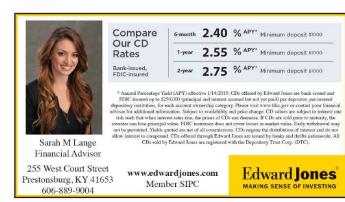


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## Southern-P'burg deal not done—and may not be

P'burg must pay \$3.5 million more, federal agency says

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

rate hearing held last week prompted Kentucky Public Service Commission Chair-Issues that came light man Mike Schmitt to question during the Southern Water whether the asset transfer

agreement the water district had with Prestonsburg should be "unwound."

Opening the hearing, Schmitt talked about several calls he received, including one from Southern Water Commissioner Joe Jacobs

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The Southern Water and Sewer District filed an application with the PSC in July 2018, seeking rate increases of 41 percent for the first 2,000 gallons of water used (from \$24.60 to \$34.60 per 1,000 gallon) and an increase of 19 percent for gallons used over 2,000 (from \$8.40 to \$10).

That application says if the rate is approved, the average customer bill will increase from \$41.40 to \$54.60, or about 31.88 percent.

The PSC is expected to issue its final order in this case by Feb. 1.





## People's Bank merger may lead to job loss for some employees

BY ELAINE BELCHER **APPALACHIAN N**EWSPAPERS

Peoples Bancorp Inc., announced Wednesday that due its forthcoming merger between the parent company of

First Commonwealth Bank, some First Commonwealth employees will not be retained once the merger is completed in April.

"We recently met with First Commonwealth Bank employees regarding their

future with Peoples Unfortunately, Bank. as with any merger, there is some duplication of jobs and roles," said Tyler J. Wilcox, Executive vice president and south regional president of People's Bank Inc.

in a statement. "We have worked to retain as many employees as possible, and any employee not retained will receive severance and out-placement assistance."

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#### **Woman admits** embezzlement

Thompson admits she lied about living with her husband to get SSI, food stamps, Medicaid

> A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A woman pleaded guilty in federal court this week to embezzling more than \$200,000 in checks, food stamps and medical services from the state and federal govern-

During a Jan. 11 hearing at the US District Courthouse in Pikeville, Virginia Thompson waived her right to a grand jury proceeding, which could have resulted in an indictment, and she pleaded guilty, instead, to the information alleged by the federal government.

Thompson, represented by attorney Jason Charles Reichenbach in court, admitted that she "willfully, intentionally and knowingly" embezzled money from the SSA from 2004 through February 2018 in Floyd County.

According to the information document filed, Thompson moved out of the home she shared with her husband, R. Thompson, in 2004 in order to obtain Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, benefits.

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## Floyd resident competes on Wheel of Fortune

BY MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

When Garrett resident Shirley "Possum" Hamilton signed up to be a contestant on Wheel of Fortune, she did not expect to be selected.

Now, she's planning her Wheel of Fortune watch party.

"I'm beyond ecstatic," she said.

Hamilton has been watching Wheel of Fortune just about as long as just wanted to play. It's

she's had her nickname, "Possum." (Her mother called her that when she was a kid because she "played possum" when she should have been sleeping.)

"I stayed with my aunt and uncle a lot when I was little because they didn't have children, and my aunt got me hooked on watching it from a young age," she said. "I just love puzzles and stuff like that and I

always been a dream of

mine to be a contestant." In June, Hamilton submitted an application and a video to Wheel of Fortune online. She did not expect it to go anywhere. She said it was just "a shot in the dark."

"They kept sending me emails, I guess automaticalthey're ly-generated emails that I thought everybody gets, saying, 'Would you like



Submitted photo

Shirley Hamilton, a pharmacy technician at Parkview Pharmacy in Minnie, competed on the Wheel of Fortune in November. The episode will broadcast on Jan. See WHEEL, Page 10A 23 at 7 p.m. on NBC.



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"Shortly after qualifying for SSI benefits on the basis of not living with, nor sharing resources with, her husband, (Thompson) moved back into the same dwelling with him," the document "(Thompson) states. knew she had an obligation to truthfully report any change in her living arrangements to the SSA and she affirmatively failed to do so."

Thompson admitted that she wrongfully received \$110,784 from SSA and got \$107,000 in Medicaid benefits that she did not qualify to receive from 2004 through 2018. She also admitted that from 2012 through 2018, she "misrepresented her

arrangements" living with officials at the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services so she could qualify for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

By failing to list her husband as living in the residence at that time, Thompson wrongfully received about \$18,000 in SNAP benefits, the document states.

Thompson faces a sentence of 10 years, a fine of up to \$250,000 or twice the loss amount calculated by federal guidelines and a supervised release of up to three years.

Thompson is scheduled to be sentenced on April 19 in federal court. US District Judge Edward B. Atkins released her on bond pending sentenc-

#### **MERGER Continued From Page 1A**

Wilcox said employment changes will take place after the merger, which is slated to occur in April, pending shareholder and regulatory approvals.

"Out of respect for these employees, have no additional comments at this time," Wilcox said.

First Commonwealth, which opened under a different name in Prestonsburg more than 114 years ago, is the county's oldest-serving bank, and this announcement comes as the bank plans to open another branch in Georgetown this year. It also comes less than a year after First Commonwealth merged with First

Guaranty Bank in Martin.

According to the October press release announcing the merger, First Commonwealth has about \$310 million in assets, including \$139 million in loans and \$244 million in deposits. That's about \$10 million more in total assets reported with that bank merged with First Guaranty Bank of Martin in February 2017.

On its website, Peoples Bancorp describes itself as a "diversified financial services holding company" with more than \$4 billion in assets. It has 71 bank branches and 78 ATMs in Ohio, West Virginia and Kentucky. The company has been in business about as long as First Commonwealth, with its first branch opening 115 years ago, the website said.

## Wayland gym renovation project bid awarded

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission moved forward with the gym renovation project this week.

special During a meeting on Jan. 16, the approved commission awarding the project bid to Groggan's Construction of Johnson County, contingent on that company registering with the federal government's System for Award Management, or SAM, data-

The commission gave Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz authorization to sign all documents related to a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant Wayland received for the project.

Groggan's submitted the lowest bid, \$314,000, for the work and the commission's approval came with the recommendation of Summit Engineering. Construction is expected to last about six months after the work gets underway.

planning this project in system, insulation, ramp 2011, and Fultz said he is excited to see work get underway. The first time the city put this work out for bid, the bids came in too high, causing planners to change initial plans.

Fultz said this part of the multi-phase gym renovation project will including making building compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act so that it can be opened to the general

"We use it for special events that we can control. It's not rented out to the general public. We've had a couple of fundraisers in there, but it's just invited guests only. It's not open to the general public," she said. "Now, we will be able to actually do those things and hopefully open it up to the general public. It won't be exactly the way we want it at that time, but it will be usable."

will include adding a met-

Wayland had been al roof, heating and air at the entrance, a chairlift, railing and improvements to the parking lot and sidewalk.

> Fultz said the city will pay \$25,000 to the Big Sandy Area Development District for project administration for this project, and, after spending the \$314,000 for this part of the project, Wayland's grant will still have about \$160,000 available. Fultz said he is requesting to use those funds to do other renovations at the gym, including the possible conversion of a former coach's office into a bathroom.

The gym will become home of the Mountain Sports Hall of Fame and it would be available for sports and community events.

In the future, Wayland hopes to add a two-story addition to the gym that would provide bathrooms, additional a concession area and Fultz said the work open up the second floor as a walking track.

"How neat would that be to be walking in front of all of the trophy cases, see all of the history that we're trying to preserve in what we're attempting to do," Fultz said. "But also, utilize it. It will be kind of like a living museum, is kind of how I'd like to see it. We're preserving history, albeit sports history, it is history. It's part of our culture, a huge piece of it. It'll be good for health, wellness and fitness, but as you walk by it, you're getting a piece of history as well."

He believes this project can benefit the region by drawing in tourists and boosting the economy.

"I think it will lead to an improved economy, not only here in Wayland, but I think it's going to attract visitors, which brings people to Floyd County," he said. "Right now, and this is a piece that some people don't always get, but if something good is happening in Wayland, that's good for Floyd County."

## Holiday closures in Floyd County for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several local government offices and agencies will be closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 21.

The closures include:

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- All federal offices, including post offices, will be closed Jan. 21.
- The Floyd County

- Mike Sanders

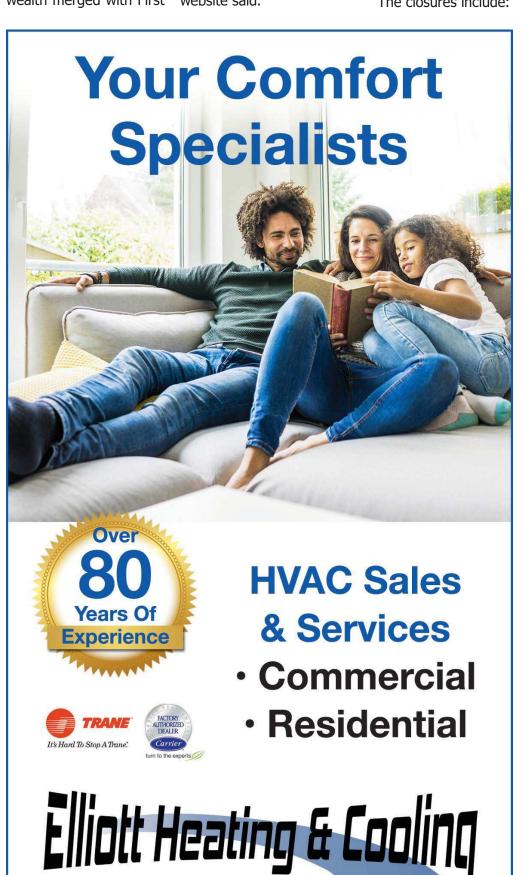
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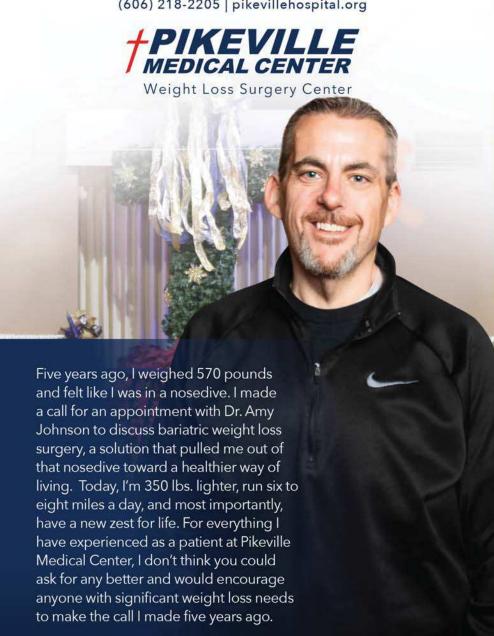
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## Possible trail system, dilapidated church discussed

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

The Wheelwright City Commission discussed numerous projects during its regular meeting last week, including the possible development of a trail system.

Commissioner Bobby Akers made that proposal, talking about the need for the city to develop trails to bring in tourists.

He said a community member, Shannon Hall, wants to work with the city to develop a trail system there.

"Shannon is wanting, really bad, to try to get some trails and stuff up through here," he said. "He said he talked to some people a while ago about it...and he wants to come and talk to us on how to do it, some hiking trails, some biking trails, things like that."

Mayor Don Hall told him, "Well, we could do hiking trails, but I don't know about the biking."

proposal is not for ATVs, but for mountain bikes.

"He's got connections with people that have created these statewide and said that he could help us, and it's a good money-maker for the city," Akers said.

Hall voiced concern about potential liability for the city.

"I don't want us to make a decision tonight. What I want us to do is schedule Shannon to come in and speak to us and tell us what he knows, and maybe invite some of the people that he knows over, too," Akers said. "Because I think we don't have a lot up here, but we do have a lot of hills and places for people can ride bikes. If bills for December, includit brings in money to our area, brings them into our businesses, I think it's a win-win."

Hall said he'd "be all for it" as long as the city doesn't have to assume responsibility for the trails.

During the meeting, the commission also discussed the possibility of tearing down a historic church on Hall Hollow, citing a request from Ralph Hood, who has asked the city to tear down the empty building for several years.

Commission members talked about a danger posed by the church, which is in disrepair.

"That church is going to fall. There's ain't no ifs, and or buts about it. It's already buckling on the bottom," Hall said. "That

church is going to fall. We ing half of the payment, iust hope there's nobody driving by when it does."

Hall said the Southern Baptist Association had a 99-year lease on the church from Inland Steel, the coal company that built Wheelwright. Commissioner Andy Akers said he believes the city now owns the building, talking about terms in the lease that required occupancy. City Attorney Tyler Green asked him to provide a copy of that lease for further discussion.

No action was taken on the matter, but the discussion prompted members to talk about the need to tear down other dilapidated structures and find ways to use others buildings in the city.

"We could probably go through the court and tear them down, but then it's going to be at our expenses," Hall said. "That's the problem."

Andy Akers suggest-Akers told him the ed using some of the buildings to attract businesses into Wheelwright. He mentioned allowing a barber who used to work in Melvin rent a cityowned building that is unused and suggested converting the library into an office for an ambulance. Commissioner Dana Mc-Cown asked whether the city gym could be used for an ambulance office. Hall suggested that may be a possibility. He reported that he has been informed the Floyd County Health Department will be closing its branch at the gym in Wheelwright.

> In other news, the commission also:

> Approved paying \$32,800 in bills for November and \$35,000 in

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\$7,250, for the repairs at the fire department. The commission previously voted to pay the rest of \$14,500 owed after the work is complete. Other bills paid included \$9,900 for a monument from Nelson Monument and \$4,600 to MTS for new telephones.

Approved and the financial report, showing the city had \$57,000 in its general fund, \$184,000 in its prison fund and \$27,000 in road aid at the end of November. The bills included half of the payment, \$7,250, for the repairs to the fire department.

from Fire Chief Daniel Gullett, who said a grant provided at least 10 sets

Dana McCown and Sam Little. of turnout gear for the department.

police, McCown overseeing parks and Sam Little Jr. overseeing the

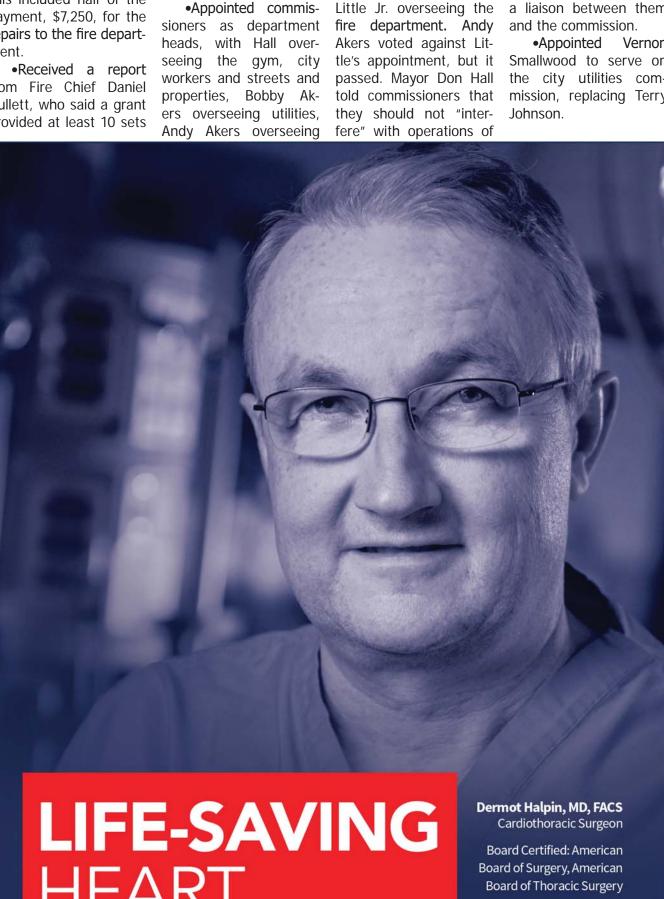
Wheelwright Mayor Don Hall, back, talks about a rail replacement that's needed

in the city during a Jan. 9 meeting. Also pictured, left to right, are commissioners

these departments, telling them they serve as a liaison between them

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Appointed Vernon Smallwood to serve on the city utilities commission, replacing Terry



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#### REGION'S ONLY ECMO ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT MACHINE NOW AVAILABLE AT PMC

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

with the nation's most advanced equipment extra step in attempts to save a life." for patient care. PMC is one of the few hospitals in the state and the only one in the region to provide the Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) life support machine.

Patients who need ECMO have a severe, lifethreatening illness that prevents their heart ECMO is used when usual treatments are not or lungs from working properly.

The lifesaving machine replaces the function of the heart and lungs and pumps blood from the patient's body to an oxygenator, artificial lung.

"The ECMO machine allows us to take blood from the patient's body then it artificially removes carbon dioxide, while oxygenating red blood cells. The ECMO machine then sends the blood back to the patient through a pump with the same force as the heart, replacing its function," said PMC Director of Critical Care, Josh Damron.

For the ECMO machine to work properly, special tubes are placed into the blood vessels that go directly into the heart or bloodstream. They transfer the blood from the heart by using a pump to push the blood through tubes to the machine where the blood receives oxygen and the carbon dioxide is removed. Next, the blood is warmed to body temperature. The warm blood goes through another tube back to the body.

ECMO is generally used either post-cardiopulmonary bypass or in late-stage treatment of a person with profound heart and/or lung failure. The uses continue to grow as treatment for other conditions are added.

"PMC's addition of ECMO makes our Intensive Care Unit (ICU) technology as advanced an ICU can be, anywhere in the world," said

PMC Critical Care and Pulmonary Specialist, Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) continues to Ayorinde Medaiyese, MD. "ECMO is an exmake advancements by providing the region citing technology that allows us to offer an

> PMC has a specifically trained team that monitors all patients who are receiving ECMO.

> "They adjust the settings on the machine to give the patient the amount of heart and lung support they need," said Dr. Medaiyese.

working.

"When patients are so sick, oxygen drops and organs do not get well. ECMO will allow the organs to rest while they heal. This technology advancement can be lifesaving," added Dr. Medaivese.

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#### **PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER EDUCATES** STUDENTS ABOUT THE DANGERS OF RADON

By: Amy Charles

Medical Center (PMC) is taking steps to edu- are found in the rock and soil of the earth's cate the youth of Pike County about radon crust. This radioactive gas seeps up through and its dangers in high levels.

what radon is and what the risks of exposure greater risk of developing lung cancer." are. Students in sixth, seventh and eighth Radon is present in nearly all air and is the Kentucky Radon Program.

ond place will receive a \$200 Best Buy gift (pCi/L) of air. card and third place will receive a \$100 Best "Testing is the only way to know if a person's Buy gift card.

Radon is an invisible, odorless gas released

from the normal decay of the elements ura-January is Radon Action Month and Pikeville nium, thorium and radium. These elements the ground and is released into the air.

PMC Oncology Outreach Coordinator, Me- "When people inhale radiation particles the lissa Bentley, is visiting Pike County schools lining of the lung becomes damaged," Bentthe last two weeks of January to explain ley explained. "Damaged lungs can have a

grades will also be encouraged to compete breathed in daily by everyone, usually at very in a state-wide poster contest sponsored by low levels. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends taking The first place winner will receive a laptop, action to reduce radon in homes that have a printer and all accompanying software. Sec- radon level at or above 4 picocuries per liter

> home has high levels of radon," said Bentley. "Because of Kentucky's high levels of radon and high instances of lung cancer, there are many companies that specialize in residential radon removal. A quick internet search will give you listings of radon mitigation services in the area."

> Cigarette smoking is the most common cause of lung cancer. Radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Scientists estimate that 15,000 to 22,000 lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year are related to radon.

> The Kentucky Radon Program is involved in educational awareness programs for citizens throughout the commonwealth. It provides free radon test kits to Kentucky residents. Call 502-564-4856 to request yours.

For more information about programs at the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center, please call Melissa Bentley at 606-218-4843.



#### LIFE SAVING GASTRIC SLEEVE **HELPS WOMAN LOSE 80 LBS**

Kasey Bartley of Elkhorn City made a drastic change in her life when she chose Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Weight Loss Surgery Center for her gastric sleeve procedure.

She struggled with obesity, heart problems, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

Bartley knew she was not living the life she wanted to. "I was 21 years old and had no energy. I did not want to do anything," said Kasey Bartley.

Bartley, a hairdresser, had constant reminders of her lack of energy and was reminded how terrible she felt daily.

Bartley said, "I struggled with weight my entire life. I could never lose weight. I felt defeated when I even tried to diet."

She decided to make an appointment to see PMC's Bariatric Surgeon, Amy Johnson, MD.

"My mother had been a patient of Dr. Johnson's. I knew a lot about the procedure and seeing my mom's results made he hopeful for my own journey," said Bartley.

Dr. Johnson made Bartley feel at ease and helped her understand the procedure.

"Kasey was so friendly and wanted to improve her life. I knew with proper guidance and help, her life could change," said Dr. Johnson.

Since Bartley's gastric sleeve procedure, she has lost 80 lbs.

"Without a doubt, this was the best decision I made regarding my weight. I now realize without this surgery, I would have never felt as good as I do today," Bartley added.

There have been several benefits resulting from weight loss surgery. Bartley no longer faces heart problems, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or high blood pressure.

"I have waited my entire life to have the self-confidence I do today. The way I feel now is beyond anything I could ever explain," Bartley said.

She now enjoys shopping, 5k's and doing more activities.

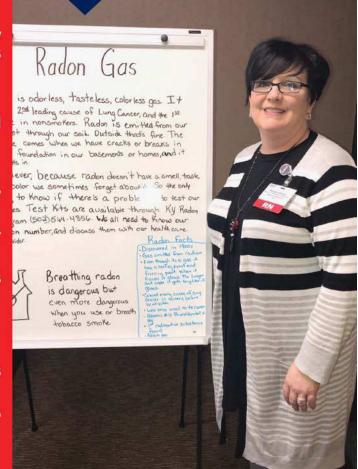
"I never realized how much my weight held me back in life," Bartley added.

Bartley stated her mom, husband and family were constant support during her weight loss journey.

She says she wants to encourage anyone who is considering weight loss surgery to do themselves a favor and do it now.

She credits Dr. Johnson and her staff for an amazing experience.

For more information, call 606-218-2205 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.



## **EDITORIAL**

## Politics and water don't mix

Service Commission hearing held in Frankfort last week for the Southern Water & Sewer District rate increase application left a lot of questions unanswered.

At this point in the juncture, we don't know if Southern Water will transfer the water customers Prestonsburg thought it would receive when the asset management transfer deal was approved by the PSC in 2017.

We also don't know several other things, like whether the district gave out free water in exchange for personal services or,

The Kentucky Public more importantly, how many years it will take Southern to dig itself out of its behemoth water loss rate of 60 percent.

> This hearing, however, did teach us all at least one great lesson: Politics should have absolutely nothing to do with the water services provided to Floyd County residents.

Former Floyd County Judge Executive Ben Hale denied allegations that were made by Southern Water commissioners and others who testified at this hearing.

He denied testimony in which it's alleged that he and the fiscal court

asserted "political pressure" onto Southern Water board members so they would accept this deal with Prestonsburg knowing it was rotten and the Floyd County Fiscal Court wouldn't have to pay to the Southern Water & Sewer bond. He denied that he asked Southern board members not to file the rate increase request before the election so he'd have a chance to be elected again.

When we write stories in the Floyd County Chronicle and Times, we make every effort to ensure that both sides are presented fairly. So, Hale's denial of

those allegations are very important.

But they do no negate the sworn testimony given by at least six people who assert otherwise. Those who testified said they reluctantly voted "yes" to this transfer because of that political pressure.

Southern Water com-

missioners, we're sure, would do things differently if they had the chance to turn back the clock. We know that because we watched them say that on the stand. They should have voted for what they knew their ratepayers needed. They should have done the research them-

It is abundantly clear that if, indeed, "political pressure" was asserted for the betterment of the election cycle, rather than Southern Water ratepayers, then that is just one of many injustices here.

Regardless of who is telling the truth in this "political pressure" scenario, it was clear, in all testimony given, that Southern Water has taken a lot of missteps over the years and it has a severe mismanagement problem.

When politics sticks its hands too deeply into an organization that is vital to so many residents, you

get a big ole' pot of dirty water. Nothing good can come of it. Add a heaping spoonful of mismanagement to that bucket, and you might as well toss it all out.

It appears Southern Water commissioners and officials have been getting the training they need from the state, as required. It appears they could also use a bit of training on financial accounting and strategic planning on things like incrementally replacing 50year old pipe — things that could have help them dig Southern Water out of this hole years ago.

## GUEST COLUMN

## Kentucky is now a tourism state, and that's important



BY HANK PHILLIPS

Kentucky is riding a tourism wave that promises to grow, adding to its already impressive contributions to the state's economy.

Tourism-related businesses and convention bureaus across the Commonwealth work tirelessly to cement Kentucky's name in the tourism industry. And the results speak for themselves.

The success of Kentucky Tourism Commissioner Kristen Branscum and other tourism and culinary leaders in snagging Bravo's current season of Top Chef, which was shot throughout and highlights Kentucky, is a marquee example of the current media love affair with the Bluegrass State.

Media coverage doesn't just happen though. It's one of those "one-plus-one-equalsthree" equations: increased visitor interest combines with aggressive efforts by state and local destination marketing organizations to yield media coverage, and that coverage propels even more visits to Kentucky.

Kentucky's recognition nationally and internationally as a top travel

destination comes after years of dedicated work to promote all that Kentucky has to offer visitors. Our emergence as a "tourism state" provides an annual economic impact exceeding \$15 billion and over 196,000 jobs, placing tourism among the elite drivers of Kentucky's economy. As Kentuckians, we should take pride in knowing that the Commonwealth is finally being recognized for all the reasons we love our state.

Kentuckians unquestionably recognize agriculture as one of our state's vital industries. With a projected \$5.7 billion in agricultural sales in 2018, according to UK agriculture economists, there is no doubt how important agriculture is to our state.

Meanwhile, tourism sales, as represented by visitor expenditures, reached a record high level of \$9.2 billion in 2017. Even though tourism drives nearly \$3.5 billion more in economic impact, Kentuckians don't often recognize tourism's major importance to our state's economy. But that can change as Kentuckians realize the explicit impact tourism has on their everyday lives.

The economic impact of tourism not only helps local businesses, but it is a major boon to state and local tax coffers to the tune of \$1.57 billion each year. Or to put it another way, each Kentucky family would have to pay an additional \$1,200 each year in taxes if it were not for the tax dollars generated by our tourism industry.

Tourism in Floyd County created more than 1,000 jobs and generated more than \$86 million in economic impact annually. This was with the help of Prestonsburg's tourist attractions including Mountain Arts Center and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

-- Kentucky Travel Industry Association

Kentucky's tourism impact is felt beyond its direct benefits by also serving as a powerful marketing tool for products made in Kentucky including bourbon, Corvettes, Toyotas, Louisville Slugger baseball bats, and Ale-8-One, to name a few. Producers of these and other products have come to understand that offering visitor experiences such as tours and museums builds brand awareness and loyalty, which ultimately drives sales.

Consider some of tourism's impressive economic attributes: tourism possesses a unique distinction as a statewide industry that benefits local economies throughout every corner of the commonwealth, a claim that few industries can make.

In fact, there is no better Kentucky industry fostering small businesses and entrepreneurs than tourism. And with Kentucky's increasing appeal to foreign tourists, tourism is becoming one of Kentucky's fastest growing exports.

The General Assembly faces a myriad of difficult issues that often boil down to too few dollars to address too many problems. In the midst of those issues, the tourism wave continues to grow, carrying with it more tax revenue, more jobs and more economic activity. Legislators' investment in tourism promotion only increases this boom for Kentucky's economy.

As one of Kentucky's most powerful economic engines, our industry looks forward to helping legislators hit the accelerator, avoid the brakes, and capture increasing opportunities that come from being a tourism state.

Hank Phillips is the President & CEO of the Kentucky Travel Industry Association.

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## Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd County

#### 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

Byron S. Slone, 21, unavailable; address first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, failure to wear seat belt, rear license not illuminated

Michael Carver, 19, of Dwale; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, failure to wear seatbelt

Mickey Johnson, 60, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in original container, alcohol intoxication in a public place, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana

William D. Guess, 48, of David; first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jeffrey Buford, 23, of Louisville; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, giving officer false identifying information, possession of drug paraphernalia

Justin Lee, 33, of Somerset; flagrant nonsupport

Richmond; flagrant nonsupport

Jeromey June Workman, 37, of David; theft by failure to make reguired disposition property

James Shannon, 43, of Hi Hat; failure to wear seat belts, rear license not illuminated, driving under the influence

Cameron N. Hamilton, 24, of Garrett; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Leo Thornsberry, 47, of Garrett; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jason Dwayne Meadows, 36, of Hager Hill; two counts of flagrant nonsupport

Christopher Hamilton, 41, of Grethel; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance

30, of Martin; speeding, driving on a suspended license, reckless driving, first-degree wanton endangerment (police officer), first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree fleeing, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, driving under the influence

Christopher Hamilton, 41, of Grethel; promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance

Jessica Bertram, 38, of Langley, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jeffery Kyle Halbert, 35, of Langley; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, of drug paraphernalia

James Ray Scott, 39, of Garrett; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Eric Caudill, 30, of McDowell; firstand third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

Samuel Cecil, 58, of Pikeville; first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container

Jessica Stumbo, 36, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting), third-degree criminal trespassing

Ellinda Hale, 45, of of Betsy Layne; improper equipment, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, two counts of first-possession of a controlled substance

> Michael Crum, 45, of Langley; rear license not illuminated, no registration plates or receipt, improper display of plates, failure to produce and maintain insurance, no license, driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence

#### Misdemeanor cases filed

Cody Patton, 41, of Garrett; third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor

Cleve Tackett, 33, of Prestonsburg; third-degree terroristic threatening, third-degree criminal trespassing

Michael D. Woods, 54, of Martin; one headlight, no registration place, no/expired regis-

James M. Sexton, tration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, rear license not illuminated, driving under the influence

Charles Potson, 22, of Allen; endangering the welfare of a minor, second-degree wanton endangerment

Kristie Crisp, 41, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Kayla Marie Cooley, 25, of Garrett; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Jeremey Workman, 37, of David; failure to wear seatbelts, driving on a suspended license, speeding, giving officer false identifying informa-

Kenneth Shane Boyd, 25, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)

Michael Shawn Moore, 51, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate) Buddy Jervis, 44, of

Wayland; harassing communications Thomas E. Sword, 41,

of Dwale; fourth-degree assault Belinda Shelter, 43, of

Martin; first-degree criminal trespassing Patricia Martin, 53, of

Drift; harassment Tiffany Dawn Akers,

35, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)

William Nelson, 61, of Prestonsburg; third-degree sexual abuse

Joe David Estep, 44, of Ivel; driving on a suspended license, possession of license when privileges are revoked, failure to surrender revoked Shawn K. Rose, 44, license, rear license not illuminated

> Dylan Cruz Banks, 16, of Hueysville; no/expired registration plates, no/expired registration receipt, no license, license to be in possession, failure to maintain insurance, possession of marijuana

Jason Dwayne Meadows, 36, of Hager Hill; driving on a suspended license, failure to surrender revoked license, no/expired registration plates, no/expired registration receipt, failure to maintain insurance, failure to produce insurance card

Christopher C. Fitzpatrick, 25, of Banner; driving under the influence, violation of an emergency protection order, no registration plate or receipt, failure to produce and maintain insurance, no tail lamps, license plate no legible

Wince Trimble Thacker, 71, of Prestonsburg; driving on a suspended license, possession of license when privileges are revoked

Selena Bryant, 44, of Topmost; harassing communications

James Blige Williamson, 52, of Pikeville; possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, license plate not illuminated

Jennifer Gillman, 39, of Hatfield; second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container

Jacquelyn Brooke Slone, 32, of Prestonsburg; harassment

Brandon Martin, 32, of Langley; no registration receipt or plates, failure to maintain and produce insurance card, license to be in possession, driving under the influence, possession of possession marijuana, of drug paraphernalia, third-degree possession of a controlled substance. controlled substance not in original container

#### Lawsuits filed

Ricky Slone, Ashley Hayden, on behalf of a child vs. Ashley Hayden; personal injury complaint

Samuel Craven vs. Malinda Craven; divorce

Timothy A. Slone vs. Amy N. Slone; divorce

Leroy Hamilton vs. Mine Service Company Inc., fka Mine Safety Appliances Company, Mine Service Company, Kentucky Mine Supply; personal injury complaint

Nathan Goble vs. Heather Goble; divorce

Tony Kendrick vs. Liberty Mutual Insurance; personal injury complaint Jennifer Lafferty Ko-

pecky vs. Charles J. Kopecky; divorce

Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance vs. Michelle Fitch and unknown spouse, James A. Justice and unknown spouse, Floyd County; foreclosure Brandi S. Hall vs. Kris-

topher D. Hall; divorce

John Murphy, Cindy Murphy vs. Bennie Paige, personal injury complaint

Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance vs. Matthew Wike, Lisa Wike; foreclo-

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Delores Bentley vs. Heather Pennington, petition for child support and health care insurance

Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court and those listed in lawsuits in Floyd Circuit Court. The charges and lawsuits filed against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent or not liable until proven guilty.

**Scott Branham** 

Scott Branham, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

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

#### James Richard **Childers**

**James** Richard Childers, 95, of Allen, died Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019.

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#### **Betty Jewel Francis** Betty Jewel Francis,

90, widow of the late Hubbard C "Huck" Francis Jr, joined her husband and heavenly family Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019, casting off her earthly mortal body and claiming her Christian promise of eternal life. "Baibai," as she was know to family and friends, was born Oct. 23, 1929, in Prestonsburg, the daughter of the late Richard "Dick" and Lucille Osborne Davis. A lifelong citizen of Floyd County, her pioneer roots ran deep with an ancestral linage to the Borders/ Sellards family of Jenny Wiley. She was a member of the First Baptist Church (Irene Cole Memorial), a former teacher at the First Baptist Learning Center and lived a life of Christian servitude with a heart of unconditional love.

Widowed in 1989. God had work for Baibai to do before calling her home. Her church and choir family filled he life, she looked forward every Wednesday for choir practice and for Sunday to sing it out. So many of you have made such an important part in Baibai's life and share some of the sorrow with our family. On Wednesday God called her home. Baibai passed exactly 30 years to the day after her husband, Huck, and now joins him in paradise, a love story that will go on

forever. The family suspects Huck had a lot to do with this miraculous "coincidence." Betty's last days

were spent in the hospital cared and comforted by her dear daughters, granddaughters and a special nurse. Beth Hall was a kind, caring nurse that Baibai especially loved. I believe nurses are sometimes angles sent by God as personal ambassadors for times such as this. At times Baibai would be awake and she would hug and kiss her family. She told each one more than once she loved them and that she loved the Lord. As she slept nearing the end of her time on earth a sense of peace that passes all understanding filled her room as well as those around her. As nurse Beth enter the room our Baibai was at total peace and left in the arms of angels.

Baibai was preceded in death by a grandson, Shadrick Daniel Vickers and two sisters, Sylvia Helen Davis and Nora Ann Long. Betty is survived by two daughters, Carol Susan Martin and husband Bill of Lexington, and Helen Ann Vickers and Garry of Lancaster; six other grandchildren, Sarah Susanne (Montez) Ison, Brooke Bucher (Brian), Paul Burchett (Erin) Brad Burchett (Jenny), Joey Martin (Leslie) and Ben Martin (Jennifer); 25 great-grand children and a special group of friends she loved dearly called the "Golden Girls," Betty Jarvis and Margaret Douglas Blackburn. Baibai loved her church family and other friends from the community.

And while it is truly heaven's gain, the sadness and loss we all feel must be eased by remembering her hugs, smiles and the love she left with us. Go Rest High, Sweet Baibai. Go rest high.

This is a paid obituary.

#### Jamey Lee Iricks

Jamey Lee Iricks, 27, of Betsy Layne, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

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#### **Gomer Johnson**

Gomer Johnson, 73, of Bevinsville, died Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019.

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Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting – 7 p.m.

#### **COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

147 Burke Ave, Prestonsburg Phone: 606-886-8087 Pastor John Carwell www.cumcprestonsburg.org SUNDAYS Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship – 11 a.m Evening Worship – 6 p.m. WEDNESDAYS Bible Study – 7 p.m.

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#### **COW CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST**

Route 194, Cow Creek Phone: (606) 424-8313 • Find us on Facebook Pastor Nathan Lafferty Assistant Pastor BJ Crider SUNDAYS Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship – 11 a.m. WEDNESDAYS Service - 7 p.m.

#### **CROSSRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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SUNDAYS

Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS Service - 7 p.m.

#### **FAITH REVELATION MINISTRIES**

62 South Harkens Avenue, Prestonsburg SUNDAYS Sunday School – 10 a.m. Worship - 11:15 a.m **T**HURSDAYS Bible Study – 7 p.m.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN 354 US Hwy 23 North, Allen

606-874-9468 Pastor Tim Searcy SUNDAYS Bible Study – 9:30 a.m. Services – 10:45 a.m & 7 p.m. WEDNESDAYS Service - 7 p.m.

#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (IRENE COLE MEMORIAL)

157 S. Front Street, Prestonsburg 606-886-8681 Pastor Thomas R. Biddle SUNDAYS Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m & 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

OTHER

Baptist Learning Center (1–5 years) Monday–Friday 7 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

#### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PRESTONSBURG

660 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg Minister Kevin G. Jett SUNDAYS Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Sunday School/Junior Church - 11:30 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1430 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg (606) 886-2214

Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Sanders

firstpresky@gmail.com SUNDAYS

Bible Study for Adults: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Children: 10:00 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

#### HAROLD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Beside Harold Primary Care, Harold Phone: 606-438-2251 • 606-477-1407 Minister Willie Meade

SUNDAYS

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m. Worship – 11 a.m & 6 p.m. Youth Group - 5 p.m.

#### PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH

55 Wrights Lane, Prestonsburg Pastor Mark Tackett Assistant Pastor Randy Polk SUNDAYS Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

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### A children's crusade

∎istorians disagree about precisely what occurred during the Children's Crusade, but the outlines of what happened are fairly clear. In the year 1212, groups of children from Europe journeyed to the Holy Land, ostensibly to convert the Muslims who were then in control. Historians think there may have been several movements of destitute wanderers, with children among the adults. Whatever the details of the Children's Crusade of 1212, we see similar movements of wandering children today. In mid-2018, Syrian refugee camps in Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon contained over a million school-age children. At our southern border with Mexico, children

often show up alone or with their parents, mostly from violence-ravaged countries such as Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. The media focuses largely on displaced people showing up at or crossing international borders, but millions of refugees do not have the means to leave their country and are considered "internally



displaced refugees." People who are desperate enough to flee their homes undoubtedly have good reason to do so. The Christian response to these unfortunate people should certainly be to help them. One way to directly help them would be to open your home to a refugee or asylum seeker (assuming you have an extra room). You might also volunteer your time to teach English to refugees in your area or employ them in your business. Perhaps the easiest way to help them is by donating to organizations such as UNHCR, UNICEF, Catholic Charities, or other well-run aid organizations.

- Christopher Simon

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

-Matthew 25:35-36 NIV

## Restore that person gently



By JAMIE BECKETT CHRONICLE & TIMES

"I have something I want to say," I started and then paused. "You have been missing a lot of church and it upsets me."

However, the fact is "upset" is not really the right description. I get mad. When I ask, "Are you going to church?" I get some form of excuse in return. I'm tired. I have something that I need to do. I don't feel good. I don't feel like it. And quite frankly, I'm tired of hearing the excuses. I get mad, because I feel the excuses are worthless. They're flimsy and inadequate. I'm not even buying into them. The words are leaving their mouth, drifting through the air and reaching my ear. I hear them, but then I shut them out and the anger starts to boil inside of me. I manage to bite my tongue. I either give a short, curt response or I say nothing at all. But inside I'm angry.

The fact is, I don't need

to be angry. For starters, that person does not need me to react in anger. When people are angry, upset and throwing words at us, we get defensive. So, if I'm angry, this person is going to become defensive and I'm only making the situation worse. I then become another hindrance in their relationship with God instead of doing something that draws them closer to God.

Secondly, and more importantly, it's not right for me to be angry. Christians are not to be angry people. We are called to be loving, joyful, peaceful, having "forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). We are to be peacemakers. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God (Matthew 5:9)." Jesus himself was a peacemaker and we are to follow His example and be Christlike.

Paul writes, "You who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently (Galatians 6:1)." I am to be gentle, not angry. Jesus tells us "You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." If I'm angry and upset, I'm casting

darkness, not light. We are instructed to "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We are to uplift others in their time of need. My anger is not encouraging anyone.

I then become another hindrance in their relationship with God instead of doing something that draws them closer to God.

been handling the situ- on their relationship with ation properly. And honestly, I don't know if the conversation that followed my opening statements helped any whatsoever. I attempted to go beyond my anger and tried to get them to look at their lack of attendance from an outside perspective. Instead of them focusing on the internal conversation they're having (I don't feel like going, etc), I wanted them to see how their absence is affecting their relationship with God. I wanted them to be able to see how they

seem to be drawing away from God. I'm sure I said things wrong. And I have no idea if the point I was trying to make was clear. I don't know if the light clicked on.

What I am able to say is in the middle of having the conversation, I realized I was overlooking the most important answer prayer. Prayer, prayer and more prayer. Prayer would help me better respond to the situation. It would dissolve the anger I feel and it would give me the words I need to say to encourage and uplift them. Ultimately, prayer would get them back on the right path with God. It would allow them the ability to work through whatever issues they are dealing with. Prayer will I admit, I have not lead them to start working God instead of ignoring it.

> Despite my own lightbulb aha! moment, I also have to recognize that God works in His time and not mine. Just because I say a few prayers doesn't mean starting Sunday they will be regularly attending worship services. It may take some time. But in the end, "we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28-30)."

#### PRESTONSBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST

88 Ky Hwy 1428, Prestonsburg Phone: 606-886-6223 Minister Shawn Slone SUNDAYS Worship - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. WEDNESDAYS Service – 7 p.m.

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 who learned he was no longer a commission member at the meeting. He called to request that the rate increase approval be expedited, Schmitt said, and for-Judge-Executive Ben Hale called to tell him that he "doubted the district could survive six months," because it couldn't pay its bills after 18 percent of its water customers were transferred to Prestonsburg City Utilities.

"There's been all kinds of things," Schmitt said. "The attorney general, we got a notice here that the attorney general, I guess, was investigating some allegation that the general manager had, was allowing people to have free water in exchange for, I guess, food or other services. We got customer comments from various people that meters weren't being read and their bills do not reflect what the true, I guess, nature of the water use was."

He said Southern Water employees told an inspector that Southern "was the next Martin County."

Schmitt talked about the transfer of assets that the PSC approved in 2017, saying the PSC "had no idea that there were other potential problems."

The sewage transfer was completed last summer, but the transfer of the water assets is still pending. Southern cited the lack of revenue from the water customers as the reason for its rate increase request and commissioners who testified voiced regret for approving the transfer.

Randal Strobo, an representing attorney Southern Water, said the agency "desperately needs help," but he asked the PSC not to re-adjudicate the 2017 case.

"You know, hindsight is 20-20, maybe some things weren't the way, or we didn't see things the way that we see them today, but we're here today for a rate case," he said. "We're here because the Southern district desperately needs help."

Schmitt told him the PSC does not intend to

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re-adjudicate the case, but he repeatedly suggested and asked questions about whether the deal between Southern Water and Prestonsburg should be "unwound."

"Well, we don't in-

tend to re-adjudicate that case. That case is over," Schmitt told Strobo. "However, the rates in this case, in some respects, will be based on whether or not those assets have been transferred, whether they are going to be transferred, whether that transaction needs to be unwound. We don't know at this point, and so, yeah, but we understand. We don't intend to re-litigate that case here today. Although I will say, I don't know what the evidence will show as to whether, you know, there'll be any further proceedings, under a different case number, arising from that. We just don't have any information at this point."

Superintendent/CEO Turner E. Campbell testified that Prestonsburg has already paid \$2.14 million for the transfer, and has invested \$600,000 or more for improvements to both the sewer and water systems that were part of the deal.

He confirmed that the transfer of 1,100 of Southern's water customers has not been finalized — and might not be, even though Prestonsburg is managing and adding improvements to that portion of the system and collecting money from customers there.

Campbell reported that one of Southern's debtors, the USDA Rural Development, wants Prestonsburg to pay an additional \$3.5 million toward Southern's debt before it will sign off on the transfer of these 1,100 customers.

He explained that the USDA told them "certain steps had to be taken" before they'd sign off to release the Southern Water loans, including an appraisal showing the

the transfer at \$4 million, but questions were raised about it during the hearing, with officials trying to determine whether the base value of the transaction — listed for \$656,122 — came from calculations related to water customers, sewer customers, or both.

Campbell testified that Prestonsburg would be willing to pay an additional \$1.87 million to Southern — but no more. He claims the federal agency didn't give Prestonsburg credit for some of the funding it has already provided.

"We have no problem paying \$1.8 million to complete the deal," Campbell said.

He also reported to what appeared surprise from PSC officials that Southern Water stopped paying Prestonsburg for collections it received from sewer customers. He said Southern paid Prestonsburg for about three months and owes up to \$9,000 every month. He said the debt, thus far, is around \$90,000. In her testimony, Southern Water Chairperson Paula Johnson commended Prestonsburg for being "gracious" and patient with that debt.

#### Campbell: **Prestonsburg** can't afford Southern's problems

Campbell testified that he supports the 31 percent rate increase requested by Southern. He told the PSC that Southern should have requested it nearly four years ago, but they were "held off by political people."

He reported that Prestonsburg's wastewater treatment plant was at or near capacity when the transfer deal was approved, and the issues surrounding this deal have delayed the city's plans to expand.

"So, I mean, at some point somebody, somehow, this thing has to be resolved or the transaction has to be unwound," Schmitt said. "If it were unwound, would Prestonsburg's position change to the extent that it would claim that Southern owed it some of this money back?"

Campbell said there would be "no question" on that. He pointed out if that happens, Prestonsburg would lose the money it invested in Southern's infrastructure, but at least a portion the \$2.14 million would need to be returned.

Campbell also answered questions about whether Prestonsburg would be willing to own or manage Southern Water — a suggestion made recently in an attorney general filing in the case.

He said that Prestonsburg would say no to owning Southern because it would operationally and financially "stretch" the utility. He pointed out, however, that if Southern isn't given the rate increase, "then there's no question with us being the other utility in the county, we would have to consider it, if it came down to that point."

Schmitt pointed out that Prestonsburg could set its own rates and it would not need approval from the PSC. That's when Campbell suggested that because of new county leadership, Southern "has a shot of turning things around."

"And we want to be part of that, at least an extended part of that, in expertise, physical help, whatever we can do," he said. "More of a partner. I think it would make it all go more in a positive manner."

#### Another buyer expressed interest

The possibility of Southern having a manager or selling to another company came up at other points during this hearing.

Schmitt highlighted a waterline replacement program through which Southern could get a temporary tariff to replace old waterlines. He told Southern Water's General Manager Dean Hall that large utilities in the state report annually to the commission how they use the funds they receive on those proj-

"Is there any reason why a small utility like Southern Water & Sewer District couldn't do that, too?" he asked. "You could do that, couldn't you?"

Hall said, "Sir, I don't know. I would be willing to try. I won't guarantee you that I can. Sorry to say that we're not as big or as professional as some of the larger utilities are. We don't have the money or probably the expertise."

That's when Schmitt then told Hall about a Court of Appeals summary judgment he got in a lawsuit against a hospital in Paintsville years ago.

"It was just an old building and they had some beds propped up on pop cases and things," he said. "They didn't have a doctor managing the emergency room and, at night, the cleaning woman come and did that and called in. So, in any event, I was arguing in support of my position before the

Court of Appeals and I said the same thing. I said well, we've just got a little rural hospital and we can't afford to provide the same things they can, you know at St. Joseph Hospital or Central Baptist. And the Court of Appeals judge just said, well maybe you ought to close your hospital."

He continued, "I tell you that people in Floyd County, in rural Floyd County, have the same right to good, clean water at a reasonable price than people who live in Lexington, Louisville or Frankfort. And at some point in time, you know, the fact is that we don't have the money, you may say that may be a fact, but then it becomes time to try to do something about that and fix it."

He asked Hall whether Southern has been in contact with any company about managing or selling its assets.

Hall said Kentucky American Water pressed an interest in managing Southern, but noted he doesn't think that'd be a good deal, saying Southern previously had a management contract with another company and it didn't work out. He said negotiations were frozen as Southern waits word on this rate increase application.

"I don't think it would be fair to our customers," he said, saying Southern knows its customers better than a large utility from outside the region

These issues are among numerous allegations highlighted in the hearing. Other allegations and issues will be highlighted in future stories in the Floyd County Chronicle and Times.



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Look over your options. Don't feel you must make a move if you aren't ready. Watch what others do and learn to trust your instincts. Be a leader, not a follower, regardless of the temptations to go along with someone else's plan. Recognize your limitations and strengths, and take charge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - The people you deal with today will tend to exaggerate. Dig deep and find out what's true and what's false before you invest time or money in something uncertain.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Network, engage in talks with someone close to you or consider your best option to get ahead. Love is in the stars, and romance will improve your personal life.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Keep your emotions in check or you will miss an opportunity. Volunteer your time and participate in an event geared toward helping a cause you believe in. Offering aid will soothe your soul.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Share your feelings and please a loved one. Your efforts won't go unnoticed, and the results will bring you closer to a personal goal you've been working toward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - If you want to avoid interference, you are best off not letting anyone know what you are up to. Don't trust someone to be honest regarding money matters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - If you want to make a change, do so quietly. The less you let others know about what you are doing, the easier it will be to get things done without someone meddling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Update important documents and get your legal and

#### **DAILY ASTROGRAPH** by Eugenia Last



financial papers in order. An unusual offer will cause uncertainty. Don't take a risk.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – A makeover on the outside and soul-searching on the inside will help you confront any problems that are standing in your way. Change begins within. Romance is highlighted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Step outside your comfort zone and try something new. Don't let an unfortunate personal matter stand between you and something you want to do. A social event will lift your spirits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Personal matters can be dealt with if you are patient, know what you want and are willing to compromise. Use your charm and imagination to get your

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - If you get together with friends or relatives, you will be privy to valuable information. Discovering things about your lineage will help point you in a new direction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -Express your wants and feelings, and start making plans for the future. Love, romance and changes to your living arrangements and lifestyle are favored.

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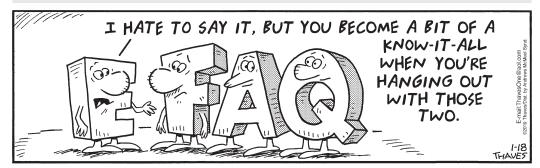
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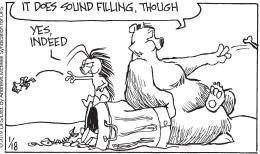


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to be a contestant?" she said. "And I thought, you know, nobody from here is going to get picked for something like that. So I just kept deleting them and then finally one day, I thought, I have nothing to lose. I'm going to try.

She was invited to closed auditions Charleston, W.Va., where she took a test and took part in an interview.

"They narrowed it down to 12 people and I was in that 12 people," she said. "And then, they said if you get a letter, you made the show, and if you don't, you didn't. Well, three weeks later, I got a letter."

She and her husband Clyde Hamilton and her son, Clyde Hamilton II, traveled to several tourist destinations in California when she went there for the Nov. 30 taping at Sony Pictures Studio.

She said she struggled turning the prize wheel on the show, saying it was "super heavy." She also struggled with being nervous during the taping.

"It's a lot easier at home than it is there, I tell you," she said. "Because at home, you're not playing against other players. You're not playing against a timer. You're not playing against that wheel because, you know, when you spin that wheel, you're taking a chance on getting bankrupt or lose a turn. And then, you're not playing against your nerves. You're not nervous when you're in the comfort of your home."

Hamilton, who describes herself as someone who likes to talk, only has one negative thing to say about her Wheel of Fortune experience.

"I had to sign a gag order. I'm not allowed to tell anything until after it airs. The only people that knows is my son and my husband, and that's because they were with me," she said. "There's some people that's gotten mad at me because I can't tell them. But I can't."

Hamilton invites local residents to attend her watch party, starting at 6 p.m. at Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Zion Deliverance Church in Wayland. The show will begin at 7 p.m.

She's a little nervous about watching herself on television.

"I was sick that day and I didn't tell the producers how bad I was feeling because they have alternates there, waiting to step in and I knew they wouldn't let me play if they knew I felt bad," she said. "I made the best out of it, but that wheel was super heavy. It weighs over

#### Betsy Layne DAV helps fellow vets



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The Betsy Layne Disabled American Veterans Chapter 169 made a donation of more than 50 coats and other articles of warm clothing to the Veterans Transitional Housing Center located near Shelby Valley High School on January 9. Pictured are veterans of the housing center with VTHC Program Manager John Shaver, center right, Betsy Layne DAV Commander Jerry Roberts, fourth from left, J.D. Roberts, second from right, and Gretho Hamilton, third from right.

## Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

riages and property transfers have recently been filed in the Floyd County Clerk's office:

#### Marriages

Rachael Leanne Johnson, 39, of Martin, to Jason Adam Bevins, 41, of Martin

Emily Jewel Nelson, 36, of Prestonsburg, to Charles Jeffery Gallion, 38, of Prestonsburg

Amber Marie Gibbs, 41, of Winchester, to Timothy R. Collins, 40, of Winchester

Sheila Sparkman, 43, of Langley, to Ronald D. Ousley, 49, of Langley

Donald Ray Goble Jr., 36, of Prestonsburg, to Savanna Harris, 33, of Prestonsburg

29, of Teaberry, to James David Gibson, Joseph anie J. Norton Boyd, Nicholas Blankenship, 37, of Teaberry

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> Vernon Brian Johnson, 48. Hi Hat, to Eliza-Hat

#### **Property transfers**

Allen Van Turner to Karen Lynn Turner (Deeds Book 642; pg. 486)

Donald A. Tuers, Jolene Tuers, to Michael Tuers W.C.S. (Deeds Book 642; pg. 495)

Tommy Johnson to Andy Akers, Teresa Akers (Deeds Book 642; pg. 500)

Douglas Hicks, Loretta Hicks, Annice Lee Welch to Jeffery Darrell Clark (Deeds Book 642; pg. 504)

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Mining Company, Arnold Turner, Arnold Turner Jr., Elizabeth Turner, Joseph Book 642; pg. 529) Turner to James McKinney (Deeds Book 642; pg. 508)

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Candice Meade, Candice R. Terrell to Candice R. Terrell, Jacob Daniel Terrell (Deeds Book 642; pg. 526)

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Allen, Kendra Rae Allen (Deeds Book 642; pg. 558)

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Hank Williams Jr., Salena Williams to Kentucky Power Company, easement (Deeds Book 642; pg. 567)

Augustine Bryant to Kentucky Power Company, easement (Deeds Book 642; pg. 569)

L and B Hall Real Estate LLC to Kentucky Power Company, easement (Deeds Book 642; pg. 571)

Big Branch Holding Company LLC to Jake Halbert (Deeds Book 642; pg. 573)

L&B Hall Real Estate LLC to Derick Shepherd, Jennifer Carol Shepherd (Deeds Book 642; pg. 577)

### Community Events

- Jan. 18, 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- Jan. 19, 8 a.m.: East Kentucky Beekeeping School, Hazard-Perry Central High School. (606) 886-2668
- Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Thunderstruck America's AC/DC, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com
- Jan. 20; 9:30 p.m.: Weather permitting, the science center will set up telescopes so local residents can observe the total lunar eclipse, with viewing starting at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20 and lasting through 1 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21. (606) 889-4809
- Jan. 21, 10 a.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College to host Martin Luther King Jr. Unity March, Pikeville. Lineup begins at 9:45 a.m. at the parking garage, Pikeville. (606) 886-7374
- Jan. 21, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District meets, 18 Mayo Br., Brandykeg. (606) 889-9800
- Jan. 21, 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335
- Jan. 22, 11:30 a.m.: Big Sandy Area Development District meets, Big Sandy ADD office. (606) 886-2374.
- Jan. 22, 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriter's Scene, Mosby's at Quality Inn (606) 886-1341
- Jan. 22, 6 p.m.: Martin City Council meets, city hall.
- Jan. 23; 6 p.m.: Watch party begins for residents who want to watch Garrett resident Shirley Hamilton on the Wheel of Fortune, Zion





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## Ky. Power plans '100 Acts of Appreciation'

#### SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

On July 21, 1919, just weeks after the U.S. Congress approved the 19th Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote, a new company was formed in eastern Kentucky. That company - Kentucky and West Virginia Power – grew to become Kentucky Power.

For nearly 100 years, Kentucky Power's mission has been to provide residents and businesses in eastern Kentucky with safe, reliable and affordable electricity. In celebration of Kentucky Power's centennial this year, that mission continues with a focus on customers and giving back in the communities where employees live and work. The 100 Acts of Appreciation Campaign kicked off Jan. 2 and runs throughout the year.

"For our 100th anniversary, we want to emphasize our appreciation

for our customers, while sharing Kentucky Power's commitment to being a good corporate citizen," said Brett Mattison, Kentucky Power's president and chief operating officer. "The 100 Acts of Appreciation is one way we can express our gratitude to our valued customers and the communities we have served for 100 years and will continue to serve."

Already, during the first two weeks of 2019, employees have participated in four Acts of Appreciation. One of the first acts came in the form of a warm coat for those in need. Employees in Ashland, Hazard and Pikeville collected more than 150 mostly new coats and delivered them to local churches and shelters. Employees also provided food to help stock the Blessing Box at the Pikeville Police Department.

In addition, Kentucky Power is continu-



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Kentucky Power employees collected 150 coats this winter as part of the '100 Acts of Appreciation' campaign.

ing to support businesses through the Kentucky Power Economic Devel-(K-PEGG). The eKentucky Advanced Manufacturing Institute (eKAMI) has received \$125,000 to fund the development of an

apprenticeship program. Last year, eKAMI opened it HAAS training center in opment Growth Grants Paintsville with a goal to retrain the region's exceptionally skilled workforce for new careers in the Advanced Manufacturing.

"Our partnership with eKAMI is a good example of how working together to better our communities headquarters in Ashland, can benefit us all," Mattison said. "We welcome the opportunity to partner with local, state and regional leaders to bring

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**Martin City Clinic** (606) 285-3142 112065 Main Street Martin, KY

**Pikeville Clinic** (606) 432-3143 18 River Road Pikeville, KY

**Belfry Clinic** (606) 353-1287 26229 US 119 N Belfry, KY

**Paintsville Clinic** (606) 789-3518 1110 South Mayo Trail Paintsville, KY

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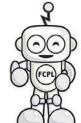
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## Science center offers Lunar Eclipse viewings

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium, located on the campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College, is offering free admission for people who want to see this weekend's total lunar eclipse.

Weather permitting, the science center will set up telescopes so

serve the eclipse, with viewing starting at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20 through 1 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 21.

According to a press release from the center, a total lunar eclipse er shadow of the earth, occurs when the sun, earth and moon come into alignment and the tice a slight change in moon crosses into the the moon's color at that earth's shadow.

"Depending on the amount of dust, mois-

local residents can ob- ture and other factors, the moon can appear to change to a yellow, orange or reddish color during totality," the statement said.

> The moon will slip into "Penubra," the lightat 9:36 p.m. on Jan. 20.

"People might notime," the statement said. "Totality begins at 10:34 p.m., with the

greatest point of eclipse being 12:12 a.m. on Monday morning the 21st. The moon leave the total stage at 1:50 a.m. on Monday morning."

Participants bring their own telescopes and binoculars and lawn chairs to participate in the viewing.

For more information, call, (606) 889-



## Josh Martin to perform at MAC

'The Voice' contestant, opry vocalist Rachel Messer set to open

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD **CHRONICLE AND TIMES** 

Floyd County native and Nashville-based singer, songwriter and musician Josh Martin will perform at the Mountain Arts Center's Willard & Lucy Kinzer Theater on March 1.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m., with an opening act by Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry vocalist Rachel Messer, who competed on NBC's "The Voice" in 2018.

In a press release, the MAC referred to Martin as a "captivating guitarist who is proficient on a variety of instruments," saying that he "brings the rich, soulful vocal integrity of someone much older and wiser than his years, drawing upon his own memories and stories of growing up in a small coal mining community in Floyd County that make his music authentic and deeply personal."

"Between writing songs, recording in the studio, and playing live shows, Martin is well on his way to getting the national recognition he deserves," the statement said. "He has written songs with award win-

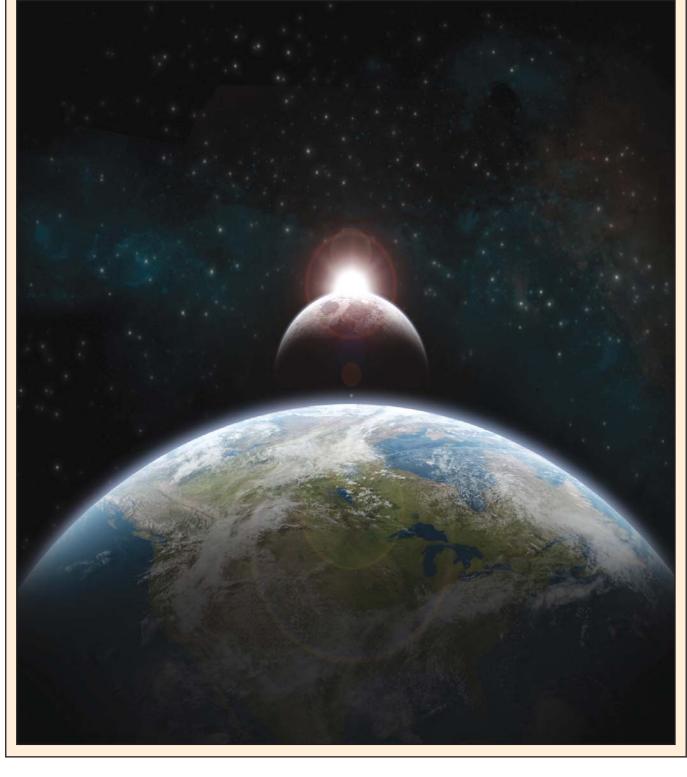
ning songwriters such as Kent Blazy, Mark Nesler, Phillip White, Steven Dale Jones, Casey Beathard, Marla Cannon-Goodman and many others."

He is one of the featured artists on The Country Network's new show "Live From CMH23," a series dedicated to promoting eastern Kentucky's plethora of talented young artists and musicians. The Country Network is broadcast and streamed into 20 million homes.

"I have been looking forward to this show since last year," Martin said. "We are bringing a full band with us this time and a bunch of new material from the new album due out early this year. Throw a couple special guests into the mix, and Rachel opening up the show, you are definitely not going to want to miss it."

Messer has also been featured on The Country Network's "Live From CMH23."

**Tickets** are and can be purchased through the MAC box office on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at, www. macarts.com, by calling, (888) MAC-ARTS.



## Cole earns scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD **CHRONICLE AND TIMES** 

Big Sandy Community and Technical College Professor and Counselor Elizabeth M. Cole was awarded a professional development scholarship from the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE), an affiliate of the National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (NBCC).

Cole will receive \$500 to advance the professional identity and development of CCE credential holders.

Cole wishes to bring new training opportunities to students, noting that career facilitation and coaching skills should be taught at the community college level. Students could take these courses and certificates as part of their electives in general education degrees or the Human Services AAS degree. Her plan is to offer these courses and certificates nationwide through web

conferencing, so these opportunities might interest college students at other institutions as well as working professionals looking to develop new knowledge and skills.

The National Career Development Association's (NCDA) "Facilitating Career Development" curriculum will be the core of this training. Students who complete the courses would be able to pursue external certifications, including NCDA career certifications and the Global Career Development Facilitator (GCDF) credential. Additional opportunities will be offered, including life coaching and health and wellness coaching courses and certificates.

These programs will lead to the opportunity to pursue the Associate Certified Coach (ACC) credential with the International Coach Federation (ICF) and the National Board Certified Health Wellness Coach (NBC-HWC) credential



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**Elizabeth Cole** 

with the International Consortium for Health and Wellness Coaches (ICHWC). Participants who hold a bachelor's de-

gree or higher may also be able to pursue the Board Certified Coach (BCC) credential.

## Floyd County Schools release kindergarten screener results

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD **CHRONICLE AND TIMES** 

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins announced the district results of the BRIGANCE Screen III state screener, an assessment that is given to all children upon entering kindergarten.

Adkins said, "We're excited to share that more students exit our early childhood programs ready for kindergarten than the state average. The average

in Kentucky for all students being ready for kindergarten is 51 percent and 64.2 percent for Floyd County. That's great, but it gets better.

In Kentucky, 47.8 percent of the students exiting Head Start programs are ready for kindergarten, and in Floyd County Schools, that number is 90.9 percent, the highest in the state.

Students exiting Kentucky's state-funded preschool programs are 50.8 percent ready,

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while in our district, that number is 86.2 percent."

Adkins continued, "Our Early Childhood Department is second to none. Director Anna Shepherd, our education specialist, family advocates, teachers and instructional assistants have been working diligently together for years and have seen improvements every year in the number of students being ready for kindergarten. They fine tune their instructional strategies from year to year, reflect on how to improve their classrooms for students and as you can see, they are getting results."

Commenting Floyd County having a higher rate of kids ready for kindergarten coming from childcare facilities and from home, Adkins said, "While these children were not yet in our schools, we believe that our work with Bornlearning Academies and Tiny Academies have helped these numbers. In these sessions held at our elementary schools, we have teams working with parents on how to teach their children using everyday situations and we regularly invite childcare workers to attend our trainings for our Early Childhood department because we want kids to be ready for Kindergarten so they can take off from day one."

For children exiting childcare facilities, Floyd

County had 88.2 percent ready and the state average was 70.3 percent. Children who had been at home prior to kindergarten were 65.6 percent in Floyd County as compared to the 36.7 percent state average.

Adkins ended saying, "We want to thank our all teachers and instructional assistants for their hard work and dedication in preparing these young students for kindergarten. We also want to recognize those classrooms who had 90 percent or more of their students ready for kindergarten."

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## P'burg girls carry momentum out of All 'A' run



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Prestonsburg's Caroline Ariaz attempts to get around Paintsville's Clara Blair Monday night during the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals. The Lady Blackcats fell to the Lady Tigers, 79-57.

By Steve LeMaster Sports Writer

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg fell short in its bid to beat eventual champion Paintsville in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

regular-season.

Prior to falling to Paintsville, Prestonsburg managed to deserved that. They are doing knock off defending champion Shelby Valley in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

However, Prestonsburg pos- finals was amazing for our 15th Region All "A" Classic. der Kidd's direction, the Lady sesses key momentum in the team," said Prestonsburg "Reesce (Endicott) shot the Blackcats have shown a vast

second half of the 2018/2019 coach Brandon Kidd. "The support from the Blackcat Nation was incredible and these girls something special here and it's finally getting recognized."

Several players stepped up "The crowd for the semi- for Prestonsburg during the

ball really well during the tournament and Caroline (Ariaz) made a name for herself, not just with her defense but her offense as well," Kidd added.

Prestonsburg packed an 11-7 record out of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. Under Kidd's direction, the Lady

amount of improvement in the 2018/2019 season. But prior to now, Prestonsburg started turning a corner during the 2017/2018 campaign.

"To see the transformation in less than two years with this program is unbelievable," confided Kidd. "This was always

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## Floyd Central upends Sheldon Clark, 69-52

By Steve LeMaster SPORTS WRITER

WARFIELD — Floyd Central returned to the win column earlier in the week, upending host Sheldon Clark 69-52 in a girls' high school basketball game on Wednesday.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 16-1.

Former multi-time 15th Region champion Sheldon Clark dropped to 8-10 with the loss.

Floyd Central shot 50.9 percent (28 of 55) from the field. The Lady Jaguars were six of 14 (42.9 percent) three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 87.5 percent (seven of eight) from the freethrow line.

Inside, Floyd Central managed to outrebound

Sheldon Clark 35-31. Lauren Preston led Floyd Central with 16 points and eight rebounds. Preston connected on eight field goals in the Lady Jaguars' win.

Finishing directly behind Preston in the Floyd Central scoring column, Abby Maggard added 15





Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster, FILE

Floyd Central's Grace Martin eyes a shot during the 15th Region 2A title game earlier in the month.

## Paintsville claims 15th Region All 'A' championship

BY RANDY WHITE REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

East Ridge couldn't find a way to knock off Paintsville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship Tuesday night as the Lady Warriors fell to the Lady Tigers 66-49.

Paintsville duo Anna Keeton and Elizabeth Williams kept their scoring clip going in the championship game. Keeton scored a game-high 28 points and came up with four steals in the win. Williams followed with 17 points and four steals as well. Monday night against Prestonsburg, Williams lit up the East Kentucky Expo Center for 41 points and Keeton scored 28.

Paintsville got some help from Clara Blair Tuesday night, though.

Blair knocked down a three to give Paintsville a 6-4 lead with 4:50 left in the first quarter. Williams followed with a three of her own to push the Lady Tiger lead to 11-4 with 1:22 left in the first.

Paintsville's Katelyn Newsome opened the second with a three to push the lead to 14-7.

East Ridge's Kyra Looney knocked down a three to cut the lead to 11-7 at the end of the first quarter.

Looney for answered East Ridge with another three to cut the lead to 14-10 with 6:15 left in the first quarter..

Blair answered with her second three at the 5:23 mark of the second to push the lead to 17-10. Blair knocked down her third three with 3:31 to push the lead to 22-12.

Blair's fourth three came at the 2:04 mark to push the Paintsville lead to 25-15.

Blair also joined Keeton and Williams in double figures scoring with 14 points. She made four of her seven three-point attempts on the night. Newsome added five points and Ava Hyden scored two in the win.

East Ridge's Sarah Tackett scored the Lady Warfirst half to cut the Paintsville lead to 28-21 at the break.

Tackett led the way for East Ridge with a teamhigh 15 points and eight rebounds. Looney added 11 points, four rebounds, and four assists. Haylee Meade just missed double figures scoring with nine points and eight rebounds. Haley Parks, Kelsie Slone and Sylvia Ratliff each scored four points. Leah Wells also scored two points.

Keeton and Williams scored 30 of Paintsville's 38 second half points.

Williams opened the third with a three to push the lead to 31-21. Keeton added another three with 3:59 left to play to push the lead to 38-25.

Paintsville held a 48-35 lead entering the fourth quarter of play.

The Lady Tigers kept the big lead in the fourth and cruised to their second 15th Region All "A" Classic championship in three years.

Paintsville (16-3)scheduled to take on West Carter next Wednesday evening at 9:30 p.m. in the opening round of the All "A" Classic state championship.

East Ridge (5-14) is scheduled to visit Lawrence County at 7:30 p.m. next Monday night.



Flyod Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance

Paintsville's Anna Keeton makes a pass to Elizabeth Williams Tuesday night against East Ridge during the 15th Region All "A" Classic.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance riors' final six points of the Paintsvillle's Kaitlyn Newsome makes a pass to the top of the key after a rebounc Tuesday night against East Ridge.



East Ridge's Sarah Tackett puts up a shot underneath the basket Tuesday night against Paintsville.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance East Ridge's Kelsi Slone drives through the lane for a shot Tuesday night against Paintsville. night against East Ridge.



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Paintsville's Elizabeth Williams puts up a shot in the paint Tuesday

# Betsy Layne drops close contest to Magoffin County

By Steve LeMaster
Sports Writer

BETSY LAYNE — Host Betsy Layne fell short in a bid to return to the win column as visiting Magoffin County held on to win 58-56 in a girls' high school basketball game on Wednesday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 3-14.

Magoffin County improved to 5-13 with the loss.

Macy Thacker scored a gamehigh 22 points to lead Magoffin County to the victory. Kennedi Stacy, one of the top girls' basketball players in the 15th Region, added 19 points for the Lady Hornets.

Magoffin County shot 37.5 percent (21 of 56) from the field. The Lady Hornets were four of 17 from three-point range.

Magoffin County shot 63.2 percent (12 of 19) from the free-throw line.

Visiting Magoffin County managed to outscore Betsy Layne 15-12 in the opening quarter. The Lady Hornets led 28-22 at halftime.

However, Betsy Layne managed to pull even. Longtime 15th Region rivals, Betsy Layne and Magoffin County were tied 38-38 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

The non-district matchup featured six lead changes. Magoffin County led by as many as nine points.

Destiny Conley (five points), Haley Barnett (four points), Shay Blanton (three points), Angel Mullis (two points), Morgan Damron (two points) and Kenlee Wireman (one point) accounted for the rest of the Lady Hornets' scoring.

Betsy Layne shot 43.4 percent (23 of 53) from the field. The Lady Bobcats missed both of their shots from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 55.6 percent (10 of 18) from the free-throw line.

Amelia Blackburn led Betsy Layne with 19 points. Katie Kidd scored 11 points, while Alexandria Jarvis added 10 points for the Lady Bobcats.

Narrowly missing double figures for the Lady Bobcats, Kimberly Akers netted nine points. Nearly recording a double-double, Akers pulled down eight rebounds.

Madilyn Meade (three points), Lauryn Watkins (two points) and Kenadie Boyette (two points) provided Betsy Layne's additional scoring in the setback.

# Bobcats beat Piarist School, Jackson City

By Steve LeMaster
Sports Writer

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne halted a four-game losing skid and ultimately notched back-to-back wins on Tuesday.

Host Betsy Layne topped Piarist School 77-36.

In another home game, Betsy Layne beat Jackson City 76-42.

More on each boys' high school basketball game follows.

#### Betsy Layne 77, Piarist School 36

Betsy Layne took control early and never faltered, pulling away to defeat visiting Piarist School 77-36 on Tuesday.

Frank Tackett scored a team-high 25 points, recorded a school record 14 steals and pulled down seven rebounds to lead Betsy Layne to the win.

Betsy Layne shot 41.6 percent (32 of 77) from the field. The Bobcats were four of 19 from three-point range,

Betsy Layne shot 50 percent (three of six) from the free-throw line.

Lukas Manns netted 11 points and Davy Bentley added 10 points for Betsy Layne in the convincing victory.

Narrowly missing double figures, Byron Tackett tossed in nine points for the Bobcats.

Colin Howell scored eight points while Dalton Hall chipped in six points in Betsy Layne's winning effort.

Joshua Hall and Cameron Kimbler rounded out the Betsy Layne individual scoring, posting five points and three points, respectively.

Byron Tackett paced Betsy Layne on the backboards, pulling down nine rebounds.

Seth Hall led Piarist School with a gamehigh 27 points. Following Hall's leading effort for the Knights, Kyle Price added seven points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

#### Betsy Layne 76, Jackson City 42

Brady Robinson scored a game-high 19 points and Grant Orsborn, returning to the floor following an injury he suffered over the summer, added 14 points as Betsy Layne beat visiting Jackson City 76-42 on Tuesday.

Betsy Layne featured four scorers in double figures as Zach Bentley netted 12 points and Davy Bentley added 10 points.

The Bobcats shot 38.4 percent (28 of 73) from the field. Betsy Layne was six of 18 (33.3 percent) from three-point range,

The Bobcats shot 66.7 percent (14 of 21) from the free-throw line.

Manns contributed eight points while Jordan Frazier added six points for the Bobcats

Chase Mims and Howell rounded out the Betsy Layne individual scoring, registering four points and three points, respectively.

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the plan and goal to get to a level that we could compete with the best on the biggest stage and I feel like we are there now."

Prestonsburg returned to the win column on the road on Tuesday, defeating Phelps 68-53.

Through 19 games, three Lady Blackcats are averaging double figures in scoring. Kaitlyn Keathley leads Prestonsburg in scoring with an 18.2 points per game average. Accompanying Keathley in double figures are Reesce Endicott (14.0 ppg) and Caroline Ariaz (12.5 ppg).

Prestonsburg will be looking to make a post-season run beginning in just over one month.

"We will learn from the Paintsville loss and continue to learn and grow," said Kidd. "The best thing about this experience was this group deserved it and they now know they can compete with the best."

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points.

Accompanying Preston and Maggard in double figures, Katie Moore netted 11 points. Sharing team-high rebounding honors, Moore claimed eight caroms of her own.

Floyd Central owned numerous double digit leads in the non-district contest.

Grace Martin pushed in eight points and Kaylee Moore posted six points for the Lady Jaguars.

As part of a balanced offensive effort, Natalie Hollie (five points), Brook Stumbo (five points) and Kennedi Harvell (three points) provided Floyd Central's additional scoring.

Sheldon Clark shot 38.5 percent (20 of 52) from the field. The Lady Cardinals were only two of 11 from three-point range,

Sheldon Clark shot 71.4 percent (10 of 14) from the free-throw line.

Madison Thompson led Sheldon Clark with a double-double, scoring 18 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Thompson led all players in scoring and rebound-

Joining Thompson in double figures for the Lady Cardinals, Kristen Isaac contributed 14 points.

Narrowly missing double figures in scoring for Sheldon Clark, Paige Maynard netted nine points.

Lakyn Porter and McKenzie Preston rounded out the Sheldon Clark individual scoring, tallying seven points and four points, respectively.

Floyd Central is slated to visit Lawrence County for a 58th District girls' basketball game at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night.



## Boys' 15th Region All "A" Classic roundup

By RANDY WHITE REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

#### Shelby Valley 78, Piarist 30

Shelby Valley didn't have any trouble getting past Piarist in the play-in game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Wednesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center as the Wildcats cruised to a 78-30 win.

The Wildcat starters didn't even get to play a whole quarter as coach Jim Hicks pulled his starters early.

Shelby Valley had 13 players on its roster score against the Knights in the big win. Kaden Robinson led the way with a team-high 13 points. Logan Hawkins and Cameron Worrix each followed with nine points. Jacob Caudill added eight. Cody Potter scored seven points in seven minutes of play. Zack Johnson also scored seven for the Wildcats. Jacob Hall added six. Keain Worrix, Orbie McPeek and John Flanery scored four points apiece. Russ Osborne, Peyton Blackburn an Aaron Bates each scored two points in the win. Lincoln Billiter chipped in with one point for the Wildcats.

Seth Hall scored a gamehigh 22 points for Piarist. Kyle Price added six and Dalton Jude scored two.

Shelby Valley (15-2) advanced to take on Prestonsburg in the opening round game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

#### Sheldon Clark 61, Phelps 32

Phelps just didn't have an answer.

Sheldon Clark big man Trey James dominated the paint and the guards took care of the ball as the Cardinals rolled to 29-point win in the other play-in game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic Wednesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Jason Casey and Seth Mayhorn scored the game's first two baskets to give the Hornets an early 4-0 lead.

Sheldon Clark finished the first quarter on a 7-0 run to take a 15-7 lead.

Casey added a basket to open the second for the Hornets and cut the lead to 15-10.

Sheldon Clark responded with a 13-0 run to push the lead to 28-10 with 2:41 left in the first half.

Phelps ended the first half with a 9-4 run to cut the lead to 32-19 at the break.

James just missed a triple-double for Sheldon Clark as he finished with 11 points, 10 rebounds and eight blocked shots. Braxton Maynard led the Cardinals in scoring with a game-high 17 points. Nick Maynard also reached double figures with 10. Will Lafferty added seven and Jordan Dalton scored four. Braeden Walker, Cameron Dials and Alex Dials each scored three for the Cardinals.

Trey Francis led Phelps with a double-double; he scored 10 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Casey followed with nine. Domineck Francis added five. Mayhorn, Riley Dotson, Landon Dotson and Marcus Layne each scored two points.

Sheldon Clark kept the pressure on in the second half outscoring the Hornets 29-13 in the final two quarters of play.

Sheldon Clark (7-11) is scheduled to take on East Ridge in first round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Phelps (7-7) is scheduled to visit Raceland at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.



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Phelps' Dominick Francis drives through the lane for a shot Wednesday night against Sheldon Clark in the ply in game of the 15th Region All "A" Classic.



Phelps' Trey Francis pulls up for a jumper Wednesday night against Sheldon Clark.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance Phelps' Jason Casey drives to the basket for a shot Wednesday night against Sheldon Clark.

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located along Gap fork. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Brenda J. Edington and Laurel

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Mountain Resources, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Depart-Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sow-Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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This is the final advertisement of the applica-Writtencomments, 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, Frank-Kentucky 40601 by Febru-

ary 18, 2019. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation 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.

#### **L**EGALS NOTICE OF BOND

RELEASE accordance 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexing-Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 3, 7 and 10 of permit num-836-0445 ber which was last issued on June 22. 2018.Increment 3 covers an area of approximately 27.09 acres, Increment 7 covers an area of approxi-24.47mately acres and Increment 10 covers an area of approxi-18.75mately acres located 0.6 miles south of in Floyd Hite County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 0.6 miles northwest from the junction of KY Route 122 and KY Route 2030 and located in the vicinity of Osborn Branch. The bond now in effect for Incre-

ment 3 is a surety bond in the amount \$103,000. proximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$103,000 is included in this application for release. The bond now in

effect for Increment 7 is a surety bond in the amount \$115,600. proximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$115,600 is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment 10 is a surety bond in the amount \$92,300. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$92,300 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 3 includes backfilling, grading and seedcompleted

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Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 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 March 4, 2019.

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**EMERGENCY** PLANNING COMMITTEE Pursuant to Section 324, Title III of the 1986 Feder-Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization (SARA) of Act 1986, 42 U.S.C. 11001 et seq., the following information is provided in compliance with Community Right-to-Know requirements of the SARA Law, and the open meetings and open records provisions of KRS 61.800, 61.805, 61.810, 61.823, 61.826, 61.835.Members of the public may contact the Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee by writing Tim Fields, Chairman of the Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee, P O Box 1421, Prestons-Kentucky burg, 41653, or contacted by telephone at 606-886-9678. The Floyd County Emergency Planning Committee conducts meetat Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad, 132 Cliff Rd, Prestonsburg,

41653, or at other locations, in accordance with the Kentucky Open Meetings Law. Members of the public may request to be notified of regular or special meetings as provided in KRS 61.820. Records of the Planning Committee, including county emergency response material

the plan, safety data sheets, and inventory forms, or any follow-up emergency notices as may subsequently be issued, are open for inspection, and members of the public who wish to review these records may do so 8:00am - 4:00pm,

Eastern Time, Monday - Friday, at Floyd County Emergency Management Office, 132 Cliff Rd, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653, as required by the

Kentucky Open Records Law. The local 24-hour telephone number for purposes of emergency notification, as required by SARA Law, 606-433-7711 or dial 911.

#### NOTICE OF BOND

RELEASE accordance KRS with 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexing-Kentucky ton, 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of **permit** number 0447 which was last issued on July 18, 2018. Increment 1 covers an area of approximately 21.75acres, Increment 4 covers an area of approximately 15.73 acres, Increment 5 covers an area of approximately acres, Increment 6 covers an area of approximately 15.44 acres, Increment 7 covers an area of approxi-

**L**EGALS mately 13.40acres, Increment 8 covers an area of approximately 7.49 acres and Increment 9 covers an area of approx-31.08 imately acres located 1.00 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County. from KY

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effect for Increment 6 is a surety bond in the amount \$75,000. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount \$75,000 is included in this applica-

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amount \$123,400. proximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$123,400 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed for Increment 1 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2018. Results thus far backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of dis-

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RELEASE accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lexington Coal Company, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 2, Milton, WV 25541 has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Increment No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Permit Number 836-0461, which was last issued on November 2018. Increment No. 1 covers an area approximately 132.55 acres, Increment No. 2 covers an area approximately 206.48 acres, Increment No. 3 covers an area approximately 330.80 acres, Increment No. 4 covers an area approximately 30.42 acres, Increment No. 5 covers an area approximately 25.91 acres, Increment No. 6 covers an area approximately 102.90 acres located 1.0 miles northwest of Hennon in Floyd and Pike Counties. The permit is approximately 2.93 miles northeast from the junction of US 23 with CR

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Shop along Branch of Mare Creek. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a Surety Bond in the amount of forty-three thousand nine hundred dollars (\$43,900.00). The remaining bond of fortythree thousand,

is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 1 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

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The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a Surety Bond in the amount of seventy thousand six hundred dollars (\$70,600.00). The remaining bond of seventy thousand, six hundred dollars (\$70,600.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work

performed on Increment No.'s 2 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall

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effect for Increment No. 6 is a Surety Bond in the amount of thirty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00). The remaining bond of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work **L**EGALS

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on the application has been scheduled for March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received

#### NOTICE OF BOND

RELEASE accordance 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexing-Kentucky ton. 40509 has applied for Phase II bond release on permit number 5568 which was last issued on May 24, 2018. application The 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 Gun-Branch stock Road and located on Gunstock Branch.

effect for the permit is a surety bond in amount \$38,400. Approximately twentyfive 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. This is the final advertisement

of the application. 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, F r a n k fort, Kentucky 40601 by February 18, 2019. A public hearing has been sched-

uled 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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tucky. The permit area is approximately 0.8 miles south from Powell Branch Road's junction with US 23 and located along Powell Branch. The bond now in

effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount \$30,000. Approximately twentyfive percent (25%) of the original bond amount of \$30,000 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed cludes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in August 2015. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, revegetation of disturbed areas and es-

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#### NOTICE OF BOND In

RELEASE 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 **permit** number 836-5664 which was last issued on May 8, 2017. The application covers an area of approximately 5.91 acres located 1.31 miles east of Drift in Floyd County The operation is approximately 1.80 miles east of KY Route 122's junction with the Simpson Branch County Road and located 0.10 miles north of Simpson Branch. The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety

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