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Local leaders take oath

Officials seek 'solidarity' to move county forward

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Dozens of Floyd County leaders took the oath of office during a swearing-in ceremony at the Mountain Arts Center on Dec. 30.

As state law requires, all of them swore that they will "faithfully execute" the duties of

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Circuit Judge Tom Smith, right, talks before swearing-in Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton for his new term in office.

Williams plans 'Eastern Kentucky Coalition'



ROBBIE WILLIAMS

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Incoming Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams will start his first official day on Monday by hosting his first special meeting of the fiscal court.

He's already been working, however, on several plans to "move the county forward," including the development of an informal group of eight county judges that he believes will give this region a louder voice in Frankfort.

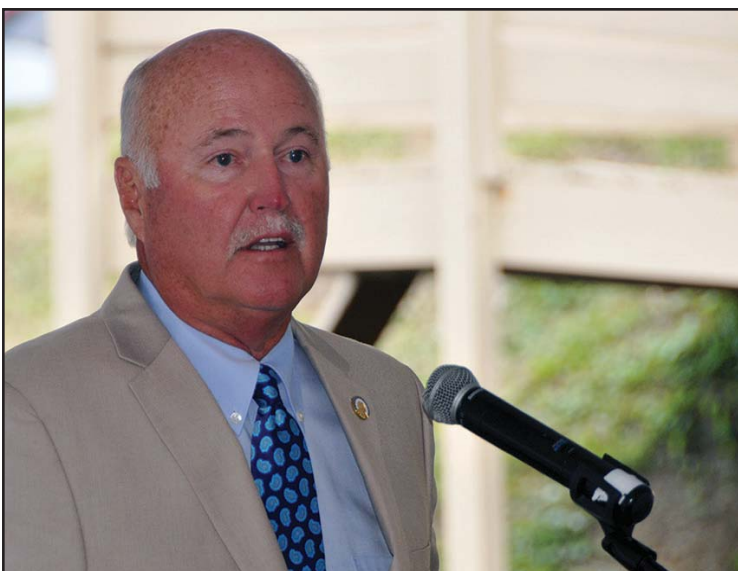
He said the planning for this group, which he

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County District Judge Jimmy Marcum, right, administers the oath of office to Floyd County Fiscal Court members Mike Tackett, George Ousley and Mark Crider, pictured left to right.

Turner, Laferty set legislative goals



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, speaks during the ribbon cutting for ARH Our Lady of the Way in Martin in 2018. He will return to the Kentucky Senate next week.

Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo
Newly-elected Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty poses for a picture during the Wheelwright Christmas parade.

'The district first, and then Kentucky'

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The state's pension problems and the need for better infrastructure in Eastern Kentucky top the list of priorities for

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner during this legislative session.

Turner, D-Prestonsburg, will return to a leadership role when he takes his seat in the Kentucky Senate on Jan. 8.

He'll be serving as caucus chair, a role he previously held from 2003 to 2015.

"With me being back in leadership, I want to try to establish a good

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Folks are 'starving' for job opportunities

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County's newest representative Ashley Tackett Laferty traveled

to Frankfort on Thursday to get prepared for the opening of the 2019 Kentucky General Assembly

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BOE responds to complaints about coach

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, Floyd Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins released letters sent to parents who recently asked the board of education to reopen the investigation into Floyd Central basketball coach Kevin Spurlock.

Parents Sandra Johnson and Angie Hurd addressed the Floyd County Board of Education at a Dec. 17 meeting.

They received no response during the meeting, with officials citing

the board's practice of sending letters of response instead.

The letters were written by Adkins on Dec. 21 and released late last week to the Floyd Chronicle and Times.

Spurlock was suspended from three games in early December, following an incident in which he allegedly argued with an audience member during a game in Ashland and for allegedly verbally abusing students, causing several members to quit the team.

District officials an-

nounced disciplinary action — a three-game suspension — against Spurlock for “conduct unbecoming of a coach,” but Spurlock denied the allegations.

Johnson and Hurd told the board on Dec. 17 that they didn't feel the three-game suspension was enough for Spurlock, and they asked the board to reopen the investigation into the allegations against him, with Hurd claiming she had an “outside witness” from another school who is willing to “collaborate our story about what

happened.”

At one point, Johnson said to the board, “I know that these eight boys are a number to you all, but these eight boys are our babies ... and we feel like they've not getting justice,” Johnson said. “We've come up the command chain and we've asked that we be heard.”

The letters sent to Hurd and Johnson, which are identical, do not mention the request to reopen the investigation. It says, however, that the district is monitoring Spurlock's con-

duct.

“It is our intention to demonstrate to the county and to the parents of the children of this county that we do have the best interest in mind for each student that is enrolled in our district,” the letter states. “At no time, do we ever consider one (1) of our children as ‘just a number.’ We give careful consideration to any complaint that is brought to our attention. Keeping this in mind, the Floyd County Board of Education, has a dual role in protecting both our stu-

dents and our employees. We do not take this duty lightly.”

The letter notes that the complaints from the parents “have been considered.”

“We understand your concerns and be assured that our office will continue to monitor the conduct of Coach Spurlock,” the letter states.

It encourages them to email Adkins if “there is new information” that he needs to be aware of “as we continue to monitor the conduct of Coach Spurlock.”

Floyd County Clerk's budget approved

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Fiscal Court recently approved the 2019 Floyd County Clerk's budget.

The budget details about \$13.67 million in expected revenues and expenses in 2019, which is about the same as the current year budget.

The office expects most of its revenues to be generated from taxes, with \$5.4 million budgeted from usage

taxes, about \$4.5 million budgeted for personal property tax and around \$1.6 million budgeted for licenses and transfers. Delinquent taxes are expected to total around \$1.56 million in 2019, the budget shows, and the county clerk will earn \$10,000 from fish and gaming licenses, \$13,000 from marriage licenses and \$9,200 from the sale of beer and liquor in the county.

In the deed room, the filing of mortgages is

expected to bring in the most revenue, with more than \$150,000 budgeted as revenues from real estate mortgages, chattel mortgages and financing statements. The filing of deeds, easements and contract will net the clerk's office around \$28,000, the budget reports.

In 2019, the clerk's office expects to pay out nearly \$12.4 million that it receives in revenue. The budget shows it will pay nearly \$8.6 million

to the state of Kentucky, \$680,000 to the fiscal court, \$120,000 to the county sheriff, \$200,000 to the county attorney and \$2.8 million to various taxing districts for various tax collections and fees the office handles.

The fiscal court also approved the maximum amount the county clerk may spend on employee salaries and related ex-

penses in 2019, setting it at more than \$852,000—reflecting no change from 2018.

That expense covers all salaries and related costs like health insurance and retirement.

The highest expense in the clerk's office is set for salaries, with \$550,000 budgeted for deputy clerks and \$99,000 set as salary for County Clerk Chris Waugh, whose sal-

ary is mandated by the state. The office expects to spend \$306,000 for insurance, retirement and other employee-related expenses, according to the budget.

Other expenses included in the budget total \$120,000 for election expenses, \$18,000 for auditing, \$112,000 for utilities, supplies, rentals and leases and \$20,000 for office equipment.

Break reduces Abbott Creek to one lane

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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Highway District 12 office reports an embankment failure in Abbott Creek “has severely compromised the outer lane of pavement.”

Traffic was reduced to one lane on the road, Ky. 1427, because of the issue on Wednesday.

Highway District 12's Allen Maintenance Superintendent Todd Harris said temporary traffic signals will control traffic

until arrangements can be made to fix the roadway.

“As always, people need to slow down in this area and be considerate of other traffic. Don't try to run the light and don't go through the light until it turns green for you,” Harris said. “We all need to remember that the safest thing about our vehicles is their driver — that's us, you and me.”

Harris said as soon as work can be scheduled to repair the pavement, an announcement will be sent to local media and

posted on the district's Facebook page, KYTC District 12.

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Magistrate Mark Crider is posing with **JACKIE** the female Jack Russell terrier. Mark has promised support for the shelter so adoptable pets will have a habitable place while they await their forever homes.

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PMC ANNOUNCES OPENING OF NEW CLINIC IN WHITESBURG

By: Carol Casebolt

On November 27, 2018 Pikeville Medical (PMC) announced plans to open a new clinic, in the city of Whitesburg, to better serve their patients.

The anticipated opening date was planned for February, but the construction crew was able to finish ahead of schedule. The new opening date is January 2, 2019.

The clinic provides services for neurology, cardiology, vascular and electrophysiology, and has seen more than 600 patients in a single month in its current downtown location.

"We understand it can be challenging to go out and find health care," said Director of the PMC Heart and Vascular Institute Lorri Burgess. "The process of traveling for health care means extra time and money. When patients are sick, the last thing they want to do is travel. As an organization, we are committed to going out to our patients whenever feasible."

The location of the new PMC Clinic is 107 Medical Plaza Lane, Whitesburg, in the former Whitesburg Motel.

It will feature front door parking and room for expansion when needed and will make a visit to the doctor much more convenient. The clinic will continue to provide in-house diagnostic studies, full cardiac diagnostic



services and same day appointments, whenever possible, to prevent the need for additional patient travel.

The renovation process has created a beautiful, pristine environment for patients. The construction investment for this project was nearly \$877,000.

Burgess said, "We will be occupying the first floor with newly remodeled exam rooms."

As the clinic continues to add new services and providers, the plan is to expand the clinic space to the second floor.

"As the demand continues to grow, we are committed to growing our services and bringing even more convenience to our patients in and around the Whitesburg area," stated Burgess.

She says PMC has put together a wonderful team of clinical and clerical staff at Whitesburg. Miracle Brace continues as the clinical manager. She encourages everyone in the community to come by and see their beautiful new office space.

The goal, each day, is to provide the very best service and quality care to the patients. Burgess says they strive to treat each and every patient just like family.

"Anytime someone experiences symptoms of a heart attack, do not wait. Seek medical attention as soon as possible," she said. "Time is muscle."

For additional information about Pikeville Medical Center or the Whitesburg Clinic visit pikevillehospital.org or call 606-633-7355.

PMC GASTRIC SLEEVE HELPS MAN TRIM DOWN HIS 70-INCH WAIST

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Mike Sanders of Pikeville made a drastic change in his life when he chose Pikeville Medical Weight Loss Surgery Center (PMC) to treat his obesity.

Sanders was nearly 600lbs and his pants had a 70-inch waist. His obesity had caused difficulty for him in everyday life. He struggled with simple tasks.

"All I can ever remember is being extremely obese. Even at 10 years old, I had a 42-inch waist size," said Sanders.

He said he had fooled himself for many years regarding his health and weight.

"Every time I would go to the doctor, my blood pressure and cholesterol were always normal. It was on the high end of normal, but nothing alarming. I ignored my obesity thinking I was ok," said Sanders.



Sanders journey to a new life began on a family vacation. He was unable to enjoy time with his family due to exhaustion, caused by his obesity.

"I could barely walk down the street with my family and enjoy our vacation. The walking caused me so much exhaustion I had to go to our hotel room to rest. I was so exhausted and looked so bad, my son feared for my health and what was happening to me," explained Sanders.

At that moment, Sanders knew he was going to change his life. He made an appointment with PMC's Bariatric Surgeon, Amy Johnson, MD.

Dr. Johnson made Sanders feel at ease and understand the options he had regarding his obesity.

"Mike needed help. I knew with proper guidance, his life could change," said Dr. Johnson. He recalls the decision was simple. "I knew I needed help. My family and I prayed about it. I knew I needed to make a change," said Sanders.

Together, Dr. Johnson and Sanders discussed his options and chose the gastric sleeve procedure.

"Once I decided to proceed with this, I set my mind to live a healthier lifestyle. This was going to be the beginning of a new version of myself," Sanders added.

Sanders lost 350 lbs. since having his procedure.

"This surgery changed my life. I have changed everything and I have never felt better," said Sanders.

He added, he was once not able to even walk a mile and today he runs an average of 10 miles a day.

"I never realized what I was missing. I am enjoying life as a much healthier person," said Sanders.

He said he was thankful for the love and support of his wife and kids.

He wants to encourage anyone with obesity problems to consider meeting with Dr. Johnson to discuss options. He credits Dr. Johnson and her staff for an amazing experience.

For more information about PMC's With Loss Surgery Center to schedule an appointment call 606-218-2205 or visit pikevillehospital.org.

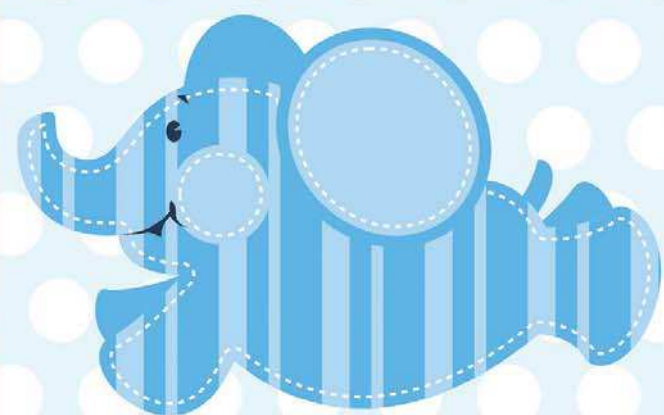
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Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Charges were filed against several people recently in Floyd District Court, and there were also lawsuits filed in Floyd Circuit Court. The cases include:

Felony cases filed

Shawn Campbell, 40, of Summer Shade; two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, one count of second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, receiving stolen property (firearm), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of drug paraphernalia

Kenneth Franklin Spurlock, 28, of Printer; no registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belt, improper registration plate, registration and title requirements for vehicle, rear license not illuminated, one headlight, speeding over 20 mph, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, first-degree fleeing/evading police, resisting arrest, menacing, driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license

Andrew Lee Crum, 32, of Drift; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, fugitive

Gerald Frasure, 53, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, no registration receipt, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container

Lucille Tackett, 47, of Hi Hat; first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Amanda Howell, 35, of McDowell; first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Keith Paige, 39, of McDowell; resisting arrest, possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of first-degree fleeing/evading police, driving under the influence, failure to maintain insurance, no registration receipt

Joshua Carver, 18, of Dwale; first- and second-degree promoting contraband

Justin Trout, 27, of Prestonsburg; second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Misdemeanor cases filed

Shirley Fogel, 63, of Drift; harassment

Bryan R. Newsome, 30, of Beaver; failure to use turn signal, failure to wear seatbelt, driving on a suspended license, possession of marijuana, three counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, three counts of controlled substance not in original container

Annashea Staten, 35, of Garrett; possession of a controlled substance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, con-

trolled substance not in original container

Anne Elizabeth Isaacs, 36, of Drift; second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana

Vick McCoy, 40, of Martin; harassment

Tammy Adkins, 42, of Grethel; fourth-degree assault

Billy Spears, 45, of Grethel; fourth-degree assault

Rita Gulick, 40, of Printer; driving on a suspended license, possession of license when privileges are revoked, failure to surrender revoked license

Amber N. Jarrell, 24, of Williamstown; fourth-degree assault

Paul B. Caudill, 31, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Ryan K. Hackworth, 33, of Stanville; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct, theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting), resisting arrest

Jonathan Shepherd, 33, of David; third-degree terroristic threatening

Jonathan Morris, 40, of Allen; fourth-degree assault

Austin Roskin, 25, of Ashland; fourth-degree assault

Shannon Roskin, 28, of Ashland; fourth-degree assault

Dustin Spears, 35, of McDowell; second-degree criminal trespassing, public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct

Brianna D. Curry, 27, of Hueysville; public intoxication of a controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)

Ballard Tussey Jr., 42, of Prestonsburg; harassment

Shannon D. Hamilton, 40, of Beaver; failure to wear seatbelts, possession of marijuana

Merlin Conn, 45, of Printer; alcohol intoxication in a public place, harassing communications, second-degree disorderly conduct

Christopher B. Hall, 26, of Printer; alcohol intoxication in a public place, disorderly conduct

Melissa A. Varney, age unavailable, of Prestonsburg; harassment

William G. Patton, 56, of Prestonsburg; theft by deception

Janet Miller, 55, of Printer; third-degree terroristic threatening

Louis Jack Prater, 53, of Martin; harassment

James Coleman, 34, of Teaberry; theft by failure to make required disposition of property

Clifford Jarrell Jr., 54, of Dana; harassment

Nicholas Lee Hall, 40, of Topmost; third-degree terroristic threatening

Lawsuits filed

Brandon Salisbury vs. Brittany Bartrum; petition for custody

Summer Noakes vs. Larry Collins; petition for custody

Kristi Hensley vs. Kenneth Hensley; divorce

Catherine Jo-Ann Johnson vs. Ricky Dale Johnson; divorce

Courtney Michelle Lawson vs. Michael David Lawson; divorce

Christopher Gilley vs. Cassandra Prater; petition for custody and name change

Amanda D. Ingels vs. Randy D. Short; family court matter

Bayview Loan Servicing vs. Jeffrey Robinette, Debra Robinette, Jimmy Dean Conn; foreclosure

Roger Hall vs. Chelsie Tuttle; personal injury complaint

Ashly Nicole Holbrooks vs. Brandon Douglas Holbrook; divorce

Curtis Stapleton, Sue Stapleton vs. Sheila Tackett; property damage

complaint
Metropolitan Life Insurance Company vs. Robert E. Patrick and unknown spouse, d unknown heirs of Magalene Patrick, administrator of the estate of Magalene Patrick, unknown spouse of Ben Williams, Johnny Patrick, Michelle Patrick, Timmy Patrick, Sabrina Patrick, Dinanna Howell and unknown spouse; foreclosure

Teresa Lynn Hall vs. Danny Hall; divorce

Ashley Blevins vs. Ronnie Blevins; divorce

Katherine M. Adams vs. Molly T. Watkins; personal injury complaint

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforce-

ment, Sandra Elliot vs. Sean Tackett; petition for child support and health-care insurance

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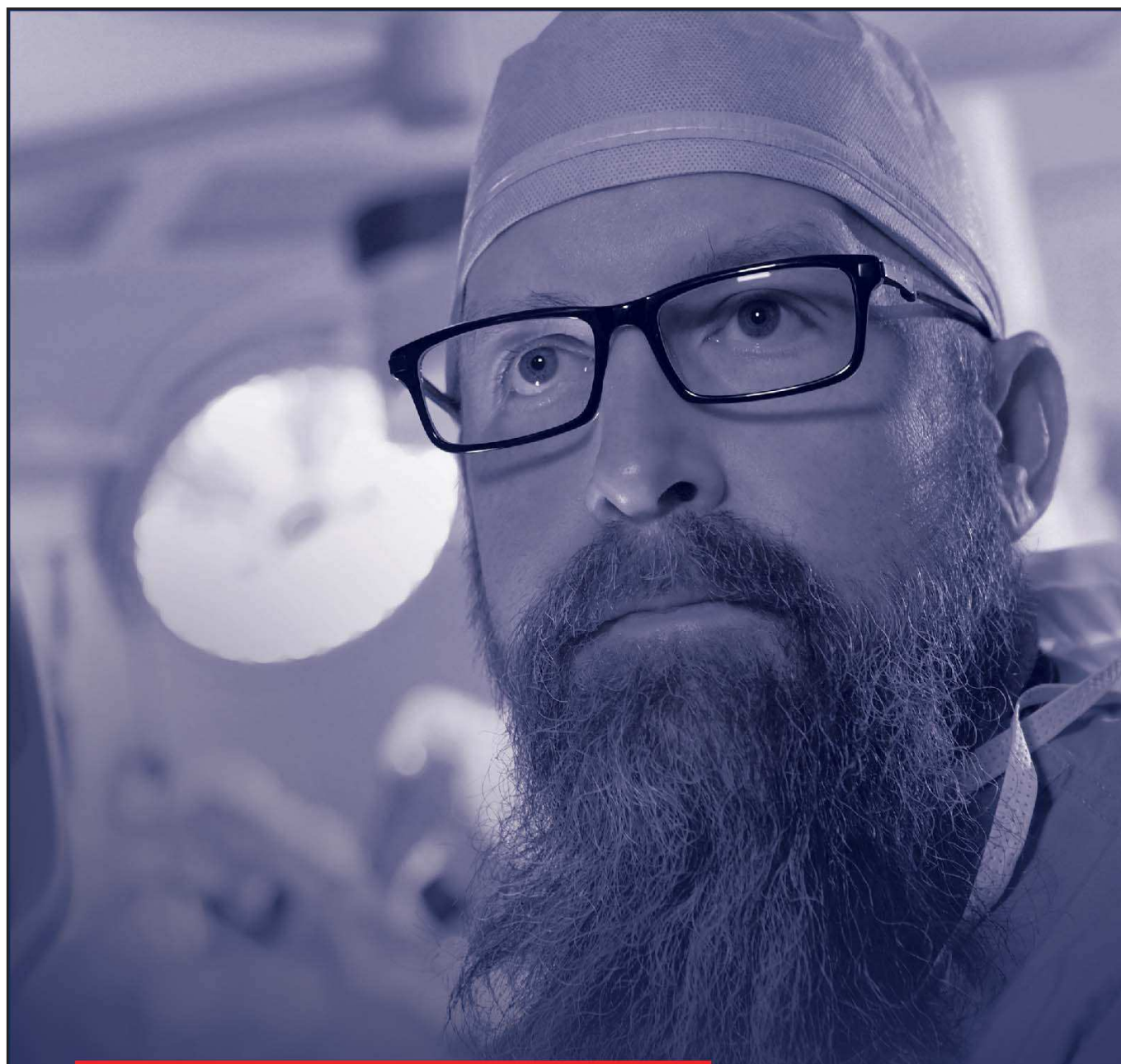
Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Lora Endicott vs. Robert Endicott; petition for child support and health-care insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforce-

ment, Clorissa Swiney vs. Bradley Runyon; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Catalina Structured Funding Inc. vs. Joseph Anthony Collins; application for approval of transfer of structured settlement payment rights

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EDITORIAL

New leadership, old challenges

The time since the November general election can now be measured in months, and several officials are preparing to take office in Floyd County.

Some will be remaining in roles with which they're familiar. Others, however, will be stepping into roles that are new to them.

These officials still face the same challenges, chief among them being how to do more with less.

The falling fortunes of the coal industry in East-

ern Kentucky has meant a loss of coal money going from workers' pockets into the economy and a loss of coal severance tax funding that's coming back to local governments.

The region has also lost residents, who moved out of the area to find work.

These issues may create a perfect storm of negative economic drivers in our community, but it's far from a hopeless situation.

Economic development is becoming more

possible as businesses have begun taking a closer look at the workforce and other benefits of doing business in Eastern Kentucky.

A more regionalized outlook is beginning to take hold, with counties and cities realizing the boundaries that separate us are far thinner than the ties that bind us.

As a result, the opportunities are real and are coming more and more in focus.

That's where our political leaders come in.

The former ways of

doing things will no longer work.

We ask that every person taking a political office in Floyd County take a look at their job duties and see not just what they "have" to do, but what they "can" do to help make this community more attractive to economic development.

Those officials will have to do their research, as well, to ensure that the companies that Floyd County's courting are worth the effort, worth the time and expenditures that are tak-

ing place. We're looking long-term, not short term. That's what will really make the difference.

And each person who is taking over in an elected office does play a role. From those at the top of government, such as judge-executive or mayor, to those who oversee offices that are required for the operation of the government—they all have a part to play to ensure that Floyd County is attractive and competitive.

It's absolutely vital that we keep an eye on

the future. That's why we are calling for those who are preparing to take office make those commitments now.

Office-holders have two possibilities for when they leave office — they can either look back with regret on a term that was wasted and didn't contribute to a brighter future for our community, or they can look back on a term that played a role in making Floyd County better. We'd prefer the latter.

GUEST COLUMN



By JK COLEMAN
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Well it's 2019 cartooners, which means it's been about 50 years since I hooked up with Jule Huffman's outfit and starred on the Mr. Cartoon show. Some will tell you that I've been a clown from that day forward. Ignore them. Those people are the jealous type who probably don't know a thing about the show business.

Mr. Cartoon

As I think back to that day on the set, I recall my disappointment having learned that members of the live audience didn't actually get to see the cartoons. To my horror, once the cameras panned away from us live nerds, we basically found ourselves in what seemed like a dead, toon-less time-out. Left to shoot the bull with Jule and his sidekick Beeper while my buddies back home watched Foghorn and ate Crunch Berries, I felt as if I was Ralphie in "A Christmas Story." I was like a full-fledged member of Little Orphan Annie's Secret Society, finally decoding the first secret message with the long-awaited de-

coder ring, only to learn that it was an advertisement for Ovaltine. I'd been hornswoggled by hillbilly Hollywood, merely whooping it up for the camera on cue, just to sell some Ovaltine! What a rip off. Or so I thought at the time.

In hindsight, being afforded that dose of wholesomeness in what seemed like a faraway West Virginia studio was a chance of a lifetime. Mostly because there's no decency to be found these days, no matter how far you drive. So if you're too young to have ever seen the Mr. Cartoon show, or you just don't care, you're actually the one who's been ripped off.

Trust me, having no clue who Jule Huffman was while knowing Stormy Daniels' real name is no way to have to go through life. But let's face it, decency doesn't sell anymore. And if poor old Jule Huffman could come back to spin his classic cartoons today, some liberal would find a way to call him a racist anyway.

It seems like we take ourselves too seriously these days. For the upcoming New Year maybe we should all take a step back and lighten up a little, tell a joke on ourselves for a change. Jule "Mr. Cartoon" Huffman served in the Air Force and was married to the same woman for

70 years. But the man chose to make his living by making fun of himself and making kids laugh. I don't know about you, but that makes me feel refreshingly insignificant.

Yes, it's 2019. After 50 years, I remember going to see the Mr. Cartoon show live as if it was yesterday. I'm not only man enough to admit that my mom took me to WSAZ to see the show, I'm cocky enough to brag about it. I'd do it all over today given the chance. Because there's a hell of a lot worse things a man could be up to these days than shooting the bull with Beeper.

Happy New Year everyone.

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Floyd County Sheriff's budget approved

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Fiscal Court recently approved the Floyd County Sheriff's Department budget, as well the maximum amount the department may spend on salaries and related employee expenses in 2019.

The department will have more funds to spend in 2019 than it did this year, according to the budget and accompanying documents approved by the fiscal court this month.

The sheriff's budget totals more than \$2 million in revenues and expenses, which is slightly higher than the 2018 budget estimate of \$1.9 million.

Expected revenues include \$175,000 from the state, \$272,400 from the fiscal court, \$125,000 in delinquent taxes, \$620,000 in commissions, \$100,000 for fees collected, \$70,000 for serving papers, \$75,000 for the alcohol tax and, among other revenues, \$200,000 for contracts and agreements. Revenues from contract are budgeted significantly higher than they were in 2018, when \$76,000 was budgeted for contracts.

The department's largest expenditures is salaries, and the amount will grow in 2019.

The fiscal court approved the annual maximum amount the sheriff's department may spend on salaries and

related expenses, including health insurance and retirement, for the 2019 calendar year at more than \$1.2 million.

In 2018, the maximum was set at nearly \$994,000.

The 2019 budget allots \$800,000 for salaries, about \$15,000 more than the 2018 budget. Salaries are set at \$575,000 collectively for deputies, \$10,000 for part-time employees, \$125,000 for tax collection salaries and \$105,000 for Sheriff John P. Hunt, whose salary is set by state law.

Other significant expenditures in the 2019 budget include \$155,000 for employee retirement—about \$40,500 more than the prior year — and about \$190,000

for insurance, which is about \$50,000 more than the prior year. The budget also sets vehicle maintenance for the department at \$50,000.

At the meeting, the fiscal court also approved allowing Hunt to seek \$132,000 in advanced funding from the state for 2019 fiscal year. The department will repay those funds to the state after taxes are collected in the county.

As in 2017, the fiscal court approved a \$500,000 revenue and advancement bond for the sheriff's department, agreeing to pay \$2,675 to Liberty Mutual through Hall & Clark Insurance Agency for the premium.

TURNER

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working relationship with the majority party, and try to get as much done as we can for the district and for Kentucky," Turner said. "The district first, and then Kentucky."

Turner, 69, who serves residents in Floyd, Knott, Letcher and Harlan counties, was first elected to his seat 18 years ago. He is part of the legislature's Mountain Caucus and Sportsmen's Caucus.

During the interim, he served on the School Safety Working Group, which held meetings across the state, and in Prestonsburg, to gather input about improving school safety.

He said this week that there may be some legislation filed related to the topics explored by that working group.

"The school safety working group is finished and we're working on a bipartisan piece of legislation to try to come up with something that will work for all the school systems," Turner said. "It's a complicated issue and there's a lot of different directions you can go. The school resource officers seems to be the most positive and logical way to go, if we can figure out a way to fund it, but the legislation hasn't been completed yet, so I don't know exactly what it's going to be."

Turner serves on several legislative committees that oversee Kentucky education, natural resources and energy and transportation, and he also serves on budget review subcommittees on education and general government, finance, personnel and public retirement. Those topics highlight his priorities for the 2019 General Assembly.

The state's pension problems top that list for Turner, a former teacher and coach.

The state's pensions plans were fully funded in 2000, but have since accumulated \$43 billion in debt. Legislators passed a pension reform bill during the last legislative session — tacking changes onto a sewage bill — but the Supreme Court struck down the measure on procedural grounds. After that ruling came in December, Gov. Matt Bevin called a special session but lawmakers, adjourned the session the next day without dealing with the issue.

Turner believes the state will get out of its pension debt if pensions are funded, saying that an actuarial analysis conducted by the Legislative Research Commission said the debt will "take care of itself in 30 years" if the legislature fully funds it each year.

"I would like to work with the majority party to try to come up with a way to fund our pensions, ful-

ly fund the pensions, to keep that stable and to keep the pension as it is. I don't think it needs to be changed. I think that we just need to fund it and we need to come up a way to fund it," Turner said.

He said he still stands behind assertions he made last January, in regards of supporting casino gambling if that would fund state pensions.

"If casinos were to come about, and the revenue from that would go toward funding the pensions, I could probably support it. It's something that I haven't been real supportive of in the past, but I could, if it was directed in the right way, I might could support it," Turner said.

He encourages Kentucky teachers to "stay engaged" and "be informed" about the issue.

Turner also talked about the need to improve infrastructure in Eastern Kentucky. He said he initiated a project to improve the McDowell curve when he was first elected to the senate in 2001 and that work didn't start until 2018.

"Transportation is one of the main things that we need to do. We want to get things that help economic development in the area, and to do that, we've got to have transportation, roads for transportation," Turner said.

He has not pre-filed any bills for this term.

"We really haven't seen an agenda for the majority party, and that's pretty much what we have to go by," Turner said. "We can push legislation, but it has to be acceptable to the majority party, and we have to pick and choose which ones we're going to support."

Turner has served in the minority party since he was elected in 2001, and said it makes passing legislation more difficult. He said teamwork will be key.

"It makes it tougher, but I believe that if you try to work together you know, you can accomplish some things," Turner said. "A lot of people in the legislature like to introduce a lot of legislation just to be introducing legislation, and I believe you need to be passionate about what you're going to introduce because you don't want to introduce something that's not going to pass. You want to introduce something that you're going to be able to pass, and you have to be passionate about it, and you have to work it really hard to get support. I've passed legislation over the years, but unless it's something I'm really passionate about, I'm going to pick and chose what I'm going to try to do."

Local residents may reach Turner at, (502) 564-8100, ext. 6136, or by emailing, johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES



Dorothy Anderson

Dorothy Pauline Anderson, 103, of Hamilton, Ohio, passed away at home on Friday, Dec. 28, 2018.

Dorothy was born in Rockcastle, Tenn. on June 6, 1915, to Claude P. and Fannie F. (Hall) Frady.

She was a member of the Westside Church of Christ and the Daughters of Rebekah. Dorothy enjoyed reading, quilting, baking and spending time with family.

Dorothy was the proud wife of a coal miner and a resident of Wayland for many years. Dorothy is survived by her children, Randall (Mary Jo) Anderson and Gaybe (the late Raleigh) Campbell; her grandchildren, Randy (Vicki) Anderson, Ken Campbell, John (Marcellia) Campbell, Cathy (Steve) Hester, Gary Anderson Jr., Greg Polen, Jeff (Lori) Polen, Tully (Cindy) Anderson, Lisa (Wayne) Campbell, Terry Anderson, Kelly (Adam) Jones, Chris Polen, Amy Anderson, Steve Polen and Karen Sue Anderson; and numerous other great and great-grandchildren.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, John Anderson; her children, Gary Anderson, Larry Anderson, Karen Polen and Johnny Anderson; her siblings and her parents.

Funeral service will be held at Brown Dawson Flick Funeral Home, 1350 Millville Ave, Hamilton,

Ohio, on Thursday, Jan. 3, at 7 p.m. with Minister Dan Knisley officiating. Burial will take place on Friday, Jan. 4, at 1 p.m. at Martin Cemetery in Wayland. Visitation was held on Thursday, Jan. 3, from 5-7 p.m. at Brown Dawson Flick Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Westside Church of Christ. Condolences may be made at www.browndawsonflick.com

Obituary courtesy of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

This is a paid obituary

Tommy Elkana Collett

Tommy Elkana Collett, 61, of Harold, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Juanita Prater

Juanita Shepherd Prater, 86, of Hueysville, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Becky Lou Samons

Becky Lou Samons, 66, of Martin, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Debra Lou Samons

Debra Lou Samons, 64, of Martin, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Eva Webb Stacy

Eva Webb Stacy, 63, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2018.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

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Proposals are to be submitted to the City no later than 4:00 pm on January 31, 2019.

The City of Prestonsburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals.

Community Events

- Jan. 6, 1 p.m.: Battle of Middlecreek Commemoration to be held at the battlefield, followed by Old Christmas at the historic Samuel May House
- Jan. 7, 7-10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court hosts special meeting
- Jan. 7, 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets, Allen City Hall. (606) 874-2953
- Jan. 8, 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriter's Scene, Dewey's at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. (606) 886-1341
- Jan. 8, 12 p.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism meets, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-1341
- Jan. 8, 1 p.m.: Freedom from Smoking class begins, Big Sandy Health Care's Physicians for Families location. (606) 886-8997
- Jan. 8, 5:45 p.m.: Wayland Tourism Commission meeting, community center
- Jan. 8, 6 p.m.: Wayland City Commission meets, community center
- Jan. 8, 6 p.m.: Floyd County Beekeepers meet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

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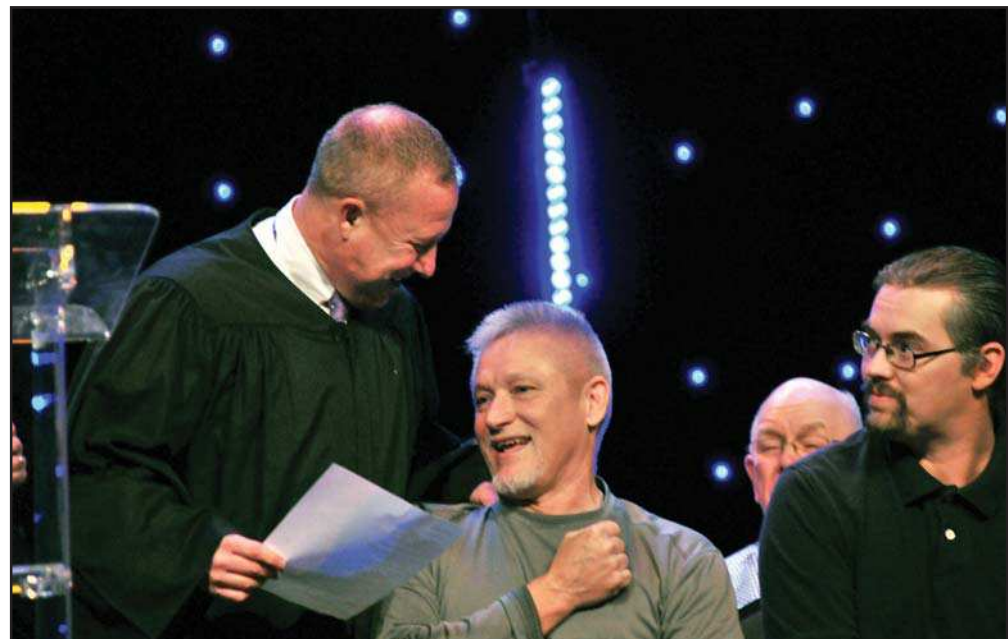
Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Jennifer Kopecky, left, shakes hands with Floyd County Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris, right, after he swears her into her first term as a Prestonsburg Tourism member.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris, right, prepares to administer the oath of office to State Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, left.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County District Judge Jimmy Marcum swears in members of the Wayland City Commission during a Dec. 30 ceremony. Pictured left to right are Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz and commissioners Michael Caudill, Kathy (Suzie) Mills and Charles Bentley. Not pictured is Commissioner Curtis Lee, who was also sworn in at the event.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris, left, speaks to Wheelwright Mayor Don "Booty" Hall, center, and Commissioner Sam Little, right, prior to swearing them in for office on Dec. 30.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Circuit Judge Tom Smith, center, swears in Prestonsburg City Council members on Dec. 30. Council members include David Gearheart, Josh Turner, Brittainy Branham, Harry Adams, pictured on left, and Don Willis, Rick Hughes, Shag Branham and BD Nunnery, on right.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Circuit Judge Tom Smith, right, swears in constables Ernie Ray Moore and Gary Nelson.

OFFICIALS

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their elected office, that they've never fought in a "duel with deadly weapons," never "sent or accepted a challenge to fight a duel with deadly weapons" or aided anyone else in accepting or challenging someone else to a duel.

Floyd County Circuit judges Johnny Ray Harris and Tom Smith and District Judge Jimmy Marcum administered the oaths to Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, incoming Judge-Executive Robbie Williams, mayors Les Stapleton of Prestonsburg, Don Hall of Wheelwright and Jerry Fultz of Wayland and newly-elected members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, Prestonsburg City Council, Wheelwright City Commission and Wayland City Commission.

There were no attendees from the city governments of Allen or Martin at the ceremony, but constables Ernie Ray Moore and Gary Nelson were also sworn in, as was Jennifer Kopecky, a Prestonsburg business owner who was recently appointed to serve on the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission.

Prestonsburg City Council member Shag Branham, who offered a prayer to start the ceremony, thanked all public officials.

"I'd like to start off first, though, not only with congratulations to everyone here, but thank you for choosing to do this, because it is a very thankless job," he said.

Laferty, a Democrat who will represent all of Floyd County and part of Pike County when the Kentucky House convenes next week, said she is looking forward to that work.

"I feel very fortunate to have been elected to represent the 95th district, and I cannot wait to serve and try to help Eastern Kentucky," she said.

Williams thanked his family, friends and supporters, and talked about the need for "solidarity"—a comment echoed by Stapleton during his closing remarks.

"It's great that we have our city and county officials come together to support all the residents of Floyd County," Williams said. "Solidarity is what we need to move this county forward."

He said he's assuming his new role "with great honor and respect."

"I will work tirelessly to move Floyd County forward," he said. "This starts with me inviting each and every one of you back to the political process in Floyd County. I can't do this alone. I'm a voice. I'm an advocate. I'm the judge-executive. I've been elected by the people of Floyd County to

pursue your agenda, not mine. I look forward to the next four years and certainly believe that we have the right people in place to get things done and move the county forward. It's time for us to go to work."

Stapleton's wife, Karen, notarized documents each official was required to sign before accepting their new roles. Stapleton thanked her and the family members of all public officials who support them. After requesting

applause for those family members, he referenced Williams' comments. "We've got to get to work," he said. "We've got to get together and we've got to get moving in the same direction, and once we're all mov-

ing in the same direction, that's a big ole body of people that we got to stop, that they have to stop. So, we've just got to keep moving, keep plugging along and we'll get there."

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WILLIAMS

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calls the East Kentucky Coalition, started when he and other officials attended training in Frankfort in November.

"I met a couple of times with Ray Jones in Pikeville and, actually, the other judges here locally, we're going to try to create a little, form a little East Kentucky Coalition, where these judge-executives can try to work with Frankfort," Williams said. "We feel regionally, or collectively, we probably, we're going to have a stronger voice in Frankfort than individually as counties."

He talked about having these eight judge-executives from Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Letcher, Knott and Perry counties participate in monthly telephone conferences and/or meetings to set an agenda for Eastern Kentucky as a whole.

Officials from these and other counties have collaborated on issues in the past that affect Eastern Kentucky, including testimony they provided to Frankfort about decreases in coal severance funding in recent years.

Williams said this group wants to continue that push to have more coal severance money returned to Eastern Kentucky, and he explained, that this group will also work together to set an agenda for projects that will benefit the region as a whole.

"What we've realized is, you know, it's easier for us to be heard if we go down there representing 250,000 people rather than 50,000 or 30,000," Williams said.

He said the development of this "loosely-formed group of judge-executives" is in the "early stages," and he is planning to its first conference call on Jan. 15.

"We've basically said guys, what are some of the things that we need to work on. Let's start laying out an agenda," he said. "We don't need to meet and come in empty-handed. When we have these meetings, we need to make sure that we've thought this through and we know what we want to start working on. We need to start forming, you know, forming some ideas and how we're going to move this thing forward."

He said he and Jones, the incoming Pike County judge-executive, hope to increase development on the U.S. 23 corridor.

"Ray and I, we're wanting to work this U.S. 23 corridor between Prestonsburg and Pikeville," he said. "What you'll run into is on the southern part of Pike County, it's sort of drying up, everything is coming this way. So, Ray and I have spoke. I've already sent in a request to Hal

Rogers' office. I'm wanting him, if they do any redistribution of these Opportunity Zones tax credits, we need them up between Prestonsburg and Pikeville."

He said the tax credits are "huge."

"You get deferment of taxes, capital gains deferred, I mean, I don't know where they come up with the credit area (they have)," Williams said. "Right now, it currently runs up (Ky.) 321 to the Johnson County line. All it takes in is the hospital. We need it up (U.S.) 23 so that we can bring Pike and Floyd County together and we'd work this corridor, and we think this is going to be good for both of us, going forward."

He said working as a region is imperative to future growth.

"I think we have a lot of people, and this is what you find out with politicians, well, even in business, a lot of people

can say all of the right things, but, now, actions speak louder than words," Williams said. "There's so many things we need to do, I realize, but we need to prioritize and tackle the things that we know we can, that are realistic. We have to be realistic in what we propose. But I really think that this is something that can really help all of us in Eastern Kentucky, if we can stick together, get us a working group and maybe have more of a voice in Frankfort."

Williams encourages Floyd County residents to attend the fiscal court's special meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7.

The agenda includes the approval of resolutions for seasonal employees and the 2019 employee listing, as well as a "discussion of revenue shortfall."

Outgoing fiscal court members emphasized that they're leaving about \$3 million for the incom-

ing administration, but Williams pointed out that the fiscal court also took on additional debt.

In 2018, the fiscal court repealed the insurance premium tax, which brought more than \$1 million in revenue to the county, and those funds are set to expire at the end of June, when the next county budget must be approved. The fiscal court entered into an agreement to allow Prestonsburg to pay the \$1.8 million Southern Water & Sewer bond in 2018, but the fiscal court recently started paying the bond again and it approved another loan — a \$2.2 million bond that was used to fix roads and the county jail.

"I don't think people realize that we've got an additional \$4 million in debt that we have to service," Williams said.

The special meeting will be held in the fiscal courtroom at the county courthouse.

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next week.

She was hoping to land several committee assignments that will help her work on projects she cares about — committees that deal with education, transportation, natural resources and the legal system.

She said her priorities include working to solve the state pension problems, "protecting the promises made to teachers," improving roads and infrastructure to bring more jobs to the region and backing several projects, including community centers.

"Growing up, I heard stories about my grandfather packing his dinner bucket and walking to work in an underground coal mine and I heard stories about my grandmother, who put herself through college and made a lifetime of educating and rearing all the kids in our community," Laferty said. "And I really feel like that's the type of workforce raised here in Eastern Kentucky and, simply put, I feel like our folks are just starving for job opportunities."

She said the lack of job opportunities caused other problems. "Ultimately, I think the root of our population decline and the root of our drug epidemic and the root of

a lot of our problems is our lack of job opportunities in Eastern Kentucky, and I'd like to be a motivation to create job opportunities."

She said she's already reached out to employers, landowners and other county and state officials about bringing amenities like an industrial park to Floyd County.

"As a matter of fact, I hope that anyone who reads this article and wishes to be a part of moving the district forward would contact me with any thoughts or recommendations or contacts that may help us move in that direction," she said. "I not only hope to protect our coal miners and our teachers and our state and hospital workers who are basically the bedrock of our community. I just feel like I'm not going to be satisfied until we also attract and create high-quality job opportunities for those who not only can work, but those who want to go to work in Floyd and Pike counties."

She is planning to spend a lot of her time supporting and sponsoring legislation that "protects public education."

In talking about ways to fully fund the pension, Laferty said she has been researching possibly using lottery funds to fill the funding gap. She said, however, that any

bill crafted for that purpose would also have to protect programs that are currently funded by the lottery, such as scholarships.

"I have been looking into and researching a means to possibly use the lottery as a source of funding for state pensions," she said. "While the lottery does earn over \$1 billion..those funds are already put to good use for educational purposes such as scholarships and some of our local colleges. So, it's necessary for me to look into, if I do draft such a bill, to make sure that I draft it in a way that would allow some educational programs and local colleges to keep receiving their scholarship funds."

Laferty also talked about supporting legislation pre-filed by other Eastern Kentucky legislators, like BR 24, filed by Rep. John Blanton, which seeks to increase the taxable pension income exclusion from \$31,000 to \$41,000, and BR 163, filed by Rep. Angie Hatton to eliminate a requirement doctors contracted to evaluate occupational diseases are "B" readers who are board-certified pulmonary specialists. Laferty said she is also interested in working to restore the lifetime benefit designation for lifetime injuries that are suffered on the job, instead of re-

stricting those to a certain term, she said.

She said she's already met with Transportation Cabinet officials to try to find a way to complete the Minnie-to-Harold connector, a project that has stalled for lack of funding.

"I know that as far filing legislation, it may not be something that I'm able to do immediately because, of course, it's not a budget year, but I'd like to work toward boosting some of our priority road projects," she said.

She said it's a "shovel ready road that is within three miles of completion" and leaving it unfinished poses safety issues. She said she will work to find ways to move this project up on the state's priority funding list.

"I'd like to see that and the expansion of the Mountain Parkway to Floyd County and improving some entrancates to some of our local schools, such as Betsy Layne High School and Duff-Allen Central Elementary, which are on the highway," she said.

"I think that these road projects will not only improve safety for our children and manage our traffic control, but I think they'll literally bring job opportunities for our families in Eastern Kentucky."

She also hopes to find funding for community centers, saying locating one on U.S. 23 in Harold would benefit both Pike and Floyd counties, and she wants to find a way to reopen the empty prison in Wheelwright and revitalize the Weddington Plaza in Pike County.

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Wayland native appointed to US Army post

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
 AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A native of Wayland was appointed to become one of the Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army (CASA) during a ceremony at the Pentagon last month.

Secretary of the Army, Dr. Mark T. Esper appointed retired Brig. Gen. Mabry E. "Bud" Martin to represent North Carolina (West).

Martin, originally from Wayland in Floyd County, was appointed alongside Thomas P. "Patt" Maney, who represents Florida (North) in CASA.

"It is my distinct privilege to invest Bud and Patt into the CASA program," Esper said. "Their background in the military and in the business and public sectors have proven them to be accomplished leaders. I have no doubt each will do great things for our Army family."

According to statement from the U.S. Army, CASAs promote "good relations between the Army and the public" and advise the secretary about regional issues. Each state, the District of Columbia and the five U.S. territories have one or more CASAs appointed.

"CASAs are usually business or civic leaders who possess a keen interest in the welfare of the Army and their communities," the statement



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Secretary of the Army Dr. Mark T. Esper, left, administers the CASA oath to retired Brig. Gen. Thomas P. "Pratt" Maney, center, and retired Brig. Gen. Mabry E. "Bud" Martin, a native of Wayland.

said. They serve a two-year term without compensation and terms may be extended for up to 10 years. The secretary may recognize a civilian aide as a CASA Emeritus after 10 years of service with distinguished service.

Martin, the son of Mabry and Maxine Martin of Wayland, attended Wayland High School from 1965 to 1969 and graduated there.

"It was a great place to grow up," he said.

Martin attended Clemson University in South Carolina on a full

basketball scholarship. He graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in ceramic engineering, graduated from the college's ROTC program with honors, and was commissioned as the second lieutenant in the field artillery of the US Army.

He served on active duty from 1973 to 1976, and joined the North Carolina Army National Guard in 1982, where he became a colonel. Martin also worked with PPG Industries, where he managed manufacturing

engineering projects in Lexington, and he went back to college to earn a Master of Business Administration from Wake Forest University in 2000.

"After dual careers, 31-years in the North Carolina Army National Guard and 29 years as an engineering manager for PPG Industries, Inc., I am honored to serve as a civilian aide for the western part of the great state of North Carolina," said Martin. "I look forward to assisting Secretary Esper fulfill the new Army vision and imple-

ment its new strategy by working with each community and the state to improve the growth and wellbeing of our active, Reserve, and National Guard war fighters, families and veterans."

After retirement, Martin joined the North Carolina Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Committee where he presently volunteers supporting soldiers.

He is a member of the USO of North Carolina Board of Directors. Pat McCrory, former North

Carolina governor, appointed Martin to serve as North Carolina Military Affairs Commission chairman from 2013-2017.

The statement commended Martin for his service.

"A graduate of Clemson University and its ROTC program, Martin served as a dedicated professional soldier with the regular Army followed by a stellar career in the North Carolina National Guard where he served in various command positions," it said.

Floyd Central student wins essay contest

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
 AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd Central High School senior will now compete at the state level, after his regional win in a essay contest sponsored by the Big Sandy Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The Big Sandy Chapter announced that Floyd Central senior Jacob Johnson won \$250 as the 2018 winner of SAR's Knight Essay Contest,

and he now has a chance to compete at state for a \$500 prize.

Johnson's essay, entitled "Traitorous Patriot," focuses on Benedict Arnold, a general who switched sides during the Revolutionary War. The essay dubs Arnold as the "greatest traitor in the modern world," but it also argues that he was "undoubtedly one of the best Generals in the war."

"It's truly hard to imagine an American vic-

tory without Benedict Arnold," Johnson wrote.

Johnson is enrolled in the Floyd County Schools Early College Academy, through which he attends Big Sandy Community & Technical College and plans to graduate with an associates degree and high school diploma in May. He plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University in the fall with the goal of pursuing a Ph.D. in history.

He's a member of

Floyd Central's academic team, future problem solving team, a Hugh O'Bryan Youth Leadership Seminar Delegate and the Kentucky Youth Association. He also serves as a tutor and assistant teacher at the high school, a press release said, and helps moderate matches for the Jenny Wiley Academic Conference.

The Sons of the American Revolution, a national nonprofit group that

"seeks to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom, patriotism and respect" for national symbols, it's website, sar.org, says.

The SAR Youth Education, approved by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, promote awareness of events, people and ideals associated with the Declaration of Independence, the American Revolution and the framing of the US Constitu-

tion, a press release from the Big Sandy SAR says.

"Participants develop a deeper understanding of the principles of liberty, freedom, patriotism, respect for our national symbols, American citizenship and our constitutional government," the press release said.

For more information about the local chapter and contests, contact Secretary Roger Ratliff at, rratliff56@outlook.com.

com.

Good old days involved cheap housing, rattletrap cars, tiny TVs

An old man took inventory of his life with his wife of 50 years.

"When we were first married," he recalled, "we had a cheap house, a rattletrap of a car, slept on the floor, and watched a 10-inch black and white TV, but it was worth it because I was able to hang out with a beautiful 23-year-old."

"After 50 years of marriage," he said, "we have a \$1 million home, a \$50,000 car, a king-size bed and a 60-inch TV, but I'm sharing company with



ROGER ALFORD

a 73-year-old woman."

A bit perturbed, the old gal told her husband he could always go out and find himself a 23-year-old. "But, if you do," she told him, "I'll see to it that you'll be living in a cheap house, driving a rattletrap of a car, sleeping on the floor, and watching a 10-inch black and white TV."

I received that old story from my friends Don and Betty Bishop, an Owenton, Ky. couple who have been married for 62 years. I couldn't help but laugh

at their joke, mainly because I could easily envision the two of them good-naturedly ribbing each other in such a feisty exchange.

The Lord has blessed Don and Betty over the years. It seems to me that they serve as a testament to the scripture that says: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart" (Psalm 37:4).

Don and Betty have a comfy home and furnishings. They have nice cars. They even have a great TV. But they wouldn't categorize those kinds of things as the desires of their hearts.

No, the desires of their hearts are the irreplaceable things, a church family who loves them dearly, a Heavenly Father who has promised never to leave them nor forsake them, a Savior who has given them the assurance of eternal life, a son and daughter-in-law who take great care of them as the aches and pains of old age begin to set in, and, of course, they have each other.

I watched as Don and Betty took inventory of their lives in a worship service at South Fork Baptist Church here while back. Happy tears pooled in their eyes as they recounted

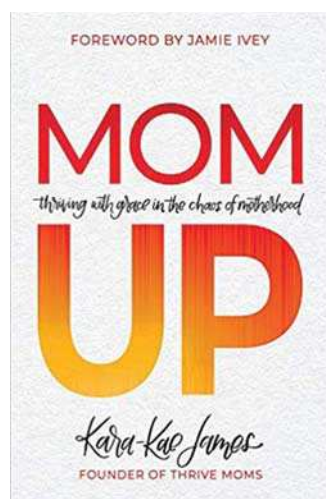
how the Lord had indeed given them the desires of their hearts.

With the arrival of the new year, perhaps this would be a good time for all of us to take such an inventory of our own lives. I expect we'd likely find that the Lord has given us the desires of our hearts as well.

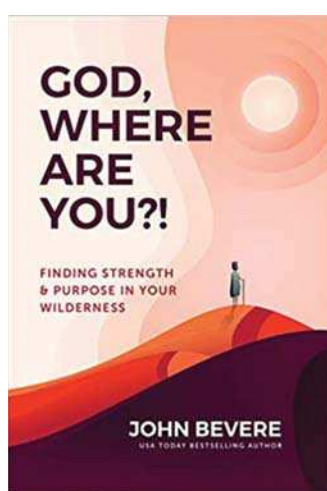
Like the old fellow in Don and Betty's joke, we'd may just realize life doesn't get any better than having a 73-year-old wife with a big-screen TV.

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

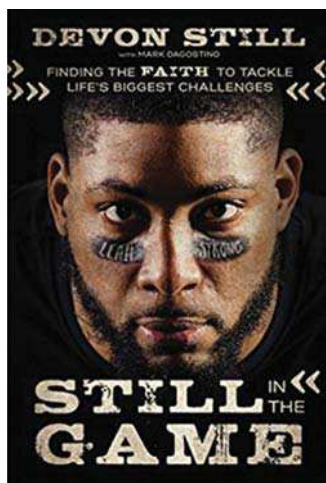
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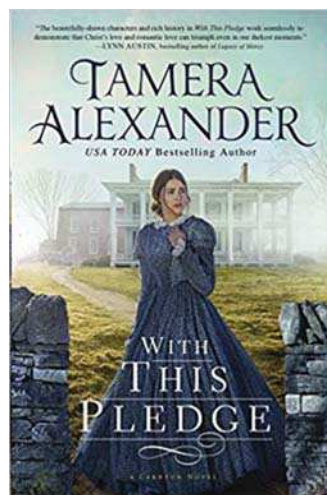
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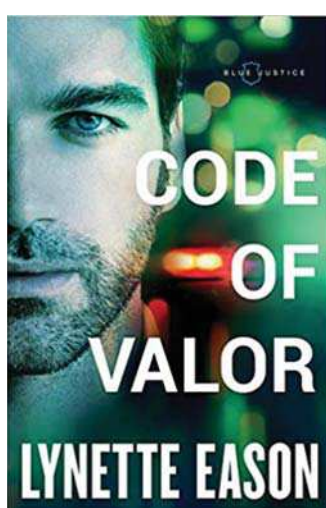
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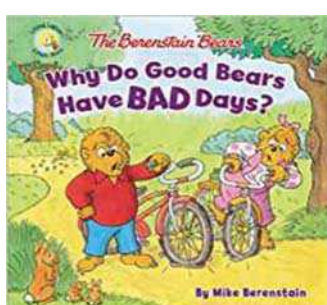
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New beginnings

The New Year is a good time for a fresh start. The month of January was named for Janus, the two-faced Roman god who could look forward and backwards at the same time because he had two faces which looked in opposite directions. The ability to simultaneously look back over the previous year or years while looking forward to where we want to go is an important life skill. Many of us make plans to diet or get into better physical shape. Some of us look at our finances and make plans to save more money for retirement or for our children's college expenses. These are worthwhile goals, but we should also think about the condition of our souls and our spiritual welfare. How might we improve our inner, spiritual life, and our relationship with God? Consider improving your prayer life by adding to your daily prayers. If you don't pray every day, you are missing an opportunity to start and end your day in the presence of God. If you pray every morning, consider adding a prayer before bedtime, or adding morning prayers if you usually pray at bedtime. Consider adding some serious Bible-study to your life. Finally, consider doing some form of penance. Penance, in its most basic form, is simply contrite repentance, a sincere turning away from sin. It requires us to be genuinely sorry for our sins, and to make a serious effort to amend our lives. Turning away from our old ways and looking forward to a new and better life is perhaps the most appropriate symbolism of the two-faced God Janus.



— Christopher Simon

"You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."
— Ephesians 4:22-24 NIV

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Minister Kevin G. Jett
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1430 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg
(606) 886-2214
Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Sanders
firstpresky@gmail.com
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Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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Phone: 606-438-2251 • 606-477-1407
Minister Willie Meade
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
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Pastor Mark Tackett
Assistant Pastor Randy Polk
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Bible Study – 7 p.m.

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88 Ky Hwy 1428, Prestonsburg
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We don't have to wait for a new year



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

The New Year holiday is a time when people want to make a fresh start, whether it's getting healthier, becoming a better parent, or a multitude of other options. But the fact is we don't have to wait for a new year to do any of that. It doesn't require the earth to make a full trip around the sun for us to decide to make a change. We can make those types of choices on a daily basis.

I know I'm often guilty of trying to carry tomorrow's burdens and yesterday's sorrows with me. Obviously, that can make for a difficult day, physically, mentally and/or emotionally. We can overwhelm ourselves with all the baggage we're trying to carry. (Been

there, done that.) God didn't intend for us to live our lives this way. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own (Matthew 6:34)." Instead, we are to focus on today, on this very moment we exist in. (*Not an easy task, I know. Been there, done that, too.*)

In "Think Great: Be Great!" Leila Gifty Akita writes, "Every new day, we must refocus, to see the beauty of the moment." Each morning as we rise from our beds, God has given us new mercies (Lamentations 3:23). We have new possibilities every single day of our lives. Each day as we delve into God's Word and pray to Him, we grow spiritually. As we grow in our relationship with God, "inwardly we are being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16)."

Though our physical bodies may be aging and failing us, our spirit is renewed. But we have to recognize this, accept it and move onward toward the destination. "Hit

the reset button. Whatever happened yesterday, forget about it. Get a new perspective. Today is a new day. Fresh start, begins now," writes author Germany Kent. We can't control what is going to happen to us or around us today. However, we have the ability to choose how we react.

We can rise up each morning with the peace and mercy that abounds us.

In "Let the Journey Begin" Max Lucado writes, "Because of Calvary, I'm free to choose. And so I choose. I choose love... I choose joy... I choose peace... I choose patience... I choose kindness... I choose goodness... I choose faithfulness... I choose gentle-

ness... I choose self-control... Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek His grace. And then, when this day is done, I will place my head on my pillow and rest."

With the help of our merciful God, we have the ability to choose and think on what is true noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy (Philippians 4:8). We have the ability to control our thoughts. And therefore, we can rise up each morning with the peace and mercy that abounds us.

So let us remember, we don't have to wait for a new year. We're going to stumble and fall. We're going to get off course. We're going to find ourselves caught up in the waves and lose sight of the shoreline. But all we need is to arise in a new day with our mind refocused. Start again. Forget the failures of the past. It's a new day with grace and mercy to cover our steps along the way.

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photo courtesy of Gateway Holiday Classic

Floyd Central captured the Gateway Holiday Classic title in Mount Sterling on Sunday.

Lady Jaguars capture Gateway Holiday Classic title

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

MOUNT STERLING - Floyd Central remained undefeated during Christmas Break, capturing a title in the process. The Lady Jaguars, under the direction of head coach Justin Triplett, prevailed in the Gateway Holiday Classic at Montgomery County High School over the weekend.

Floyd Central outlasted Rockcastle County 57-54 in the

Gateway Holiday Classic title game on Sunday.

A closer look at Floyd Central's path to the Gateway Holiday Classic championship follows.

Floyd Central 75, Montgomery County 23

Floyd Central shot 54.1 percent (33 of 61) from the field as it dismantled host Montgomery County 75-23 in the opening round of the Gateway Holiday Classic in Mount Sterling on

Friday (Dec. 28).

The Lady Jaguars were four of 11 (36.4 percent) from three-point range.

Kaylee Moore scored 15 points and Katie Moore contributed 12 points for Floyd Central in the victory.

Floyd Central featured a balanced offensive attack. Kamryn Shannon, Grace Martin and Abby Maggard added eight points apiece for the Lady Jaguars.

Other scorers for Floyd

Central in the convincing victory were Kennedy Blevins (five points), Lauren Preston (five points), Natalie Hollie (three points), Jada Johnson (two points) and Kayci Stumbo (two points)

Martin and Preston led Floyd Central on the backboards, grabbing seven rebounds apiece

Floyd Central 77, Bryan Station 36

Reigning 58th District

champion Floyd Central continued to dominate in the second round of the Gateway Holiday Classic, defeating Bryan Station 77-36 on Saturday.

Floyd Central shot 44.6 percent (29 of 65) from the field. The Lady Jaguars were 17-of-28 (60.7 percent) from the free throw line.

Lauren Preston led Floyd Central with a game-high 23 points. Accompanying Preston in double figures for the Lady

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Bobcats lose district game to Bulldogs



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Nathaniel Mims (5), Jordan Frazier (1) and Brady Robinson (10) defended against Lawrence County's Noah Fairchild on Wednesday.

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne suffered its first 58th District loss this season as hot-shooting Lawrence County pulled away to win 67-46 on the Bobcats' new home floor on Wednesday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 7-5 overall and 1-1 in the 58th District.

Lawrence County improved

to 9-4 overall and 1-1 in the district with the win.

The Bulldogs drained nine three-point field goals in the convincing victory. Lawrence County led by as many as 23 points in the first half before taking a 36-22 lead into halftime

Chase Sartin and Tyler Maynard led Lawrence County with 16 points apiece. Accompanying Sartin and Maynard in double figures for the Bulldogs, CJ Fairchild

added 13 points.

Noah Fairchild (seven points), Alex Ratliff (six points), Cody Maynard (five points) and Baden Gillispie (four points) accounted for the rest of the Bulldogs' scoring.

Brady Robinson paced Betsy Layne with 19 points. Robinson was the only Betsy Layne player to reach double figures in the

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Jaguars drop three games in Cumberland Falls Invitational

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

CORBIN - Floyd Central pushed for a pair of wins but ultimately dropped three games in the Cumberland Falls Invitational, a holiday tournament played Thursday, Dec. 27-Saturday, Dec. 29 at Corbin High School. The Jaguars suffered losses to Union County (SC), Mercer County and North Hardin.

Union County (SC) 67, Floyd Central 61

Reigning 58th District champion Floyd Central showed much improvement during its debut in the Cumberland Falls Invitational. However, Union County, a team out of South Carolina, managed to hang on to win 67-61 in the opening round of the Cumberland Falls Invitational at Corbin High School on Thursday, Dec. 27.

Ethan Smith-Mills scored 23 points and pulled down 16 rebounds to lead the Jaguars. Smith-Mills was the only Floyd Central player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Skyler Hall and

Grant Blackburn added six points apiece for the Jaguars in the setback. Jacob Hamilton chipped in five points while Eric Burke contributed three points and Braden Moore netted two points.

Floyd Central shot 75 percent (15 of 20) from the free-throw line.

Mercer County 67, Floyd Central 58

Improving Floyd Central remained within striking distance of an opponent before in-state foe Mercer County pulled away to win 67-58 in the second round of the Cumberland Falls Invitational at Corbin High School on Friday, Dec. 28.

Floyd Central shot 47.7 percent (21 of 44) from the field. The Jaguars were 11 of 16 (68.8 percent) from three-point range.

Ethan Smith-Mills led Floyd Central with 18 points. Accompanying Smith-Mills in double figures for the Jaguars, Brandon Little added 15 points.

Tanner Hall netted seven points while Grant Blackburn and Jacob

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Lady Jaguars hold off Belfry, 46-42

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Unde-
feated Floyd Central avoided
an upset in the opening round
of the inaugural Class 2A Clas-
sic at Magoffin County High
School on Wednesday, holding
off Belfry 46-42.

With the win, Floyd Central
improved to 13-0.

Belfry dropped to 5-8 with
the loss.

Floyd Central won despite
shooting only 28.1 percent (16
of 57) from the field. The Lady
Jaguars were one of nine from
three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 56.5
percent (13 of 23) from the
free-throw line.

Katie Moore led Floyd Cen-
tral with 14 points and 12 re-

bounds. Turning in a similar
performance, Kaylee Moore
scored 12 points and pulled
down 12 rebounds for the Lady
Jaguars.

Brook Stumbo narrowly
missed reaching double figures
for Floyd Central, finishing with
nine points.

Lauren Preston and Abby
Maggard chipped in four points
apiece for the Lady Jaguars

while teammate Grace Martin
added three points.

Kenzie Maynard paced Bel-
fry, scoring a game-high 16
points. Accompanying Maynard
in double figures for the Lady
Pirates, Kylea Stanley netted
12 points.

Finishing one field goal
short of reaching double fig-
ures for Belfry, Linzee Philips
netted eight points.

Rounding out the individu-
al scoring for the Lady Pirates,
Robbi-Ann Brewer and Lyndsey
Miller chipped in three points
apiece.

In a Class 2A Classic
boys' basketball matchup on
Wednesday night, the Bel-
fry Pirates defeated the Floyd
Central Jaguars 69-39.

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scoring column.

Chase Mims narrow-
ly missed double figures
for the Bobcats, finish-
ing with nine points. Jordan
Frazier scored eight
points while Shawn How-
ell posted six points for
Betsy Layne in the set-
back.

Rounding out the
Betsy Layne individual
scoring, Zack Bentley and
Luke Manns added two
points apiece.

Betsy Layne was
hosting current 15th Re-
gion frontrunner Shel-
by Valley on Thursday.
Results from the Betsy
Layne-Shelby Valley boys'
basketball game were
unavailable at press time.

Mountain Schoolboy Classic

Betsy Layne pulled
off back-to-back wins in
the Mountain Schoolboy
Classic at Belfry High
School Friday-Saturday,

beating Hart County and
15th Region rival East
Ridge.

Betsy Layne 67, Hart County 57

Jordan Frazier re-
corded a double-dou-
ble to lead Betsy Layne
past Hart County 67-57
in the second round of
the Mountain Schoolboy
Classic at Belfry High
School on Friday.

Frazier led all players
in scoring and rebound-
ing, netting 25 points
and pulling down 10 re-
bounds.

Betsy Layne shot
42.3 percent (22 of 52)
from the field. The Bob-
cats were six of 15 (40
percent) from 3-point
range.

Betsy Layne shot
65.2 percent (15 of 23)
from the free-throw line.

Brady Robinson ac-
companied Frazier in
double figures for the
Bobcats, scoring 18
points.

Narrowly missing
double figures for Betsy

Layne, Lukas Manns net-
ted nine points. Manns
flirted with a double-dou-
ble, securing nine re-
bounds.

Zach Bentley (six
points), Chase Mims (six
points), Davey Bentley
(two points) and Nich-
olas Howell (one point)
accounted for the rest of
the Bobcats' scoring in
the win.

Hart County, a team
out of the 5th Region,
suffered its sixth straight
loss.

Betsy Layne 75, East Ridge 70

Exiting the tra-
dition-rich Mountain
Schoolboy Classic with a
win, Betsy Layne outlast-
ed region foe East Ridge
75-70 at Belfry High
School on Saturday.

Frazier continued to
lead Betsy Layne, pacing
the Bobcats with another
double-double. The pro-
ductive Frazier scored 21
points and pulled down
10 rebounds for the Bob-
cats.

Betsy Layne featured
four scorers in double
figures. Zach Bentley
and Robinson added 15
points apiece while Nich-
olas Howell contributed
13 points in the Bobcats'
victory.

Betsy Layne shot
44.3 percent (27 of 61)
from the field. The Bob-
cats were nine of 17 (52.9
percent) from three-point
range

Betsy Layne shot 61.1
percent (11 of 18) from
the free-throw line.

Nathaniel Mims post-
ed six points, Chase
Mims chipped in three
points and Davy Bentley
netted two points for the
Bobcats in the triumph.

Hunter Damron
scored 16 points, Cam-
eron Hess flipped in 14
points and Eli Skyes tal-
lied 12 points as East
Ridge fell short.

With the win, Betsy
Layne improved to 7-4.

East Ridge slipped to
4-7 with the loss.

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Jaguars, Kaylee Moore
scored 20 points.

Narrowly missing
double figures in scoring
and a double-double for
the Lady Jaguars, Katie
Moore netted nine points
and secured a game-high
10 rebounds.

Kennedi Harvell
tossed in seven points
while Brooke Stumbo and
Abby Maggard contribut-
ed five points apiece for
58th District leader Floyd
Central.

Natalie Hollie (four
points), Jada Johnson
(two points) and Kenne-
dy Blevins (two points)
accounted for the rest of
the Lady Jaguars' scoring
in the win.

Floyd County native
Brian Hall guides the Bry-
an Station girls' basket-
ball team.

Floyd Central 57, Rockcastle County 54

Determined Floyd
Central held on to defeat
12th Region title con-

tender Rockcastle Coun-
ty 57-54 in the Gateway
Holiday Classic title game
on Sunday.

With the win, Floyd
Central moved to 12-0.

Floyd Central shot
45.8 percent (22 of 48)
from the field. The Lady
Jaguars overcame a one
for 12 shooting perfor-
mance from three-point
range to claim the title.

Floyd Central shot 50
percent (12 of 24) from
the free-throw line.

Katie Moore scored a
game-high 21 points and
pulled down 11 rebounds
to lead Floyd Central to
the championship. Floyd
Central featured three
scorers in double figures
as Martin tossed in 13
points and Kaylee Moore
added 11 points. Martin
recorded a double-dou-
ble of her own, pulling
down a game-high 12 re-
bounds.

Preston (six points),
Stumbo (four points) and
Shannon (two points)
provided Floyd Central's
additional scoring in the
victory.

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Hamilton chipped in five
points apiece for the Jag-
uars.

Skyler Hall and Erick
Burke rounded out the
Floyd Central individual
scoring, contributing four
points and two points,
respectively.

North Hardin 77, Floyd Central 36

Floyd Central fell be-
hind early and couldn't
make up for its slow start
as another in-state rival,
North Hardin, rolled to
a 77-36 win in the final
round of the Cumber-
land Falls Invitational at

Corbin High School on
Saturday.

Smith-Mills was the
only Floyd Central player
to reach double figures
in the scoring column,
pacing the Jaguars with a
team-high 11 points.

Nearly reaching dou-
ble figures, Brandon Lit-
tle netted nine points for
the Jaguars

The other scorers for
Floyd Central were Black-
burn (six points), Bentley
(five points), Burke (three
points) and Tanner Hall
(two points).

Floyd Central finished
10 of 27 (37 percent)
from the field. The Jag-
uars shot 72.2 percent
(13 of 18) from the free-
throw line.

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Wesley Christian nets Nature Coast Invitational Championship

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

BROOKSVILLE, Fla. - Wesley Christian captured the 2018 Nature Coast Invitational Championship on Saturday to close out the first portion of the 2018/2019 season on a high note.

In the championship game of the Nature Coast Invitational, Wesley Christian defeated Cincinnati Hughes (Ohio) 88-77, surviving a tremendous comeback attempt from the Big Red (9-3).

A balanced scoring attack led by Puoch Puoch's 19 points helped the Circuit Riders finish off the championship run. Also in double figures for Wesley Christian were Oussema Marnaoui (14), C.J. Allison (14), Arol Kachuol (14), Miki Tadic (11) and Madit Lueeth (11). Puoch was named tournament MVP and Kachuol and Tadic picked up All-Tournament honors.

"To win a championship, especially one as competitive as this tournament is special but to win it and have everyone contribute makes it even more special," said Wesley Christian coach David Meddings. "What team can have six guys in double figures in one game like that? It's impressive."

The tournament's most significant moment may have come for Wesley Christian after a tim-

out in the semifinals against previously undefeated Tampa Bay Wharton (10-1).

The Riders found themselves down 14-2 when Meddings called a much-needed timeout to rally his team. After the timeout, Wesley Christian went on an 18-4 run until ultimately going back-and-forth to go into half-time down 25-26.

"Wharton is a very good basketball team, ranked number one in Florida's 9A for a reason," said Meddings. "We had to battle for everything we got in that game. To be down like we were and weather the storm, it was really good. Our two leading scorers in that game came off the bench."

Marnaoui had eight of his 14 points during the run and ignited what was set to be a victory that may have not had happened without that timeout.

"Our guys just weren't ready and that was entirely on me, they didn't come out as focused as I would have liked," confided Meddings. "It's all the little things that matter, whether it's basketball or life in general. We took little things for granted with our day to day and our first three to four minutes of that game."

Wesley Christian came out as strong as ever in the third quar-

ter, rallying its way to a 21-12 lead and moving the advantage out to 46-38 heading into the final quarter. It came down to a game of foul shots which almost cost the Riders. The Riders were only one of nine from the free-throw line.

"With the free throws, we apparently don't practice them enough in tough situations, we made plays when we should have but we could have stretched that lead out a little more," added Meddings. "That team made us guard them 100 percent of the time and that got us away from what we like to do. They are very fortunate to be such a well-coached and talented team."

The Riders managed to hold on to win 53-51 and move on to the championship round.

In the first game of the tournament, Wesley Christian topped Sunlake, a team out of Florida, 95-54 win. Sunlake came into the game 6-2 and ended up winning its consolation games within the bracket. Wesley played all 12 players that dressed and were paced by Puoch with 21 points, Tadic with 17 points, Erwin Gutic with 14 points (13 in the first five minutes of the game) and C.J. Allison with 12 points.

"That was one of our more complete games of



photos courtesy of Wesley Christian

Wesley Christian Coach David Meddings talked to his team during a timeout.

the year and we came out strong and with a ton of energy," noted Meddings. "Unfortunately for Sunlake this was our best outing. They were a talented team, we just smacked them early and just kept the hammer down the whole game. I was incredibly impressed with all of our guys. We had a sophomore, Fanar Hafthorsson, come in and hit two huge 3s while Brady Conn made his debut for us with four points and five rebounds. I couldn't have asked for a better team effort with all of our kids contributing."

Conn played in his first three games with the Riders after transferring from Floyd Central. Meddings is excited for the future of Conn and claims he was one of the

Wesley Christian basketball team's missing pieces.

"Brady was tremendous for us this week," confided Meddings. "What a debut, 3-0. He likes the role he's in and he helped us out tremendously with his rebounding and grit. He's better than I even gave him credit for. He's going to be great for us. He is sitting at 999 rebounds for his career. I'm sure he will get that very soon. I couldn't be happier to have a player than I am with Brady being here."

Wesley Christian finished the 2018 portion of its schedule 15-7. Of the seven losses, five came against teams within the Top 25 in the country and one other came against an undefeated Teays Valley team. Wesley Chris-

tian is scheduled to host Aspire Academy on January 8.

"Whoever scheduled our schedule didn't give us any breaks," commented Meddings, who is the main contact for any scheduling at Wesley Christian. "We have played the best, but when I made the schedule, I wanted to give our guys exposure and experience and we for sure have that now. We are a better team because of it but we have five of our seven losses by a combined 32 points while our other two were winnable games as well against top opponents. We have another shot at some of those teams but that guy scheduling didn't do any favors either."

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Personal improvements should be made that will help you use your skills and experience to be the best that you can be. It's a new year and a chance to start over.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Call in favors and make adjustments to the way you do things. An opportunity will be too good to turn down. Don't make a decision without consulting a loved one first.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Pay more attention to the way you look and how you present yourself to the world at large. Keep your opinions to yourself and avoid sensitive issues.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Touch base with someone who usually gives you good advice. Once you get an overall picture of a situation, you'll know exactly what to do next. Don't act in haste.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Discipline and persistence will pay off. Look at what you are trying to accomplish and put your heart and soul into achieving your goal. Celebrate your success with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Think big, but live within your means. Don't let temptation get the better of you. An idea you have can help you make a financial gain. A partnership looks promising.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Don't get drawn into someone else's drama. Do your

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own thing, make personal improvements or start a new creative endeavor. Anger will be a waste of time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Have fun, but don't leave out someone who counts on you. Keep the peace by sharing the wealth and making others feel welcome and at ease. A short trip or physical activity is favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Don't let the actions of others stand in your way. If you focus on what's important, you will accomplish what you set out to do. Share with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – You'll face opposition if you are too vocal about your plans. Don't start an argument or get drawn into one. Do your own thing and avoid conflict to come out ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Get involved in something worthwhile. Helping out in your community or doing something nice for an older or younger friend or relative will lead to an unusual reward.

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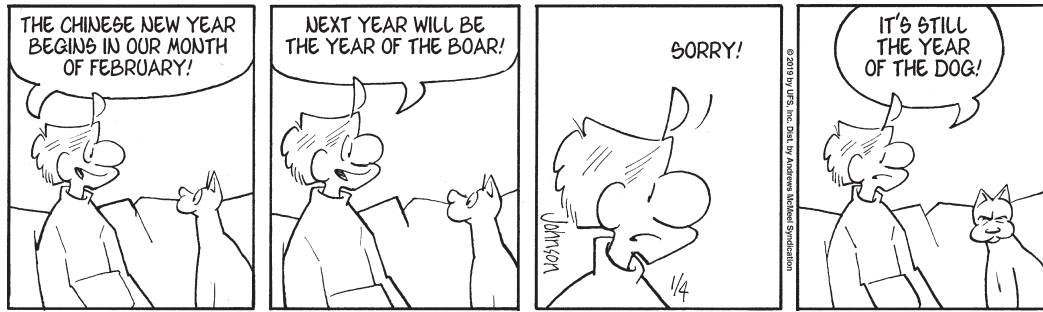
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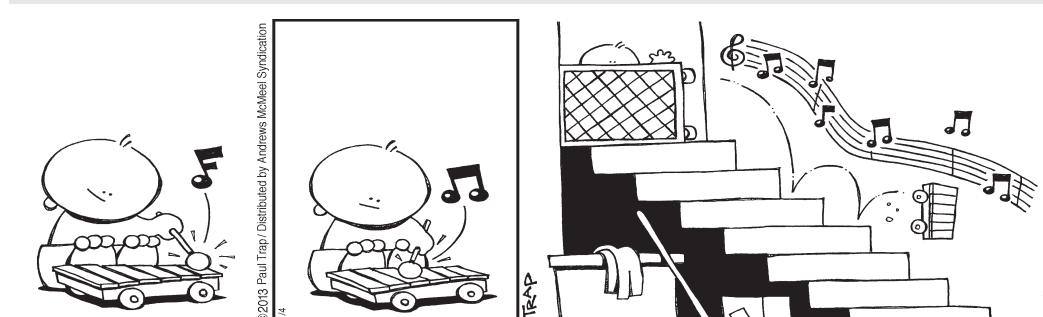
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In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 2, 5, 12 and 13 of permit number **836-0444** which was last issued on December 14, 2017. Increment 2 covers an area of approximately 27.15 acres, Increment 5 covers an area of approximately 31.53 acres, Increment 12 covers an area of approximately 26.23

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acres and Increment 13 covers an area of approximately 23.05 located 0.76 miles south of Printer in Floyd County, KY. The permit area is approximately 0.06 miles west from the junction of KY Rt. 122 and Akers Branch Road and located in the 0.85 miles northwest of Akers Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment 2 is a surety bond in the amount of \$129,200. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$129,200 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 5 is a surety bond in the amount of \$128,300. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$128,300 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 12 is a surety bond in the amount of \$107,600. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$107,600 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 13 is a surety bond in the amount of \$95,500. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$95,500 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 2 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring 2016. Reclamation work performed for Increments 5 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Winter 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 12 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 13 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring 2017. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or

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informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by February 18, 2019. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 18, 2019.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of permit number **836-0447** which was last issued on July 18, 2018. Increment 1 covers an area of approximately 21.75 acres, Increment 4 covers an area of approximately 15.73 acres, Increment 5 covers an area of approximately 16.23 acres, Increment 6 covers an area of approximately 15.44 acres, Increment 7 covers an area of approximately 13.40 acres, Increment 8 covers an area of approximately 7.49 acres and Increment 9 covers an area of approximately 31.08 acres located 1.00 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.10 miles southeast from KY Route 2030's junction with KY Route 122 and located on Shop Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$91,800. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$91,800 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 4 is a surety bond in the amount of \$75,000. Approxi-

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Reclamation work performed for Increment 5 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2013. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 6 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2018. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 7 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 8 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 9 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by February 18, 2019. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Of-

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase II bond release on permit number **836-5568** which was last issued on May 24, 2018. The application covers an area of approximately 17.71 acres located 2.5 miles northwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.4 miles east from KY 2030's junction with Gunstock Branch Road and located on Gunstock Branch. The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$38,400. Approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the original bond amount of \$38,400 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in spring 2015. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by February 18, 2019. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 18, 2019.

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Reclamation work performed for Increment 5 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2013. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 6 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2018. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 7 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 8 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 9 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by February 18, 2019. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 18, 2019.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MERGER PURSUANT TO SECTION 18(c) OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT

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acres and Increment 13 covers an area of approximately 23.05 located 0.76 miles south of Printer in Floyd County, KY. The permit area is approximately 0.06 miles west from the junction of KY Rt. 122 and Akers Branch Road and located in the 0.85 miles northwest of Akers Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment 2 is a surety bond in the amount of \$129,200. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$129,200 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 5 is a surety bond in the amount of \$128,300. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$128,300 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 12 is a surety bond in the amount of \$107,600. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$107,600 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 13 is a surety bond in the amount of \$95,500. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$95,500 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 2 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring 2016. Reclamation work performed for Increments 5 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Winter 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 12 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 13 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring 2017. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or

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