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P'burg opposes Martin's proposed annexation



Prestonsburg City Council member Shag Branham, center, reads a municipal order the council approved on Jan. 29, opposing an annexation proposed by Martin. Also pictured are council members Harry Adams and B.D. Nunnery.

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Annexation meeting canceled at Martin City Hall

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Martin's attempt to annex more than 800 acres in several communities just got a bit more complicated.

During a special-called meeting on Tuesday, the Prestonsburg City Council approved a municipal order, officially announcing

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PSC denies rate increase to Southern Water District

Floyd County utility was unable to provide accurate financial data

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission denied a request by Southern Water District to increase rates, reporting that the district was "unable to provide accurate records related to its

billing and revenue."

In an order issued Thursday, the PSC said that it "cannot reasonably rely on the information" provided by Southern Water and therefore cannot grant the rate increase.

Southern Water in July 2018 requested to raise rates by

about 33 percent.

A PSC staff analysis determined that a slightly higher rate increase of nearly 38 percent could be justified, but cautioned that the analysis was based not on actual financial records,

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Floyd BOE approves RLC move to former ACHS

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education approved the relocation of the Renaissance Learning Center in Martin to

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The May Valley Elementary School Early Childhood Development class danced to a medley of 1980's anthem rock hits, followed by members of the All County Choir singing "A Million Dreams" prior to the Floyd County Board of Education meeting Wednesday as part of board appreciation month.

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P'burg approves school resource officer contract

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council approved a contract to provide the Floyd County Board of Education with a school resource officer, or SRO, during a special meeting on Monday.

The approval came a day before the Board of Education was scheduled to consider approval of SRO contracts with both Prestonsburg and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

"They will be paying us \$27,000 for this officer," Mayor Les Stapleton told the city council.

Council Member Shag Branham asked whether the approval would take

an officer off the road in Prestonsburg.

"No, it's not," Stapleton said. "It's adding a new officer."

Stapleton reported after the meeting that the city will hire retired Kentucky State Police official Randy Woods as the SRO. The officer will be stationed at Prestonsburg High School, and is subject to work at others, officials reported.

According to the contract, the officer will be an employee of the city, not the school district, and will assist school personnel with maintaining school order and work to "prevent or respond to student unrest or any other security risk within the school and outside

the school."

In other news, the council also approved a sponsorship agreement for the 2019 Elk Draw Unveiling, which will be hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources on May 18.

The department will issue 594 elk hunting permits this year, states the agreement, and issued a request for sponsors this month.

If the agreement proposed by Prestonsburg is approved by the state, the Elk Draw Unveiling will be held at the Mountain Arts Center, like it was last year.

In the sponsorship, Prestonsburg agrees to design, coordinate, pro-



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Prestonsburg City Council members discuss a contract with the Floyd County Board of Education in which the city agrees to provide a School Resource Officer to the school district. Pictured, left to right, are council members Harry Adams, Shag Branham, B.D. Nunnery and Don Willis, as well as Mayor Les Stapleton.

mote and host the event to announce names of people drawn for the elk hunt and raise awareness

about the state's restoration of elk. Prestonsburg agrees to work with the accounting firm Blue

& Co. LLC in Lexington for delivery and release of the drawing results, the agreement states.

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its objections to Martin's proposed annexation. The following day, Martin Mayor Sam Howell issued a press release reporting the Martin City Council will not meet, as planned on Thursday, to discuss the annexation.

Following a lengthy closed session in which the Prestonsburg City Council discussed potential litigation, real estate and personnel on Jan. 29, council members voted unanimously to issue a municipal order detailing the city's opposition to Martin's annexation.

The municipal order claims that Martin failed to notify Prestonsburg, as required by KRS 81A.427, about the proposed annexation, and that Prestonsburg wants to notify Martin about its objection to the annexation of properties in the Eastern area, which include a sewage treatment plant owned by Prestonsburg.

KRS 81A.427 requires cities attempting to annex any unincorporated area to notify the mayor of any city government that owns utilities in the unincorporated area.

"Any city receiving notice under this section and owning utility infrastructure in an area to be annexed or proposed to be annexed shall have the right to object and prevent the annexation by sending a certified copy of a municipal order enacted pursuant to KRS 83A.060," the law states.

Mayor Les Stapleton said Prestonsburg's wastewater treatment plant, located near the former Allen Central High School, serves that property as well as Floyd Central High School and Duff-Allen Central Elementary.

Stapleton said he learned of Martin's proposed annexation when "everything hit the papers" and through an open records request filed by the informal community group "We the People," which is also opposing the annexation.

Stapleton said if Prestonsburg didn't notify Martin about the city's objection to the annexation, Prestonsburg would lose its rights to that property.

"If we never had any objection whatsoever or anything, then we would lose all of our rights to that area right there," Stapleton said. "You know, we have facilities. They could put facilities right in beside us and then bump us out."

He emphasized that Prestonsburg has no intention of annexing that area.

"We have no intentions whatsoever of going farther up (Ky.) 80, or (U.S.) 23 than we've already come," Stapleton said. "We're at our max on 23 and 80 unless we were asked to come further, and we can't on 80 because we're contiguous to Martin, and right now, on 23, we're contiguous to Allen. So, we can't go in those directions."

When asked whether the city would support or object to Martin's right to grow through annexation, Stapleton said, "No, I have no problem with them growing. By law, I have to make them aware of my objection, or we lose our rights. It also says further that we can come to an agreement on this. I don't care to sit down and talk to them about that. This is no grudge match. It's nothing like that. What it boils down is if we don't make them aware of our objection, we can lose our rights there, where we already have a facility in place. I have to protect our infrastructure."

In the order, the council also approved instructing Stapleton to designate a city official to hand-deliver the municipal order to the City of Martin.

Martin City Attorney Doug Adams said he received that order from Prestonsburg Police Chief Larry Woods on Wednesday. Neither he nor Howell would publicly comment about it. Howell referred all questions to Adams, while Adams said he would have to know more about Prestonsburg's claims before he could issue a comment.

Howell did, however, issue a press release about a canceling a meeting the Martin City Council reported would be held on Jan. 31 to discuss the annexation.

That date was highlighted in a letter the city sent to property owners in the proposed annex-

ation area, but the press release reported that the meeting was canceled to give council members "more time to consider" the proposed annexation and to "attempt to secure a facility" in the city that could accommodate all concerned citizens who want to attend.

"When a new date, time and/or location for the City Council to again place the Annexation Ordinance on the Agenda has been determined, Notices will again be mailed to all property owners no less than 14 days prior to the Meeting of the City Council," the press release said.

When asked to address concerns that have been voiced by members of "We the People" regarding the annexation, Adams said, "Public meetings are for public comment and for the council and mayor to address the citizens' concerns that are voiced at those open meetings. That's what the council and the mayor is trying to do by scheduling a meeting in a location that can accommodate that."

Officials at other local cities and agencies are working to determine how the proposed annexation in Martin would impact them, including the Floyd County Fiscal Court, the Floyd County Board of Education and the City of Wayland.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams said County Attorney Keith Bartley is currently researching the proposed annexation.

"We're looking into the issue and how it will affect the county, but beyond that, we haven't done anything at this point. That's still a long ways off," Williams said. "They have to have a first reading, a second reading and, you know, then there's a process they have to go through. So, we've got the county attorney looking into it, just making sure that everything's done properly."

If the annexation is approved, the Floyd County Fiscal Court stands to lose a large portion of its insurance premium tax revenue. The county has a six percent insurance premium tax in unincorporated communities throughout the county. That tax is set to end in July, but Williams

has proposed implementing a four percent tax this year. If the annexation is finalized, Martin, which has a nine percent insurance premium tax, would qualify to receive that tax from insurance policies sold in the annexed area, not the county.

Williams said if the annexation is finalized, the county would then be required to collect and forward collections from a 1.5 percent occupational tax for the employees to Martin.

The Floyd County Courthouse Annex in McDowell, Floyd County Housing Authority at Minnie, Waste Connections and the Floyd County Library are among the proposed annexation areas, as is the Floyd County School District. Martin is proposing to annex the former Allen Central High, the school district's bus and maintenance garage, the technology center, Floyd Central High and Duff-Allen Central Elementary schools, Superintendent Danny Adkins said.

He said that if the annexation is finalized, the school district could face increases in insurance costs. District officials expect the Martin Fire Department's ISO rating

to drop if the annexation goes through because it would be located more than five miles away from areas proposed to be annexed.

"So, that's (insurance cost increase) a concern for us, but the biggest concern I have is for our staff, our employees, what type of financial burden this will be on them. So our initial concern, really, is with our staff and our employees," Adkins said. "With those facilities being annexed, if they were to be annexed, then they would be susceptible to that occupational tax."

He said district officials have not calculated the expected increase in cost the school district would face if this proposed annexation is finalized, but he said he hopes to speak with Martin officials about the matter.

"Certainly, we want to be good neighbors, the school system," Adkins said. "You know, we're made up of many small towns here in Floyd County and we want to be good neighbors to everyone."

Wayland officials are also working to determine whether the proposed annexation ordi-

nance runs into a portion of Ky. 550 that the Wayland City Commission annexed in 2018. Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz said the city would have to object if it is determined that Martin's proposed annexation encompasses property that Wayland has already annexed.



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By: Carol Casebolt

The Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Heart and Vascular Institute is the heart of healthcare in the region and is leading the way to healthier and longer life for patients in and around the community.

On Thursday, January 17, the first transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) procedure was performed at PMC.

TAVR is a minimally invasive surgical procedure for repairing a heart valve. It is an FDA-approved procedure for people who are considered an intermediate or high-risk patient for

standard valve replacement surgery.

PMC Director of the Cath Lab, Director of the Valve Clinic, Interventional Cardiologist, Muhammad Ahmad, MD said, "The interventional cardiology and cardiothoracic surgeons are utilizing percutaneous approaches, or minimally invasive approaches, for valve replacements."

A team of 14 highly trained physicians, nurses and cath lab technicians were part of this historic procedure. PMC Interventional Cardiologists Muhammad Ahmad, MD, and Deepak Pattanshetty, MD; Cardiothoracic Surgeons Dermot P. Halpin, MD, and John Deel, MD;

Anesthesiologist Randy Legault, MD and Cath Lab Manager Johnny Webb, RT(R) led the procedure.

"This is a huge step forward for PMC and the Heart and Vascular Institute. This advanced technology helps improve the quality of care we are able to provide patients of this region. We are now able to offer most all services for heart surgery," said Dr. Deel.

Dr. Ahmad said, "I never thought, in my life time, I would ever be able to provide this level of advanced care to our patients."

Heart disease is the number one killer of men and women in the United States, and in eastern Ky. PMC has the monumental task of treating this deadly disease.

PMC CEO Donovan Blackburn said, "We are performing procedures that have never been done in the region and are the same procedures you would have traveled hours to receive in years past."

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PMC'S RHONDA BLACKBURN ELECTED TO KY BOARD OF BAR GOVERNORS

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is proud to announce the election of PMC Associate General Counsel Rhonda Blackburn to the Kentucky Bar Association (KBA) Bar Governors.

The Bar Governor is an elected position that has a term of two years. The seat can be obtained for a maximum of three terms. Blackburn has already completed one term.

The Kentucky Bar Association is an independent agency of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. Its authority to regulate the legal profession in Kentucky, delegated by the Kentucky Supreme Court through rules, is derived from the Kentucky Constitution. Currently, the KBA serves approximately 18,720 active and inactive Kentucky licensed attorneys.

There are seven districts with two representatives from each district.

Blackburn and Judge John Vincent from Ashland, Ky are the two representatives for the seventh district.

The group also has four officers which include President, President elect, Vice President, and Past President.

The Bar Governors are attorneys who make the decisions regarding how Ky's attorneys are managed throughout the state.

There are a defined set of responsibilities and Blackburn says the one area that most people find interesting is the discipline.

"This body governs Kentucky attorneys. If somebody does something which is not proper, or not ethical, we have the say on what happens to that person," said Blackburn.

There is also a section of the KBA that handles attorneys who get involved with substance abuse.

"We have resources for those attorneys," Blackburn said. "It is a very stressful job and sometimes people lose their way. We try to help them. If they cannot find their way, there are appropriate steps to take to make sure



they don't hurt someone when they are really not able to represent them."

The group polices themselves in conjunction with the Bar Council in addition to the Supreme Court who also reviews everything. The process is how lawyers get together and work together.

"It is a huge amount of unpaid work," reported Blackburn. "I do it for the service not for the fame or fortune, because there is none. It is an elected, volunteer position, but you are essentially volunteering your time."

Blackburn has a strong passion for the region which fuels her desire to serve.

"I want to make sure that people in the rest of the state understand the value of the people in this area. It is much harder for somebody here to do the volunteer work because most everything occurs in Lexington, Louisville and sometimes Covington," she said. "I want to make sure they know that we are here. We are competent and willing to serve and promote this area. If somebody, like me, doesn't go and do this, it is not going to happen."

Last year, Blackburn was part of the committee that started a leadership conference.

She said, "We are going to make it an annual event. We are trying to get the younger attorneys involved because there is so much need for service."

Source: www.kybar.org

PMC ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBER

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) announces the addition of Linda Wagner-Justice to the Board of Directors.

"As the hospital continues to grow, responsible and dependable leadership becomes increasingly important," said PMC Board of Directors President Ron Burchett. "Linda is a wonderful representative of our community and brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience. I feel that her female perspective brings us more diversification making our board even better-rounded. We look forward to a long and successful relationship as we all work together to make PMC the best it can be."



Justice brings an impressive list of qualifications and abilities to the table. She is an experienced strategic advisor. She has held various leadership positions with executive oversight experience. Her public and community relations are sure to serve her well on the board.

"I am honored to be invited to serve on the board of directors of this world-class institution," said Justice. "Pikeville Medical Center plays such an important role in our region and is a vital part of our community. The opportunity to play a small part in an organization whose primary mission is the betterment and well-being of every person it encounters within the context of a Christian environment is exciting."

Justice has retired as a career employee from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) with over 23 years. She held the position of Chief District Engineer for two eastern Ky highway districts and served in the State Highway Engineer's office as Deputy Executive Director for the statewide Office of Construction and Operations in addition to other staff positions.

After retiring from KYTC, she worked at Jigsaw Enterprises, LLC, a construction and engineering firm. She worked in administrative and project management roles and she owned her own business. Today she is enjoying retirement and is gearing up to be actively engaged as the newest member of the PMC Board of Directors.

"I hope my past experience in collaborating with and managing large teams of engineers focused on practical solutions to complex problems will be beneficial to the board," Justice said. "I look forward to sharing my abilities and perspectives with the administration and my fellow board members, as we work together to support the goals and objectives of this outstanding organization."

Justice is a Johnson County native who currently lives in Pikeville. She is the wife of Rusty Justice and they have one daughter, Elan, who currently resides in Bowling Green, Ky.

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Renovations planned for Martin Community Center

Williams: Prior estimates were 'blown out of proportion'

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Former county officials reported it would cost \$150,000 or more to repair the Martin Community Center, but the new county-judge executive said he believes the work can be done in-house for one-third of that amount.

Judge-Executive Robbie Williams listed re-opening the community center as one of the fiscal court's priorities for the next two years, and work will begin soon, he reported Wednesday.

"The Martin Community Center, we've actually got in the center this week. We've been doing some preliminary assessments on the center, trying to run some numbers, see what it's going to cost to get it fixed," he said. "Monday, we will have a crew on site. We're going to take our parks crew. They just don't have much to do this time of year, and we're going to get a couple, maybe a couple of inmates, and go up there and start tearing some of the flooring out and cleaning it up."

He said a dumpster will be placed at the center this week in preparation for that work, which will be led by newly-hired Parks Supervisor Don Hall, the mayor of Wheelwright.

Over the past several years, several individuals have approached the Floyd County Fiscal Court about leasing the center, and, repeatedly, the fiscal court put the building up for sale, then rejected bids the county received. The latest — and most persistent request — has come from Deanna Mullins, who wants to open a nonprofit, Magoos' Center of Family Fun, there.

Williams made it clear this week that the county does not want to operate the community center.

"We don't want to be in the community center business. The county doesn't, but we feel like we should get the center up and, you know, we'll either try to work something out with her (Mullins) or another interested party, whoever," Williams said. "But, obviously, we would really like to sit down and work with Ms. Mullins because she's been so proactive and involved in trying to get this moving forward."

Mullins said she recently filed for nonprofit status for the Magoos' Center, which will be named after her father.

She said she plans to host an after-school tutoring program that will give high school students the opportunity to provide tutoring and mentoring for the younger students who come there.

Williams expects the repairs to cost the county less than \$50,000 — about a third of what prior county administrations have said repairs would cost.

"If you went and just bid the project out to get it repaired, it would probably be in the neighborhood of \$150,000, if you did a bid packet, something of that nature," Williams said. "But we think we can get it for substantially less by doing the work ourselves."

Williams said he expects the work to take a few months and the parks staff will only work there when "they have free time from other things."

Mullins, who addressed the Floyd County Fiscal Court about the project again recently, reported that she has obtained donations and secured volunteers to complete work needed. Williams said, however, that county officials found "a little bit of an issue" with using private funding to repair a public building.

"We were trying to figure out how to use private funds to work on a public project, and we were running into a little bit of an issue there," Williams said. "We don't think it's not going to take as much money as we originally thought. We



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Deanna Mullins addresses the Floyd County Fiscal Court during a recent meeting. She hopes to open a program for children at the Martin Community Center.

got in up there. I think this was sort of blown out of proportion that it was a total disaster. It's not as bad as it was made out to be."

He said no major renovation is needed on the building, reporting that the roof, heating, cooling and electricity is in order.

"We're just going to go in and let our employees do what they can and, you know, it's not going to be a huge project," he said. "It's more or less just repairs. I mean, there's no major renovation that has to be done there. I mean, the heating and cooling is there and all of that stuff is in place."

He said the majority of the work will be cleaning and painting. The county will seek bids, he said, if the work to replace the gym floor exceeds \$20,000.

"We're just going to play it by ear," Williams said. "If we have certain

parts of the project that we have to bid out, then we'll bid them out. Right now, we're just going to try to get in there and do a little renovation, clean it up and see what we can do to this point. Then, we're going to talk to Ms. Mullins."

He said his administration is not interested in selling the center at this point.

"We're going to entertain her offer. We just have to structure it in a way that it works for all of us," Williams said. "There's liabilities issues, insurance issues, things of that nature that have to be taken into consideration."

If the project moves forward, Mullins said the Magoos' Center will offer afterschool tutoring other activities. It would also be offered for party rentals on the weekends, she said.

"I've been fighting them for about the last

three and a half years now...I've got the support, the donations and everything we have to have to get everything done and get it reopened for these kids," she said.

She said she's not giving up on the project anytime soon.

"They're going to get tired of me," she said. That's why I come up and I talk at meetings. I'm still going to show up and you're going to still see my face until we decide because there's no reason for that to sit empty ... To me, the longer we take, the longer it's going to take me to try and get certain things. I've got to get permits, I've got to get inspections and stuff like that done because I need to try and be open by August. Our goal is to be open the first day of school so these kids from the area schools can come."

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the former Allen Central High School during a special-called meeting Wednesday at May Valley Elementary School.

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins said that the relocation is due to water issues with the new facility currently under construction on Varia Mountain. The current RLC building has been described by the board as "dilapidated" and the move was in the best interest for the students and staff while the new facility was under construction, said Adkins.

During a Southern Water and Sewer Board of Commissioners meeting Monday, it was re-

ported that lack of water pressure was the reason for the delay on the RLC construction on Varia Mountain with no resolution on the horizon.

According to Adkins, the move would be undertaken as soon as possible and the facility may be relocated to the former ACHS as early as Monday. ACHS was consolidated into Floyd Central High School in 2017 and the BOE attempted to convert the facility into a technology center. However, according to Adkins, the conversion was not approved by the Kentucky Department of Education.

"We are in the process of wiring a few things, but the facility is still in excellent condition," he said. "The sooner we can get everyone

settled, the better."

During a recent trip to Washington D.C. as part of a U.S. Department of Education initiative for school boards to meet with their representatives to ask for support on education issues, Adkins said that he had asked Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers for his help on several matters, including the RLC.

"I know that we are all concerned about our RLC facility and he has assured us that he will help us on that," he said. "The building is sitting there waiting on water and all of the logistics that go into that. I believe the Corp of Engineers will, I hate to put it this way, but get their marching orders sometime today on what needs to be done."

Public forum to be held next week

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Schools' Local Planning Committee, the 20-member group that is working to develop a new facilities plan for the district, is hosting a public meeting next week.

The LPC meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Feb. 5, at Adams Middle School. The public is also invited to attend the forum, which will begin at 7 p.m.

Suggestions provided by the public at the public

forum will be used by the LPC to determine how existing school facilities are used and the future construction needs of the district.

The LPC includes Site-Based Decision-Making Council representatives Brandon Sullivan of South Floyd, Emma Burchett of Betsy Layne Elementary, Karen Slone of Prestonsburg High and Jeremy Johnson of J.M. Stumbo; teachers Kristin Garrett of Prestonsburg Elementary, Jeremy Hall of Duff-Allen Central, Brent Hamilton of Betsy

Layne High and Jessica Flannery of May Valley; and administrators Greta Thornsberry of Floyd Central, John Kidd of Betsy Layne Elementary, Rachel Crider of Allen Elementary and Tommy Poe of Adams Middle. Other committee members include Superintendent Danny Adkins, William Jr. Newsome, district officials Larry Begley and Greg Adams and community members James Allen, Burl Scott, Ricky Layne and Edward Nairn.

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<p>Martin City Clinic (606) 285-3142 112065 Main Street Martin, KY</p>	<p>Belfry Clinic (606) 353-1287 26229 US 119 N Belfry, KY</p>	<p>Salyersville Clinic (606) 349-3115 1410 Royalton Road Salyersville, KY</p>	<p>Inez Clinic (606) 298-7902 Rt. 3 Rockcastle Rd. Inez, KY</p>

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EDITORIAL

Martin annexation needs a second look

City should stop and re-examine motives and processes for proposal

Annexation is rarely a popular move.

When a city decides to take in residences and/or businesses, as well as land, big issues arise. The newly-annexed businesses and property owners often receive some benefits, but there is also a new set of controls and costs, such as taxes and fees, that also have to be absorbed.

It's rare that an annexation goes through without at least some voices expressing opposition.

In the case of the City of Martin's proposed annexation of 800 acres of property, however, there is a unity and diversity of

opposition that gives us reason for pause, and it should do the same for the city's leaders.

As we said, it is not uncommon for individuals and businesses to voice opposition to an annexation. However, when not only a vast majority of those being annexed, but also various entities throughout the community are beginning to examine the issue with what appears to be a wary eye, it gives more than enough reason to step back and take stock of what's going on.

The City of Prestonsburg has already voiced its opposition, and it may be that other agencies do

the same.

Couple that with the questions raised about the processes by which affected individuals were notified that the annexation was being proposed and also about the processes by which they are being allowed to voice their opinions on the matter, and it adds up to big problems for the annexation proposal.

Whether the annexation is the right thing for those living or making their living in the area proposed to be annexed is not up to us — that's up to them. What we can say with surety, however, is the process that Martin has undertaken, as well

as the plan that's moving forward, are riddled with flaws.

Those flaws, in our eyes, are fatal and evince, in the best case scenario, a severe lack of forethought and realization that once the different aspects of this move came to light, that opposition would be sure to follow.

The worst-case scenario, of course, is that this process has arisen in the way it has because city officials intentionally did things so it would fly under the radar and pass before anyone realized what was going on. We hope that isn't the case, but also have grave

concerns about many aspects that would seem to indicate that there was some hope that public scrutiny would not be applied.

There's simply too many questions and too few answers right now for us or others to feel good about the annexation.

The right thing for Martin would be to stop the annexation proceedings and only restart the process in an open and transparent way that ensures that process of re-examination takes into account all involved parties. The annexation obtains consent and input from many of them.

Otherwise, this action will do nothing more than drive a wedge between several different entities and the City of Martin, an outcome which will negatively impact all of Floyd County for years to come and hinder many efforts underway to help this community move into a better position.

We will always work better together, and when that happens in the open, we all win. However, this current annexation proceeding doesn't appear to be the best way for this to occur. We ask respectfully that Martin officials do the right thing and do it the right way.

COLUMN



JEFF VANDERBECK
PUBLISHER

Always shop local first

Usually you hear about buying local during the holidays. You want to thank a veteran on Veteran's Day and praise Jesus on Easter, but these displays, like buying local, should be practiced all year long.

Buying local is a vital part to any community. I lived in an area that had

a heavy population of Jewish people. Because I'm not Jewish, one of my Jewish friends told me I would have a difficult time because that community looked to itself before anything else.

And even if the price of an item was a little higher, they would still stay within their community because of the value that purchase brought back to it.

I found myself going to a lot of Bar Mitzvahs and bris ceremonies.

I became acquainted with the local rabbi and Mohel. I started to blend; like a sore thumb,

but I blended. I became successful because I embraced the culture and worked with the locals to better support their community, of which I became an honorary member.

Eastern Kentucky needs to stick together and support its local people. And it goes beyond the average consumer. It should be demanded by local governments.

This area is rich with talent. I found that if I need something for our operation — even a specialty part for a piece of machinery — chances are, we can find it local.

There is always some person who can forge something for our needs. And now with the influx of technology we have, there really is a great chance that we can get what we need right here.

There was an issue at a city commission meeting where the City of Coal Run put out a bid to purchase a truck. There was only one bid received by the city and the award was given to the local Chevy dealership. There was then discussion as to why the city didn't look outside the area for a vehicle, perhaps getting a better price, which is a

valid concern. In this day, every penny counts.

In my opinion, even if there were several bids from different dealers, the local dealer should get preference. There is a government specifications and bidding process that each dealer must abide by, so the cost from each dealer for the same vehicle should be virtually the same.

But what some people may not take into consideration is the value buying local offers.

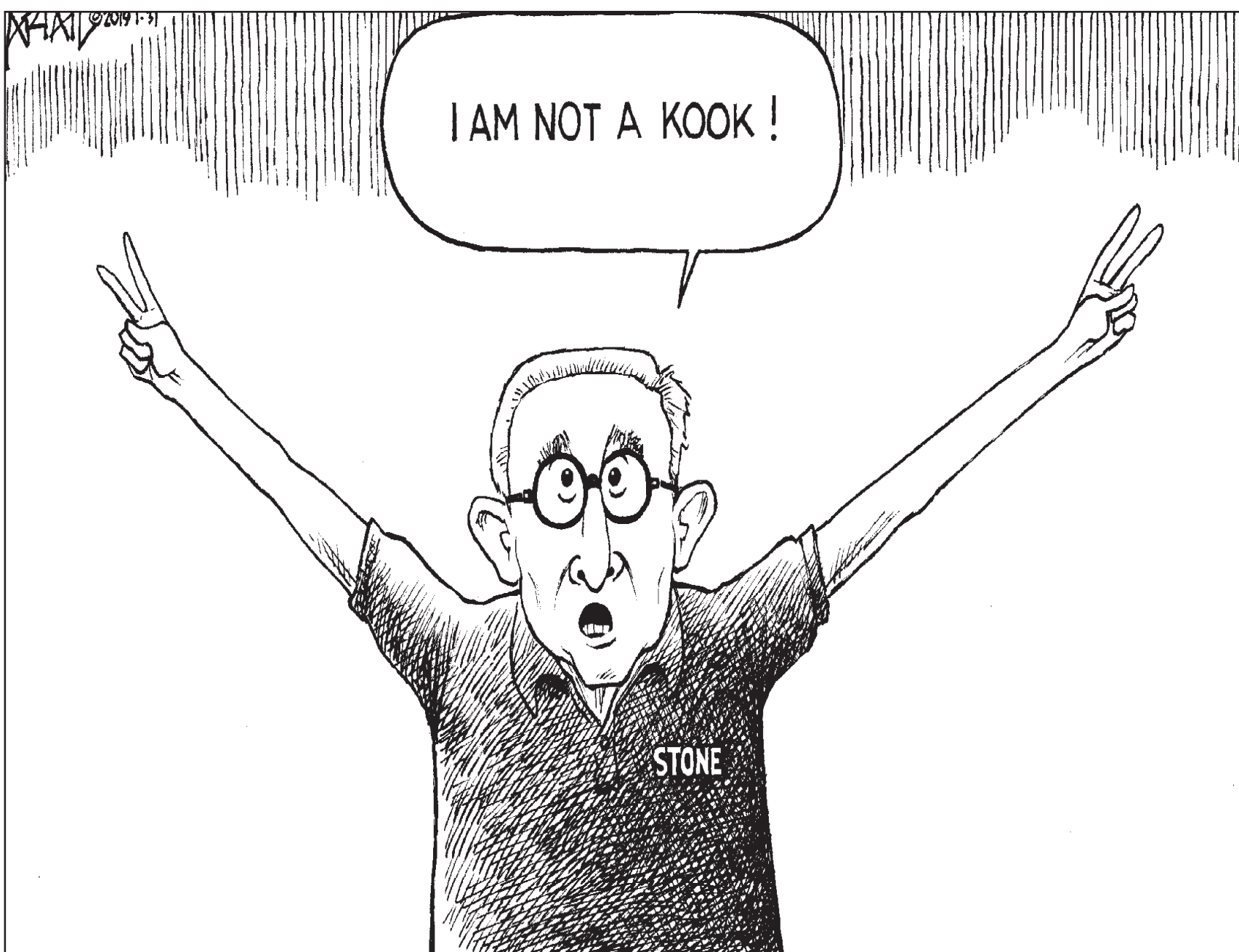
The sales person will make a commission on the vehicle, offering more of a chance for that per-

son to spend locally. The city will benefit because they have an occupational tax and a net profits tax. So even if bids are a few hundred dollars apart, the local payback is priceless. The city realized that and halted that "look outside" conversation.

That same philosophy goes for almost every industry. Contrary to what people think, we have experts right here in our backyard who are fully capable. When local companies are commissioned to perform a duty, there is a chance there are people right here in Eastern Kentucky who can handle the task.

Thanks for keeping it local and, for Pete's sake, if you live in Kentucky, please tag your vehicle in Kentucky and not Tennessee or West Virginia.

Thanks for reading the Floyd Chronicle and Times.



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Theft charge dismissed against restaurant owner

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The felony theft charge filed recently against a Prestonsburg business owner who was accused of sending a bad check to Prestonsburg Tourism has been dismissed.

On Jan. 23, Floyd County District Judge Jimmy Marcum signed

an order dismissing the theft charge against Bobby Blackburn, 59, owner of Giovanni's in Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West alleged in the criminal summons that Blackburn allegedly wrote a check for more than \$880, knowing it would bounce. She filed an affidavit in the case, however, seek-

ing the dismissal of the charge.

The court docket notes "paid in full."

In September 2018, Prestonsburg officials reported that Giovanni's was one of five businesses that collectively owed Prestonsburg Tourism more than \$90,000 in delinquent taxes.

Prestonsburg Tourism's budget is \$870,000

and the majority of its revenue comes from its transient room tax and hotel tax. The proceeds from the tax are split with the Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg Parks Commission and StoneCrest Golf Course, as well as the City of Prestonsburg, which receives a fee for collecting the tax.

Mink Branch tank project nearing bidding phase, engineer says

By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

Engineers with the Kentucky Engineering Group updated the Southern Water and Sewer District commissioners Monday about a couple of projects that have been pending for some time.

Troy Hogge of the Kentucky Engineering Group told commissioners that the district received pre-approval from the Appalachian Regional Commission on a \$500,000 grant and they had sent in an environmental study for approval from the Community Development Block Grant program for the Mink Branch tank project.

Hogge said officials at the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority have agreed to provide an additional \$200,000 to complete the project, which has been planned for years.

"As soon as we get the approval from that, for the environmental, if we don't have to do anything else, we're ready to bid that thing again," Hogge said. "I know we've got a lot going on, but that Mink Branch tank is still sitting up there on the hill. It's got a hole in it about that big and the water is squirting out the side."

He said if the environmental plan is ap-

proved, officials hope to seek bids on the project within the next 30 days.

"I think that's wonderful that we finally got that approved," Chairperson Paula Johnson said. "That is needed."

Officials reported the tank was constructed in the 1960s and it serves 1,000 people. Plans to replace it have been pending for several years.

"I told you guys that if that tank goes out, you've got a thousand people out of water," Hogge said. "I mean, we can get them back in water. It will take some time, shuffling things around, but it wouldn't be no overnight thing."

The plans call to relocate the tank more than a mile to another location at the same elevation. Southern Water General Manager Dean Hall said the capacity of the current tank is about 150,000 gallons, but the new take will hold 200,000 gallons or more.

Hogge and his co-worker Mark Stephens also briefed the commission on the project planned with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Martin to provide a waterline for the Renaissance Learning Center, a school that the Corps is building on Varia Mountain in Martin. Corps officials told Martin City Council members last year that the school

would open in September 2018, but the lack of water pressure hampered opening day.

Hogge and Stephens complained that Prestonsburg City Utilities has been working on the project.

Hall said, "It does appear that after we agreed to do everything they asked us to do to help them get water up there, they've went back on our negotiations and, I guess, decided to use the City of Prestonsburg."

Hogge said, "And that's fine. We don't have a problem with that if that's best, economically, and all that other good stuff, if that's the way they want to go, but dag-gone, we had a lot of effort in that."

Stephens said he contacted Corps officials to follow up on the project. He said Corps officials reported via email that a memorandum of understanding is in place and they are "basically waiting for the City of Martin to sign it to get it in place to move forward with the project."

"After that, it's been silent," Stephens said. "We haven't heard any other dates about where it stood. So, just last week, I sent her another email.... Hopefully, we'll get a response back."

Stephens said it would be difficult to meet the April 1 date of com-

pletion for the waterline project if the negotiations do not move forward.

During the meeting, Hall reported Southern Water employees repaired 50 leaks throughout its service area from Dec. 10 through Jan. 28, and one of those leaks left 50 customers without water for four days. He said Southern Water borrowed an excavator from the county for those repairs needed on a line that stretched across the creek. He also reported the county provided bottled water that was distributed by the Wayland Volunteer Fire Department.

Johnson commended Hall and Southern Water employees for that work.

The board approved December 2018 financial reports, with CPA Jeff Reed reporting that Southern has \$4,311 in its general fund and \$669,200 in restricted funds. It also showed Southern had about \$302,000 in operating revenue for the month and operating expenses of \$304,595 after depreciation is accounted for.

The board voted to discuss litigation pertaining to the asset transfer agreement between Prestonsburg and Southern Water in closed session, with no action taken.

Louisville man arrested following alleged church burglary

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Louisville resident was arrested for allegedly trying to break into the McDowell First Baptist Church.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Michael Colley, 35, of Louisville, was charged with second-degree burglary, possession of burglary

tools, public intoxication of a controlled substance and possession of marijuana after the alleged burglary on Jan. 28.

Floyd County Sheriff's Sgt. Oliver Little reported in the citation that he was called to investigate a report of a male "trying to kick open the front door" of the church at 1 a.m. on Monday.

Oliver claims in the

citation that he Colley walking away from the church and found a screwdriver in his front pocket.

"When I asked why he had the screw driver, he stated, 'I'm not trying to break into anything,'" Little wrote.

He claims that the door of the church and an adjacent had "tool markings matching the screw driver."

"It was also noted that Mr. Colley had white paint on his jacket in the right shoulder area that appeared to match the color of the church door," Little wrote.

Colley entered a not guilty plea in Floyd District Court on Jan. 28. District Judge Eric Hall placed him under a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a court trial in the case for April 25.

Deacon Eyvind Hamilton
Deacon Eyvind Hamilton, 91, of Teaberry, died Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2019.

Visitation will be held Friday, Feb. 1, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 2, after 10 a.m. at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry.

Services will be at 1 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 3, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Andy Hamilton Cemetery, Teaberry.

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

Rex Lafferty
Rex Lafferty, 70, of Martin, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019.

Visitation will be held all day Friday, Feb. 1, at the funeral home with

services Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m.

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

Wanda Lee Greer
Wanda Lee Greer, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2019.

Visitation was held Thursday, Jan. 31, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Visitation will also be held all day Friday at Goble Roberts Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg, and Saturday, Feb. 2, after 10 a.m. with services at 11 a.m.

Burial will follow in the Boyd Cemetery, Hi Hat.

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

Community Events

- Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Chapter of the AARP will host a Day of Service at Food City, Prestonsburg, to collect nonperishable food items, personal care items and donations for Turning Point, a shelter for domestic violence victims. Anyone who would like to volunteer may call, (606) 886-8851 and leave a message. Donations will be accepted from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Feb. 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: "Superbowl Sunday Community Lunch," Floyd County Public Library, 161 N. Arnold Ave. in Prestonsburg, (606) 886-2981
- Feb. 3, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: 8th Annual Bridal Show, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Conference Center, (606) 889-1790
- Feb. 4, 5:30 p.m.: Free Bornlearning Academy for children age birth to five and their parents, South Floyd Elementary. Free meal. (606) 263-6175
- Feb. 4, 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets, Allen City Hall. (606) 874-2953
- Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m.: Free Bornlearning Academy for children age birth to five and their parents, May Valley Elementary. Free meal. (606) 285-0883
- Feb. 11, 9 a.m.: Big Sandy Regional Industrial Authority meets, Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374
- Feb. 12, 12 p.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism meets, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-1341
- Feb. 12, 6 p.m.: Wayland City Commission meets, community center

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Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony cases filed

Jessie Tackett, 34, of Melvin; theft by unlawful taking (auto), first-degree fleeing/evading police, theft by unlawful taking, failure to give proper signal, improper turning, no registration place (case transferred from Pike County)

Christopher Hall, 33, of Teaberry; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon

Steven Stumbo, 42, of Ivel; driving on a suspended license, failure to produce insurance card, improper turning, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon

Jesse Hamilton, 32, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, third-degree burglary

Joshua Randal Yates, 28, of Printer; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jacquelyn Brooke Slone, 32, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking

Ricky Johnson, 63, of

Langley; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container

Danielle L. Stevens, 26, of Dwale; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Shawn Michael Henson, 38, of Hueysville; third-degree assault on a corrections officer, menacing

Maxwell Warrix, 31, of East Point; flagrant nonsupport

Bradford C. Hunt, 44, of Langley; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license

Billy R. Craft, 48, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, no/improper registration receipt and plates

Jessica Gayheart, 44, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, first-degree fleeing/evading, first-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, reckless driving, resisting arrest, no/improper registration plates and receipt, failure to produce insurance card

James P. Sullivan, 45, of Dana; controlled substance not in original container, third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree criminal trespass, first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance

stance not in original container, third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree criminal trespass, first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance

Rodney Gene Porter, 37, of Prestonsburg; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia

Melissa Smith, age unavailable, of Topmost; flagrant nonsupport

Billy Cole, age unavailable, of Melvin; flagrant nonsupport

Jennifer Salyer, 41, of Prestonsburg; two counts of flagrant nonsupport

Barry Eugene Hunt II, 28, of Prestonsburg; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with physical evidence, violation of an emergency protection order

Tabatha Hunt, 30, of Prestonsburg; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with physical evidence

Misty Ratliff, 26, of London; first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, theft by deception (cold checks)

Kevin Moore, 28, of Hi Hat; third-degree assault of a corrections officer, menacing, two uncat-

egorized misdemeanor charges

Misdemeanor cases filed

Jesse Hamilton, 32, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct

Bronson Bishop, 28, of Beaver; second-degree fleeing/evading police

Ricky Johnson, 63, of Langley; shoplifting, controlled substance not in original container

George Elste, 48, of Allen; fourth-degree assault

Michael Combs, 39, of Lackey; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct

James D. Fink, 42, of Van Lear; driving on a suspended license, one headlight, improper equipment, license to be in possession, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, failure to wear seatbelt, rear license not illuminated, giving officer false information

Kristina Huff, 29, of Prestonsburg; second-degree wanton endangerment

Joseph D. Fink, 40, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Misty Tackett, 37, of Garratt; harassment

Erica Slone, 32, of Hindman; driving un-

der the influence, failure to maintain insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license

Rachel Johnson, 32, of Weeksbury; theft by deception (cold checks)

Andrew N. James, 31, of Rockhold; second-degree disorderly conduct, menacing, third-degree criminal trespassing

Lawsuits filed

Commonwealth Credit Union vs. James and Tabatha Morely; complaint concerning contract

Cascade Capital LLC vs. Brittany Justice (Smith); complaint concerning contract

Ashley Chaffins vs. Cody Chaffin; divorce

Keith Mosley vs. Thelma Joseph; divorce

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company vs. Nicole Hooks; property damage complaint

Discover Bank vs. Marsha L. Gutmans; complaint concerning contract

Julia Vanderpool as administrator of the estate of Adam Potter vs. Stuart Halbert, individually, John and Jane Does 1-5, individually; wrongful death complaint

Progressive Direct Insurance Company vs. Deloris Slone; personal

injury complaint
Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance vs. Sasha D. McKinney, David A. Martin; complaint concerning contract

Kentucky Division of Child Support, Raymond Conn vs. Sasha May-Conn; petition for child support and health insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support, Cherokee Gilliam vs. Mark Gilliam; petition for child support and health insurance

Discover Bank vs. Kevin I. Thacker; complaint concerning contract

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Shelli and Richard Boyd; complaint concerning contract

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Heather Heyne; complaint concerning contract

Betty Gay Combs, administrator of the estate of Jessica Gay Combs Owens vs. Elizabeth Lemaster Allen, Bobby L. Spradlin; wrongful death complaint

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.

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Marriages

Glenda Ann Hall, 36, of Prestonsburg, to Matthew Parsons, 31, of Prestonsburg

Travis Ryan Johnson, 39, of Bevinsville, to Teresa Marie Hall, 36, of Virgie

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Jimmy Brown, Della Brown, Barbara Caldwell, Gregory Dixon, Kathy Dixon, Dianna Hackwork, George Hackworth, Shonna Rose to Homer Hackworth, Lydia Hackworth (Deeds Book 642; pg. 638)

Master Commission-

er Greg Isaac, Donny Dye, Timothy Dye to First Commonwealth Bank (Deeds Book 642; pg. 649)

Ruth M. Adriano to Janice Carol Griffith, Robert Harold Griffith III (Deeds Book 642; pg. 657)

Patricia Green, Richard B. Green to Alan Howell, Donna Howell (Deeds Book 642; pg. 661)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Estate of Dencil Newsome, Martha Stacy and unknown spouse, Dencil Newsome and unknown spouse, JP Morgan Chase Bank (Deeds Book 642; pg. 671)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, First Guaranty Bank to

First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation (Deeds Book 642; pg. 666)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Bonnie Adams JP Morgan Chase Bank to JP Morgan Chase Bank NA (Deeds Book 642; pg. 677)

The GST Tax Exempt Trust FBO Martha Billips Established under the Robe,

Martha Billips, trustee to Juliana Billips as trustee of the Juliana Billips 2018 GST Nonexempt (Deeds Book 642; pg. 683)

Estate of Ernestine Collins, Connie L. Royer to undisclosed grantee, easement (Deeds Book 642; pg. 696)

Judy Harvey to Amanda Collett (Deeds Book 642; pg. 697)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, unknown spouses of John Bascom

Clark and Tom Ed Clark, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Regena Spears, Ronald Spears and their unknown spouses to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance (Deeds Book 642; pg. 699)

Dorothy Stewardson to Judy Bradley, Carole Steele, Forrest Stewardson, Jeffrey Stewardson (Deeds Book 642; pg. 699)

Jennifer Ellers to Jeffrey Goble, Donna Robynette (Deeds Book 642; pg. 712)

Amy Lewis to Amy Lewis, Gary Lewis (Deeds Book 642; pg. 718)

Brenda Osborne, Carson Osborne to Lisa Maxwell (Deeds Book 642; pg. 728)

Andy Boyd, Ardena Boyd to Emma Hicks (Deeds Book 642; pg. 732)

Tax Ease Lien Invest-

ments to TSE Investments (Deeds Book 642; pgs. 741, 744)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Charlotte Little, Carol Smith, Neil Thompson, spouse of Neil Thompson, Woodrow Little to Kentucky Housing Corporation (Deeds Book 643; pg. 1)

Tom Rowland to G&B Rentals Inc. (Deeds Book 643; pg. 8)

Margaret Holbrook, Thomas Holbrook to Margaret Holbrook, Thomas Holbrook (Deeds Book 643; pg. 11)

Vikki L. McGuire, William McGuire to Dallas Ray Garrett, Sally Garrett (Deeds Book 643; pg. 15)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Citizens Bank of Kentucky, Amy Hotelling, David Hotelling, David Dale Hotelling, Roger Lee Webb to Bank of America (Deeds Book

643; pg. 20)

Christopher B. Hamby to Hubert Farmer (Deeds Book 643; pg. 25)

Joyce Geraldine Clark to Gerald Clark, Greg Clark (Deeds Book 643; pg. 34)

Herbert Charles, Jheri Endicott, estate of Jheri Endicott to Jheri Endicott (Deeds Book 643; pg. 38)

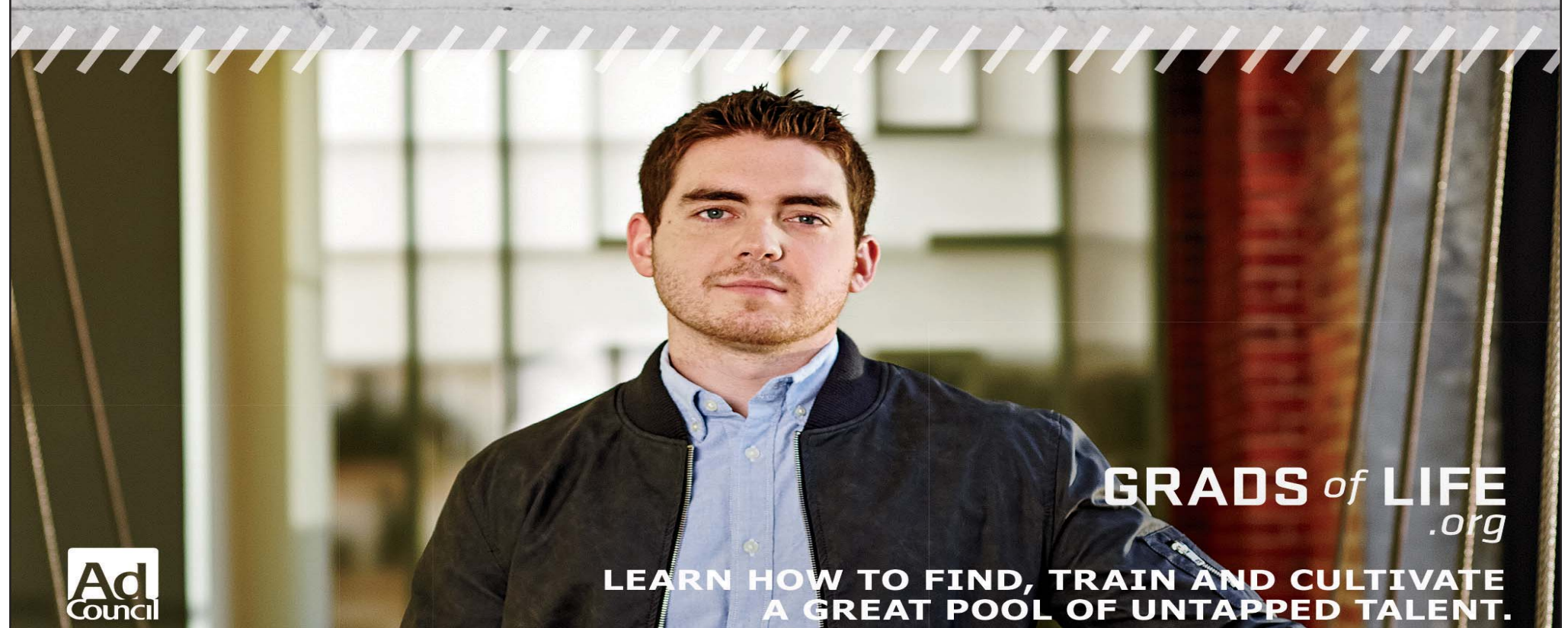
Ballard R. Tussey Sr., Ballard Tussey, trustee of the Freewill United Baptist Church of Prestonsburg to Lisa Fuller, Ballard R. Tussey Jr. (Deeds Book 643; pg. 43)

Ballard Tussey Sr. to Larry Fuller, Lisa Fuller (Deeds Book 643; pg. 48)

US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to JDF Court II LLC (Deeds Book 643; pg. 54)

CSX Transportation to City of Prestonsburg (Deeds Book 643; pg. 57)

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but on assumptions and estimates provided by Southern Water.

"Most notably, Southern Water lost a number of financial records when it switched billing systems and failed to archive the records from the previous system," the PSC said in a press release. "That made it impossible to verify key portions of the utility's application."

The PSC reported that Southern Water "demonstrated a lack of candor and a failure to properly provide documentation."

"The utility was unable to explain how it arrived at its estimates and conceded that the amounts provided had not been verified," according to the PSC.

Kentucky law requires that a utility seeking a rate increase provide at least one full year of financial data. Southern Water was able to provide only a single month of unverifiable records that it extrapolated to a full year, the PSC said, making it impossible to accurately determine the utility's financial situation.

In today's order, the PSC noted concerns about Southern Water's financial and operational management.

"Evidence regarding Southern Water's management practices was taken at two hearings held by the PSC in January. The PSC did not address the management issues in today's order denying the rate increase," the press release said. "However, in a related order issued yesterday, the PSC stated that it is considering initiating one or more investigations into Southern Water's governance and management."

In post-hearing briefs filed in the case, Southern Water attorney Randall Strobo said the requested rate increase is justified and that Southern "will not survive" without it and the Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention said that the PSC "should not expect, or require" ratepayers to bear the increase that's needed because of Southern's mismanagement.

Southern Water officials were chided during a PSC hearing this month for several issues, including the lack of fiscal analysis, its 60 percent water loss rate and various other allegations about mismanagement.

Southern Water General Manager Dean Hall said the district will submit another application for a rate increase.

"I'm disappointed that we didn't get the rate increase. It will cause us to struggle the next few months financially, and we will reapply," Hall said.

When asked about Southern Water's lack of financial information, Hall said the application

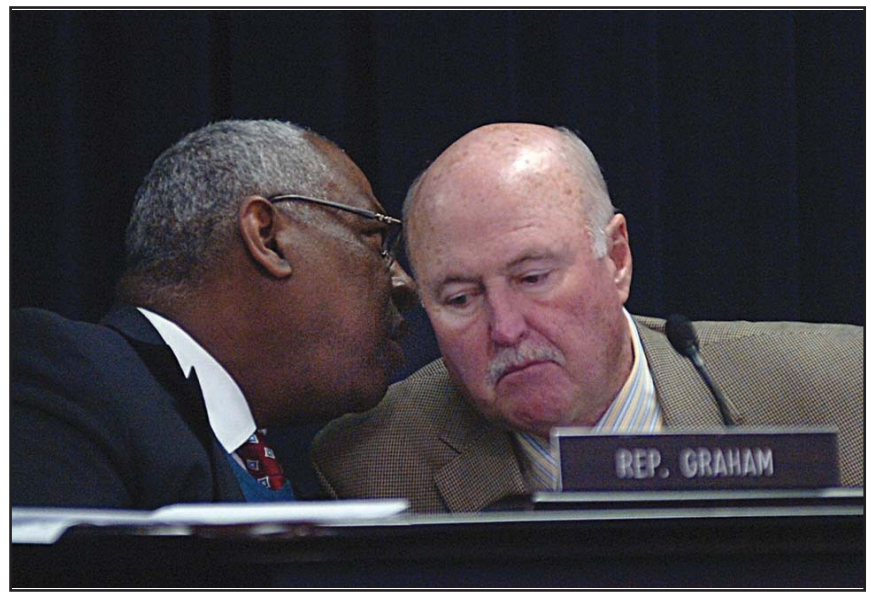
was filed by an engineering company hired by Southern Water and it used 2016 numbers, but he believes a new application may be filed with 2017 numbers.

When asked to comment about whether, as Strobo suggested in his filings, that Southern Water "will not survive" without the rate increase, Hall said, "We will struggle. I'll say we'll definitely struggle until we do get a rate increase."

Public Pensions Working Group

Senate Minority Caucus Chair Johnny Ray Turner (D-Prestonsburg) right, confers with Minority Caucus Chair Derrick Graham (D-Frankfort) on Tuesday during the Public Pensions Working Group meeting. The group has been meeting every Tuesday and Thursday during the break in the 2019 Legislative Session. The second part of the session begins Tuesday, Feb. 5.

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Believe and you shall understand

In the spiritual realm, there are many things which are difficult, if not impossible, to understand, without first believing. In many cases, belief sows the seeds of understanding, so that one's faith and knowledge of God can grow only once one has taken the first steps towards believing in God. In many areas of life, we must trust and believe before we can have knowledge and understanding. In our social life, we gain understanding and knowledge of friends and family by first trusting them, and then their response to our trust creates the bonds of trust and love that we can then know and rely on. In order to know and trust God, it is likewise necessary to first extend a heart and mind willing to believe, though at first, we may not have that certainty which our anxious minds desire. Many of us want certainty before we assent to believe, fearing that believing without proof is putting the cart before the horse. But believing first, and then understanding and acting afterwards, is more often the correct order of doing things. Belief is the horse which drives us to act and to understand as we should. No one will fight valiantly without first believing that he or she has the strength and skills necessary to win. We must first believe that others are loveable before we will reach out to love them. And likewise, with God, we must first believe that God loves and cares for us as his children before we can know and understand that He is our true father.



— Christopher Simon

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The spire should have been red



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

The One World Trade Center's spire was lit in pink to "celebrate" the newly passed Reproductive Healthcare Act in the state of New York. I find the pink ironic, seeing as it normally celebrates the birth of a baby girl, not the death of a child.

Since President Trump appointed two judges to the Supreme Court, some states fear Roe vs. Wade will be overturned. Therefore, they are moving to expand their own abortion laws. Caleb Parker writes that "New Mexico, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia and Washington have either passed new laws expanding abortion access or are moving toward stripping old laws from the books that limit abortions."

The Reproductive Healthcare Act of New York legalizes abortion up until 24 weeks for any reason, or up until birth if the life or health of the mother is at risk. The law also allows non-doctors to perform the abortion, which includes

physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners and midwives. The Family Research Council (FRC) says the law "repeals a requirement that abortions after 12 weeks be done in hospitals." Therefore, more unsafe abortions could occur. And if no doctors are on hand, should a baby survive an abortion, they would be "denied life-saving treatment in the moments following their live birth."

FRC reports the Reproductive Healthcare Act goes beyond abortions. It "also eliminates the authority previously granted to coroners to examine the cause of death in criminal abortions." This means if a pregnant woman was assaulted and the unborn child died, "the perpetrator can no longer be charged with murder."

What are we doing people?

"We are sending a clear message that whatever happens in Washington, women in New York will always have the fundamental right to control their own body," New York Governor Andrew Cuomo said.

I disagree.
No, Mr. Cuomo. What you're doing is continuing to allow legalized murder. Since the passing of Roe vs. Wade in 1973, there have been 60,069,971 abortions in the United States, as reported by LifeNews.com.

Mr. Cuomo, you are promoting the moral decline of our society. You're placing women in unsafe conditions. You are allowing cold-blooded, mass-murderers to remain at large. You're encouraging health care professionals – who should be working to save the lives of people – to become individuals who take lives.

The Reproductive Healthcare Act of New York legalizes abortion up until 24 weeks for any reason...

Cuomo identifies himself as a Catholic. In a radio interview with WAMC, Cuomo said he doesn't "represent" the church. "The Catholic Church doesn't believe in a woman's right to choose...I understand their religious view," he said. "I'm not here to represent a religion."

Oh how wrong you are Mr. Cuomo.

I'm not Catholic, so their understanding of the scripture might vary from mine. However, when we become Christians, we represent Christ. We are

"Christ's ambassadors" (2 Corinthians 5:20). We have been entrusted with the Gospel, the mighty Word of God. "We are not trying to please people but God (1 Thessalonians 2:4)." God is holy and righteous. He sent the blameless, sinless Savior for us. And we are to be Christlike. We are to mold our lives in a way that is pleasing to Him.

Mr. Cuomo, do you think that killing a baby is pleasing to God? That is the true question you should be asking yourself. It's not about what the people want. It's not about giving women the right to "control their own body" because our bodies belong to the Christ, who died on the cross for us. As Christians, we belong to Him (John 15:19).

The One World Trade Center was directed by Cuomo to light their spire in pink. It should have been red. Red for the blood of the innocent. And regardless of what you think Mr. Cuomo, their blood is on your hands. Consider that fact when you stand before God declaring you're not representing a religion. "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven... Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' (Matthew 7:21-23)."

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BSCTC students honored

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Big Sandy Community and Technical College President Dr. Sherry Zylka recently announced the President's List and Dean's List for the 2018 Fall semester.

To qualify for the President's List, students must be enrolled full time at BSCTC and maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

The honorees include: Carmen S. Adkins, Kaitlyn B. Allen, Hannah Denell Bradford, Monica Lynn Carlson, Emily Morgan Dalton, Jakob Grant Ellis, Raina H. Emmers, Sheryll Dumocloy Ferguson, Kayla Rachelle Gauze, Kristen L. Gilot, Sarah Hackworth, Hannah J. Halbert, Autumn Elizabeth Hall, Brandon Keith Hall, Ryan Hall, Daisy Suzann Hayes, Hannah A. Howard, Johnathan Michael Johnson, Mark Anthony Jones, Elizabeth Rose Jones, Kayla Marsillett, Alyssa Kay McClanahan, Elizabeth Jean McDaniel, Jacob D. Montgomery, Chelsey Caitlynn Moore, Chandler Ryan Nelson, Elizabeth Ann Nelson, Demorris Osborne, Breanna Nicole Prater, Elizabeth Katelan Prater, Tyler John Preston, Blake A. Ratliff, Kayla Richardson, Tanner Charles Rorrer, Alexa Elizabeth Scott, Alexa Ciera Sexton, Jamie Ann Smith, Michelle Rae Stepp, Chariti Amber Tackett, Christopher Connor Tackett, Makenzie Brooke Tackett, Layton Douglas Terry, Sarah Elizabeth Thomas, Taylor Thomas, Hayley B. Wallen, Jacob Kyle Webb, Jeremy Gordan Whitaker, Joshua Donald Whitaker, Vance Michael White and Matthew Michael Wright.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full/part-time at BSCTC and maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

The honorees include: Carmen S. Adkins, Blaine Tyler Adkins, Sarah Akers, Kaitlyn B. Allen, Ashley Nicole Allen, Cody Guy Bartley, Mary Ann Bentley, Matthew Buck Blair, Tonya Lagreene Boyd, Hannah Denell Bradford, James Austin Branham, Christopher Blake Brown, George Les Cadet, Monica Lynn Carlson, Johnathon Dewayne Carmack, Kassidy Brooke Clatworthy, Paul G. Coleman, Heather Collins, Nicholas Byron Collins, Laken McKenzie Compton, Dakota S. Conn, Jerry Tyler Conn, Emily Morgan Dalton, Cara Lee Davis, Cole D. Derossett, Seth C. Dingus, Kaylie Lynn Edwards, Jakob Grant Ellis, Raina H. Emmers, Sheryll Dumocloy Ferguson, Lillian Louise Rain Fiegenbaum, Olivia Grace Francis, Kayla Rachelle Gauze, Kristen L. Gilot, Cameron Stacy Goble, Colton Lee Greene, Sarah Hackworth, Hannah J. Halbert, Samuel G. Hale, Heather Bragail Hall, Autumn Elizabeth Hall, Jarin Gregory Hall, Ryan Hall, Brianna Paige Hall, Brandon Keith Hall, Joshua Kenneth Hall, Hayden Brant Hall, Carly Deanna Hamilton, Daisy Suzann Hayes, Matthew Kemal Henderson, Kassidy Regan Hinkle, Hannah A. Howard, Lance Tyler Howell, Abigail B. Howell, Seth Aaron Howell, Ashley Breann Isaac, Samantha Jo Isaac, Isabella Gabrielle Jacobs, Hannah R. Jervis, Jacob Louis Johnson, Caleb Scott Johnson, Arica Nicole Johnson, Johnathan Michael Johnson, Mark

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Submitted photos
The Floyd Central High School Academic Team, at top, was named the 2018 District 57 School Governor's Cup champions in competition that took place Jan. 26 at the school. The Prestonsburg High School team, at bottom, was named runner up overall, in Future Problem Solving and quick recall categories.

Floyd high schools compete at district Governor's Cup

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Superintendent Danny Adkins announced Monday the results for District 57 High School Governor's Cup competition that took place Jan. 26 at Floyd Central High School. In the competition, Floyd Central High School faced Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne high schools.

"Congratulations Floyd Central on being our District Governor's Cup champs! This team also won quick recall and Future Problem Solving competitions," said Adkins. "We also want to say congratulations to our students who placed individually in the different subject areas. These kids work hard and we wish them the best of luck at regional competition at Johnson Central High

School in February.

Floyd Central High School

Kade Scott (first, math and first, arts and humanities), Ryan Sword (fourth, math), Madison Thornsberry (fifth, math and second, composition), Justin Tussey (first, science and second, social studies), Adam Hutchinson (second, science), LaKayla Conn (second, science and fourth, arts and humanities), Cameron Goble (fifth, science), Preston Crase (first, social studies and second, language arts), Reese Reynold (fifth, social studies), Lindsay Caudill (first, language arts and first composition) and Mashayla Spencer (third, language arts)

Prestonsburg High School

Tabitha Mitchell (second, math and third, composition), Hayleigh Jefferson (third, math), Nadaleigh Lester (fourth, science), Brycen Shepherd (fourth, so-

cial studies) and Sienna Caldwell (fifth, arts and humanities and fourth, composition)

Betsy Layne High School

Brandon Belcher, third, social studies), Alexis Keathley (fourth, language arts), Christy Hall (fifth, language arts and second, arts and humanities) and Brianna Johnson (third, arts and humanities)

Regional Future Problem Solving and English Composition competitions are scheduled for Feb. 11 and all other written assessments and quick recall competitions are scheduled for Feb. 16 at Johnson Central High School. The top five individuals in each subject area, the top two Future Problem Solving teams and the top two quick recall teams will move on to state competition.

WWE Live Supershow coming to Expo in March

SPECIAL TO
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — WWE Superstars from both "Monday Night Raw" and "SmackDown Live" will come together at the East Kentucky Expo Center on March 29, the Expo Center announced. The best of both rosters will come

together on Friday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. inside of the Expo Center for the WWE Live Road to Wrestlemania Supershow.

The show will feature Seth Rollins, Dean Ambrose, Braun Strowman, AJ Styles, Charlotte Flair, Becky Lynch, WWE SmackDown Women's Champion Asuka, Shinsuke Nakamura, Samoa

Joe and other WWE Superstars, according to a statement from the Expo Center.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 1, and start as low as \$15. Tickets will be available through the Appalachian Wireless Box Office at the East Kentucky Expo Center and through, ticketmaster.com.



Submitted photos

The Kentucky State Police recently introduced a new mobile substance abuse education exhibit.

KSP offers mobile exhibit to deter substance abuse

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Kentucky State Police introduced a new mobile substance abuse education exhibit designed to help inform the public about the effects of substance abuse.

The 30-foot trailer features 14 flat screen monitors and one touch-screen monitor that present video messages about meth, heroin, marijuana, alcohol and tobacco. The videos include meth users who tell their real-life stories illustrated by before-and-after images that show the visual progression of their drug abuse.

The exhibit also makes use of two showcase displays to highlight examples of a variety of drug paraphernalia and meth-related items.

“Education is a crucial aspect of mitigating the drug problem,” says Lt. Col. Jeremy Slinker, director of the KSP Operations Division. “This exhibit is an excellent vehicle for initiating conversations about drugs among young people and adults.”

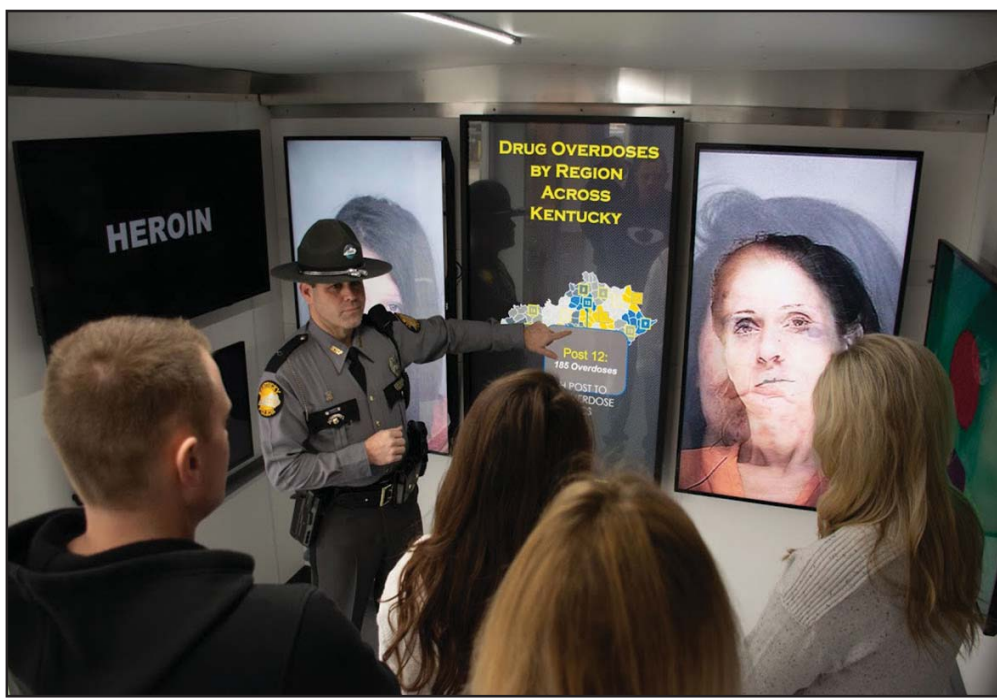
“The images in the exhibit are not pretty

because there is nothing pretty about drug abuse,” he adds. “However, drug abuse is present here in Kentucky and cannot be ignored.”

The exhibit was funded by a \$92,000 grant from the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy and was designed and built by DCX Displays in Louisville.

“This innovative exhibit is designed to raise awareness on many levels – addiction, detection, recognition, treatment and, we hope, prevention,” says Sgt. Josh Lawson, commander of the KSP Public Affairs Branch. “Sometimes, adults are uncomfortable talking to children about drugs and other harmful behaviors,” he said. “This display acts as a useful educational resource to start this vital two-way communication process between young people and adults.”

The mobile exhibit is now available for use by schools, clubs, civic organizations, businesses, churches, local governments and communities throughout the state. To schedule the display in Eastern Kentucky, call the KSP Public Affairs Branch at, (502) 782-1780.



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Blackcats pick up pair of wins

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg posted back-to-back wins earlier in the week, defeating both Piarist School and Leslie County.

The Blackcats beat Piarist School 101-50 on Monday night.

In a game on Tuesday night, Prestonsburg downed visiting Leslie County 67-56.

More on each game involving the Blackcats follows.

Prestonsburg 101,

Piarist School 50
Host Prestonsburg reached the triple digits at home earlier in the week, rolling past Piarist School 101-50 in a boys' high school basketball game.

Former district rivals, Prestonsburg and Piarist met for the first time in the 2018/2019 boys' high school basketball season.

The Blackcats moved ahead early, forcing Piarist to play from behind throughout the non-district game.

Clayton Smith led Prestonsburg with 16 points. Four Prestons-

burg players reached double figures in the scoring column as Adam Slone netted 12 points and Kane Scarberry and Graham Burchett contributed 11 points apiece.

Narrowly missing double figures for the Blackcats, Jacob Martin and Isaiah Collins chipped in nine points apiece.

Grant Justice (six points), Nathan Collins (five points), Blake Slone (five points) and Nathan Collins (five points) were among Prestonsburg's other scorers in the convincing victory.

Kyle Price paced Pi-

arist with a game-high 26 points. Accompanying Price in double figures for the Knights, Seth Hall added 20 points.

Prestonsburg 67, Leslie County 56

Prestonsburg notched its second straight win at home on Tuesday night, defeating visiting Leslie County 67-56.

With the win, Prestonsburg evened its record to 11-11.

Leslie County slipped to 4-14 with the loss.

Prestonsburg shot 53.7 percent (22 of 41) from the field. The Black-

cats were five of 10 (50 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 72 percent (18 of 25) from the free-throw line.

Adam Slone led Prestonsburg with a game-high 24 points. Slone was 10 of 12 from the free throw line.

Barely missing a double-double, Blake Slone added 11 points and nine rebounds for the Blackcats.

Josh Hall chipped in six points for the Prestonsburg while two of his teammates, Clayton Smith and Kaleb Jarvis,

posted five points apiece.

Leslie County, a team out of the neighboring 14th Region, slipped back into the loss column after downing Owsley County 59-33 one night earlier.

Prestonsburg is slated to visit Betsy Layne for a 58th District boys' basketball game on Friday night. Tip off for the Prestonsburg-Betsy Layne boys' basketball matchup is set for 7:30 p.m.



Prestonsburg's Adam Slone goes up for a shot against Shelby Valley earlier this season in this file photo. Slone scored 24 points in Prestonsburg's 67-56 win over Leslie County. The Blackcats picked up wins over Piarist and Leslie County this week to improve to 11-11 on the season.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

Betsy Layne falls to Buckhorn, 51-49

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne suffered its second straight loss earlier in the week as visiting Buckhorn held on to win 51-49 in a non-district girls' high school basketball game at Junior Newsome Arena on Monday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 4-18.

Buckhorn improved to 6-15 with the win.

Rivals from bordering regions, Betsy Layne and Buckhorn swapped leads throughout the girls' high school basketball matchup.

Buckhorn won despite shooting only 23.6 percent (17 of 72) from the field. The Lady Wildcats were 11 of 38 (28.9 percent) from three-point range.

Buckhorn shot 60 percent (six of 10) from the free-throw line.

Liberty Neace led Buckhorn with 13 points and eight rebounds. Three Buckhorn players reached double figures in the scoring column as Lexie Mullins netted 12 points and Ally Lopez added 10 points.

Narrowly missing double figures in scoring for

the Lady Wildcats, Sheridan Combs netted nine points.

Brooklyn Riley, who chipped in two points, led Buckhorn inside, securing a game-high nine rebounds.

Betsy Layne shot 32.7 percent (17 of 52) from the field. The Lady Bobcats missed all three of their attempts from three-point range.

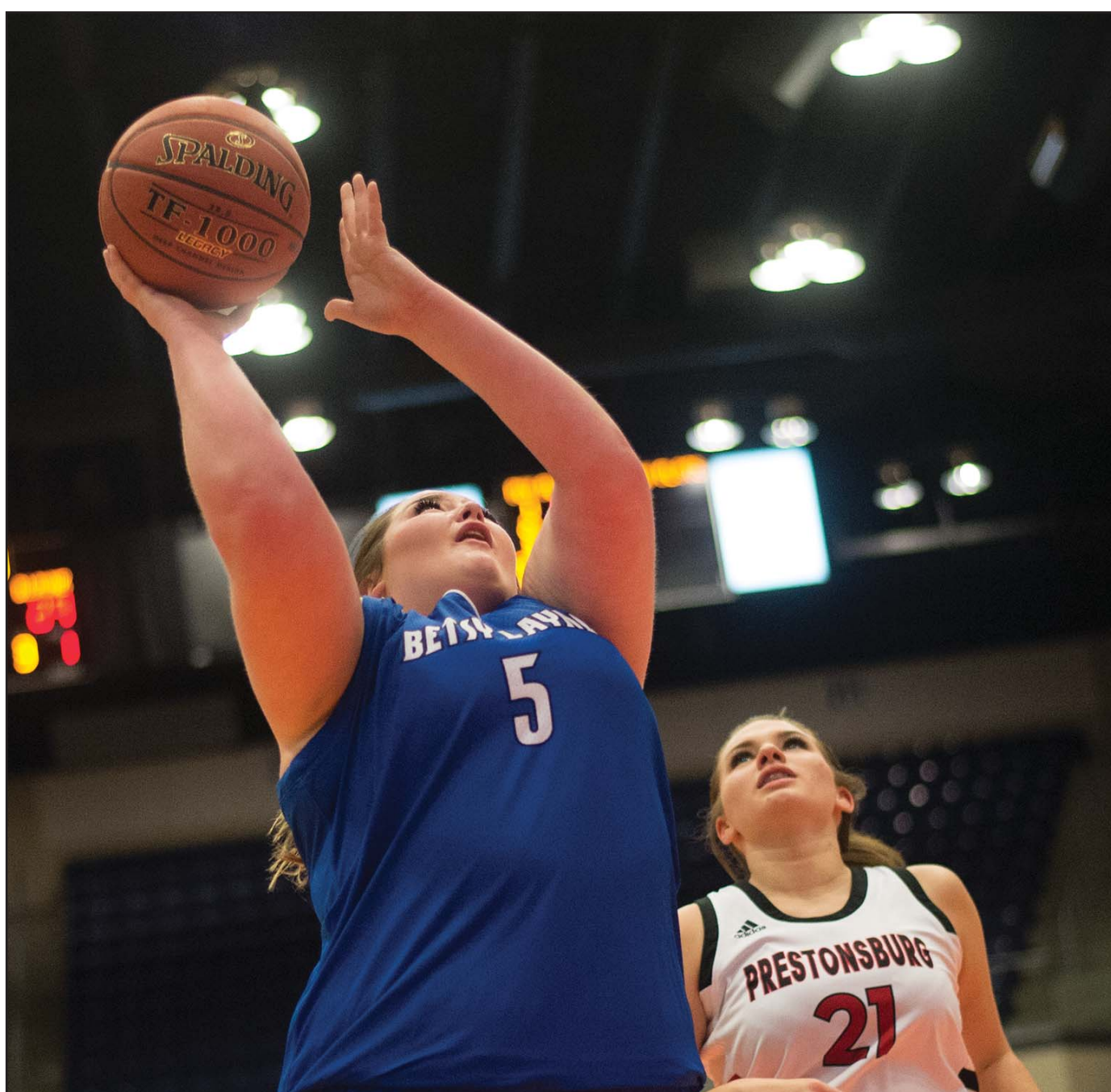
Betsy Layne shot 60 percent (15 of 25) from the free-throw line.

Amelia Blackburn led Betsy Layne with a team-best 12 points, pacing a trio of Lady Bobcats in double figures. Accompanying Blackburn in double figures in scoring for host Betsy Layne, Alexandria Jarvis tossed in 11 points and Madilyn Meade added 10 points.

Lauryn Watkins finished with six points for the Lady Bobcats in the short effort.

Inside for Betsy Layne, Jarvis, Watkins and Kimberly Akers pulled down seven rebounds apiece.

Betsy Layne is slated to host Prestonsburg for a 58th District girls' basketball game at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night.



Betsy Layne's Alexandria Jarvis goes up for a shot against Prestonsburg in action earlier this season. The Lady Bobcats lost a close one 51-49 to Buckhorn Monday night.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance

Sesco trains in Thailand

By **CODY DAVIS**
SPORTS WRITER

Nathan Sesco of Pike County recently returned home after spending last month abroad, Mixed Martial Arts training in Thailand.

Sesco, the state surgeon for the Kentucky VFW said he had been training at the Tiger Muay Thai Training Center where he worked to improve his Thai boxing skills.

"Fighting saved me so to speak. I found MMA fighting shortly after my exit from the military. It was my outlet," Sesco said. "You

want to talk about clearing your mind. You can't think about things when someone is trying to punch you in the face."

Sesco said this is his second trip to Thailand, and as a younger fighter he had to generate sponsorships with people like Chris Walker, owner of Small Town Tattoos to support his training.

Sesco said as a younger fighter he began training under Dorian Price. Price lives in Thailand. Price informed him of the Tiger Muay Thai Training Center where he spent his second trip training.

Sesco began this round

of training on Jan. 10 alongside his fiancé, Hannah Fitzpatrick, a professional MMA fighter who is based out of Prestonsburg.

Sesco said his training began at 8:00 a.m. with a two to three mile run as a warmup. He said that was followed by technical training work for half an hour, then sparring or clinch work for an hour and he finished his class with bag and conditioning training for half an hour. Sesco said he would do this twice a day with a second session beginning at 3:00 p.m.

"Training is harder than anything I have done

in the states. We train twice a day in 90 degree heat," said Sesco.

Sesco said that people from around the world travel to train at the center he trained in and wanted to offer up advice for anyone who may be considering the sport.

"Fighting is different things for a lot of people. But whatever your draw is to the sport, put in 100 percent. Train your hardest," said Sesco.

Sesco returned to Pike County last week.

Believe it or not: Carpenter gets Ripley's exhibit

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Ripley's Believe It Or Not just opened a new exhibit.

John Carpenter is the owner of the world's largest private sports collection just got a new exhibition at Ripley's Believe It Or Not in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

"I'm just happy to get recognized by Ripley's (Believe It Or Not)," Carpenter said. "The exhibition opened December 19 and 10,000 people have already saw it."

Carpenter has all kinds of memorabilia in his private collection. He even has some memorabilia that Belfry coach Philip Haywood sent him.

"One of my favorite people in your area is Belfry coach Philip Haywood," Carpenter said. "Coach Haywood sent me a helmet for my collection. Haywood is a dynamite coach and he is really good to me and I have a Belfry helmet and autograph in my collection."

Carpenter has a vast array of items in his collection.

"I have a helmet that Jim Thorpe wore," Carpenter said. "I have Joe DiMaggio memorabilia. I have collected so many things and peo-

ple all over the country and the area can go see it at the exhibition in Ripley's. Just knowing that people in the area and all over the country can see and learn about what I've got in my collection."

Carpenter would like for more and more people to see his collection.

"I'd love to be able to bring my collection to the Expo Center up there," Carpenter said.

"I think my collection would blow some people's minds."

"I've got helmets and signed baseballs.

I've got a home run baseball from 1930 that Babe Ruth hit. I have his picture. I've got stuff from Micky Mantle, Joe DiMaggio and so many Yankees.

I think people will be amazed at some of the things I have and some of the history that the items hold."

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Personal and financial improvements can be made. Reconnecting with someone from your past will help you move forward. Learn from experience and don't reveal personal information. This is a year to listen, observe and offer suggestions, but not one to bare your soul. Focus on change and opportunities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Take note of what others are doing and consider how it can benefit you. Take advantage of opportunities that can lead to higher wages, better investments or new beginnings.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Stick to what and who you know if you want to avoid being taken advantage of by someone who exaggerates or makes empty promises. Develop your skills and rely on your own abilities.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Double-check any information you are given to avoid being misdirected. It's up to you to verify facts and use your intelligence to make the most out of what comes your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - A business meeting will be revealing. Listen carefully and take notes. Gather your thoughts and don't make a premature statement or decision. Time is on your side, so don't bend under pressure.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You'll be looking for a good time, but before you let down your guard, consider the company that surrounds you. Don't share too much personal information.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Listen to what someone has to offer, but don't buy into a scheme that could be overly risky. Concentrate on nurturing important relationships and making unusual but positive

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



improvements.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Take your time to figure out what you want to do. Socializing with people who share your interests will help you put your professional challenges in perspective.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Do something you enjoy. Include people who make you smile and offer genuine advice. Avoid anyone who is excessive or manipulative.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Put more time and effort into your health and well-being. A personal change will do you good. Don't let someone who is critical and negative bring you down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Get out, visit a friend or see someone who makes you feel at peace. You need time to think about what you want to do. A creative outlet will be therapeutic.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - The more energetic the activity, the better you will feel. Challenging situations will motivate you to bring about positive change. Physical improvements will boost your morale.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Your heart is in the right place, but sometimes you have to let others do as they please. Offer suggestions but don't criticize, or you may damage an important relationship.

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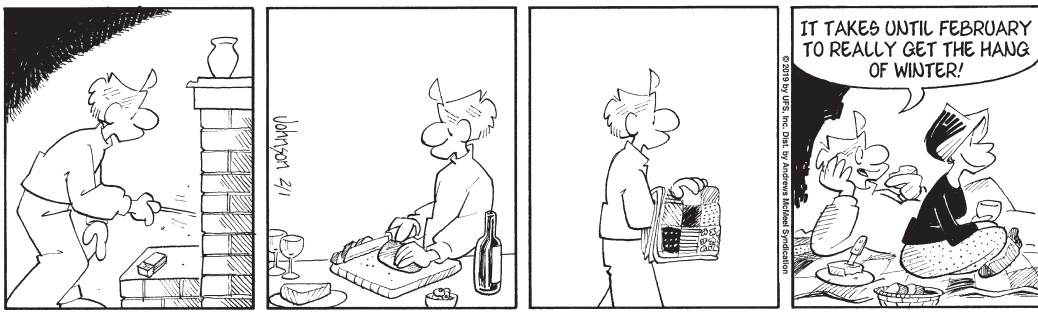
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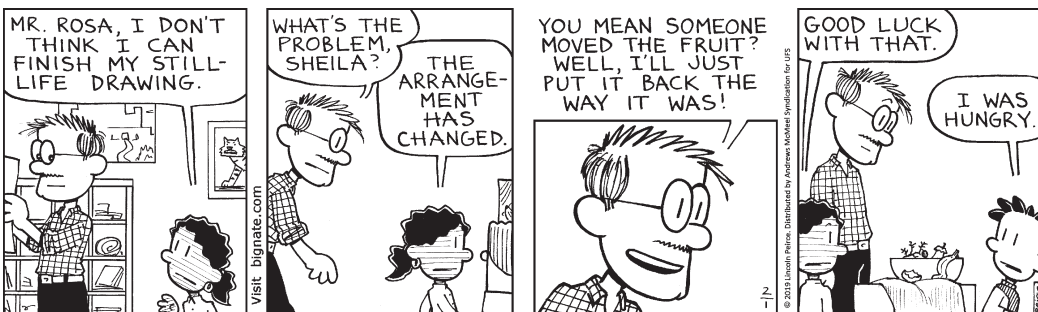
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 - Capital near Zurich
 - Short excursions (2 wds.)
 - Wiped out a file
 - Cartoon shriek
 - Find fault
 - Commits to memory
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 - Be
 - Fiber source
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 - Family MDs
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 - Mercedes rival
 - Hairstyling goo
 - Means justifier
 - Thread purchase
 - Traveled on snow
 - Lays upstream
 - Klutz's cry
 - Position
 - Found the cost of
 - The "blahs"
 - Lie in wait
 - "Forsyte Saga" heroine
 - Cincinnati's river
 - Woodwind instrument
 - Express in words
 - Moon goddess
 - Watch over and care for
 - Long-legged wading bird
 - Travel choice
 - Pantyhose brand
 - Oust
 - Bride's walk
 - Push and shove
 - Tart flavor
 - Chickens
 - Stoops
 - Country addr.
 - Chicago style of pizza (hyph.)
 - Root veggie
 - Walks the beat
 - Rendezvoused in space
 - Female antelope
 - Ill humor
 - Scheme
 - Country cousin
 - Wrinkle remover
 - Diary opener
 - Aware of
 - "Nope!" (hyph.)
 - Short skirt
 - Laundry need
 - Numbered hwy.
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 - Green pod
 - Treat gently
 - Pearl makers
 - Harem owners
 - Prejudice
 - Nights, in want ads
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 - Caesar's worst day
 - Catastrophic
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 - Monthly expense
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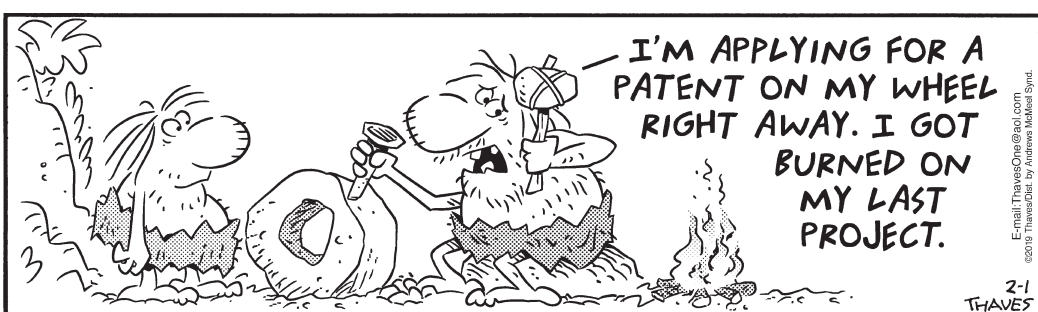
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5615

Renewal No. 7 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 2.60 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 2.22 surface. The proposed operation is approximately 0.90 miles east from KY 1929's junction with CR 1140 and 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 Mountain Resources, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural 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 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5616

Renewal No. 7 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 2.20 miles east of East McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 1.08 surface acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.10 miles south from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located 0.10 miles south of Frasure Creek. 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 Della Vance and Wade Frasure. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural 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 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 3, 7 and 10

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of permit number **836-0445** which was last issued on June 22, 2018. Increment 3 covers an area of approximately 27.09 acres, Increment 7 covers an area of approximately 24.47 acres and Increment 10 covers an area of approximately 18.75 acres located 0.6 miles south of Hite in Floyd 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 Increment 3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$103,000. Approximately 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 of \$115,600. Approximately 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 of \$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 seeding which was completed in Summer of 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 7 includes backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 10 includes backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall of 2013. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation

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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, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by March 4, 2019. 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.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In 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 16, 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

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from the junction of US 23 with CR 1026 and located along Shop 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 thirty-two thousand, four hundred dollars (\$32,400.00), 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. 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 2000. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 is a Surety Bond in the amount of one hundred thirty-three thousand one hundred dollars (\$133,100.00). The remaining bond of one hundred thirty-three thousand, one hundred dollars (\$133,100.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 3 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000. The bond now in effect for Increment

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