories to include at the Kingsport Archives or the Archives of Appalachia.

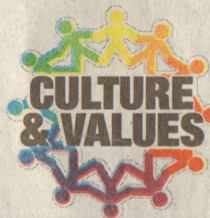
"This has been most enjoyable for me to learn from some of the older citizens in Riverview and reminiscing with others," said Johnnie Mae Swagerty, a volunteer.

"I do have regrets that some of our older citizens have passed and let some of our history go," she said.

Swagerty and fellow volunteer Louetta Moore have each contributed their own memories of their community to the project.

Moore said African Americans came to Kingsport to work at the cement plant.

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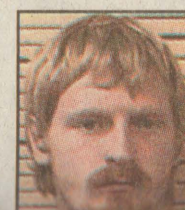
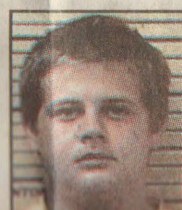
## Police charge six with vandalizing Hawkins golf course

■ **Vandals** caused more than \$78,000 worth of damage at McDonald Hills Golf Course.

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The golf course, which is located at 352 Guntown Road just outside the Rogersville city limits, was actually vandalized on two different occasions, Sheriff Warren Rimer said Thursday. The first vandalism was discovered by

damage from the first incident involved damaged or destroyed greens, fairways, trees, shrubs, signs and a watershed apparently caused by golf carts. Four golf carts were also damaged that night, including one that was de-





son down after the first quarter on its way to a convincing 30-10 victory. Pearman scored on a 2-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter to make it 23-10, then clinched it with another 2-yarder. **PAGE 4B.**

## DAYBOOK

### Today

**Mountain States Health Alliance** will hold its Career Fair from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at MeadowView Conference Resort and Convention Center in Kingsport. Call Carlean Clark at 431-1042.

**Of One Accord**, which operates food banks in Hawkins County, will collect canned goods and cash donations for its food banks from noon to 3 p.m. in the Food Lion parking lot, East Main Street in Rogersville.

### Tomorrow

**Wheels-for-Life bikeathon** to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rascals Teen Center, Cumberland Street, downtown Kingsport. To participate or for more information call 392-1943.

**Of One Accord**, which operates food banks in Hawkins County, will collect canned goods and cash donations for its food banks from noon to 3 p.m. in the Food Lion parking lot, East Main Street in Rogersville.

**International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 934** and the Sullivan County Democratic Party will have a picnic from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Electrical Workers Union Hall, 4640 Highway 11-W, Kingsport. For more information call Jeff Adams at 737-9903.

### Sunday

**Tennessee Highway Patrol** will conduct driver's license roadblocks on State Route 126 in Sullivan County through Oct. 16.

### Tuesday

**Scott County Public Service Authority** will meet at 9 a.m. in the boardroom at the Scott County Offices, 112 Water St., Gate City.

**Kingsport Newcomers Group** will meet at 11:15 a.m. at Rush Street Neighborhood Grill, 1229 E. Stone Drive. Donna Ottinger, AAA travel manager, will talk about travel tips in the new millennium. Kingsport Newcomers Group is open to both new arrivals and those who have lived in Kingsport for many years. Dues are \$15 per year. Luncheon is \$10. Call 288-6445 or e-mail pjsn@mindspring.com.

**Sullivan County Election Commission** will meet at noon at the Election Commission office, Blountville.

**Sullivan County Historic Zoning Commission** will meet at 3 p.m. at the Sullivan County Courthouse, Blountville.

**Rogersville Board of Education** will meet in regular session at 5 p.m. in the boardroom at Rogersville City Hall.

**Sullivan County Youth Home committee** will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Sullivan County Courthouse, Blountville.

To submit notices to be published in Day Book, fax to 423-392-1385, attention Becky Whitlock; mail to Becky Whitlock, Kingsport Times-News, P.O. Box 479, Kingsport, Tenn., 37662; or e-mail to bwhitlock@timesnews.net

ROME — Hip-hop group Outkast has a leading five nominations for the 2004 MTV Europe Music Awards, followed by Usher, with four nominations.

The awards will be presented Nov. 18 at the Tor di Valle Hippodrome in Rome.

Beyonce, Britney Spears, Anastacia, Jay-Z, Maroon 5, Black Eyed Peas and Franz Ferdi-

appearance at the University of Arizona, organizers said.

Moore, the director of "Fahrenheit 9/11," will appear at the university Monday. Tickets have sold for \$5 each.

Fernando Ascencio, director of the Speakers Board of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, said Wednesday the



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dential race.

Republicans at the college have petitioned the

student government in the name of fairness to host a speaker of equal celebrity who is pro-President Bush before the Nov. 2 election.

## Volunteers seek stories of Riverview community

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The land where the Riverview Apartments are located was forested area that became swampy when it rained, she said.

The apartments were built in the 1940s, she said.

"They were very proud of the apartments," Moore said. "At that time, it was decent housing for blacks."

Janie McClintock said her mother was the first African American to work in the Riverview Apartments office. That was in 1951. McClintock said

her mother handled lease agreements and other business.

Homes and duplexes were built along Dunbar and Carver streets during World War II.

Moore said she remembered walking to Douglass High School, which was located at the corner of Center Street and Sevier Avenue from Riverview. An insurance agency is located there now.

The route to school from Lincoln to Main streets took kids through a swampy area they called the "underpath," she said.

"It wasn't very pleasant," she said.

But it did provide cattails for summertime entertainment. Kids would douse the cattails in kerosene and light them with a match, she said.

"We would also collect frogs and tadpoles from the swamp," she said.

The Kingsport Drive-In was located where the Toy Reid Eastman Employee Center now stands.

"We would crawl through the weeds and see (a movie) for free," Moore said, adding that "The Dirty Dozen" was the first movie she remembers seeing.

Swagerty said her mother sent Kool-Aid and bologna sandwiches as snacks when she attended the drive-in.

Most events and activities took place at Douglass School since the black community didn't have access to the Civic Auditorium and other facilities, Moore said.

On holidays like Independence Day, Moore said tents would be set up around the school, and community members would take part in games like badminton and croquet.

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kicked out of the league."

"I've been a part of this league for 12 or 13 years now, and this is the first time anybody ever got kicked out. And we didn't have coaches who beat up another coach in front of the kids and fans and God and everybody, and we didn't switch jerseys to play older players in the younger age groups," Mullins said. "They just said we had issues, and then didn't tell us what the issues were, other than we have some rowdy fans. So what am I to think?"

Mullins said the towns that ejected Pound

are the ones displaying poor sportsmanship because they are sore losers.

The fact Pound's grade 6-7 teams have won four of the past five championships, won 11 of 12 games this season, and this year's team was poised to claim another title is what got Pound ejected from the league, he said.

"I'm not sugar-coating it," he said. "I'm not saying we have a perfect program. Every team has a fan that's going to say something they shouldn't say or do. I wish that wouldn't happen, but the fact is, we're not the only ones by far."

Mullins said he broke the bad news to

Pound's players Wednesday night.

"The boys just started crying. They felt like it was taken away from them. (The championship) is something they worked for all season, and now it's just taken away," he said.

Childers said Pound YLF fans should look at the ejection from the league as a timeout for soul-searching, and then reapply to the league in two years.

Childers said Pound will have to sit out this weekend's championships and next football season before other league members will consider readmitting Pound to the league.

## Six charged with vandalizing Hawkins golf course

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carts was recovered just off the roadway on Austin Mill Road near Rogersville. The second golf cart was found burning on Sept. 28 just off the roadway of Bear Hollow Road near Rogersville.

Rimer said his department received a tip from a confidential

informant that led them to bring the six suspects in for questioning early this week. Following an interview, each of the suspects reportedly signed a statement admitting their part in the golf course vandalism.

Brooks and Grizzel were each charged with two counts of felony vandalism, two counts of

felony theft, and setting fire to personal property.

The other four suspects implicated in the first night of vandalism are Eric Alan Swatzell, 18, 185 Steele Road, Rogersville; Casey Lee Greene, 19, 130 Proffitt Ridge Road, Mooresburg; Timothy Brian Kammer, 19, 179 Shiloh Church Road, Eidson; and

Matthew Walter Kammer, 19, 179 Shiloh Church Road, Eidson.

Each of those four suspects was charged with felony vandalism and criminal trespassing.

Rimer said if the men are convicted on these charges he expects they will each be faced with paying substantial restitution to the golf course.



## 844th to ship out Oct. 23

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Battalion Headquarters are located in Knoxville, Bravo Company is in Chattanooga, and Charlie Company is in Greeneville.

Alpha Company has a mobilization date of Oct. 20 but has three days to get to its mobilization site at Camp Atterbury, Ind.

"It will be a great time for our soldiers to have some time with their families," Anderson said.

The public will have its chance to send off the troops at a ceremony on Oct. 19 at 12:30 p.m. at the armory. The Army Reserve's regional readiness commander, Maj. Gen. Alan Bell, will attend as well as local dignitaries.

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