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Heightened security at AMS and PHS due to Johnson County school threat

By ELAINE BELCHER
 STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Schools District placed extra security around James D. Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School Thursday due to an anonymous threat issued against schools in Johnson County.

"While the primary threat was issued against schools in Johnson County, two schools in Floyd County were also named," Floyd County Superintendent Danny Adkins said. "We have placed extra security at these two

schools, two each, and doors are locked, but it is a regular school day for our students."

According to a news release from the Johnson County School District, the threat was found as graffiti on a bathroom wall and subsequent investigation had students sharing concerns about "hit lists" and other threats transferred from phone to phone.

"The safety and security of our students and staff is one of our top concerns, and we are doing everything within

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Floyd Chronicle Times photo by Elaine Belcher
 Prestonsburg Police Officers Randy Woods and Josh Hinkle, pictured left to right, patrol the halls of Prestonsburg High School Thursday due to an anonymous threat issued Wednesday against schools in Johnson County which also mentions James D. Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
 Michael Napier shakes hands with Wheelwright Mayor Don Hall after taking the oath of office as Wheelwright's newest police officer on Wednesday.

Wheelwright hires police officer

By MARY MEADOWS
 STAFF WRITER

Wheelwright now has a new police officer.

Following an interview conducted in closed session at a meeting on

Wednesday, Feb. 13, the Wheelwright City Commission voted unanimously to hire Michael Napier, the former chief of the Martin City Police

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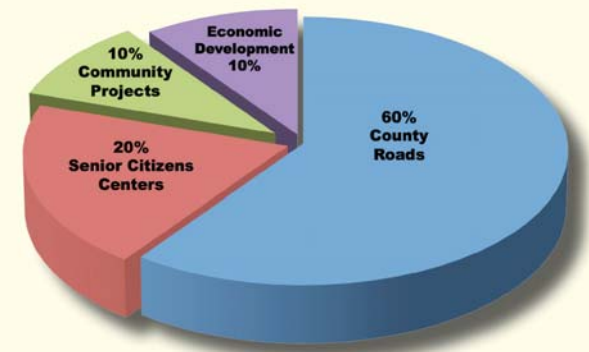
Insurance tax to be considered next week

By MARY MEADOWS
 STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will consider approval of a new insurance premium tax next week.

The second reading of an ordinance adopting a 4 percent insurance premium tax will be held at the fiscal court's meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19.

The county is currently collecting a 6 percent insurance premium tax for insurance policies that are sold to residents, but it will ex-



Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams said this is how the revenue from the proposed insurance premium tax will be split if it is approved on Tuesday.

pire in July because the fiscal court repealed it last year.

Judge-Executive Robbie Williams said if a new insurance premium tax is approved, it will cost residents 33 percent less than what

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Wayland seeks new police cruiser

Renovation begins on gym

By MARY MEADOWS
 STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission took steps this week to buy a new police cruiser for Police Chief Brian Ratliff, and officials reported that the gym renovation is now underway.

On Tuesday, the commission voted to submit an application for a

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
 The Wayland City Commission discusses a request from Quest Energy to amend its contract for the removal of coal from city property. The matter was tabled during the meeting. Pictured are commissioners Suzie Mills and Charles Bentley, Mayor Jerry Fultz, City Attorney Tyler Green, Commissioner Curtis Lee and Police Chief Brian Ratliff.

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Library closure proposed, denied in Wheelwright

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Wheelwright City Commission discussed the proposed closure of the city library during a meeting this week, but the effort failed for lack of support.

On Wednesday, Feb. 13, Commissioner Andy Akers made a motion to close the library and use the city-owned building, located near the senior citizens center, to attract a businesses or an ambulance service to Wheelwright.

Commissioner Sam Little presented Akers with a list of names of people who utilize the library, as requested by Akers at a previous meeting. Akers complained, however, that the list did not include phone numbers of the people who signed up.

"It's being used, and I'm proving it's being used," Little said. "If you want some proof that it's being used, there's actually people here who use the library on a daily basis. I mean, it's being used."

After Akers made the motion to close the library and use the building to bring in a business, Mayor Don Hall suggested that the library shouldn't close if it is being used by the public.

"Let me rephrase my motion then," Akers said. "I make the motion that they pay their own utilities

and stuff because they're selling stuff, and if that many people's using it, they ought to be able to pay their own utilities, or we try to get something in there, an ambulance service, that will benefit the city, benefit the people up here. We need an ambulance service in this end to keep them from driving an hour and 45 minutes to get up here. That could save somebody's life."

An audience member suggested that a city building previously used by the Floyd County Health Department could support an ambulance service.

Akers complained that people who attend Yu-Gi-Oh! tournament games at the library were "hanging out the windows" and running up the electric bill there. Little said the library canceled those tournaments for that reason.

He claims the request to close the library is politically motivated.

Hall suggested tabling the matter, but Little told him, "I want this settled now because this is an endless battle. I'm not going to pretend and say I don't know what it's about."

Hall told him, "Listen, it they're using the library, that's fine."

Commissioner Dana McCown echoed that remark.

"If it's utilized by the town, I think we need



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Wheelwright Mayor Don Hall tells Commissioner Sam Little to schedule regular operating hours for the city library. Addressing complaints from Commissioner Andy Akers, Little, who volunteers as library director, said the library stopped hosting Yu-Gi-Oh! games there. He complained that requests to close the library are politically motivated. Hall and Commissioner Dana McCown said the library should stay open if people use it.

to try to help Sam out by trying to get some, maybe a little bit better financial things, and maybe some help. You know, get some more people in there," he said.

He said the only complaint he received about the library is that it does not have regular operating hours.

As the discussion closed, Hall asked Little to schedule regular operating hours for the library.

"As long as it's being utilized, that's fine. As long as the town people's using it, that's fine," Hall said. "What you need to do is set you some regular hours, like days, not every day of the week ... Just set some hours where people can know that it's open and go in there."



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Wheelwright Commissioner Andy Akers reads a list of names of people who use the city's library during a meeting Wednesday. Akers made a motion to close the library and use to the building to attract a business or ambulance service into the city. The motion failed for lack of a second. He amended the motion to require the library to pay its own utility bills, but it also failed for lack of a second.

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Napier was hired as an at-will employee on a six-month probationary period at a rate of \$12 per hour.

The city has been without a police officer for several months, as Chief Randy Johnson has been off work for medical reasons. The city hired David Pridemore, but he resigned on Dec. 15 after he was elected as constable in Johnson County.

Napier accepted the

position during the meeting, prompting applause from people in the audience.

"All of my experience in law enforcement has been in small towns and I've lived in Floyd County since 2012 and I just like the area," Napier said, when asked why he applied for the position.

Napier, a U.S. Army veteran, said he's been a law enforcement officer for 15 years.

He said he got into law enforcement when he was about 30 years old. He said he was a wilderness instructor in

a program for youth involved in the court system and law enforcement officials he met in that position encouraged him to sign up.

"I got into law enforcement to help people," he said. "I'm fair, but firm."

Napier said he was "released" from his duties at the Martin Police Department last year. He said his wife, former Martin Police Officer Kristin Napier, was transferred to third shift after he was fired. She resigned her position and now works in Berea, where they own a residence. He said he'd be living in Floyd County while working in Wheelwright.

THREAT

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our ability to ensure that our schools remain a safe place to learn," said Adkins.

The Johnson County School District canceled school Thursday due to threats. Johnson County Superintendent Thom Cochran posted a message on the Johnson County Schools District Facebook page Wednesday night, assuring parents that the safety of their children is top priority and they are working with law enforcement personnel to investigate the threat.

"First, let me say that we take each and every

possible threat at our school and district with the utmost seriousness. We have worked diligently throughout the day and evening in attempts to get to the bottom of this," he said. "Rest assured that we will not stop until we find the person/persons responsible for these alleged threats, rumors and disruptions to our school, and we will prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law. Our kids deserve to attend school where they feel safe and secure so that they will be able to learn."

As of presstime, no further information on the investigation is available.

Correction:

In the Friday, Feb. 8-10 edition of the paper, the article referring to the Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission should have been titled "PCUC investigates potential litigation in Southern Water and Sewer District asset transfer." Also, the Prestonsburg Utilities Commission Chairman is Jim Calhoun.

WAYLAND

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grant from U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development for the vehicle purchase.

Ratliff presented the commission with a quote from Glenn's Freedom Dodge Chrysler in Lexington, reporting the city can buy the car for \$41,865 with this grant.

Mayor Jerry Fultz reported that the city was approved for this grant after Ratliff was involved in a crash that occurred on Rt. 80 in 2017. Approval of the application, he said, was required before the funds could be released.

Fultz reported that the grant requires the city to pay a 25 percent match, or about \$10,500, for this vehicle. The motion to approve the application was unanimously approved, with the commission giving Fultz the authority to sign all documents needed to execute the grant.

Ratliff confirmed that the car dealership is on the state contract vendor's list, so the city won't be required to seek bids for this purchase.

In other news, Fultz updated the commission on several city projects, including the renovations of the city gym.

The city awarded the \$314,000 bid for that project to Groggan's Construction in January. Fultz reported that the work began on Tuesday and is expected to be finished before the 120-day contract expires.

The work will include installation of a new insulated metal roof and guttering on one side of the building, the addition of a handicap-accessible ramp, railing and other amenities inside the building and in the parking lot, as well as a new heating and cooling system.

Fultz told commissioners that the city will seek permission to approve change orders for this project. The city will have about \$160,000 remaining on the grant after this phase of the work is complete.

"We hope they will let us do some additional things with those monies," Fultz said. "That could be a sprinkler system. It could be putting in a bathroom. There's no bathroom in there. It could be putting in an ADA-compliant bathroom or numerous other things, redoing the floor and those sorts of things. So, hopefully, they will

give us permission to do change orders to access those monies that are remaining."

The city hopes to eventually add a second story structure to this building to expand services and programs offered there.

It's one of several projects ongoing in the city at this time.

Fultz reported that the city's drain project is behind schedule because of inclement weather and because there have been problems created by waterlines owned in that area by Southern Water.

During the meeting, the commission also tabled a request from Quest Energy to amend the city's contract with the company for the removal of coal from city-owned property. Representatives of the company were not present.

The commission approved payment of bills and the financial report, showing the city has \$42,300 in its road fund and \$90,900 in its general fund.

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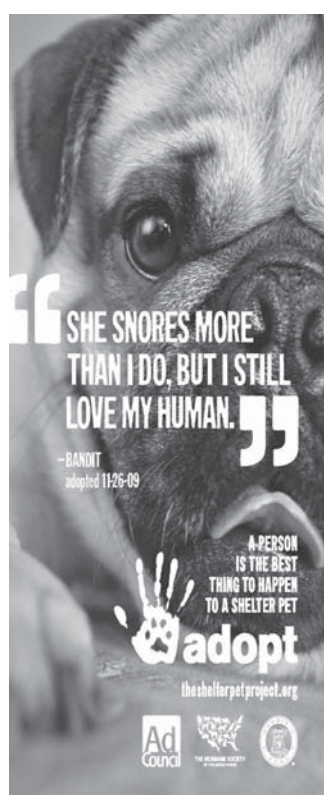
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AFIB PATIENT RECEIVES REGION'S FIRST WATCHMAN DEVICE AT PMC

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Cardiac Electrophysiologists Michael Antimisiaris, MD, and Chase Reynolds, MD, performed the region's first state-of-the-art Watchman Procedure.

Shelva Dotson of Phelps, Ky was the first patient to receive the Watchman Device.

PMC patients who qualify for this procedure have a tiny device called the Watchman Device implanted into the left atrial appendage of the heart.

The device is designed to reduce the risk of a stroke in patients with an irregular heartbeat, also known as atrial fibrillation (AFib).

"AFib increases the risk of a stroke. AFib causes clots to form in a chamber in the top of the heart. This is known as the left atrial appendage," said Dr. Antimisiaris.

Dotson says she was experiencing a thumping in the chest and knew something was not right.

"When a patient is experiencing AFib, blood can clot in the atria. This can be dangerous for patients like Dotson. If the blood clot breaks, it has the potential to travel to the brain and block proper blood flow. The lack of oxygen carried in blood will cause patients to have a stroke," said Dr. Reynolds.

Dotson says she has been a loyal patient of PMC.

"For years, I have had my pacemaker monitored by PMC. The doctors here have always treated me like a person and not just a patient. I have always felt like they had my interest in mind," said Dotson.

Dotson added that she knew, when they suggested this procedure to her, they were looking out for her well-being.

The PMC heart care team felt like Dotson was the perfect candidate for the Watchman Device.

"The Watchman removes the risk of clot formation within the left atrial appendage. Before this procedure, patients with AFib that were considered high risk of stroke were treated with blood-thinning medications to reduce the risk of a stroke," said Dr. Antimisiaris.

He said patients with AFib could have difficulty tolerating blood thinning medications. In addition, these medications could cause concerns for patients. Those are the patients who are the perfect candidate for the Watchman Device.

"Dr. A sat down with me. He explained the entire procedure to me. I knew he probably did not have the time he spent with me that day, but he made me feel comfortable and took time he may not have had to put any questions and concerns I had to rest," said Dotson.

Dotson says she was comfortable moving forward with the procedure and being the first patient in the region to receive the device.

"The placement of the Watchman prevented clots from forming for Dotson and has ultimately reduced the risk of a stroke," said Dr. Reynolds.

PMC continues to provide advancements raising the bar for heart health.

"I am very pleased with the care I received. This is the only place I wanted to take care of me. I would recommend PMC to anyone," said Dotson.

PMC performs advanced procedures that allow patients to stay close to home and receive advanced quality care.

For more information about the Watchman Device or to schedule an appointment with one of the PMC Heart and Vascular physicians, call 606-218-2201 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

PMC HOSTS FREE HEART HEALTH FAIR IN RECOGNITION OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Heart and Vascular Institute recognizes February as American Heart Month.

During this month of heart health awareness, PMC is setting the stage for the community to better understand heart health and to get a closer look at their numbers.

On Tuesday, February 19, the PMC Heart and Vascular Institute is hosting a free heart health fair at the East Kentucky Exposition Center at 126 Main Street in Pikeville.

The event begins at 9am and ends at 4pm. The free screenings include checks for blood pressure, glucose, ankle-brachial Index (ABI), COPD, body mass index (BMI) and there will be information about eating a heart-healthy diet available as well.

Heart disease continues to be the number one cause of death for both men and women. Education can be vital to understanding and preventing heart disease.

Representatives from the PMC Emergency Department, EMS, Trauma Center and Stroke Center will join with the cardiac team to educate the public on the importance of knowing their numbers and understanding the seriousness of heart disease.

PMC Assistant Vice President of Patient Services, Deanna Porter said, "This event is our way of bringing awareness to heart disease, building a better understanding of the prevalence of heart disease in our region and what can be done to live a heart-healthy life."

Porter says it is important to know the symptoms of heart attack. Symptoms include discomfort in the chest and in other areas of the upper body and can

include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach. Other symptoms include shortness of breath, breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Symptoms vary between men and women. As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort. Women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms particularly shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting and back or jaw pain.

PMC Director of PMC Heart and Vascular Institute, Lorri Burgess said, "Time is muscle. The longer a patient waits to seek help in the event of a heart attack, the bigger the risk is for loss of heart muscle."

She says everyone needs to know the signs for heart attack and, even if they are unsure if they are truly having a heart attack, they need to seek medical attention.

"It is best to call 911 if you are experiencing symptoms of heart attack," said Burgess. "The emergency medical system (EMS) team can begin treating heart attacks while they are in-route to the hospital. They are in contact with our emergency department so our staff can begin making preparations for care, eliminating waiting upon arrival."

Porter and Burgess extend an invitation to the upcoming heart health screening. They say professionals will be on-hand to answer any and all questions about heart disease.

For additional information about heart disease or to schedule an appointment with one of the PMC Cardiologists, visit www.pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-2201.

Source: American Heart Association



PMC – THE REGION'S MOST SOUGHT AFTER RESIDENCY PROGRAM

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Residency Program is bringing some of the medical community's most promising physicians to the region to provide patient care.

PMC Family Practice Clinic Director, Willena Moore said, "Our residency program is a big deal. We receive thousands of applications from physicians around the country who want to be part of our program."

Moore says they review each application and strive to find doctors who are the right fit for the clinic and the community.

"We interviewed 40-50 applicants from around the country for our six positions this year alone," said Moore. "We are extremely pleased with each of the physicians in our clinic."

PMC Family Medicine Program Director, Maleshea Hopkins, DO, said, "One of the unique things about the residency program is patients always have two providers taking care of them when they see a resident."

She says patients' cases are discussed and a treatment plan is derived that is amenable to their needs.

"With so many of us working together on a daily basis, it creates a strong collaborative environment," said Hopkins. "It allows the residents to see the extent that everybody works together in medicine and provides patients with the best plans of care."

PMC Family Medicine Attending Faculty, Kristi Tackett, DO, said, "Patients of the family practice residency program get the added benefit of having not only the resident physician providing their care, but also having an attending physician who oversees their management."

She says the residents are up-to-date on the most recent medical literature and

are continually enhancing their knowledge through didactic lectures, symposiums and procedural workshops.

Patients frequently report their satisfaction for their care at the clinic.

PMC Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment and Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine Program Director, Jennifer Kingery, DO, said, "One thing we consistently get from patients who come from other physician offices is the way they brag on the residents and how thorough they are."

She says patients tell her they have never had an exam that is as thorough as those they receive at the clinic.

Dr. Kingery said, "We look at the patient as a whole because most patients have multiple co-morbidities. Many will have four or five diagnosis we are managing."

She says patients consistently brag on the residents and how they listen.

Dr. Hopkins said, "At the residency program, we take pride in seeing people of all ages. We love the challenge of seeing patients as a child and working with them as they grow into adults. Managing health issues throughout life helps to keep providers current and strong in the medical practice."

Moore said, "The clinic is a very caring, comprehensive place to get health care. I don't know why anyone would want to go anywhere else."

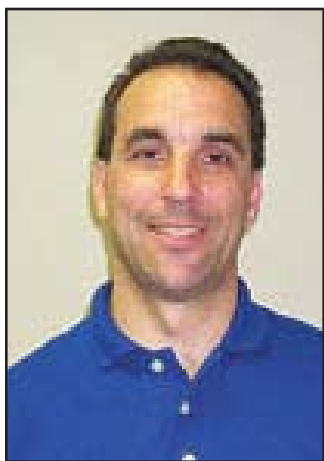
She reminds patients the residents are not students they are doctors. They are licensed and have just graduated from a medical school. They are young, caring physicians who take the time needed to listen to patients.

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COLUMN

Silver lining



By JEFF VANDERBECK
PUBLISHER

No one could have predicted the turmoil in the Middle East affecting Eastern Kentucky.

The EnerBlu project was an all eggs into one basket plan that now has a slim chance of happening. All the signs were there for the project to come to fruition. Cutting-edge technology, approval from officials, visits from foreign investors and contracts negotiated for product.

There was a training facility built in Lexington, people were hired and company officials invested millions of dollars of their own money for the project, while moving their families to Lexington.

As recently as mid-January, a company official came to the area to explain some hurdles they were experiencing but reaffirmed their commitment to the project. There was one small technicality — the \$350 million needed to build the facility large enough to accommodate their production needs.

I was in support of this project all the way because of the factors and the behind-the-scenes information that I was provided.

International investors were waiting for the

large bank, SoftBank, to put their capital in. The partially Saudi-backed SoftBank was all in until the Saudis began to pull their assets out of SoftBank, translating to a loss of billions for the bank. That forced Softbank to pull back their U.S. investments.

This all happened after the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

EnerBlu cited “geopolitical” issues as for their pullout. It’s no big secret that the Saudis are in the middle of the controversy over the murder of the journalist. SoftBank allegedly is not happy with the alleged involvement and apparently shunned the Saudi government, which prompted the Saudis to pull their

assets from the bank, while other investors followed. And so Eastern Kentucky’s hopes of an environmentally-friendly energy solution is now on-hold or gone. The state, the city and even EnerBlu could not have seen this coming.

What’s next? With the initial announcement, the city and state were able to work together to make major improvements to the site, making it project-ready for other companies. An Abandoned Mine Lands grant for the project may now be used for another project. Without the EnerBlu announcement, the city may not have that grant money. Time was lost but infrastructure was gained.

Chuck Sexton with OneEast Kentucky said that his group, upon hearing of the news, has been in contact with companies that were turned away and said there is more opportunity for him to recruit companies that can produce 20-100 jobs.

Sexton will be looking for companies like Silver-Liner to present to the city for approval soon.

This is a setback and an opportunity. The park is now more suitable for business than it has ever been, and a diversification of industry will not have the region rely on one industry like its relied-on coal over the years.

Thanks for reading the Floyd County Chronicle and Times.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on an article that appeared in your publication – a column published in the weekend edition dated Feb. 8-10, entitled “Anti-Semitism on the rise.”

This article is a glaring example widely accepted prejudice at work in our society today.

Merriam Webster dictionary defines prejudice as “...an irrational attitude of hostility directed against an individual, a group, a race, or their supposed characteristics.”

I submit to you that this article targeted a specific group - democrats - as people that are sinister in nature; anti-Semitic and go along with

any belief that will satisfy their political agenda.

As a Christian and a democrat, I am very disappointed in your publication. I have always enjoyed this section because the articles were filled with Bible-based, positive words to help Christians grow and to help non-Christians become curious enough to investigate.

The only quote used in this article came at the end of the article when the author talked about, “praying to God and serving Him even if we face our own holocaust one day (Romans 11:5).”

I love this verse and consider myself a part of the remnant spoken of in this passage; however, I disagree that democrats are the cause of this

coming holocaust.

Also 1 John 4:1 (KJV) says, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.” This is a warning for all Christians. Please search the scriptures for truth.

John Carroll
Dana

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By **ELAINE BELCHER**
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg Tourism released Tuesday, the first in a miniseries to highlight songwriters and their stories titled "Behind the Verse" as part of the partnership between tourism and the Prestonsburg Songwriters Scene.

The episode, titled "Music and Moonshine" reveals a bit of the personal history and inspiration behind local artist Jason Goble's song of the same name, filmed in the historic Samuel May House.

"The new series will give you a glimpse into the rich history of music and storytelling within the Appalachian mountains of Eastern Kentucky," Prestonsburg Tourism Executive Director Samantha West said. "When we took a look at what makes Prestonsburg so unique, we realized quickly what stuck

out like a sore thumb. It's not normal for a small mountain town to have this much talent, this much heritage still alive and strong, these kind of venues fostering and welcoming arts, and so many artists who are now telling their stories in Nashville."

She said that the multi-part series will explore local artists, history and what has inspired them and their music.

"I think people around here tend to forget how much raw talent we have around here," said West. "We want to highlight the artist, the songwriters and the artisans who grew up here and the foundation upon which they stand in addition to sharing the stories that take place here which shape who they are and their music."

West said the series is also an incentive provided by the Prestonsburg Songwriters Scene for new talent and new

artist to come out and participate.

"We are starting out with highlighting artists who are active in the songwriters, as a way to share their stories and their music," she said. "We want to show that you don't have to get away from Prestonsburg to be recognized."

The Prestonsburg Songwriters Scene presents a Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, an open mic night for artist, hosted by local businesses at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays. On Feb. 19, Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene will be at Dewey's Bar and Grill and on Feb. 26 at Lizzie B's.

"The only requirement is that all content must be original," said West. "Each location offers deals and coupons in cooperation with other businesses - it's great economic development and a fantastic way to spend an evening."

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they are now paying. He estimated that a person paying \$200 per month for insurance will pay about \$95 annually if the fiscal court approves the insurance premium tax on Tuesday.

In an interview Wednesday, Williams said he doesn't know whether other members of the fiscal court will approve the tax at next week's meeting. He said, however, the county needs it.

Floyd County's budget is around \$18 million, including grants and pass-through funding. Williams said the general fund totals about \$13 million, and the current insurance premium tax provides about \$1.4 million.

"I don't know where you'd make up the difference on the revenue," he said. "We can cut, but there's only so much you can cut."

He and County Treasurer David Layne plan to cut the county budget by about \$500,000 next fiscal year, and if the insurance premium tax is approved, revenue from it will be used in four areas.

Williams said 60 percent of the revenues would be used to improve roads, 20 percent would fund senior citizens centers and meal deliveries for elderly residents, 10 percent would fund economic development projects and 10 percent would be used on community projects like the community center in Martin and construction of a baseball field in Melvin.

Williams said he understands how county residents feel about the tax, as it became such a major issues in last year's county elections.

"If I'm for my agenda, I'm not putting the tax on," he said. "I'm in

the insurance business," Williams said. "It hurts me directly. I mean, I sell more insurance when there's no tax, but I wasn't hired to take care of Robbie Williams. I was hired to take care of Floyd County. With a financial background, and being someone with 30 years of doing this, I see where the county's going to be in 12 to 18 months."

If the tax is not approved, Williams said the county will have to lay off employees, starting in the road department.

"A couple of things that we will have to do if the tax doesn't pass, we'll immediately start making cuts. I'm not waiting until we get down to the bank balance is zero before we start making cuts," he said. "We'll have to start with the magistrates and the road crews. I mean, and that's where the money needs to go more than anything."

Floyd County maintains about 400 miles of roads and Williams said some of them are "unfit" for travel. He wants to develop a county road maintenance plan where roads are prioritized for regular maintenance.

"We've got to have some kind of plan, and this tax and keeping these roads up to snuff is part of that plan," he said. "Once the roads are destroyed, they're not coming back, people. So we can cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, but when those roads are gone, and they go back to gravel, that asphalt is not coming back. The funds just aren't there."

He encourages the public to attend the Feb. 19 meeting to voice their support or opposition to the tax, saying that people who support it usually don't speak up in public.

"They feel burned by this past administration. They put the tax on and promised to go out here and fix the roads, and

you still go to Left Beaver, Right Beaver and Mud Creek and the roads that needed it the worst didn't get repaired," Williams said.

He asked that the public trust this administration without comparing it to prior administrations.

"Don't lump us in the same category with those folks. Have trust in us that we're going to do the right thing," he said. "We're going to revisit this tax each year and give people the option. In a year's time, if you don't see results coming out of our office, in what we've told you we're going to do, come to the meeting in a year and tell us, say hey, 'you made us these promises and you've not delivered.' Stand up and tell us, but give us an opportunity first. Give us an opportunity to do our job. That's all I ask."

He said the fiscal court wouldn't be considering this tax if the coal severance fund hadn't decreased. In the past 10 years, Floyd County's coal severance has decreased by 85 percent and its mineral severance has decreased by 61 percent.

The Kentucky Department for Local Government reports that the county received nearly \$2.2 million in coal severance in 2009, but it decreased to only \$392,400 last year. Mineral severance also decreased from \$2.8 million in 2009 to \$1 million last year, the DLG reports.



FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Dwayne Bevins

Dwayne Bevins, 52, of Banner, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Visitation will continue all day Friday, Feb. 15 at Little Salem Old Regular Baptist Church, Dana.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 at the church.

Burial will follow in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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

Amma Kendrick Conley

Amma Kendrick Conley, 85, of Ypsilanti, Mich., died Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019.

Visitation will be held at 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15 at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 16 at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Burial will follow in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

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

Amy Dawn Jones

Amy Dawn Tackett Jones, 38, of Virgie, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019.

Visitation will be after 4 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15 and all day on Saturday, Feb. 16 at Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, Hi Hat.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 17 at Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, Hi Hat.

Burial will follow in the Wright Family Cemetery, Wheelwright.

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

Deborah D. Lewis

Deborah D. Lewis, 57, of Banner, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019.

Visitation will be all day, Friday, Feb. 15, at the Free Pentecostal Church of Dwale.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Free Pentecostal Church of Dwale.

Burial will follow in the Lewis Cemetery, Daniels Creek, Banner.

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

Earnestine Lewis

Earnestine Lewis, 72, of Martha, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15 at Nelson-Frazier

Funeral Home of Martin.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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



Donna Rose (Conley) Ousley

Donna Rose Conley Ousley, 52, of Martin, wife of Dennis Ousley, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019 at her residence.

She was born July 29, 1966 in Prestonsburg, a daughter of the late Edgar Forrest "Frosty" and Joyce Webb Conley. She had a masters degree in social work and worked for Fresenius Kidney Care as a renal social worker.

In addition to her husband "Denny," she is survived by one son, Dennis William "DJ" (Jessica) Ousley III; one daughter, DenNita LaKole (Sam) Wilhite; one sister, Tammy (Ronnie) Slone; two grandchildren, Brynlee Jae and Emmarie Sage Ousley.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral service for Donna will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17 in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Malcolm Slone, Glenn Slone, Amy Chapman and Tommy Reed officiating. Burial will follow in the Conley Family Cemetery, Big Branch Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg. Visitation is after 6 p.m. on Friday and all day Saturday at Hall Funeral Home, Mar-

tin.

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

This is a paid obituary.



Tim "Timmy" Tackett

Tim "Timmy" Tackett, 55, of Lexington, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, at the UK Medical Center, Lexington.

He was born on April 22, 1963, the son of Barbara Sue Leedy Tackett of Wheelwright and the late Jake Tackett.

He was employed by Link-Belt Crane Manufacturing.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Tackett.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Castle Tackett; one son, Timothy Adam Tackett of Irvine; one daughter, Hannah N. Tackett of Ohio; two brothers, Gilbert Tackett of Virgie, and Keith Tackett of Ligon; and one grandson, Jacob Deaton Tackett.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 15, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Freewill Baptist ministers officiating. Burial will follow at the Rollins Cemetery of Bypro.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

The guest book may be signed at, www.hallandjones.com.

This is a paid obituary.

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You are beyond condemnation

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus – Romans 8:1

You are delivered from the law

But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. – Romans 7:6

You are near God

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. – Ephesians 2:13

You are delivered from the power of evil

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness... – Colossians 1:13

You are a member of His kingdom

...and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, – Colossians 1:13

You are justified

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, – Romans 5:1

You are perfect

For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. – Hebrews 10:14

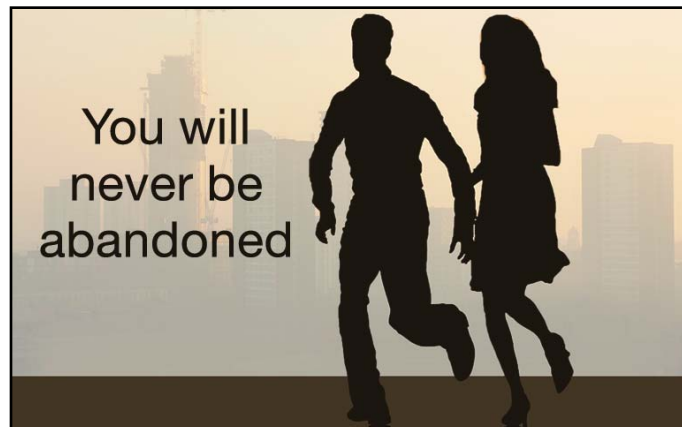
You have been adopted

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." – Romans 8:15

You have access to God at any moment

For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. – Ephesians 2:18

You are a part of His priesthood



you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. – 1 Peter 2:5

You will never be abandoned

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." – Hebrews 13:5

You have an imperishable inheritance

and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, – 1 Peter 1:4

You are a partner with Christ in life

I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments. – Colossians 2:4

You are a partner with Christ in privilege

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, – Ephesians 2:6

You are a partner with Christ in suffering

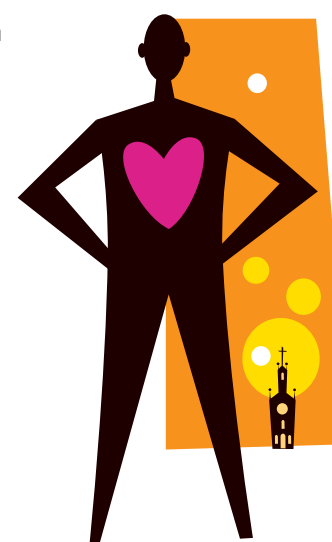
if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; – Ephesians 2:6

You are a partner with Christ in service

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. – 1 Corinthians 1:9

Courage comes from the heart

The word "courage" comes from the Latin word "cor" meaning heart, via Old French, "corage," meaning heart or innermost feelings. In Middle English, "corage" is connected with the heart as the seat of our emotions. This connection between courage and our feelings is obvious to anyone who has been overcome by fear or anxiety while in the midst of a risky endeavor. Being in a relaxed and positive mood, on the other hand, usually allows us to face difficulties and dangers with composure. It is especially worth noting the connection between courage and love, both of which have their seat in the heart. A man in love will fight valiantly for his maiden. God has wisely implanted in us a powerful connection between love and courage. And the love of God is perhaps the best example of how our courage can be bolstered. Knowing that God loves and cares for us is perhaps the strongest support for faltering hearts. Of course, some are misguided by the false belief that God wants them to slay their enemies, when He really wants them to love their enemies and turn the other cheek. Being kind to our enemies often requires more courage than taking up arms. Courage must be tempered by wisdom and discretion while being bolstered by love. Know that God loves you and wants you to succeed in every good endeavor, and that his love and grace is sufficient for anything you may face. – Christopher Simon



"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love."
—1 John 4:18 NIV

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Hines survives suicide attempt



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

"I took the bus to Golden Gate Bridge, following the voices that urged me to take my own life." Kevin Hines describes in his memoir, *Cracked, Not Broken: Surviving and Thriving After a Suicide Attempt*.

"The bridge does not have netting or barriers to keep anyone from leaping off. It provides no safety for those suffering from mental afflictions, drug-induced or otherwise. For those who die this way, I wholeheartedly believe they feel they have no other choice, as I did."

"I walked toward the traffic railing. As if nothing else mattered, I ran, channeling an Olympic hurdler, striding light, fast and determined."

"I used my arms to catapult myself over the rail."

"I did not get on the ledge to be talked down. I jumped quickly, without recourse, falling headfirst, fast and hard into the wind and empty space below me."

"I reached back for the rail. It wasn't there."

"In the midst of my free

fall, I said to myself these words, words I thought no one would ever hear me repeat: *'What have I done? I don't want to die. God, please save me!'*"

"I FELL at a speed of 75 mph."

"The end was imminent."

Hines says the drop is estimated to be 220 feet, or 25 stories. He uttered a prayer that God would save him. And somehow, his body turned from headfirst and he "hit the water feet first, in a sitting position." "I learned later that is it one, if not the only, way to survive such a fall," Hines writes. Two of his lower vertebrae "shattered and splintered like glass, piercing [his] lower organs. By some miracle, the shards missed [his] heart and lungs. There are no words of the pain. It was unimaginable."

Hines fought for his life, trying to rise above the choppy waters and attempted to reach safe grounds. He was blessed to have the U.S. Coast Guard rescue him before hypothermia set in. Hines states that by 2012, 33 people had survived the fall from the Golden Gate Bridge, while 1,558 had been confirmed dead. "Of the survivors, 19 of them have come forward and expressed words to this effect: 'The second my hands and feet left the rail I realized I had made a mistake, I realized how much

I needed to live, or didn't want to die."

In life we can suffer some hard hits. The unbearable can weigh us down, making us feel like we are out of options. Death can seem like the answer. It will relieve us of the heavy burdens we bear – whether it be financial ruin, drug abuse, physical ailment, mental illness or anything else. However, I want us to all know that there is a solution to the problem. Don't be mistaken, it's not a miracle, our problems won't disappear at the drop of a hat, but there is a place to turn. Turn to Jesus.

Someone is probably going to chuckle at the sentence, as if it's that simple. No, the healing process is not simple. It's complex and difficult and sometimes we feel like we won't make it. We feel like the walls are closing in, the waters are overtaking us. But, let us know that regardless of what the situation is, we are not alone. Jesus is with us. Every. Step. Of. The. Way.

Regardless of what the world says about us or what the devil has called us, we are more than that. We were "created through Him and for Him (Colossians 1:16)." We will suffer. We will have pain. But we can use those moments – those deepest and darkest hours – to glorify His name. To show others what God

is capable of. To show others exactly how much God loves us. Because "neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39)."

It's chilling to read those 19 suicide survivors regretted their decision as soon as they jumped. It's horrifying. I wonder how many others may have had that split second of regret before they met their death. I know sometimes it just seems like we don't have another option. We become lost in the pain and mental anguish that ensnares us. We become trapped, unable to even fully breathe and release the suffering. I know, I've been there. But, we must remember, we can overcome. Whatever the problem is, despite what we may feel, Jesus is the answer. He can help us. He went to the cross and died for us (John 3:16). The battle is already over. He's already won. His love is enough.

Don't jump. Don't continue to drown in the devil's lies. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). I know it's hard to see. I know it may not make sense right now. But I tell you the truth – Christ's love is all we need.

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Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, left, met with local officials from Floyd County in Frankfort on Thursday to discuss their concerns and issues. Magistrates Ronnie Akers, center, and George Ousley, right, are pictured.

Turner joins 'Engage & Empower' Caucus

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, became part of a new caucus in Frankfort this week.

On Feb. 13, he joined the "Engage & Empower Caucus," a bipartisan group of legislators committed to helping Kentuckians with disabilities. The group is co-chaired by state Rep. Al Gentry, a Louisville Democrat, and Rep. Brandon Reed, a Hodgenville Republican.

Both Gentry and Reed said they came together

to form this caucus because they understand the challenges facing those with disabilities. Gentry lost an arm due to a workplace accident, while Reed has cerebral palsy.

During the media event, the caucus highlighted about a half-dozen bills they've either filed this legislative session or soon will.

That legislation includes House Bill 8, which is focused on dyslexia education; HB 150, a Golden Alert system for those with defined impairments; HB 180, which

creates a similar Green Alert for veterans at-risk; HB 226, which establishes a farmer-focused mental health program; HB 228, which increases the homestead exemption for disabled veterans; and SB 20, which would establish treatment and restraint rules for children with developmental disabilities.

Other bills to be filed would focus on insurance fairness for amputees and tax credits for those who modify their homes to make them more accessible.

Presidents Day closings in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The following agencies will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, in observance of Presidents Day:

- All federal offices, including post offices
- All banks
- Prestonsburg City Hall
- Wheelwright City Hall
- Martin City Hall

(Police dispatch only will be open.)

Attempts to reach city officials at Allen were unsuccessful prior to print deadline.

Court documents: Homeowner holds alleged burglar at gunpoint

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County homeowner held an alleged burglar at gunpoint until the police arrived early Sunday, according to court documents.

Pike County resident Chris Blackburn, 39, of Raccoon, is now facing one count of first-degree burglary, a felony.

Kentucky State Police Trooper William Howard wrote in the citation that he was dispatched to a home on Carmen Hollow Road in Betsy Layne after 2 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10.

Homeowner Jimmy Iricks had Blackburn at gunpoint, Howard reported, until KSP arrived on scene.

"Iricks put his pistol down upon my arrival and I was able to locate Blackburn in the living

room of the residence," Howard wrote, adding Blackburn, "appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance."

Blackburn was dating a female who lived at that home, Howard reported in the citation, but he had been informed that he was "not welcome" there.

He said Iricks opened the front door and saw Blackburn "laying on his couch."

"Iricks stated when he confronted Blackburn he came off the couch in a threatening manner as if he was going to harm Iricks," Howard wrote.

"Iricks stated once he showed Blackburn the pistol Blackburn sat back down on the couch and did not cause any more problems."

Blackburn was arraigned on the charge in Floyd District Court on

Feb. 11. District Judge Eric Hall placed him under a \$1,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for Feb. 18. Hall also ordered Blackburn to have no contact with the alleged victims in the case and to stay at least 500 ft. away from the home.

KSP: Stolen motorcycle recovered

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A motorcycle that was allegedly stolen was recovered and returned to the owner last week.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Kentucky State Police Trooper Matthew Barger received a call last Friday evening about an alleged theft of a motorcycle belonging to Cody Boyd in Martin.

Boyd told Barger and another KSP trooper that he was informed the motorcycle was located at a residence in Prestonsburg, the citation reports.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department assisted KSP at that residence in Prestonsburg, where the motorcycle was recovered.

Barger reported in the citation that during the investigation, he learned that Josh Akers,

21, of Martin, planned to sell the motorcycle. He reported that the motorcycle was returned to Boyd that evening.

Akers was charged with a felony count of receiving stolen property.

He was arraigned on that charge in Floyd District Court on Feb. 11. District Judge Eric Hall set Akers' bond at \$1,000 cash and scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for Feb. 18.

Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The following charges and lawsuits were filed recently in Floyd District Court and Floyd Circuit Court:

Felony cases filed

Marvin Ousley Jr., 38, of Prestonsburg; tampering with a prisoner monitoring device

Brandon A. Spencer, 29, of Prestonsburg; theft by deception (cold checks)

Michelle Hall, 43, of McDowell; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jarrad K. Hall, 45, of McDowell; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jessica Harvey, 31, of Prestonsburg; first-degree forgery, theft by unlawful taking

Malen Junior Mitchell, 44, of Ligon; driving under the influence, fourth offense or greater, failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, rear license not illuminated

Clifton R. Johnson, 35, of Weeksbury; flagrant nonsupport

Nathan E. Collins, 30, of Garrett; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Misdemeanor cases filed

Marvin J. Ousley, 38, of Prestonsburg; two counts of violation of an emergency protection order

Finley Hall, 51, of Banner; theft by deception (cold checks)

James Garrison, 55, of Allen; fourth-degree assault

Cody Walker, 22, of Meally; harassment

Ashleigh Goff, 29, of Martin; driving on a suspended license, inadequate muffler, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance

Tracy Lewis, 36, of Banner; failure to wear seatbelts, driving on a suspended license, failure to surrender suspended license, display or possession of canceled or fictitious license, possession of license when privileges are revoked

Brandon Spencer, 29, of Hager Hill; possession of marijuana, no registration receipt

Melony S. Adams, 50, of David; second-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance

Joseph Serrano, 34, of Printer; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Max Keith Beverly, 35, of Auxier; fourth-degree assault

Stephanie Brook Beverly, 35, of Prestonsburg; harassment

Billy J. Moore, 49, of McDowell; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Joshua D. Moore, 35, of Printer; harassment

Robert J. Lowery, 47, of Wallingford; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Danny G. Newsome, 44, of Teaberry; third-degree possession of a controlled substance

Brian Ray Johnson, 42, of Weeksbury; one headlight, driving under the influence, fourth-degree assault

Lucas Stevens, 24, of Hueysville; menacing, resisting arrest

Brandon Meade, 22, address unavailable; harassment

Lawsuits filed

Deana Adams vs. Pikeville Medical Center, Dr. Angela Maggard, unknown agents and employees of Pikeville Medical Center; medical malpractice complaint

Makayla Williams vs. unknown driver of a log truck on Ky. 114 on Sept. 25, 2018, Kentucky National Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Frank Rice Powers III vs. Crystal D. Stumbo; divorce

Second Round Sub LLC vs. Lula Ratliff; complaint concerning contract

Eric B. Porter vs. Kayla Salyer; petition for custody

Barbara K. Boyd vs. Colby J. Ray; personal injury complaint

Charles Williams vs. Travelers Indemnity Company; person injury complaint

Division of Child Support Enforcement, Brittani Hall vs. Logan Hunt; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Division of Child Support Enforcement, Marilyn Salisbury vs. Logan Hunt; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Division of Child Support Enforcement, Brittani Hall vs. Joshua McKinney; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

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

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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

Marriages

Ashley Nicole Patrick, 32, of Salyersville, to Jerry Lee Patrick, 52, of Salyersville

Shayna D. Jude, 26, of Van Lear, to Robert Michael Sexton Jr., 38, of Lackey

Candy Lynn Tuttle, 40, of Blue River, to Robert Lee Lafferty, 42, of Blue River

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Beverly Mae Gunnels, 34, of Prestonsburg, to Joshua Lee Cywinski, 37, of Prestonsburg

Charles Keith Hall, 40, of Hi Hat, to Krista Nicole Garrett, 32, of Hi Hat

Abigail Howell, 19, of McDowell, to Casey Lewis Klein, 21, of East Point

Eugene Runion, 50, of Eastpoint, to Tonia Elizabeth Caudill, 60, of McDowell

Property transfers

Joyce Geraldine Clark to Gerald Clark, Greg

Clark (Deeds Book 643; pg. 34)

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

Harold Clair, Mary Clair estate to Harold Clair (Deeds Book 643; pg. 79)

CSX Transportation to Anita Daniels, Hollis Daniels (Deeds Book 643; pg. 83)

Grace E. Hackworth to Zachary F. Hackworth (Deeds Book 643; pg. 85)

Johnnie C. Adams to Johnnie C. Adams (Deeds Book 643; pgs. 90, 95)

Marlene J. Hammonds to William Hammonds (Deeds Book 643; pg. 100)

Gene Tackett, Phyllis Tackett to Jonathan R. Mulkey, Ruby M. Mulkey (Deeds Book 643; pg. 103)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Don Fraley Jr. and his unknown spouse, Irene Moore and her unknown spouse, Danny A. Tackett and his unknown spouse, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. (Deeds Book 643; pg. 107)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Joshua W. Prater to Vanderbilt Mort-

gage and Finance (Deeds Book 643; pg. 112)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Millard Kidd, Sharon Kidd and her unknown spouse, Bayview Loan Servicing LLC to Bayview Loan Servicing LLC (Deeds Book 643; pg. 119)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Debbie Allen, First Commonwealth Bank, Velocity Investments LLC to First Commonwealth Bank (Deeds Book 643; pg. 125)

Danny Mead, Virginia Mead to Tommy Jayne (Deeds Book 643; pg. 131)

Vanessa Skeens, Jimmy D. Skeens Jr., Ashley L. Hall, Bobby Hall, Cody Hall, Ella Skeens Hall to Jason D. Skeens (Deeds Book 643; pgs. 134, 140)

Christopher Cicchetti, Veronica Cicchetti to Jason D. Skeens (Deeds Book 643; pgs. 130, 140)

The Elk Horn Coal Company LLC to Nicholas Martin (Deeds Book 643; pg. 146)

Eugene Compton, Janet Compton, administrator, to Jimmy Martin (Deeds Book 643; pgs. 152)

Eugie Martin, Adern Martin, Charlene Martin, Janet Compton, administrator, Tracy M. Pitman

to Jimmy Martin (Deeds Book 643; pg. 156, 160)

Willavene Tackett to Nicholas Martin, Nick Martin (Deeds Book 643; pg. 164)

Davidson Memorial Gardens to Judith Elder, Judith Parsons (Deeds Book 643; pg. 167)

Pamela Lawson to Vicki L. Perry (Deeds Book 643; pg. 171)

My Three Sons of Prestonsburg Inc. to Steller Medical Incorporated (Deeds Book 643;

pg. 174)

Dianna Triplett to Darren Stapleton, Heather Stapleton, Andrea Waugh, Christopher Waugh (Deeds Book 643; pg. 178)

Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Jason Jarvis, Misty Jarvis, CHJM Investments to Wells Fargo Financial (Deeds Book 643; pg. 186)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Charles Newsome to Selene Finance LP (Deeds Book

643; pg. 192)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Lawton Ray Allen to US Bank National Association (Deeds Book 643; pg. 198)

Susan Newsome Howell to Ricky Akers (Deeds Book 643; pg. 207)

Betty Hunt, Ransom Hunt to Emma Lee Hunt (Deeds Book 643; pg. 211)

Troy E. Hunt to Lewis Irvin Hunt (Deeds Book 643; pg. 215)



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Film, media arts entries sought for festival

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The University of Pikeville is seeking submissions for its fifth annual Film and Media Arts Festival, which will be held on April 4-6 in Booth Auditorium.

Created to promote

the art of filmmaking in the region, the student-run event is now accepting film and screenplay submissions for the festival.

Students in college, high school, middle school and professionals are encouraged to submit entries and compete

for more than \$1,000 in cash prizes.

Cash prizes will be awarded for several categories including Best of Show, Best Professional Film, Best College Film, Best High School Film, Best Middle School Film, Best UPike Student Film and Spirit of the Moun-

tains. In addition, awards will also be given for Best Feature Screenplay, Best Short Screenplay and Best UPike Screenplay. Filmmakers must be present at the festival to win cash prizes.

High school seniors with a high-quality film submission will be con-

sidered for a UPike film and media arts scholarship, the university reported in a press release.

The festival is accepting free film submissions from filmmakers with connections to Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia, and paid film submissions from filmmakers of

other states or countries. All entries must be submitted by Feb. 24.

Films are accepted through Film Freeway at, <https://filmfreeway.com/festival/fmafest>.

For more information, email UPike at, fmafest@upike.edu.

Graduation requirements proposal advances in regulation process

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

During the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee Feb. 11 at the Capitol Annex in Frankfort, Education Commissioner Wayne Lewis testified in support of amendments to 704 KAR 3:305: Proposed minimum high school graduation requirements.

The requirements, which were passed by the Kentucky Board of Education in December, were not found deficient by the ARRS and will now be forwarded to the Legislative Research Commission, which will then refer it to the House and Senate education committees.

"These revisions set a very low bar – right now there is no bar," said Lewis. "It's an incredibly important first step that will ensure students will be well prepared for what comes next in life following graduation."

The new graduation requirements give students entering high school in the 2019-2020 school year the chance to take more classes geared toward their plans after graduation. Freshmen must complete 22 credits before graduation and meet other requirements.

Students entering high school in the fall of 2020 and beyond also will have to meet a graduation prerequisite that requires students to demonstrate basic competency in reading and math.

"We want to be assured that any student who receives a high school diploma has basic competency in reading and math," said Lewis. "This would not create a new test. Students could demonstrate competency in eighth grade, 10th grade, or in a demonstration of evidence."

Brigitte Blom Ramsey, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, testified against the regulation saying that while she agrees that Kentucky is graduating far too many students without the skills needed for future success, the regulation does raise some concerns. Ramsey said concerns included the addition of exit exams,

which produce few benefits in other states where they have been implemented; the removal of Algebra II as a requirement for graduation; and the potential for students with low test scores to be tracked into low-quality pathways.

"Today's proposal for new minimum high school graduation requirements deserves the full attention of citizens, students and business leaders, in service to our state goals for student success," said Ramsey. "This is a critical discussion that has bearing on Kentucky's ability to deliver on the promise of full college and career preparation for every student."

Lewis offered a counter argument to Ramsey's points, saying that only 15 U.S. states require algebra II as a high school graduation requirement.

"Thirty-five states do not believe that algebra II is necessary for every student," said Lewis. "In Kentucky, we currently require that every one of our students successfully complete the course. Juxtapose that with the reality that 60 percent of our highest achieving students go on to college and about 23 percent of them are not ready for college level math. Those two simply cannot be true at the same time."

Lewis also argued that the demonstration of basic competency in reading and math is not an "exit exam." Students will have three ways to demonstrate competency, during accountability assessments in 8th or 10th grades, or by submitting a portfolio of evidence to their local superintendent.

As for career pathways, he said, this is just one of eight of qualifiers, and there are numerous high-quality pathway programs throughout the state.

School boards are looking at the graduation requirements now to consider if they wish to add to these minimum requirements to best meet the needs of their students. In doing so, they also are in the planning stages for staffing and class offerings to ensure students have the necessary options to meet the new requirements.



Submitted photo

Jada Reynolds, Elijah Kidd, Kaylee Boyd, Brody Jones, Allyson Newsome, Braxton Howard, Amelia Gilbert and Taylor Stumbo represented their schools during the Floyd County Schools District Spelling Bee on Feb. 8 at hosted by Floyd Central High School.

Floyd students earn honors at spelling bee

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins announced the results Wednesday of the Floyd County Schools District Spelling Bee held on Feb. 8 at the Floyd Central High School auditorium. Brody Jones, seventh-grade student from James D. Adams Middle School, is the district winner and Tay-

lor Stumbo, sixth-grade student from South Floyd Elementary, is the district runner-up.

Brody is the son of Casey and Jenny Jones of Prestonsburg and will advance to compete in the Kentucky Derby Festival Spelling Bee on Saturday, March 16, at the Kentucky Center for the Performing Arts in Louisville.

Students who participated in the district spelling bee are

all school champions, ranging from fourth through eighth grades. They include Jada Reynolds, seventh grade, from Allen Elementary; Elijah Kidd, eighth grade, from Betsy Layne Elementary; Kaylee Boyd, eighth grade, from Duff-Allen Central Elementary; Brody Jones, seventh grade, from James D. Adams Middle School; Allyson Newsome, sixth grade, from John M.

Stumbo Elementary, Braxton Howard, fifth grade, from May Valley Elementary; Amelia Gilbert, fifth grade, from Prestonsburg Elementary and Taylor Stumbo, sixth grade, from South Floyd Elementary.

"Congratulations Brody and good luck at state," said Adkins. "These students did an outstanding job representing their schools and the district."

'CREATE Bridges' forum next week

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Local residents and business owners are invited to attend a forum next week that's geared toward improving business, tourism and entertainment in Floyd County.

The CREATE Bridges forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the Big Sandy Area Development District. It's one of several forums that will be held throughout Eastern Kentucky this month.

Floyd County resi-

dents who are involved in retail, tourism, entertainment or accommodations are encouraged to attend.

The program's acronym means "Celebrating Retail, Accommodation, Tourism and Entertainment by Building Rural Innovations and Developing Growth Economies."

The initiative was launched last year in partnership with several entities, including the East Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, JobSight and the University of Kentucky

College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, among others.

"CREATE Bridges primary goal is to showcase the assets of Eastern Kentucky by recognizing how by recognizing how valuable these sectors can be in revitalizing our economy," a press release said. "CREATE Bridges is designed to support the development and expansion of these vital community assets. Regional data will be compiled as a result of these forums and will be addressed through the development

of new workforce initiatives and utilization of existing supports."

Misha Curnutte of the Big Sandy Area Development highlighted the program to the Floyd County tourism commission in August 2018 and Prestonsburg Tourism this week.

She described it as a program to enhance businesses so that they're better able to target the tourism industry.

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Prestonsburg reaches 20 wins

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — In only his second season as head coach, Brandon Kidd has guided Prestonsburg to 20 wins. Prestonsburg held on to defeat visiting Hazard 70-65 in a late-season girls' high school basketball game at the Fieldhouse on Tuesday night.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 20-8.

Hazard, the 2018 14th Region runner-up, dropped to 15-12 with the loss.

Kaitlyn Keathley scored a game-high 30 points to lead Prestonsburg to the victory. Accompanying Keathley in double figures for the Lady Blackcats, Resce Endicott scored 20 points.

Prestonsburg, which won 20 games for only the fifth time in school history, shot 41.9 percent (13 of 31) from the field.

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Prestonsburg's Caroline Ariaz dives for a loose ball during the Lady Blackcats' Senior Night game against Hazard on Tuesday night.

Betsy Layne wins K-5 Volleyball Tournament



photo submitted

The Betsy Layne Elementary K-5 A-Team won the Preseason Floyd County K-5 Volleyball Tournament on Tuesday. Betsy Layne won two of three sets over rival May Valley to claim the title.

The team is pictured left to right, front to back: Addisyn Kiser, Alsyassa Hollifield, Miley Burchett, Jaden Pente, Kaylee Parsons, Coach Dwayne Johnson, Savannah Hall, Petra Burchett, Shyla Kidd, Allie Hamilton and Jayden Jarrell. Not pictured: Assistant coach Amanda Davis.



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Prestonsburg's Alivia Slone fights to gain possession of a loose ball. The Lady Blackcats picked up a 70-65 win over Hazard. That gave Prestonsburg its 20th win of the season.

WINS

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The Lady Blackcats were eight of 18 (44.4 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 69 percent (20 of 29) from the free-throw line.

Host Prestonsburg led at the conclusion of each quarter. Starting strong, Prestonsburg outscored Hazard 19-8 in the opening period.

The Lady Blackcats led 36-27 at halftime. Pushing its lead back

out to a double digit advantage shortly after the intermission period, Prestonsburg outscored Hazard 17-11 in the third quarter.

However, Hazard excelled late. Prior to falling short, Hazard managed to outscore homestanding Prestonsburg 27-17 in the fourth quarter.

Alivia Slone (six points), Caroline Ariaz (six points), Alison Campbell (four points) and Faith Lazar (four points) accounted for Prestonsburg's addi-

tional scoring. Hazard shot 43.3 percent (26 of 60) from the field. The Lady Bulldogs were four of 17 (23.5 percent) from three-point range.

Hazard shot 52.9 percent (nine of 17) from the free-throw line.

Inside, Hazard managed to outrebound Prestonsburg 34-28.

Desiree Sturgill led Hazard with a team-best 20 points. Hazard used a balanced offensive attack to push much-improved Pres-

tonsburg. Four Hazard players reached double figures in the scoring column as Hayley Caudill contributed 18 points and Andrianna Harris and Libby Danner added 10 points apiece. Harris recorded a double-double, pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds for the Lady Bulldogs.

Simone Beverly (five points) and Shelbi Ritchie (two points) accounted for the rest of the Lady Bulldogs' scoring in the setback.

Blackcats knock off JBS

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg notched its second straight win earlier in the week, outlasting visiting June Buchanan 45-42 in overtime on Senior Night at the Fieldhouse on Monday night.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 14-13.

June Buchanan dropped to 8-18 with the loss.

The Blackcats and Crusaders battled back-and-forth throughout regulation.

Prestonsburg doubled up June Buchanan 6-3 in the extra period to claim the victory.

"It was good to get the win on Senior Night," said Prestonsburg coach Brent Rose. "It wasn't our best game but we found a way to grind the game out."

Adam Slone led Prestonsburg with a team-high 17 points. Blake Slone joined Adam Slone in double figures for the Blackcats, scoring 10 points in the victory.

Graham Burchett (five points), Will Gullett (four points), Kaleb Jarvis (three points),

Josh Hall (three points), Grant Justice (two points) and Clayton Smith (one point) provided the rest of the Blackcats' scoring.

Evan Caudill led June Buchanan with a game-high 18 points.

Joining Caudill in double figures for the Crusaders, Izaeyah Dotson added 10 points.

Lucas Hall narrowly missed reaching double figures for the Crusaders, finishing with nine points.

Dylan Moore (three points) and Caleb Cox (two points) accounted for the rest of June Buchanan's scoring in the short effort.

Prestonsburg was visiting East Ridge at press time on Thursday.

The Prestonsburg-East Ridge boys' basketball game ended too late to make this edition. The Blackcats are scheduled to visit Jenkins for a regular-season finale on Friday night.

Lady Bobcats fall to Lady Hornets

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Betsy Layne was unable to notch a win away from Junior Newsome Arena as Magoffin County prevailed 59-52 in a girls' high school basketball game on Friday night (Feb. 8).

Senior guard Kennedy Stacy scored a game-high 35 points to lead Magoffin County to the win.

Magoffin County shot 34.4 percent (21 of 61) from the field. The Lady Hornets were four of 17 (23.5 percent) from three-point range.

Magoffin County shot 68.4 percent (13 of 19) from the free-throw line.

The Lady Hornets led at the conclusion of each quarter. Magoffin County started strong, outscoring Betsy Layne 15-5 in the opening period. The productive Lady Hornets led 32-23 at halftime.

Magoffin County, under the direction of first-year head coach Justin Williams, led 44-26 when the third quarter closed.

Stacy was the only Magoffin County player to reach double figures

in the scoring column, Macy Thacker scored eight point, Haley Barnett netted seven points and Kenlee Wireman chipped in three points as Magoffin County claimed the win.

Rounding out the Lady Hornets' individual scoring, Morgan Dameron, Destiny Conley and Abby Brown finished with two points apiece.

Betsy Layne shot 37.3 percent (22 of 59) from the field. The Ladycats were 3-of-6 from 3-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 62.5 percent (five of eight) from the free-throw line.

Amelia Blackburn led Betsy Layne with a team-high 15 points.

Following Blackburn in double figures for Betsy Layne and recording a double-double, Kimberly Akers added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Accompanying Blackburn and Akers in double figures in the Betsy Layne scoring column, Madilyn Meade netted 10 points.

Alexandria Jarvis and Katie Kidd rounded out the Betsy Layne individual scoring, chipping in eight points and seven points, respectively.

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Lady Jaguars knock off Sheldon Clark

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Current 15th Region girls' basketball frontrunner Floyd Central won its regular-season finale on Tuesday night, defeating visiting Sheldon Clark 47-39.

With the win, its fourth straight victory, Floyd Central improved to 25-2.

Sheldon Clark, which had reeled off four consecutive wins, dropped to 13-13 with the loss.

The Lady Jaguars won despite shooting only 28.6 percent (four of 14) from the free-throw line.

Floyd Central, under the direction of head coach Justin Triplett, forced former 15th Region powerhouse Sheldon Clark to play from behind.

Sophomore Katie Moore poured in a game-high 21 points to lead the Lady Jaguars to the

victory. Moore was the only Floyd Central player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Lauren Preston scored eight points while Kaylee Moore chipped in seven points for the Lady Jaguars.

The other scorers for 15th Region title contender Floyd Central were Brook Stumbo (three points), Grace Martin (two points), Kamryn Shannon (two points), Kennedy Harvel (two points) and Abby Maggard (two points).

Katie Moore, Kaylee Moore and Preston paced 15th Region 2A champion Floyd Central inside, pulling down eight rebounds apiece.

Floyd Central is set to face Betsy Layne in the semifinals of the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament at Lawrence County High School in Louisa on Monday, Feb. 18.

Hornets knock off Bobcats

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Host Betsy Layne faltered late as Phelps finished on an 18-4 run and pulled away to win 55-43 in a boys' high school basketball game at Junior Newsome Arena on Monday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne stumbled to 12-15.

Phelps improved to 12-13 with the win.

Betsy Layne boasted a single digit lead at the conclusion of each of the first three quarters. The Bobcats led 24-19 at half-time.

However, Phelps was

within two points of the Bobcats when the fourth quarter opened.

Visiting Phelps shot 36 percent (18 of 50) from the field. The Hornets were eight of 22 (36.4 percent) from three-point range.

Phelps shot 52.4 percent (11 of 21) from the free-throw line.

Dominick Francis led Phelps with a game-high 18 points. Francis connected on four three-point field goals for the Hornets.

Trey Francis followed for Phelps and nearly recorded a double-double, scoring 12 points and pulling down nine rebounds.

Narrowly missing double figures in scoring for the Hornets, Seth Mayhorn netted nine points.

Cameron Sanson and Jason Casey chipped in seven points apiece for Phelps in the win.

Rounding out the Hornets' individual scoring, Logan Layne tossed in two points.

Betsy Layne shot 41 percent (16 of 39) from the field. The Bobcats were seven of 13 (53.8 percent) from three-point range.

Struggling to connect on foul shots, Betsy Layne shot only 30.8 percent (four of 13) from the free-

throw line.

Jordan Frazier poured in a game-high 25 points and pulled down seven rebounds to lead the Bobcats.

Frazier was the only Betsy Layne player to reach double figures in the scoring column. The other scorers for the Bobcats were Nathaniel Mims (five points), Nicholas Howell (four points), Zack Bentley (three points), Davy Bentley (two points), Brady Robinson (two points) and Chase Mims (two points).

Betsy Layne is scheduled to host June Buchanan for a regular-season finale on Friday night.



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Floyd Central's Grace Martin battles for possession for a rebound in action earlier this season.

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Join Bank 253 GM Wes Hutchison and Appalachian Newspapers Regional Sports Editor Randy White every Wednesday for local sports talk as well as highlights and interviews from coaches and players around the region.

Spread your wings and try something new this year. Getting involved in events, activities or programs that will enhance your life mentally, physically or financially should be your intent. Stay on top of what's going on around you and take advantage of a chance to make a positive change.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Plan to have fun. Surround yourself with people who make you smile. Socializing will ease stress and lead to valuable connections. A financial opportunity is within reach.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Put your imagination to work to come up with a great plan. Lend a helping hand, but don't let anyone take you for granted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – A change will do you good, but don't make it so obvious that it also causes problems for you. Balance, integrity and fair play should be incorporated into your plans.

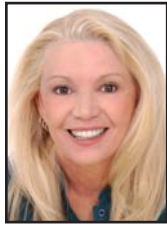
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Do something exhilarating. Participate in activities that will test your stamina and get you moving. Physical improvements will lead to compliments, romance and a healthier lifestyle.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Don't trust everyone you encounter. Someone will say whatever it takes to persuade you to do something you should avoid. Be smart, moderate and prepared to say no.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Share your thoughts and feelings with someone you care about. Getting along and finding solutions that will benefit everyone will encourage greater stability and security at home and work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – A change is only good if it doesn't lead to debt and stress. Weigh the pros and cons before you

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



plunge into something that needs adjustments before it's suitable for you to tackle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – You need to explore and experience life. If you take part in interesting events, you will meet someone who inspires you to be more active in your community.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Don't get into a senseless argument. If something is bothering you, engage in an enjoyable activity and give yourself a chance to rethink your options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Taking a day trip or getting together with someone you haven't seen for some time will revive old dreams and promote new possibilities. Love and romance are in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Stick to the truth and only offer what you can. If you want positive change to take place, you must begin with facts and have a solid plan in place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Don't feel that you must make a change just because someone else does. If you follow your instincts and do what's best for you, you'll achieve peace of mind and personal success.

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All answers are in today's edition

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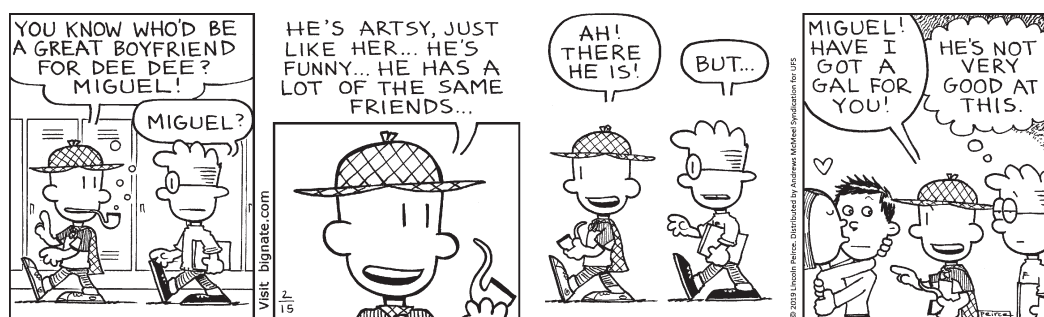
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 - Herbal concoctions
 - Do the trick
 - Au pair
 - Train tracks
 - Surprise greatly
 - Common cleanser
 - Be impatient
 - Switch positions
 - Ocean trenches
 - "The Catcher in the Rye" author
 - Merchants
 - Ancient harp
 - Kentucky fort
 - Fairly good
 - Rock tumbler stone
 - More upscale
 - Bivouac
 - Feverish chill
 - Cameo, maybe
 - Sicilian spouter
 - Adams or McClurg
 - Ferber or Best
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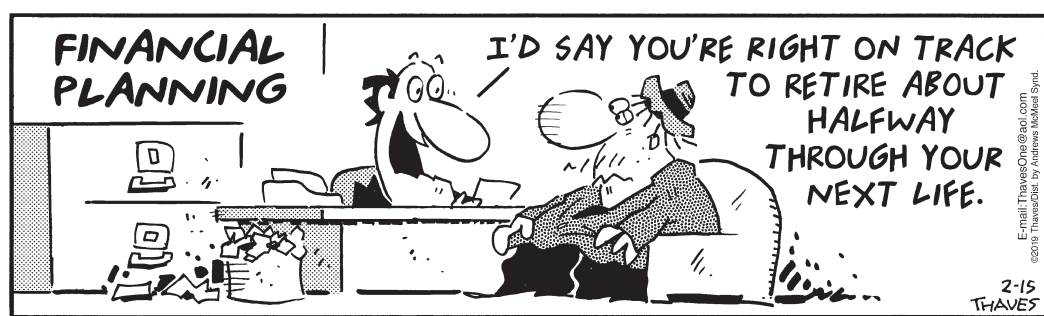
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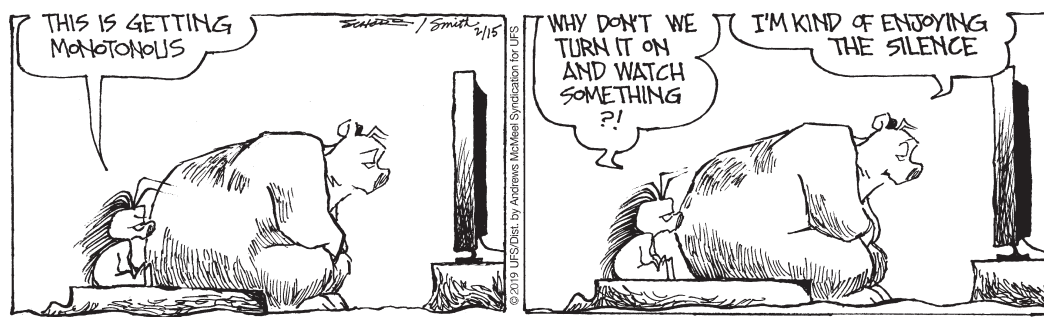
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