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EnerBlu presses pause on Pike project

Company had received no state money, won't hinder other businesses

By CHASE ELLIS
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The proposal from EnerBlu to build a more than \$300 million battery cell manufacturing plant at the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park has been suspended by the company as it looks to move into another direction, EnerBlu announced Tuesday.

According to a release from the company, the suspension comes after its primary potential investor withdrew its support for the Pikeville factory. EnerBlu said the investor, a predominant U.S.-friendly investment company that does not currently operate in Eastern Kentucky, had identified EnerBlu's technologies and development

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The leadership of tech startup EnerBlu were joined by local, state and federal leaders in Pikeville when the company announced its intentions of building a more than \$300 million manufacturing site to employ more than 800 Eastern Kentuckians at the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park. This week, EnerBlu announced those plans will not come to fruition and has backed out of its plans for Pikeville.

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Floyd Judge-Executive Robbie Williams administers the oath of office to new Southern Water Commission members. Pictured, left to right, are: Williams, Secretary Rick Roberts, Chairman Jeff Prater, Southern employee Paula Burke (seated), board member Donny Daniels and Steve Dawson, treasurer.

New Southern Water members take the oath

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Newly-appointed members of the Southern Water & Sewer District took the oath of office during their first official meeting Wednesday, and they decided to examine the possibility of filing another rate increase application

with the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

During a special meeting on Feb. 6, Floyd Judge-Executive Robbie Williams administered the oath to Southern Water members Jeff Prater, Donny Daniels, Steve Dawson and Rick Roberts, who were appointed this week by the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

Williams reported that Brian Hunter, who was also appointed to Southern Water by the fiscal court, declined to accept the role due to family obligations. Southern Water General Manager Dean Hall told board members that the district's attorney Tyler Green also

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Floyd BOE approves BLHS baseball field plan

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education approved initial construction plans for the construction of a baseball field at Betsy Layne High School pending Kentucky Department of Education approval during a monthly BOE meeting last week.

"We're excited to get started on this project. It is long overdue that Betsy

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Fatalities decreased in 2018

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety reported this week that for the second consecutive year, the number of

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Attorney seeks suppression of evidence in meth case

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Attorneys representing two men accused of having/possessing materials used to make methamphetamine are asking a Floyd County court to exclude the evidence against them.

On Feb. 5, an evidentiary hearing was held in Floyd Circuit Court in the cases against Mark Reed, 37, of Stanville, and Andrew S. Brown, 53, of Grethel.

Both men were indicted by a Floyd County grand jury in September 2017 and charged with unlawful possession of a methamphetamine precursor, a Class D felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor.

The indictment alleges that on Valentine's Day, 2017, Brown and Reed illegally possessed

over-the-counter medications and/or other items with the intent to use them to manufacture methamphetamine.

Public Defender Jennifer Bouldjedien filed a motion in Brown's case on Jan. 3, asking the court to suppress and exclude evidence obtained during his arrest. She asked the court to declare that the search and seizure conducted in the case was "unreasonable and an impermissible intrusion" on Brown's constitutional rights.

She claims in that motion that Brown and Reed were subjected to a traffic stop only because an employee at Rite Aid called the Prestonsburg Police Department and reported that a male came into the store and bought Sudafed, an over-the-counter drug.

"In our case, the state seeks the admission of

evidence seized from the vehicle in which (Brown) was driving," Bouldjedien wrote in the motion. "The stop was conducted solely based on the information relayed to dispatch by a store employee. There are no allegations that (Brown) stole the items from the store, or that he had committed any type of crime. The officer could not testify if the medication purchased even contained meth making materials. Furthermore, there was a passenger in (Brown's) vehicle and the officer was unable to state exactly who the owner of each alleged precursor."

Prestonsburg Police Sgt. Jon Pack, who filed the arrest report, testified in the preliminary hearing previously held in the case that the search was justified because the items were in plain view during the traffic stop.

Bouldjedien, however, argued in her motion that three boxes of Sudafed found in the vehicle were "not readily apparent" because they were inside bags.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said part of the dispute in this case is what the police department was told during that call from the Rite Aid employee. Prestonsburg Police Chief Larry Woods, who made the initial traffic stop, testified in court this week.

"They had a complaint called in from the Rite Aid, I guess, at Glenn View Plaza, that two individuals were purchasing or attempting to purchase pseudoephedrine and/or ingredients that could be used to make meth," Turner said. "And that's kind of a little where the dispute is — exactly what were

they told, and, based on that information, Chief Woods, who happened to be in that area, did a traffic stop on the vehicle that was described as being driven by the men."

Turner said four or five different meth precursors were found in a bag on the floorboard of the vehicle.

"The question is did they have legal justification to pull them over to begin with, and Chief Woods' testimony was that they got a call from Rite Aid with suspicion about these two men, and that it was their duty to try to stop them and see what was going on," Turner said. "Of course, what they were warned of turned out to be correct because they had all of these items, these meth precursors, but the issue before the court will be whether they were permitted to stop them

at all, based on what they were told from the pharmacy."

Floyd County Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith ordered attorneys representing Brown and Reed to file briefs in the case within 10 days, and Turner's office will then have 10 days to follow up with the state's brief.

Turner said he will research case law prior to writing his brief to determine how to move forward with the case.

"We're going to wait until we see what the case law says, and whatever the law is, is what will be done," Turner said. "We don't argue to try to keep things that are, should be suppressed, to keep them in (as evidence). We just do what the law says." He said this case marks the first one that he is aware of in Floyd County in which this type of issue was raised.

Beshear: Drug settlement to fund Operation UNITE

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Attorney General Andy Beshear announced on Feb. 5 that his office is transferring \$1.5 million of Purdue Pharma settlement funds to support Operation UNITE, a nonprofit serving southern and Eastern Kentucky counties in preventing drug abuse and facilitating treatment.

Kentucky reached a settlement with the Connecticut-based opioid manufacturer in 2015 for \$24 million over claims of the addictiveness of its drug OxyContin.

As part of the settlement, lawmakers are to allocate funds for public health initiatives, edu-

cational or public safety campaigns and reimburse or finance health care services or infrastructure related to addiction prevention and treatment.

The Purdue Pharma settlement provided Kentucky with \$12 million upfront with the remaining \$12 million being divided into eight \$1.5 million payments to be allocated based on the direction of lawmakers until 2023. Lawmakers have directed the Office of the Attorney General to provide \$1.5 million to Operation UNITE through Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

"Operation UNITE shares the mission of my office and of so many others to find workable

solutions to the challenge of our times — Kentucky's opioid epidemic," Beshear said. "These settlement funds will be critical to the agency in its efforts to provide treatment and support law enforcement in the 32-county area it serves."

Operation UNITE, an acronym meaning Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, was launched in 2003 by Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers.

The local Operation UNITE affiliate is the Floyd County Citizens Against Drug Abuse group, which meets on the second Thursday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg.

In the 2016 legislative session, Beshear worked with lawmakers to use \$8 million from the Purdue Pharma settlement to fund substance abuse treatment centers and organizations throughout the state, with some of those funds being allotted locally to Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in Floyd and surrounding counties and WestCare in Pike County.

Beshear filed nine opioid lawsuits against

pharmaceutical companies in Boone, Fayette, Franklin (two lawsuits), Floyd, Hardin, Jefferson, Madison and McCracken counties.

Floyd County's case will be on the Circuit Court docket at 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 12, when a motion to dismiss from opioid distributor AmerisourceBergen will be considered.

Beshear claims AmerisourceBergen is presumed to supply nearly

32 percent of opioids in the state and played a major role in fueling Kentucky's opioid epidemic. From Jan. 1, 2010, through Dec. 31, 2016, Floyd County pharmacies filled prescriptions for a total of 56,375,642 doses of opioids, with AmerisourceBergen contributing 17,814,702 of those doses, which is 461 doses for everyone in Floyd County, his office reported.

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REGION'S FIRST TAVR PATIENT PRAISES PMC

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) continues to lead the way for advancements in heart care for this region.

Bud Williams, of Belfry, Ky was the first patient to receive a transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR) at PMC.

PMC patients who qualify for a TAVR procedure undergo a minimally invasive surgical procedure that repairs a patient's heart valve.

Williams recently experienced PMC's commitment to care as 14 highly trained physicians, nurses and cath lab technicians led his procedure.

Williams says he has been a loyal patient of PMC for years.

"Dr. Antimisiaris (Dr. A) has been taking care of me and monitoring my pacemaker for years," said Williams.

Williams became weaker and experienced more dizziness. He was diagnosed with aortic valve insufficiency, edema and heart failure.

His condition began to get worse.

"My condition began to get worse. I needed a valve replacement. Dr. A has really taken care of me and always had my best interest in mind. At my age, he did not want me to undergo major heart surgery," said Williams.

Williams was referred to PMC's cardiology team to determine his options.

Williams was informed he qualified for the TAVR procedure. His procedure was led by PMC Interventional Cardiologists Muhammad Ahmad, MD, and Deepak Pattenshetty, MD; Cardiothoracic Surgeons Dermot P. Halpin, MD, and John Deel, MD; Anesthesiologist Randy Legault, MD, and Cath Lab Manager, Johnny Webb.

The TAVR procedure allowed Williams' valve to be replaced. PMC's team of physicians made a small incision in the leg allowing them to guide a catheter to the heart and replace the valve.

"TAVR was the solution to repair the aortic valve," said Dr. Deel. "This procedure allowed him to have a valve replacement while experiencing less pain with equal results."

Williams said he appreciates PMC for all they did to care for him during his time of need.

"I am thankful for the care I received. I knew I was in great hands," Williams added.

He says the physicians, nurses and staff all made him feel comfortable and helped him understand his procedure.

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PMC ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF OF STAFF AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) recently named Philip Leipprandt Jr., DO, as their new Chief of Staff to the Board of Directors. Dr. Leipprandt joined PMC in 2013 to its Gastroenterology Physician Practice. He will continue to practice medicine as he assists the board in overseeing the operations of PMC.

Dr. Leipprandt received his medical degree from University of Pikeville's Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his internship in internal medicine at Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Florida. He completed his residency and fellowship in internal medicine at Largo Medical Center.

"Dr. Leipprandt is a remarkable physician at PMC. He is respected among his peers and the community. His dependable and trustworthy leadership

will be a great addition to our prominent group," said PMC Board of Directors President Ron Burchett. "His knowledge, guidance and experience will be a much-appreciated voice on the board as we work together to move PMC forward."

Burchett says Dr. Leipprandt will be an extraordinary addition to the board that will help PMC continue to reach high achievements.

"It is an honor to assume the position on the board as chief of staff," said Dr. Leipprandt. "It is my goal to provide fair, effective and reliable leadership. I want to focus on quality health care and continue to grow PMC with cutting-edge technology."

Dr. Leipprandt joins the board alongside a group of distinguished members who bring a wealth of knowledge and who are dedicated to providing the community with the best health care possible.

Members of the board all serve on various committees, overseeing the works of the hospital, and are dedicated to the growth of the community while adhering to PMC's mission of providing world-class quality health care in a Christian environment.

Dr. Leipprandt specializes in capsule endoscopy, a procedure that uses a tiny wireless camera to take pictures of the digestive tract, as opposed to the more invasive traditional endoscopy. He treats a wide variety of gastrointestinal diseases.

"I went to medical school in Pikeville. I met my wife here. It is a privilege to live here and practice medicine. I am looking forward to my new role of service this community. PMC continues to make advancements in health care for this region. I want to share my abilities and perspective as we work together to grow and support the objectives for the future of PMC."

He says his main focus, as a new board member, is to quickly get accustomed to his responsibilities and work alongside his respected peers and focus on the growth of this organization.

"I am excited about my new position on the board. I will work hard to make a positive impact," added Dr. Leipprandt.

Dr. Leipprandt resides in Pikeville with his wife Tabatha, a Pikeville native.



PMC – ONLY HOSPITAL IN KY TO RECEIVE GOLD SEAL OF DISTINCTION FOR HIP FRACTURE, JOINT REPLACEMENT HIP AND JOINT REPLACEMENT KNEE

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has received the gold seal of distinction for hip fracture, joint replacement hip and joint replacement knee by the Joint Commission. PMC is the only hospital in the state to receive all 3 certifications.

The Joint Commission accredits and certifies nearly 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the

United States. Joint Commission is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards.

A national surveyor for Joint Commission conducted a thorough on-site review of the practices performed at PMC.

Receiving these certifications means PMC has successfully met national standards, clinical guidelines and outcomes of care, based on the surveyor's reviews. This recognition shows how PMC compares to other hospitals across the state.

Hospitals who receive these certifications have proven, by national standards, to have a quality program.

Patients looking to have orthopedic procedures can choose to stay close to home to receive care.

"This accreditation lets patients who are looking to have a procedure know that PMC's quality program is nationally recognized and is among the best program in the state," said PMC Joint Commission Specialist, Sheila Belcher.

The Joint Commission has a rigorous set of standards for a hospital to meet. The on-site surveyors look at all process involved in the joint replacement and hip fracture procedures.

"Our staff strives every day to provide world-class quality health care. This certification can give patients confidence in PMC," added Belcher.

Belcher stated the surveyors were extremely impressed with the program PMC offers. She said they were most impressed that PMC was able to provide such quality care and technology.

One surveyor indicated to Belcher, they only saw programs that mimicked ours in larger facilities.

"Upon final review, one of the surveyors told us he came to PMC to inspire us and he left after his review inspired by what we were doing," said PMC Joint Commission/CMS Specialist, Stormie Adkins.

The surveyors were impressed by the excellent care PMC orthopedic patients received throughout the hospital.

"Our staff prides themselves on working together as a team. This accreditation is an example of a team working together to improve the care patients will receive at PMC," said Stormie Adkins. "The surveyor was most impressed with how people from all departments truly cared about the patient's well-being and how hard they strived to meet these guidelines to provide the best care possible."

Staff from surgery, anesthesia, orthopedic clinic staff, joint camp, pre-admit testing, lab, x-ray, physical therapy, orthopedic in-patient unit, emergency room and in-patient rehab underwent interviews with Joint Commission.

For more information about orthopedic services offered at PMC or to schedule an appointment, call 606-218-2206 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

Wayland man sentenced in criminal abuse case

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Wayland resident was sentenced last week for committing criminal abuse against two children.

Kevin A. Gayheart, 20, of Wayland, was indicted in August 2017 and charged with two counts of first-degree criminal abuse because he "abused or permitted another person to abuse" two children in his care, causing them "torture or cruel punishment" in June 2017.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said Gayheart was indicted after two children were taken to a local hospital for treatment of injuries.

In exchange for a plea of guilty, the Commonwealth Attorney's office agreed to amend the first-degree criminal

abuse charges against Gayheart to second-degree offenses and agreed to dismiss the drug-related charges against him.

With that recommendation, Gayheart was sentenced last Thursday to five years, and after the service of three years, the remainder of the sentence will be probated for two years.

He agreed not to have contact with the victims in the case and to cooperate with any related investigations.

According to documents filed by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Amy Turner in Floyd Circuit Court, the plea agreement was made after review of all evidence and after consultation with the victim's family, who are in agreement with plea offer and believe it's in the best interest of the victims in the case.

PLANS

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Layne High School gets to have its own baseball field," said Superintendent Danny Adkins.

The field will be built on property purchased by the district located in front of the school, said BLHS Principal Jody Roberts.

"As principal, I think it is a good investment for the kids. At the moment, our baseball team rotates home games to wherever is available — Minnie, Allen, the Stonecrest baseball complex and others," he said. "As we cannot charge admission for these games since they are on public property, we are losing money paying for umpires and other things. We'd like to put those funds toward things for the teams, like awards and such."

According to the BG-1 presented to board members, the total project impact is estimated to be \$1.6 million — \$166,465 more than the \$1.4 million approved in the 2015 Facilities Plan. According to the BG-1 on the BLHS project, funding is 100 percent reliant on local general bond fund sales.

"The financing is taken care of through a bonding company, Rod Sinclair and Associates, and the plan is before the KDE for approval," said Adkins. "As soon the KDE approves the plan, we will be submitting a request for bid packages and from there, we hope to be able to start construction as soon as May and have it completed as soon as a November."

While the district's local planning committee is currently working on an updated facilities

plan for board approval, Adkins said a November 2018 BOE meeting that several aspects of the current facilities plan are now complete, but other unfinished projects are holding the district back.

"Basically, we're looking at updating our facilities plan, our long-term facilities plan, simply because a lot of the things on the plan now have already been addressed, and every so often, you have to do that ... but we're to the point now where ours needs to be addressed," Adkins said during the November meeting.

He and Board Chair Sherry Robinson said some unfinished projects on the district's current facilities plan are preventing the district from moving forward on other projects because the district cannot get funding or bonding until the unfinished projects are addressed and those issues need to be re-addressed in the new facilities plan.

FATALITIES

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crash-related fatalities has declined in Kentucky.

The number of crashes and crash-related fatalities and injuries also declined over the past year in Floyd County.

KOHS reports that preliminary data shows that highway fatalities decreased statewide from 782 in 2017 to 722 last year. The final figures will be released after all highway crash data is collected in April.

In a press release issued Monday, KOHS Acting Director Jason Siwula credited safe driving behaviors for that decrease. The press release also

cited an increase in seat belt usage, reporting that the use of seat belts increased from 86.8 percent in 2017 to 89.9 percent in 2018.

"We are encouraged by the reduction in fatalities, and we thank the traveling public for making choices behind the wheel, like buckling up and driving sober, that prevent the loss of life on Kentucky highways," said Siwula. "It doesn't go unnoticed that this year we observed that seat belt usage increased and fatalities decreased."

The Kentucky State Police's collision data analysis system reports that there were 10 wrecks in Floyd County that caused the death

of at least one person in 2018. That's one fewer fatality than was reported over the same time period the previous year.

Between Jan. 1, 2018, and Jan. 1, 2019, there were 897 wrecks in Floyd County and at least one person was injured in 209 of those wrecks, the website reports.

That's a decrease from the prior year, when

913 crashes were reported in Floyd County. In 2017, there were 232 wrecks that resulted in injuries to at least one person and 11 fatalities were reported by the KSP.

The website reports that there have been 63 collisions so far this year in Floyd County, resulting in injuries to eight people.

Public Notice

The second reading of Ordinance 18-002 will take place on Feb. 19, 2019, at 6 p.m., during the next regular scheduled Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting in the Floyd County Courthouse, Prestonsburg, Ky.

The ordinance is available for public inspection at the Floyd County Judge's office upon request.



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Local Planning Committee Meeting

The Floyd County Schools' Local Planning Committee will conduct a meeting on February 19, 2019, at 6 p.m., at Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg KY, 41653.

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EDITORIAL

A step in the right direction

There was a breath of fresh air at the Southern Water & Sewer District on Wednesday.

All board members resigned from their posts last week, and were replaced with new members appointed by the Floyd County Fiscal Court during a special meeting.

With several allegations of mismanagement highlighted recently by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, this influx of new commission members appears to be a step in the right direction for the ailing district.

The new members grilled Southern Water manager Dean Hall for nearly two hours, asking pointed questions about the districts operations and finances.

Several questions

highlighted testimony given during recent PSC hearings in Frankfort, and the new members seemed to reiterate some suggestions that PSC officials made as Southern Water officials testified, including extensive question-and-answer sessions on Southern Water's need to replace its old water meters and lines.

We are encouraged to see Floyd County officials ask tough questions about these issues, and for their willingness to serve for half the price prior commissioners earned.

We are also very encouraged by the actions taken by the PSC in Southern Water's rate increase application — and for the work we see this state agency doing in nu-

merous cases for utilities that serve our region.

The PSC denied the request because Southern could not provide a full year's worth of financial paperwork, but in this case, they did much more than issue that ruling.

In grilling Southern Water officials, the PSC brought to light a long list of managerial issues that have been lacking at Southern. In this case, they were able to show issues that should have reached a boiling point with Southern Water and its leaders years ago.

But, most importantly, by stepping in and asking these common sense questions, the PSC nudged this failing water district to take a path toward improvement.

During a hearing in

January, PSC Chairman Mike Schmitt that Southern Water seek a temporary tariff to help the district replace old water lines, noting that large utilities in the state send reports to the PSC to show how they use funds like that on projects.

He asked Hall if there was any reason Southern Water couldn't do that, and Hall told him the district would be willing to try. Hall noted, however, that it would be a challenge because Southern Water is "not as big or professional as some of the larger utilities" in the state.

Then Schmitt told him, "I tell you that people in Floyd County, in rural Floyd County, have the same right to good, clean water at a reasonable

price than people who live in Lexington, Louisville or Frankfort. And at some point in time, you know, the fact is that we don't have the money, you may say that may be a fact, but then it becomes time to try to do something about that and fix it."

We were thankful to hear those words from the bench of this agency, and we're thankful to see the changes taking place at Southern Water this week.

We encourage the PSC to keep its eye on developments with Southern Water, as we know they will, and we encourage all the new Southern Water board members to get their state-required training as soon as possible.

We also encourage

those new members — as we encourage all government bodies that serve Floyd County — to review "Your Duty Under the Law," a publication that the Kentucky Attorney General posts online to let local government officials know their requirements under open meetings and open records laws.

Southern Water is in a bit of a pickle and is operating at a loss at this time. Officials cannot go back and change the steps that were taken to bring them to this deficit, but they can move forward.

We hope to see them take those steps carefully and with a critical eye toward the future needs of this county. Their ratepayers deserve at least that.

GUEST COLUMN

The morning after



By **SJ RUTH**
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The familiar sound at my door yesterday morning brought a smile to my face. Meat and Tater have been missing in action lately.

I knew the State of the Union address would bring them, if they weren't too hungover.

"Morning neighbors, how are y'all feeling this morning!"

The couple looked at each other, then back at me. Meat responded, "We're fine SJ, why wouldn't we be?"

"Oh, just figured y'all played some kind of drinking game last night."

Tater took a drink from her coffee mug. "We quit the Trump drinking games, SJ. Last time Meat was in bed three days. That man lies like a rug."

"Yeah, we're done with that SJ. Never thought I'd say it, but I'm too old for 12 shots in five minutes. So what did you think?"

I gave Meat my best 'what a maroon' look. He stared back at me blankly. Tater gave him a loving elbow in the ribs. "Told you he didn't watch."

"Meat, you know I

never watch those things. I didn't watch Bill or W or Obama and I'm certainly not watching the Donald. Not for money or shots."

Meat sat down on the couch.

Tater wandered into my kitchen looking for more coffee.

"So you missed the rebuttal? Man, you missed the lady who had the Georgia governor's race stolen. The Republican secretary of state, who also happened to be her opponent, threw thousands off the voter roles, didn't open precincts and left half the voting polls in an Atlanta warehouse on Election Day — and she still barely lost."

"What does that have to do with the speech?"

Tater came back in

the living room with the coffee pot. "The first bill coming out of the House of Representatives is a bill to put an end to that kind of stuff. It'll have automatic voter registrations, put limits on campaign spending and stop political gerrymandering."

Meat jumped in. "Don't you think it's weird all those red states with Republican legislatures where the Democrats get more overall votes? If Democrats get 20 percent more votes in an overall election, how do the Republicans always get the majority of representatives?"

"They cheat?" I responded. "Is the Pope catholic?" Meat replied.

Tater chimed back in. "Yertle said the bill they're working on is a power grab, like making it easier for folks to vote is some kind of sinister Russian plot."

I sipped my coffee.

"And here I thought the Trumpets loved Russian plots. Yertle's taken so much money from Putin's pals, he tips in rubles."

"Think about it SJ, a Republican presidential candidate has only won the popular vote one time since 1992. But they've won the White House three times. No wonder Yertle hates the vote."

I had to sit back and contemplate that a bit. The Republicans want to make it harder to register, to vote, and to take part in our governance. They'd rather throw away absentee ballots from offshore service members and take the money from the Russian mob.

The party of Trump lives by the advice of a man they vilify.

To paraphrase the words of Malcolm X, Republicans will reverse the will of the people by any means necessary.

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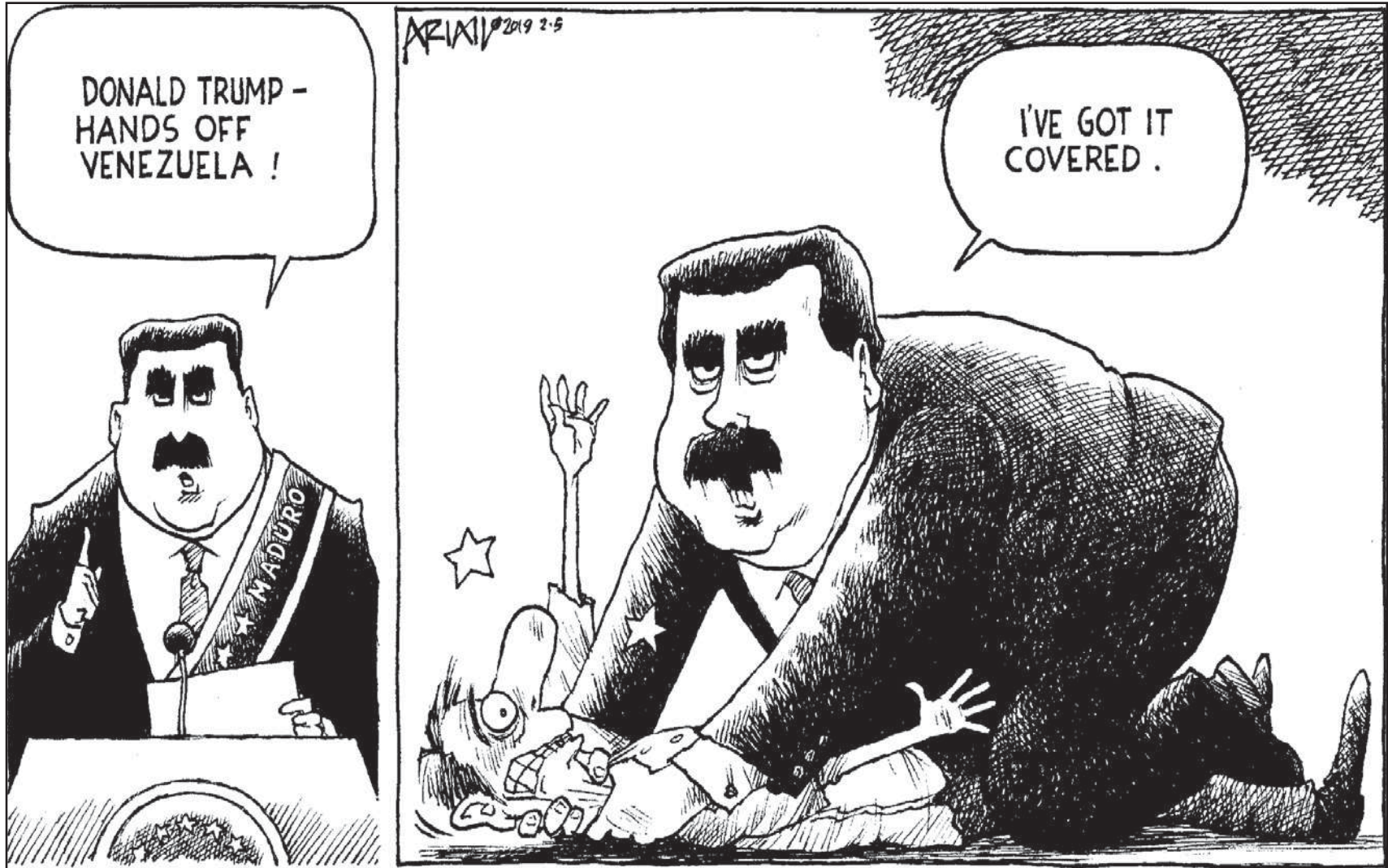
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PCUC considers lawsuit against Southern Water

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The Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission discussed litigation in the case of asset transfer between PCUC and Southern Water & Sewer District during a special meeting Tuesday. After an executive session, Commission Chairman Michael Campbell made a motion to engage counsel, Commission Attorney Kipley McNally, to "investigate potential litigation as discussed in executive session," which was passed unanimously.

PCUC made a deal with the Southern Water & Sewer District in 2017, with PSC approval, that led to the transfer of some of Southern Water District's system to Prestonsburg, including three wastewater treatment facilities in Wayland, Eastern and Harold and 1,200 customers along U.S. 23 in the Betsy Layne/Har-

old area. The transfer was made under pressure from former Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale, according to allegations presented to the Kentucky Public Service Commission by former Southern Water and Sewer District Chairman Paula Jones during testimony during the application for the rate increase — a claim Hale denies.

Southern passed along revenue it collected on water bills from sewer services that Prestonsburg now owns for a few months, but officials testified in January that Southern is no longer forwarding those payments to Prestonsburg and owed, at the time, around \$90,000 in sewer collections to Prestonsburg. Southern officials said the district would repay Prestonsburg, but there was no documentation of that payment plan, according to testimony given in January to

the PSC.

In July 2018, Southern Water requested to be allowed to raise rates by about 33 percent and last week the PSC denied the rate increase request by Southern Water District, reporting that the district was "unable to provide accurate records related to its billing and revenue." In an order, the PSC said that it "cannot reasonably rely on the information" provided by Southern Water and therefore cannot grant the rate increase.

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, but on assumptions and estimates provided by Southern Water.

"Most notably, Southern Water lost a number of financial records when it switched billing sys-

tems 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.



Aileen Hall
Dec. 9, 1926 –
Feb. 5, 2019

Aileen Hall was born Dec. 9, 1926, at Banner, the fifth of eight children. Her parents were Jack and Nancy Akers Sellards. On June 5, 1946, she married Walter Hall, the love of her life and they were proud parents of two daughters, Nancy Lee and Rhonda Gale. They made their lifetime home in Betsy Layne.

Besides her parents and husband, Walter, she was preceded in death by two brothers, David Estill and Edward Graham Sellards, and two sisters, Elsie Lykins and Sylvia Hall.

She is survived by daughters Nancy Niles, and husband Don, of Wesley Chapel, Fla. and Rhonda Kretzer, and husband Doug, of Stanville; five grandchildren: David Walter Spradlin, Jonathan Spradlin, Leigh Ann Napier, Candice Henderson and Kelly Blackburn; eight great-grandchildren: Brian, Carson and Jordan Spradlin; Halle Kate, Kenley Jane and Ella Ryann Napier; John David and Addison Spradlin and a step-great grandchild, Edie Kretzer. She is also survived by two sisters, Jewel Conn of Harold and Georgean Cecil of Stanville and a brother, Jack B. Sellards of Corbin.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church for 65 years where she taught Sunday school for 52 years and served as church treasurer for 30 years. Her favorite role was adult Sunday school teacher where members of her last class made it her most enjoyable work.

She always enjoyed working. She started with part time jobs, pumping gas and keeping books while a student at Betsy Layne High School. During the war she was a server in a Detroit cafeteria. She was the youngest postmaster in Kentucky when her 37-year postal career began, first at Stanville and then at Betsy Layne. In her role as postmaster, she became very involved in the National Association of Postmasters and served in various state and national offices. She was the first woman in the organization ever elected state president. After re-

tiring from the postal service she worked 28 years as accountant and office manager at Vantage Point advertising agency.

Writing was a hobby that proved helpful in all areas of her life. As a postmaster she wrote articles and columns for postal publications. Later she wrote feature articles for various publications and a regular column that ran 15 years in the Floyd County Times called "Small World." She published two books: a book of poetry called "Candlelight" in 1976, and a memoir titled "A Charge for the Angels" in 2010.

Visitation opened on Thursday, Feb. 7, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel and will also be held from noon until the time of service at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 8, at Calvary Baptist Church, Betsy Layne, with Tim McClanahan officiating.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel.

This is a paid obituary.

Bobby Gene Henson

Bobby Gene Henson, 73, of Beaver, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2019.

Visitation will be all day Friday, Feb. 8, with services at 6 p.m. at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m. at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church.

Burial will follow in the Henson Family Cemetery, Beaver.

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

Evanell Justice

Evanell Justice, 69, of Harold, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2019.

Visitation was Thursday, Feb. 7, at Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, Betsy Layne.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m., at Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, Betsy Layne.

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Bobby Ray Thompson

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Funeral services will be held Saturday, Feb. 9, 1 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

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resigned last week.

The board took several actions at the meeting, including one that cut the pay for their work to half of what the prior commission members earned. With that motion, the commission approved a \$250 monthly payment per commissioner. Previously, Southern Water Commissioners received \$500 per month.

Board members also voted to appoint members to various positions on the board, with Prater accepting the chairperson's role, Roberts elected as secretary and Dawson elected as treasurer.

The new members grilled Hall for nearly two hours, asking him numerous questions about the district's operations and finances.

They learned from CPA Jeff Reed that Southern Water operated at a deficit of \$675,512, after depreciation, in 2018, and that the district loses 60 percent of its water because of old lines, old meters and other issues. He said 75 percent of Southern's system is 50 years or older, reporting that the district's money was "always spend on adding and expanding" infrastructure, not replacing old lines.

Hall also blamed Southern's financial problems on the asset transfer agreement with Prestonsburg that the Kentucky Public Service Commission approved in 2017.

He told the new commissioners that Southern Water was "breaking even" before the previous board approved the transfer agreement.

Southern Water cited revenues lost because of that agreement as a reason for its a rate increase application with the PSC in 2018, alleging that the transfer of 1,160 water customers in the Betsy Layne and Harold areas to Prestonsburg has left Southern Water financially strapped.

Southern Water attorney Randal Strobo told the PSC in filings that the district could not survive without a 33 percent rate increase, but the PSC denied the application last week, reporting that the district failed to file a year's worth of financial documentation, as required in rate cases.

On Wednesday, board members voted unanimously to give Hall the authority to obtain quotes from three engineering groups that could conduct a rate study that would be required if Southern Water submits a new rate increase application to the PSC.

Prater clarified several times during the meeting that the board is not voting, at this time, to file another application and that members voted only to give Hall the authority to get quotes from firms that could conduct the rate study.

In discussing the need to file a new rate increase application, Roberts asked Hall about the number of Southern Water customers who strug-

gle to pay their water bills each month.

Hall said the district sends out over 1,000 delinquency notices to residents every month and usually disconnect between 100 to 200 people for nonpayment.

Much of the discussion centered on the need for Southern to replace its old water meters, an expense that Hall suggested would cost more than \$800,000.

During a PSC hearing in January, state officials pointed out that Southern Water could gain up to \$400,000 in revenue a year if its old meters were replaced. Hall told the PSC that the previous Southern Water board members would not allow him to spend money on new meters, but noted the district is seeking grant money for that project. New meters would be more dependable and accurate, Hall said.

Prater asked Hall to confirm that Southern Water is in violation of state laws requiring water meter testing every two years, pointing out that the PSC could fine Southern Water for not complying with the law.

Williams, a guest at the meeting, told commissioners that he doesn't know how Southern Water cannot replace its meters, while Dawson pointed out that with the water savings suggested by updating meters, Southern Water could pay for the project with those savings alone in about 1.5 or two years.

Hall told the new com-

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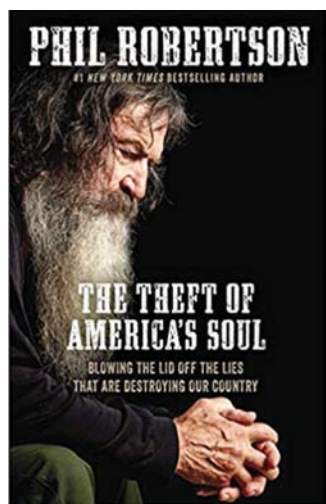
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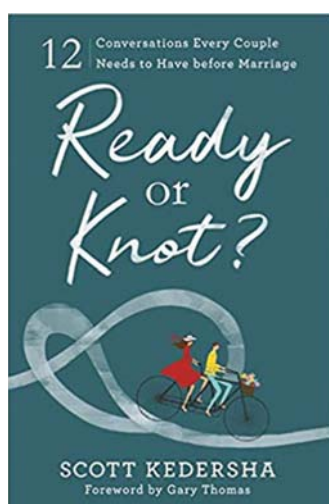
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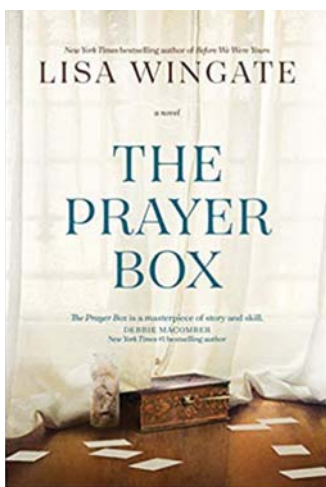
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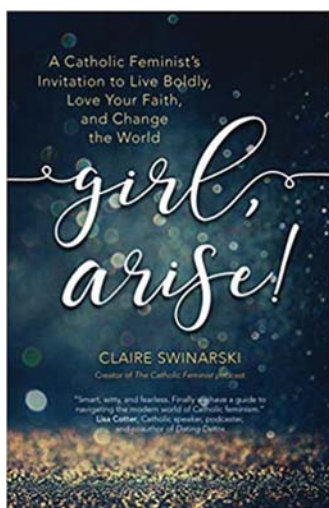
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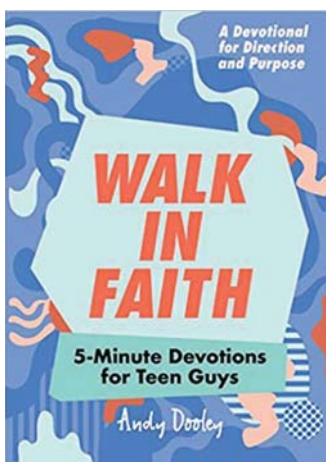
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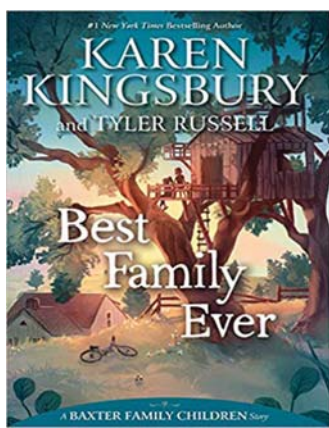
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Confessing our sins

We live in paradoxical times. While many share the most intimate details of their life on social media for all the world to see, the practice of confession as a spiritual discipline has fallen by the wayside. In surveys of practicing Catholics, three-quarters of them “report that they never participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation or that they do so less than once a year.” (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) Among mainstream Protestant denominations, confession as a ritual is practiced only in the Lutheran church, and one wonders how often Christians of any sect adhere to the Biblical injunction to “confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” (James 5:16 NIV) Whether as a society we are more or less confessional than in times past is certainly debatable. Reconciliation tribunals, psychotherapy, and encounter groups are arguably all modern versions of confession. The flip side of confession is the Biblical injunction to tell others when they have sinned: “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you.” (Matthew 18:15 NIV) While it is easy to notice and point to the faults of others, we often chafe at the slightest perceived criticism, and instead of thanking the person for helping us to be a better person, we reject their critique. A periodic examination of one’s conscience and a willingness to confess one’s sins is healthy for the soul. Therefore, confess your sins and pray that you will be forgiven.



— Christopher Simon

“If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”
—John 20:23 NIV

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Anti-semitism on the rise



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

“Tonight, we are also joined by Pittsburgh survivor Judah Samet,” President Trump said in his State of the Union address. “He arrived at the [Tree of Life Synagogue] as the massacre began. But not only did Judah narrowly escape death last fall – more than seven decades ago, he narrowly survived the Nazi concentration camps. Today is Judah’s 81st birthday. Judah says he can still remember the exact moment, nearly 75 years ago, after 10 months in a concentration camp, when he and his family were put on a train, and told they were going to another camp. Suddenly the train screeched to a halt. A soldier appeared. Judah’s family braced for the worst. Then, his father cried out with joy: ‘It’s the Americans.’”

Goosebumps raised on my arms hearing Samet’s story. There are no words to describe the absolute horror Jews went through during the Holocaust.

Then, in the midst of the darkness, there was hope, as America soldiers arrived and rescued them from their hell on earth. It was victory where there had been defeat. It was liberation from captivity. It was sweet, sweet freedom. The freedom that America has prided herself on for so long.

However, the tide seems to be turning. On the same night that Holocaust and anti-semitic attack survivors were honored, democrats who embrace anti-semitism and anti-Israel bias were present in the room. US Rep. Ilan Omar of Minnesota posted this tweet on November 16, 2012: “Israel has hypnotized the world, may Allah awaken the people and help them see the evil doings of Israel. #Gaza #Palestine #Israel.”

An article by The Jerusalem Post, an Israeli English newspaper, notes that “the progressive politician also wrote that Israel is an ‘apartheid’ regime, and she supports the BDS movement [Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions against Israel]. In addition, Democratic Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib also supports boycotting Israel and the BDS movement. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has condemned Israel’s ‘occupation’ of Palestine and answers ‘no comment’ to whether or not she sup-

ports BDS like fellow Democrats Omar and Tlaib.”

In the New York Times, Bari Weiss notes anti-semitism is on the rise in both Europe and America. She considers the far right as the biggest threat in the states. But there is also hatred from the left, “which comes cloaked in the language of progressive values. This includes the perhaps unwitting anti-Semitism of college professors who refuse to write letters of recommendation

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for students wanting to study abroad in Israel or who seek to suspend study-abroad programs to Israel entirely, without thinking of sanctioning, say, China or Russia. Or turning a blind eye to unconscionable comments like one from Minnesota’s new congresswoman Ilhan Omar..because she is breaking ground as a Muslim woman of color.”

Weiss says when Jews point out attacks from those

on the left, they are “often dismissed as sensitive or hysterical, or as mistaking legitimate criticism of Israel for something darker. This is nonsense. The same was said of the Jews in Europe when they sounded the alarm bells.”

At the State of the Union, President Trump stated, “A second Holocaust survivor who is here tonight, Joshua Kaufman, was a prisoner at Dachau Concentration Camp. He remembers watching through a hole in the wall of a cattle car as American soldiers rolled in with tanks. ‘To me,’ Joshua recalls, ‘the American soldiers were proof that God exists, and they came down from the sky.’”

Shall we remain a country that proves God exists? We seem to be fading from that status. We kill the unborn. We elect politicians who display anti-semitism. We ignore the God who created us and has protected this great land in the past. Being respectful of one another is no longer enough. Instead, people want us to accept their ways that are contrary to the laws of God. The morality of America may be shifting, but just as in the Bible, I believe there will always be a remnant – Christians praying to God and serving Him (Romans 11:5) – even if we find ourselves facing our own holocaust one day.

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FACTUAL UPDATE OF PROPOSAL OF MARTIN ANNEXATION

1. The proposed annexation includes 8 voting precincts containing 5,083 registered voters and 10,000 to 12,500 citizens.
2. The City of Martin in the last election had less than 100 people cast ballots in which 6 city council members were elected.
3. These six council members have decided with their vote to annex an area that triples the size of Martin while adding less than 100 registered voters.
4. Road mileage through the City of Martin is less than one mile. Martin is annexing over 33 miles of roads and nearly all businesses, schools, churches, Disabled American Veterans Center, hospital, dentist offices, pharmacies, etc. Martin is not annexing a single home which would allow a tax paying, property owning resident to vote in an election to stop the proposed annexation. This is nearly half the distance of the Mountain Parkway or half the distance from Prestonsburg to Ashland.
5. City of Martin had an election to vote the six council members into office in November, 2018. They intentionally waited until after the election to go public with their annexation plans.
6. The first reading of the intention to annex was held on November 29, 2018. Last Martin City election for city of Martin was November 6, 2018.
7. The November 29, 2018 first reading of proposed annexation was not publicly announced. The only ones who knew of the first reading were the six council members, the Mayor and city officials.
8. The second reading of the Intent to Annex was scheduled for January 31, 2019. The law states that those affected by annex must be notified 14 days prior to the second reading. Some businesses and property owners were notified exactly 14 days prior to second reading. Some received their notice 7 days prior to second reading. Some, who are being annexed, have never received a letter of intent to annex.
9. City of Martin waits until late in the evening of January 30 to cancel the second reading of the intent to annex in a specially called meeting. We, opposing the annexation, had scheduled two law firms out of Lexington to attend the January 31 meeting. A large number of affected citizens had made plans to attend.
10. Martin's reason for cancelling was that they could not accommodate the expected large crowd in their city hall. Martin has a new fire station within 300 feet of City Hall that was paid for by our tax dollars that could have easily accommodated all citizens who would have attended the second reading on January 31, 2019.
11. On January 29, 2019 Martin was presented with a letter stating that the City of Prestonsburg objected to the annexation due to Martin's failure to follow state laws that require the annexing city to notify any other city that has infrastructure in the proposed annexation. Kentucky Statute 81A.427. Martin's failure to notify Prestonsburg has only one of two explanations. One, they were not aware of Prestonsburg's infrastructure, a sewage treatment plant within sight of school and major highway, showing a total disregard presenting an annexation properly investigated and searched as should have been or two, Martin intentionally broke Kentucky law and tried to slip this issue past Prestonsburg's being notified in an effort to put Prestonsburg at a disadvantage and then try to purchase the sewage system at an amount substantially lower than the actual worth. It should be noted that after Prestonsburg has objected to the annexation Martin has asked what price Prestonsburg would ask for the sewage plant and then asked Prestonsburg if they would take payments on the sewage plant. The statute governing this states that Prestonsburg was to be given a 14 day notice prior to second reading of annexation. Prestonsburg notified Martin on January 29. Martin cancels the meeting of January 31 late in the evening of January 30. I would be surprised if Prestonsburg did not get a written notice 14 days prior to the next second reading whenever Martin gets around to scheduling a second reading.
12. We have tried to gather information concerning this annexation and City of Martin government's financial condition and their rules of operation. We first attended a scheduled January 22 city council meeting. There were over 100 of us present. Martin City Hall refused to discuss the annexation with us. Their attorney, Doug Adams, informed us that the only way that we could obtain any information was to present Martin with a written open records request. We immediately began presenting Martin with open records requests. Kentucky State Law requires that after receiving such requests, the City of Martin must respond with 3 days. KRS61.870 and KRS61.884. Martin can furnish us with information, Martin can tell us they do not have to furnish the information and why they do not have to furnish the information, they can explain to us why they will not meet the 72 hours deadline and tell us what the earliest date we will receive the requested information. This all must be in writing. The only response we received was telephone calls from Doug Adams, Martin City Attorney, telling us he would not be furnishing the information. This is also a state law broken by Doug Adams and the City of Martin. Responses must be done in writing and contain proper and accurate responses.
13. **List of annexed properties.**
One of the first questions we had was if Martin would furnish us with a list of those Martin had sent the annexation notices. We were told that they did not have a list. We were told that they had a stack of deeds in City Hall that they would "allow" us to see. We went to City Hall after being told this and, as if by magic, a list appeared. When examining the list, it was very obvious that the list was riddled with wrong information. Among the mistakes were incorrect property owners, incorrect business names, businesses that had never received a letter but were on list, etc. - typical City of Martin's way of doing business.
14. **Maps.**
We do not know the extent of the annexation. The map furnished with the letter of intent is useless due to the size and quality of the map provided. Further we do not know the present city limits of Martin. They have refused to tell us. Martin is required to furnish the county court clerk a copy of Map of City Limits. Chris Waugh, Floyd County Clerk, states he has been here 20 years and Martin has never furnished him with a map showing city limits. We did find a city limit map listed with the Secretary of State. If this map shows the true city limits, Martin needs to do some explaining about its annexation. When we asked for a map that was readable to the ordinary person, we were told that we could get one from Alchemy Engineering. When we asked at Alchemy, we were told that a set of readable maps would cost \$600.00.
15. Annexation will harm the entire county. These public officials stated the annexation would damage the following:
 - a. Floyd County School Superintendent Adkins stated the annexation would cost Floyd County school system and employees huge amounts of dollars.
 - b. County Judge Executive Robbie Williams stated the county would financially suffer as a result of the annexation.
 - c. Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton stated he would never attempt annexation as Martin is attempting due to benefits of those annexed could not be extended as those being annexed would deserve.
 - d. Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz is also attempting to find out if Martin has encroached on Wayland's rights in the Garrett area. Wayland has previously annexed Route 7 through the town of Garrett.
16. **Annexation Process**
 - a. City of Martin votes to annex large portions of Left and Right Beaver. Four of the six Martin City Council members must vote in favor of the annexation. Kentucky law is very favorable to give cities the right to annex.
 - b. In event annexation is approved, Kentucky laws have given a safety net of last resort to citizens. If 51% of property owners or 51% of registered voters sign a petition asking for an election, then the annexation is put on the ballot for the voters to make the final decision. Those eligible to vote the annexation up or down is limited to registered voter residents in the proposed annex area. This means that the only voters allowed to vote will be: a business owner living on his business property who is registered to vote, a renter on the business property who is registered to vote, or the registered to vote residents of two housing projects in the proposed annexed area. This election would probably be decided by 60 to 70 residents of two housing projects. These people own no homes and pay no property tax. Our tax dollars pay for most of their financial existence. It should be noted that City of Martin's history contains Mayors and City officials who were sent to jail for strong arming and bullying residents to vote as they were told. It should also be noted that in certain instances the annex takes on selective character. Annexation takes in areas containing five dentists, four are annexed and one is not.

This annexation will not provide any annexed victim a single benefit that they do not have at this time. It is a pure and simple money hunt for Martin which does not intend to provide any meaningful benefits to those in the annexed area. Martin does not annex a single family who owns their home, pays taxes and is registered to vote. This is an intentionally constructed annexation to deny 10,000 to 12,500 residents, 5,083 registered voters, and over 100 business owners their right to decide how they wish to be governed on the local level. Martin is the only winner-all Floyd County suffers.

Martin cancelled the second reading of intent to annex over one week ago. When they decide to schedule another date for the second reading, they must give a 14 day written notice. It is apparent that Martin is feeling intense pressure due to this selfish, damaging and self-centered annexation proposal. They are trying to lay low until the heat cools off. They expected the citizens of this area to fess a little but not react in the manner that they did in the initial annexation proposal. We the people must stay vigilant and focused on this issue. "No Taxation Without Representation."

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ENERBLU

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plan as the ideal fit for its solar generation development road map. But, in January, that potential investor cited "a series of unexpected geopolitical factors that occurred in the final two months of 2018 as the reason for withdrawing support," EnerBlu said.

In the announcement, EnerBlu announced the appointment of a new CEO, John Thomas, who most recently was EnerBlu's chief product officer. Thomas said he regretted having to suspend plans for the Pikeville facility, but the decision was necessary.

"EnerBlu's vision of a multi-gigawatt hour, 'Made in the USA' battery campus to re-empower the Energy Capital of the U.S. is only achievable with the support of prominent partners in the energy sector," Thomas said. "We are extremely disappointed with this potential investor's decision and are well aware of the hope that EnerBlu's project has generated in Pikeville and the Eastern Kentucky region."

Pikeville City Manager Philip Elswick said the city is disappointed to learn the funding for EnerBlu was not secured.

"Throughout the process of working with EnerBlu, our city officials and local economic development authorities have given this partnership an abundance of attention for what we know could have been a transformative project for our community," Elswick said. Thomas said that, despite the setback and a new direction for the company, the company had a positive experience over the past year.

"Eastern Kentucky holds a tremendous opportunity for manufacturers, especially with their available skilled workforce, low cost, and development of sites," Thomas said. "As we move forward as a company to develop a viable and impactful project, we encourage other companies to discover what we found within this region of Appalachia. We have experienced an incredible level of support from the leadership of the City of Pikeville, the contribution of the economic development executives was off the charts, universities,

local electric utilities, and state and federal leaders did everything to pave the way."

EnerBlu Executive Chairman Michael Weber said he is "entirely confident that (Thomas) and his team will pursue all options to bring industrial activities to Pikeville as we are reorganizing."

Hope lost, but no money

When EnerBlu was announced, there was an abundance of enthusiasm from local, state and federal leaders for the jobs that could be brought to a work-ready workforce in Eastern Kentucky. Despite that enthusiasm, leaders earmarked that any incentives received for the project would only be made available when EnerBlu reached certain goals in its construction.

According to EnerBlu Chief Marketing Officer Xavier Guerin, EnerBlu received "no funds from the state or (Washington) D.C." and the city confirmed EnerBlu had received no local money.

"Only incentive agreements were in place with preliminary approvals. These incentives based on very strict milestones would have kicked in at a later stage of the project development," Guerin said. "We never reached any of those milestones."

Anytime there are incentive deals, people look at the dollar amount and assume that company receives that money, but that is not the case, said One East Kentucky CEO Chuck Sexton.

"Smart incentives from a local perspective and from a state perspective are all performance-based. A company never receives a dollar unless they actually perform on their promises. (Performance-based incentives) protect taxpayer dollars and future taxpayer dollars," Sexton said.

Sexton said that is the opposite of what other areas are currently dealing with, highlighting what the state of Wisconsin is currently battling uncertainty around Foxconn Wisconsin. According to Bloomberg Businessweek, a \$4.5 billion deal, which was supposed to employ 13,000 workers, is unlikely to reach those numbers.

"Foxconn was a huge announcement for the state of Wisconsin. Just last week, they scaled

that back. Unfortunately many communities there had already spent quite a large some of money cobbling land together. That is the sort of thing you don't want to see happen," Sexton said. "With the City of Pikeville and the state of Kentucky, everything with EnerBlu, what they were going to get was all performance-based. Until they started employing people, they weren't receiving anything. Unfortunately, there are portions of the country that have lost out on deals where they expended dollars on the front end."

People can say (these businesses not coming through) only happens in Eastern Kentucky, and that's "just not true," Sexton said.

"Capitalism is at play. At the end of the day, the delivery of those results rest on the shoulders of the private sector. Whether it is a startup, like EnerBlu, or an existing large international corporation, like Foxconn, there are factors, that we are not aware of and that we cannot control, that can impact their ability to push that project to fruition," Sexton said.

Eastern Kentucky workforce

EnerBlu did highlight the "remarkable" workforce in Eastern Kentucky as one of the many reasons it had shown interest in Pikeville.

"Having access to a remarkable workforce was one of the main reasons that led us to Pikeville. We are confident that other corporations will recognize those same attributes and qualities we identified right away when we visited Eastern Kentucky," Guerin said.

Elswick said the area and its workforce are still looking forward.

"We know that Pikeville and its workforce have a bright future and we will continue to work

with companies seeking a strong industrial park, economic opportunities and the skilled workforce that we offer," Elswick said.

Sexton said he is already marketing the area and the workforce to prospective businesses. With site preparation work that was done for the area through an Abandoned Mine Lands grant, the site is even more marketable, Sexton said.

"It is our job to stay in communication with potential companies on their ability to put a project or a building in Eastern Kentucky. When we have something like this (announcement) happen, we spring into action immediately," Sexton said. "We have already been in contact with one in particular that we would like to move on to that site for their manufacturing. When there is more due diligence and more prep done on a site, the more attractive that site becomes. The site work that has been completed to a certain degree more than it was before. That makes the site even more marketable."

Sexton said with the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park providing so much opportunity, he would like to see multiple smaller projects look to the build at the park.

"Our theory on economic development has always been, while the home runs and the big announcements are great and we are certainly not going to push them away, our focus is on how we diversify the economy through multiple smaller projects," Sexton said. "We look at facilities that offer the 50 to 100 maybe 150-job projects, where we have 10 to 20 companies that are smaller in nature. What that does is spread the community's risk across multiple industries. So one devastating event or one mar-

ket shift won't push them all away."

Geopolitical concerns

Former President and CEO Daniel Elliott, in a much-discussed conversation with the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce in January, did mention two international finance partners for EnerBlu — Citibank and SoftBank, a Japanese technology investment giant which is currently making major waves in the finance sectors of many countries.

Citibank is still mentioned by EnerBlu as an investment partner.

In the announced press release, new CEO Thomas said "EnerBlu is currently working with the assistance of Citibank on a revised plan that would require a lower capital investment, without compromising the potential mid- and long-term future of the company."

EnerBlu said in the press release its primary potential investor, identified only as "a predominant U.S.-friendly investment company," had, in January, "cited a series of unexpected geopolitical factors in the final two months of 2018 as the reason for withdrawing support of the planned facility."

SoftBank, which has invested in U.S. wireless company Sprint and Uber, reported a decline in profit for the period of October through December 2018, in comparison from the same time-

frame of 2017, according to Associated Press Business Writer Yuri Kageyema.

The decline was from 912.3 billion yen (\$8.31 billion) to 698.3 billion yen (\$6.4 billion).

SoftBank's investments, according to the Financial Times, are backed by the SoftBank's Vision Fund, a \$100 billion wealth fund that is backed, in part, by the Saudi Arabia Sovereign Wealth Fund. Kageyama, the AP Business writer, reported that, SoftBank "has said it will diversify its funding source for investments," after "the killing of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi."

This week, SoftBank's Vision Fund disclosed it had dumped its entire stake of more than \$3 billion in U.S.-based chip-maker Nvidia, as reported through CNBC and Reuters.

Reuters reported on declines in technology firms in SoftBank's portfolio companies.

According to Reuters, "China's slowing growth and its trade war with the United States are affecting valuations of unlisted technology firms that account for many of SoftBank's portfolio companies."

CNN Business reported SoftBank Chief Executive Masa Son as saying the Vision Fund offloaded its entire stake in Nvidia last month so it could concentrate on investing in promising "unicorns," a term for tech startups that are worth at least a billion dollars.



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Floyd County Animal Shelter

Kayla & Andy

Floyd County Animal Shelter volunteer **KAYLA CAMPBELL** is posing with **ANDY**. Andy is three-years-old and has been at the shelter for a year. He has been neutered and is ready to find his forever home.

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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, as well as lawsuits filed in Floyd Circuit Court. The cases include:

Felony cases filed

Jeremy June Workman, 37, of David; third-degree assault of a corrections officer, menacing

Donnie Eugene Bentley, 44, of Prestonsburg; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance

Rodney B. Hall, 54, of Wayland; fugitive

Jeffrey Neal Perry, 43, of Paintsville; theft by unlawful taking

Rodney R. Thompson, 35, of Stanville; third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault, theft by unlawful taking, second-degree fleeing/evading police, resisting arrest, menacing, third-degree assault of a police officer

Susan Akers, age unavailable, of Harold; flagrant nonsupport

Jason A. Bevins, 41, of Martin; theft by unlawful taking

Kevin Moore, 29, of Hi Hat; third-degree assault of a corrections officer, menacing, three uncatagorized misdemeanor offenses

David M. Meeks, 32, of Hagerhill; public intoxication of a controlled substance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Rodney Younts, age unavailable, of Honaker; flagrant nonsupport

Roger Chaney, 41, of Shelbyana; fugitive

Johnanna M. Tackett, 33, of Printer; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container

Steven Hunter, 37, of Printer; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of

marijuana
Olivia Johnson, 35, of Printer; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Misdemeanor cases filed

Sharon K. Aaron, 68, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; third-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence

Brandon D. Little, 32, of Langley; driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

Rickey D. Yates, 56, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking

Michael L. Colley, 35, of Louisville; second-degree burglary, possession of burglary tools, public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana

David Leslie, 59, Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal abuse, resisting arrest

Justin Yeary, 40, of Dwale; speeding, driving on a suspended license, no brake lights, failure to use/improper signal, failure to produce insurance card, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, driving under the influence

Melissa Holbrook, 38, of Virgie; third-degree terroristic threatening

Austin Osborne, 26, of Prestonsburg; trafficking in a controlled substance, less than eight ounces of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

Natasha Burchett, 26, of Prestonsburg; trafficking in a controlled substance, less than eight ounces of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

John Ousley, 35, of Eastern; fourth-degree assault

Chris E. Kidd, 31, of Prestonsburg; second-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, menacing

Jeremy Childers, 35, of Martin; third-degree criminal mischief

Katie Allen, 27, of Grethel; theft by unlawful taking

Kevin G. Gayheart, 30, of Wayland; fourth-degree assault

Dexter Reffett, 57, of David; fourth-degree assault

Shannon Seymore, age unavailable, of Prestonsburg; failure of parent to send child to school
Dylan Farley, 20, of Williamson, W.Va.; public intoxication

Kelsie V. Hackworth, 19, of Prestonsburg; three counts of harassing communications

Joey D. Tackett, 39, of Garrett; harassing communications, harassment

Lawsuits filed

Sherry Grace vs. David Grace; divorce

Connie J. Chest vs. Paul E. Chester; divorce

Ollie Rena Goble vs. Lenny R. Goble; divorce

Randall Hollifield vs. Anita Hollifield; divorce

Emma McCarty vs. Joshua McCarty; divorce

Amy Ervin, Rodney Hall vs. Nationwide General Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Pamela Neeley vs. Devan Maynard, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Brenda Burchett, Billy Burchett, Christel Long, Kevin Long vs. Kevin Blackburn, Meshay Blackburn; petition for sale of jointly-owned property four indivisibility

Erie Insurance Exchange vs. Megan Johnson, Terri Reed; personal injury 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.

Free well water testing available

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The University of Kentucky is conducting a study on the quality of ground water in Eastern Kentucky, and is offering free testing of water wells in Floyd County as part of that study.

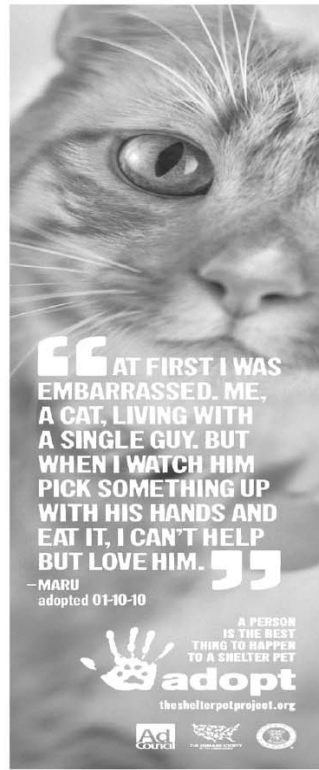
The study, "Methane Gas in Groundwater," will include the analysis of baseline groundwater data in Floyd, Knott and Magoffin counties from March through May.

"The University of Kentucky is conducting a study in Eastern Kentucky to better understand groundwater quality in the area. We will study baseline groundwater data and assess any influence from natural (microbial) and human activities (mining, oil and gas). Approximately 30 private (domestic) wells will be sampled one time during the project - a few wells may be sampled a second time

if necessary," UK graduate student Cristopher Alvarez wrote in a press release.

He reported that the water samples "will be analyzed for major cations, ions, metals, and dissolved gases" and the results will be shared with the well owner at no cost.

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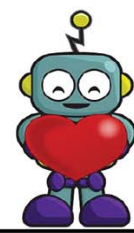
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'Mathletes' compete next weekend

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Sixty-four students from seven middle schools are set to compete in the Big Sandy Chapter – KY MATHCOUNTS on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

Middle schools represented this year include Allen Elementary, Duff/Allen Central Elementary, JD Adams Middle School,

John M. Stumbo Elementary School, Johnson County Middle School, Pikeville Junior High and South Floyd Elementary.

College scholarships to the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University will be awarded to the chapter competition winner. The top two teams and the top four individuals not on a winning team will advance to the state competition, set for March 23, at the University of Louisville, where additional college schol-

arships will be awarded.

The Feb. 16 competition brings together high-achieving math students and includes both a written exam and a live "bee" style contest. Middle School Mathletes race against the clock and each other to answer challenging questions, solving complex, multi-step problems with and without the aid of a calculator.

"Strong math skills are essential for success in a rapidly expanding number of careers,"

said Ashlie Childers, MATHCOUNTS Big Sandy coordinator. "The United States needs more students to enter careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Our country's businesses face a dire need for employees with advanced math abilities required to conduct cutting-edge research, study, and design require to remain globally competitive."

Coordinated by the Big Sandy Chapter, Kentucky Soci-

ety of Professional Engineers, Big Sandy Mathcounts partners with the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University to provide scholarships to the top individual at the chapter competition.

Big Sandy Chapter – KY MATHCOUNTS is sponsored by Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Summit Engineering, Walmart and Food City. For more information, contact Ashlie Childers, coordinator at, achilders@summit-engr.com.



Aryn Dotson

Local student to attend conference

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A local student was selected to be a "National Youth Correspondent" at a renowned journalism conference that will be held in Virginia this summer.

Aryn Dotson, 16, a sophomore at the Piarist School, was selected to represent Prestonsburg as a National Youth Correspondent to the 2019 Washington Journalism and Media Conference at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

Dotson, the daughter of Terri Dotson of Prestonsburg, will join students from all over the country for "an intensive study of journalism and media," the university reported in a press release.

She was chosen based on her "academic accomplishments and a demonstrated interest and excellence in journalism and media studies," the university reported.

Dotson said it was "surreal" to be picked for the program.

"It means a lot, because it means that I'm actually getting somewhere and that the hard work that I put in these past few years isn't just for nothing," she said.

She also commended her family, school and friends for their support.

"I think this kind of thing really can't happen without the support of

the people around you," she said. "I have the most amazing friends and I go to just a great school. The curriculum is hard, but I get to do fun things like go on ski trips, field studies. I have just amazing, supportive teachers, friends and family and I couldn't have done any of this without them."

She said she is "seriously considering" a career in journalism.

"I definitely want to do something with writing, and I love photography and that kind of thing, too, so, hopefully, I can combine those two things, like, maybe travel, take pictures and write articles about places around the world, that kind of thing," she said.

The Washington Journalism and Media Conference will be held July 14-19 at George Mason University.

The university reported that National Youth Correspondents participate in "hands-on, experiential learning through decision-making simulations that challenge them to solve problems and explore the creative, practical and ethical tensions inherent in journalism and media."

Conference presenters include prominent journalists, CEOs of major media outlets, researchers and recent college graduates successfully entering the field.

Artists sought for exhibit

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County art gallery is seeking artists who want to exhibit their work during an art show that will be held this spring.

The Art Gallery in Langley issued a call for artists who wish to show their work during the Spring Art Show, which will be held on May 5.

Gallery Director Duna V.

Combs reported in a press release that artists who are interested in exhibiting their work may bring a sample of their work to the gallery, located at 297 Johns Branch Road in Langley, on any Sunday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The gallery is open to the public at that time each Sunday.

"Artists can see firsthand the space available to visiting artists and better note how to install their artwork," Combs wrote in

the press release. "The gallery offers artists an opportunity to get their works before the public. An afternoon reception rounds out the day. It is also a time for local musicians to try out their new songs or music."

The May 5 exhibition will be the fifth art show held at the gallery, which also serves as a working studio.

For more information, contact Combs at, (606) 478-3325.



The Art Gallery in Langley, located at 297 John Branch Road in Langley, is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays. For more information, visit, artgalleryinlangley.org.

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Volunteers sought for cleanup

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT**

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is seeking volunteers to help plan and organize the park's annual Operation Clean Sweep event.

The park invites the public to attend its second organizational meeting, which will be held at noon on Feb. 13 at the May Lodge.

Park officials are seeking sponsorships and volunteers from local organizations, businesses

and community groups.

Operation Clean Sweep will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 16.

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Betsy Layne falls to Buckhorn

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne was unable to carry momentum from a win over Jenkins earlier in the week into its next matchup as Buckhorn held on to win 63-60 in a non-district boys' high school basketball at Junior Newsome Arena on Wednesday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 12-12.

Buckhorn improved to 18-9 with the win.

Buckhorn shot 38.5 percent (20 of 52) from the field. The Wildcats were five of 21 from three-point range.

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

Thriving inside, Buckhorn outrebounded Betsy Layne 37-26.

The Bobcats and Wildcats swapped leads throughout the game.

Kobe Bowling poured in a game-high 33 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Buckhorn to the victory. Bowling was 10 of 11 from the free-throw line.

Jacob Napier accompanied Bowling in double figures in scoring for the Wildcats and recorded a double-double, delivering 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Logan Stidham and Danny Abner chipped in six points apiece for Buckhorn while Jacob Blank added four points.

Dylan Knight and Denny Fugate rounded out the Buckhorn individual scoring, finishing with



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cody Davis
Betsy Layne's Jordan Frazier puts up a shot under the basket Wednesday night in a 63-60 loss against Buckhorn.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cody Davis
Betsy Layne's Chase Mims fights through traffic for a shot Wednesday night against Buckhorn.

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Slone scores 1,000th career point

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg girls' basketball players continue to reach milestones. Lady Blackcat sophomore guard Alivia Slone scored her 1,000th career point against Sheldon Clark on January 23.

Prestonsburg coach Brandon Kidd is quick to compliment the sophomore guard.

"Alivia (Slone) is such a great kid," said Kidd. "Being able to reach this milestone as a sophomore is such a huge accomplishment. But like I told Alivia, why settle for 1,000, let's go for 1,500-2,000?"

Slone ranks as one of the top young girls' basketball players in the 15th Region. The standout averaged 16.8 points per game for the Lady Blackcats during the 2017/2018 girls' high school basketball season.

"She has a bright future ahead of her and I can't wait to watch her grow as a player," Kidd added.

Currently, Slone is averaging 9.8 points and 4.4 rebounds per game for the Lady Blackcats.



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Prestonsburg's Alivia Slone drives around the top of the key earlier this month during the 15th Region All "A" Classic at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center.

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two points apiece.

Betsy Layne shot 46 percent (23 of 50) from the field. The Bobcats were three of eight from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 91.7 percent (11 of 12) from the free-throw line.

Chase Mims led Betsy Layne, scoring 24 points and pulling down six rebounds. Brady Robinson accompanied Mims in double figures in the Betsy Layne scoring column and matched his rebounding output, finishing with 12 points and six rebounds.

Five players accounted for all of Betsy Layne's scoring as Grant Orsborn added nine points, Jordan Frazier chipped in eight points and Nicholas Howell posted seven points.

**Betsy Layne 84,
Jenkins 47**

Betsy Layne returned to the win column with a convincing win on Monday night, rolling past visiting Jenkins 84-47 at Junior Newsome Arena.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 12-11.

Jenkins dropped to 1-22 with the loss.

Betsy Layne, under the direction of first-year head coach Brad Short, shot 56.6 percent (30-of-53) from the field. The Bobcats were five of 12 (41.7 percent) from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 60 percent (6-of-10) from the free

throw line.

Robinson led Betsy Layne with a team-best 18 points. Joining Robinson in double figures for the Bobcats, Chase Mims added 14 points.

Narrowly missing double figures in scoring for the Bobcats, Frazier netted nine points.

Betsy Layne set the tone early, outscoring Jenkins 22-8 in the first quarter. The Bobcats led 50-30 at halftime and outscored Jenkins 23-10 in the third quarter.

Aiding the Betsy Layne offensive effort, Lukas Manns netted seven points, Davy Bentley added six points and Dalton Hall chipped in four points.

Trimble Dotson (three points), Andrew Kidd (three points), Frank Tackett (two points), Nathaniel Mims (two points), Joshua Hall (two points), Zack Bentley (two points), Byron Tackett (two points) and Nicholas Howell (two points) provided the rest of Betsy Layne's scoring in the victory.

Payton Rose led Jenkins with a game-high 20 points. Accompanying Rose in double figures for the Cavaliers, Ethan Cummings netted 15 points.

Joshua Wright (eight points), Anthony Newman (two points), Keegan Bentley (two points) and Austin Johnson (one point) provided Jenkins' additional scoring.

Betsy Layne claimed the victory in its first game after suffering a 58th District loss to rival Prestonsburg on last Friday.



Betsy Layne's Grant Orsborn drives the ball downcourt Wednesday night against Buckhorn.



Betsy Layne's Chase Mims goes airborne for a shot Wednesday night against Buckhorn.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cody Davis

Girls' basketball: Betsy Layne level Cordia, 64-19

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — The Betsy Layne Lady Bob-

cats halted a three-game losing skid on Tuesday, leveling the visiting Cordia Lady Lions 64-19 in a non-district girls' high

school basketball game. With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 5-19. Remaining winless, Cordia dropped to 0-24

with the loss. Host Betsy Layne moved ahead early and never faltered. The Lady Bobcats owned a com-

manding lead at the conclusion of each quarter. Betsy Layne shot 57.8 percent (26 of 45) from the field. The Lady Bobcats missed all four of their attempts from three-point range.

Betsy Layne finished 11 of 30 (36.7 percent) from the free-throw line. The Lady Bobcats dominated inside, pulling down 39 totals rebounds. Kimberly Akers led Betsy Layne with a game-high 18 points, nearly outscoring Cordia herself.

Four Betsy Layne players reached double figures in the scoring column as Amelia Blackburn added 15 points. Madilyn Medade netted 12 points and Katie Kidd contributed 11 points. Kidd recorded

a double-double, pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds.

The other scorers for Betsy Layne were Lauryn Watkins (three points), Alexandria Jarvis (three points) and Kenadie Boyette (one point).

Summer Dyer paced Cordia with eight points. Following Dyer in the Cordia scoring column, Christian Stidham added four points.

Shyanne Couch (two points), Graci Melton (two points), Kelsey Couch (two points) and Delilya Stidham (one point) combined to provide the rest of Cordia's scoring in the lopsided loss.

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UPIke unveils 2019 recruiting class

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

UPIke unveiled its 2019 football recruiting class Wednesday afternoon at the school.

"It's huge for us," UPIke coach Al Holland said. "The coaching staff has been working so hard on it and trying to fill the needs of the football team. We really tried to evaluate where we were at the end of the football season and then try to address those needs.

That's the only way we're going to be able to improve as a team and get better. We went out and pushed and reached for some guys that we didn't think we could land, but we built relationships and and that trust and bond you build is what it's all about."

The Bears signed 46 players from eight states. UPIke had a good mixture of local talent and talent from around the country as well.

"We made a bunch of

offers to guys in-state," Holland said. "We feel we got some guys who can step in and make an impact. We also went out and signed kids from different states this year. We signed guys from eight different states. We really broadened our recruiting window and where we want to go. With some of the relationships that our coaches have built in other states, we have some very talented guys coming in. In my tenure, this is probably the most

out of state kids we've signed on national recruiting day. We utilized our recruiting boards and evaluated kids and going down our list and seeing who can help us. I think we got some of those guys who can make an early impact on our program."

The Bears also unveiled early plans to build their own football stadium. UPIke shares facilities with Pikeville High School.

"We've been going

back-and-forth with stuff and the kids haven't really got to see anything, but having president Webb announce some early plans is huge for us," Holland said. "Our board to approve that is a huge stepping stone. There's nothing wrong with where we play and we're very blessed, but to have our own place to call home. If we want to compete on a national stage we need our place to call home. It won't only help us now, but will

help us in recruiting and help us bring in teams to play bowl games as well which is huge for this football program."

Sports Editor's Note: For interviews with UPIke coach Al Holland, signees Alex and Matt Horn, Brandon Turnmire, Zach Ramey, Jayden Neace, Jake Brown and Kalin Branham check out episode 15 of the Appalachian Newspapers presents Bank On It podcast next Wednesday.

UPIke 2019 recruiting class

Name	School
Tobechukwu Agochi	Riverdale, Ga.
Tre Vaughn Barnett	Johns Creek, Ga.
Kishon Bartleson	Danville, Ky.
Brain Barton	Calhoun, Ga.
Ben Bates	Henry Clay, Ky.
Nyshun Bell	Vidalia, Ga.
Jeffrey Black	Fredrick Douglas, Ky.
Kalin Branham	Letcher Central, Ky.
Jake Brown	Perry Central, Ky.
Allen Caldwell	Fairfield, Ohio
Keshawn Croskey	Sumter, So. Car.
Keyshawn Fede	Chaminade Madonna, Fla.
Jashaun Fenderson	Fulton, Tenn.
Caleb Fraley	Powell County, Ky.
Quisean Gray	Capital, W. Va.
Dameon Green	Silver Bluff, So. Car.
Ben Henson	Byrnes, So. Car.
Michael Hobby	Fulton, Tenn.
Alex Horn	Johnson Central, Ky.
Matt Horn	Johnson Central, Ky.
Damon Jackson	Danville, Ky.
Richard Jones	Columbia, So. Car.
Logan Justice	Maryville, Tenn.
Timber King	St. George, Tenn.
Dawson Lackey	Gordon Central, Ga.
Harrison Langston	Sprayberry, Ga.
Quion Lee	Doss, Ky.
Myson Livingston	Camden County, Ga.
Xavier Malone	Fulton, Tenn.
Jayden Neace	Perry Central, Ky.
Zack Ramey	Phelps, Ky.
Emanuel Rumph	Jeff Davis, Ga.
James Thomas Salyer	Boyd County, Ky.
Trejwan Scott	Fredrick Douglass, Ky.
Trey Short	Lainer, Ga.
Sharrod Simmon	West Florence, So. Car.
Jermel Sims	Dreher, So. Car.
Elijah Stallard	Central, Va.
Damian Sutton	American Heritage, Fla.
Ben Tate	Byrnes, So. Car.
Josh Taylor	Western Brown, Ohio
Brandon Turnmire	Phelps, Ky.
D'metri Walters	Coconut Creek, Fla.
Jonathan Weaver	Cardinal Gibbons, Fla.
Christopher Zaccarelli	Lexington Christian Academy, Ky.



UPIke coach Al Holland, Jr.

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Don't use force when you can use intelligence to get what you want. An opportunity will present itself if you put in the physical effort required to get what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Don't let your enthusiasm allow others to take advantage of you. Only offer what's reasonable and required when lending a helping hand. Donate time, not cash.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Take care of business before you move on to more pleasurable pastimes. Being responsible will help protect you from falling out of favor when an opportunity or promotion comes along.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Take a close look at what you are doing and consider what you want to do moving forward. Making a couple of changes or picking up additional skills will enhance your chance to advance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Think big, but don't take on the impossible. You'll have some good ideas that will make you stand out. Don't let anyone take credit for your work or suggestions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Weigh the pros and cons before you make a choice. Taking a responsible step forward will end up giving you greater freedom to use your ideas, skills and experience in the future.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Make plans to get out with people who inspire you to be your

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ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



best. Networking will lead to a discussion that will promote a joint venture or new opportunity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Make plans with people you love to spend time with. A personal change will improve your life, and updating your appearance will invite compliments. Romance is in the stars.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Look for something you can do with a loved one. A change of heart will help improve your personal life and give you something to look forward to. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Do something creative or try something you've never done before. Expand your interests and friendships to discover a hidden talent. Romance is highlighted.

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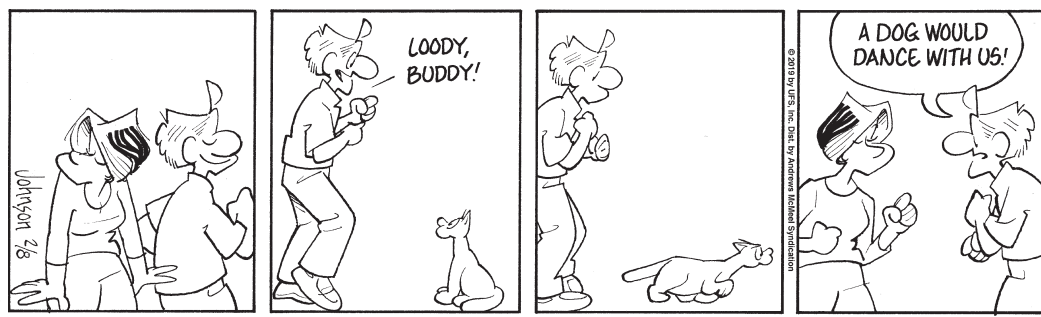
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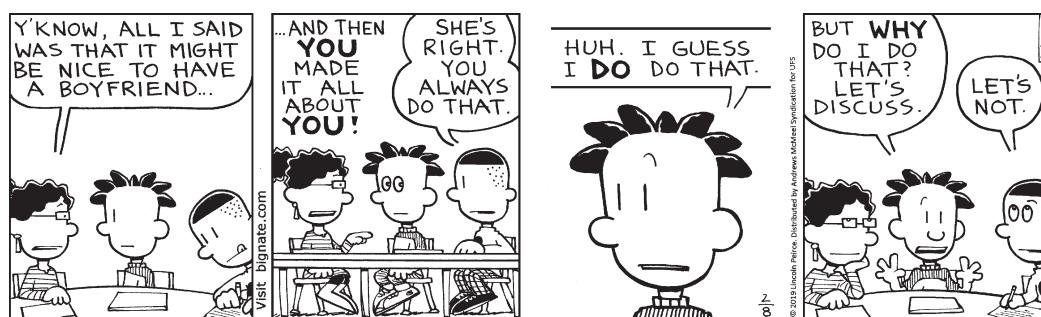
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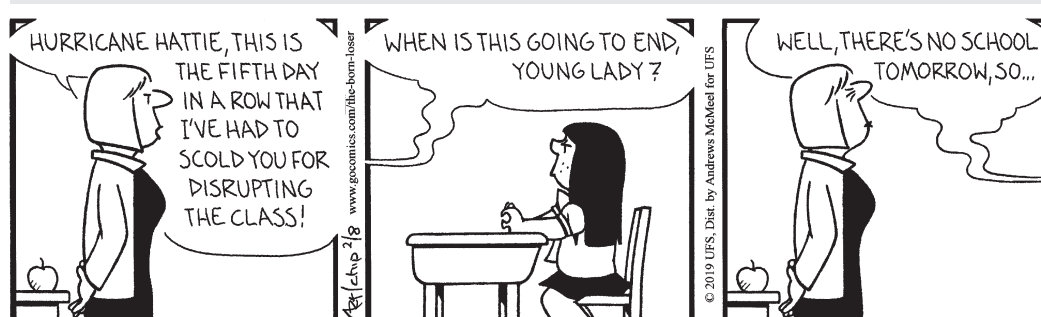
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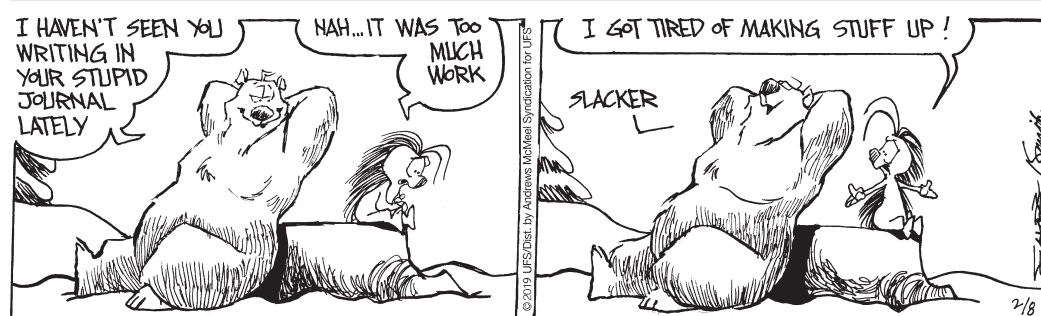
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5615

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 received within 30 days of today's date.

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 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 forty-three thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$43,900.00), 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 No. 4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of thirty-two thousand four hundred dollars (\$32,400.00). 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 4 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

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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. **This is the final advertisement of the application.** All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5615 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 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. **This is the final advertisement of the application.** All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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 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 forty-three thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$43,900.00), 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 No. 4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of thirty-two thousand four hundred dollars (\$32,400.00). 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 4 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

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Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 7 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 8 is a Surety Bond in the amount of thirty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00). The remaining bond of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00), is being requested for release.

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Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 8 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 9 is a Surety Bond in the amount of thirty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00). The remaining bond of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00), is being requested for release.

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