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Collins indicted on reckless homicide

Two others accused of tampering with evidence

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Berea resident who was indicted last year for leaving the scene of a wreck that killed a Floyd County man was indicted last week for reckless homicide, and for allegedly conspiring with others to hide evidence.

A Floyd County grand

jury issued indictments last week against Kyle Collins, 23, of Berea, and Teaberry residents Bradley S. Hamilton, 42, and Khristy Hamilton, 40.

Collins was indicted in May 2018 for leaving the scene of a wreck and failing to render aid.

Last week, grand jury

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Berea resident Kyle Collins is taken into custody in July 2018.

Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo



MathCounts Coordinator Ashlie Childers presents a four-year University of Kentucky scholarship to Maddox Parsons, the son of Tonie and Jeremy Parsons of Emma. Parsons is one of several Pikeville Junior High School students who earned honors at the competition.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Local 'Mathletes' compete

Floyd teenager earns college scholarships

BY MARY MEADOWS
 STAFF WRITER

The third time was a charm for Floyd County teenager Maddox Parsons, a student at Pikeville Junior High School who won the overall prize in the annual Big Sandy MathCounts competition on Saturday, Feb. 16.

Maddox competed alongside 47 other students from Floyd, Johnson and Pike counties at MathCounts, which was hosted by the Big Sandy Chapter of the Kentucky Society of Professional



The top three scorers who were not on a winning team at the Big Sandy MathCounts earned the right to compete at state. They include Alex Begley of Duff-Allen Central in third place, Jacob Roberts of Allen Elementary in second place and Ben Lafferty of Johnson County Middle in first place. Lafferty, right, ranked second place overall in the competition.

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Schools close for flu

BY ELAINE BELCHER
 STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Superintendent Danny Adkins announced Tuesday that district schools would be closed for the rest of the week due to widespread flu.

"For the safety, health and well-being of our students, we are canceling schools for the rest of the week," said Adkins. "We contacted the health department and clinics around the county to get an estimate of cases, and they are getting overrun and running out of flu tests. Pharmacies said they are running out of Tamiflu."

According to Adkins, 973 students last week visited health assistants in schools resulting in more than 200 being sent home with a temperature.

"On Friday, school attendance across the district was 85 percent. Considering that most of the time it runs 90 to 95 percent, that is a significant amount of absences," he said. "The nurse practitioner at South Floyd Elementary, which had an attendance rate of only 66 percent Friday, was diagnosing multiple cases of Influenza A and B."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, influenza, both strains A and B, are highly-contagious viruses. People

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Johnson County Middle School earned second place in team rankings, with students Chase Cantrell, Anakin Slone, Isaiah Rowland and Bryce Ferguson participating in the Big Sandy MathCounts competition.



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Pikeville Junior High School students earned first place in team rankings, with students Christine Al Akhrass, Aneesh Sharma, Maddox Parsons and Trey Hancock participating in the Big Sandy MathCounts competition. Parsons also won first place overall and Sharma earned third place overall.

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Engineers at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg.

Other overall winners included Ben Lafferty of Johnson County Middle in second place and Aneesh Sharma of Pikeville Junior High in third place.

Ashlie Childers, coordinator for the Big Sandy chapter, said 48 students from Adams Middle School, Allen Elementary, Duff-Allen Cen-

tral Elementary, John M. Stumbo Elementary, South Floyd Elementary, Betsy Layne Elementary, Pikeville Junior High and Johnson County Middle participated.

Parsons, 13, the son of Tonie and Jeremy Parsons of Emma, said he has competed at MathCounts for the past three years.

An eighth grade student at Pikeville Junior High School, Parsons took home the overall prize on Saturday. He won a full four-year scholarship to the University

of Kentucky, a four-year scholarship for \$1,000 annually at Western Kentucky University and a \$500 scholarship from the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

He plans to become a civil engineer.

"I've always want to be a civil engineer, and just doing something around, like, math," he said. "I've always thought it was just interesting. We took a test at school and it gave us job lookouts for us, and one of my first ones was civil engineering. I've always just

thought that was cool." His mother thanked his former coach Jeri McNamee and current coach Ginger Mullins for helping him prepare for MathCounts.

Students work individually and in teams at MathCounts, during which they complete written exams and test their math skills in sprint rounds, target rounds and team rounds.

Parsons is one of several students who will advance to compete at the Kentucky MathCounts competition, which will

be held March 23 in Louisville.

The top two teams and the top three individuals who are not on a winning team will advance to the state competition.

The list of students advancing to state include first-place team members Christine Al Akhrass, Trey Hancock, Parsons and Aneesh Sharma of Pikeville Junior High; and second-place team members Chase Cantrell, Anakin Slone, Isaiah Rowland and Bryce Ferguson of Johnson County Middle.

The other students who qualified to compete at state included high-ranking scorers Ben Lafferty of Johnson County Middle in first place, Jacob Roberts of Allen Elementary in second place and Alex Begley of Duff-Allen Central in third place.

MathCounts was made possible with donations from the cities of Prestonsburg and Pikeville, Summit Engineering, Food City, Walmart and BSCTC.

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issued a superseding indictment charging Collins with leaving the scene/failure to render aid or assistance, reckless homicide and complicity to tamper with physical evidence.

Bradley and Khristy Hamilton were also indicted on charges of

complicity to tamper with physical evidence.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the indictments are the result of additional investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

The allegations stem from a July 1, 2017, wreck in which Collins allegedly hit a pedestrian, Larry Hinkle, 60, of Teaberry,

and then allegedly fled the scene.

The indictment alleges that Collins and the Hamilton couple aided each other to ensure that evidence was destroyed, mutilated, removed or altered on the day of the crash.

Turner reported last year that it took months for the investigators to locate the vehicle Collins

was driving on the night Hinkle was killed because it had been concealed.

The vehicle was later tracked to Collins' grandmother, which led to the first indictment issued against him last year.

Last July, Kentucky State Police Det. Jason Dials testified in Floyd Circuit Court that a tipped officials to find the car covered in trees and

concealed over a hill on private property. He said the concealment of the vehicle appeared to be intentional.

After that hearing, Turner talked about why Collins was not indicted for reckless homicide at that time.

"The simple answer is you can't charge someone with a homicide unless you have proof that

what they did was more than being negligent," he said.

Under the original indictment, Collins faced a penalty of between one and five years. Each of the two new charges alleged in last week's indictment also carry penalties of between one and five years.

FLU

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with flu can spread it to others up to about six feet away. Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. The CDC said these droplets can land in the mouths or noses of peo-

ple who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs, but less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching his or her own mouth, nose or eyes.

People with flu are most contagious in the first three to four days after their illness begins, according to the Floyd

County Health Department website, and most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning a day before symptoms develop and up to five to seven days after becoming sick.

Adkins said he cancelled school on Monday and Tuesday to give school custodians the chance to deep clean schools, but as more cases of flu were reported Tuesday morning to the

health department, the decision to cancel school for the rest of the week was made.

According to reports issued by the state on Feb. 9, 58 cases of flu were confirmed in Floyd

County. However, Adkins said he expected those numbers to increase.

Floyd County Health Department officials could not be reached for comment prior to print deadline.

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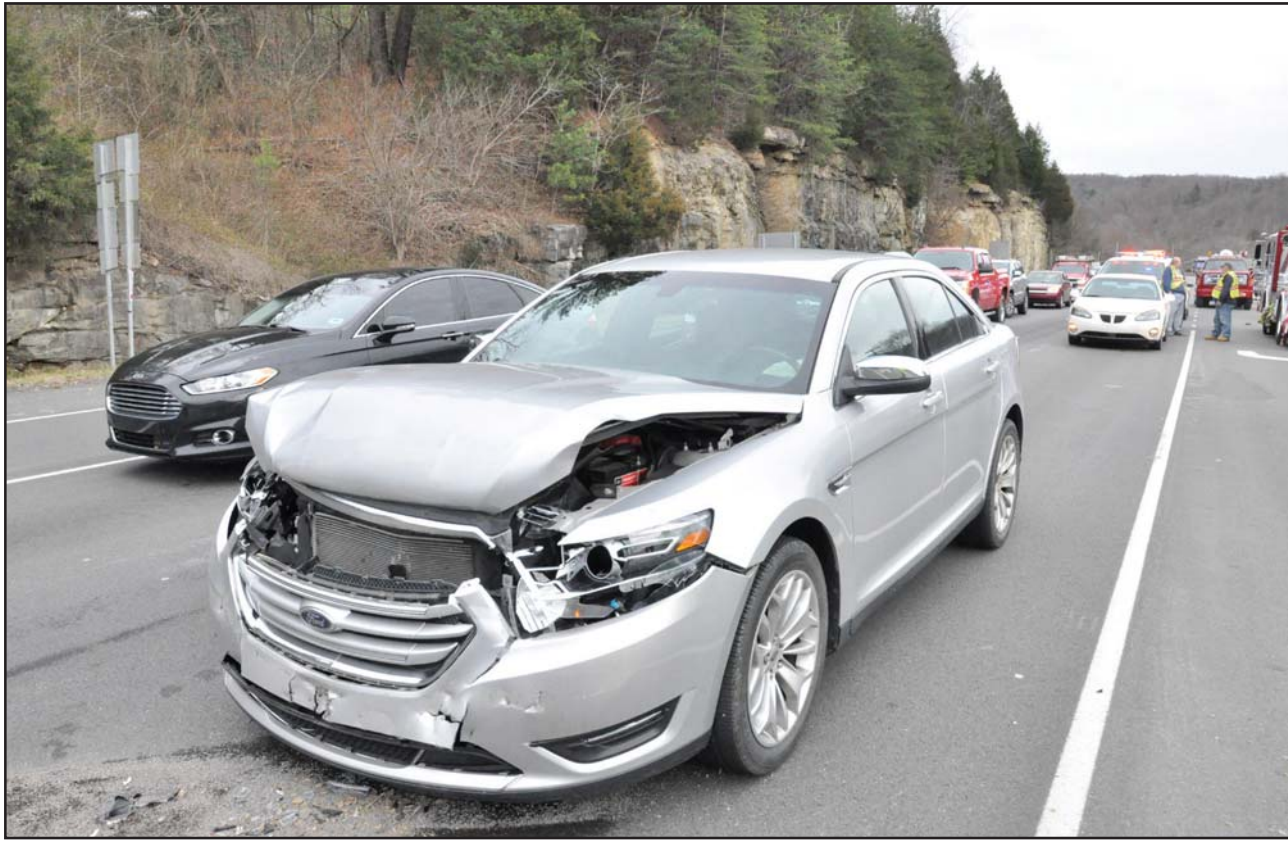
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U.S. 23 wreck sends one to the hospital



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One person was injured in a two-vehicle wreck on northbound U.S. 23 Thursday at the Allen intersection. Floyd County Sheriff's deputies, Kentucky State Police and Allen Volunteer Fire Department responded to the 911 call. According to KSP Trooper Timothy Hurtt, the driver of the truck was transported to Pikeville Medical Center for treatment. Hurtt said the driver of a silver Ford Taurus rear-ended a black Ford F-150 truck after claiming the vehicle's brakes did not engage. The crash is under investigation by the KSP.

Floyd man arrested for DUI, again

Mitchell convicted of manslaughter, sentenced to 10 years in 2012

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man who received a 10-year sentence in 2012 for manslaughter caused by driving under the influence was arrested, again, this month for driving impaired.

Last week, Floyd County District Judge Jimmy Marcum referred the felony case against Malen Junior Mitchell, 44, of Ligon, to the grand jury for consideration.

Mitchell was arrested on Feb. 8 following a single vehicle crash on Ky. 979, Floyd County District Court records show. Kentucky State Police Trooper M. Branham reported in the citation that a witness saw Mitchell climb out of the vehicle after the crash, which occurred near Tackett Fork. Mitchell allegedly had slurred speech and failed field sobriety tests, Branham reported.

He arrested Mitchell, charging him with driving under the influence,



Malen Mitchell

fourth offense or greater, failure to wear seat belts, failure to produce insurance card and rear license not illuminated.

According to court records, Mitchell was convicted in 2012 of second-degree manslaughter and other charges for a wreck that occurred in Beaver in July 2011. Officials reported Mitchell was driving under the influence and crossed the center line on Ky. 979, hitting a car driving by Judy Blankenship, causing her to cross into another lane and hit another car driven by Jennifer Newsome of Wheelwright.

Tiffany Adams (Blankenship), 22, a passenger in Blankenship's car, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. She is survived by four children and other family members.

According to documents filed in Floyd Circuit Court, Mitchell was charged in September 2011 with murder, three counts of first-degree assault, driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license and leaving the scene of an accident.

He was sentenced in July 2012 to 10 years for second-degree manslaughter, in addition to several other sentences, which would run concurrently: three five-year sentences for three second-degree assault charges, 12 months for driving under the influence, 90 days for driving on a suspended license and 12 months for leaving the scene.

Former Circuit Judge John David Caudill ordered Mitchell to undergo one year of alcohol and drug treatment and one year of alcohol and drug

education while he was incarcerated.

Court documents: Woman sold alcohol to a minor

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Prestonsburg resident is facing a misdemeanor charge after allegedly selling alcohol to a minor.

Kentucky Alcoholic Beverage Control Investigator Robert Caudill issued a citation this month against Jessica S. Gayheart, 44, of Prestonsburg, reporting that she is an employee of Fast Lane in the Glyn View Plaza in Prestonsburg.

Caudill alleges in the citation that Gayheart sold a 25 oz. can of Bud Light to a 19-year old investigative aid without asking for his identification or his age.

Gayheart is scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court on March 6 for her arraignment.

It's the second case filed against her in dis-

trict court recently.

On Jan. 16, she was arrested following an alleged high-speed chase through three counties.

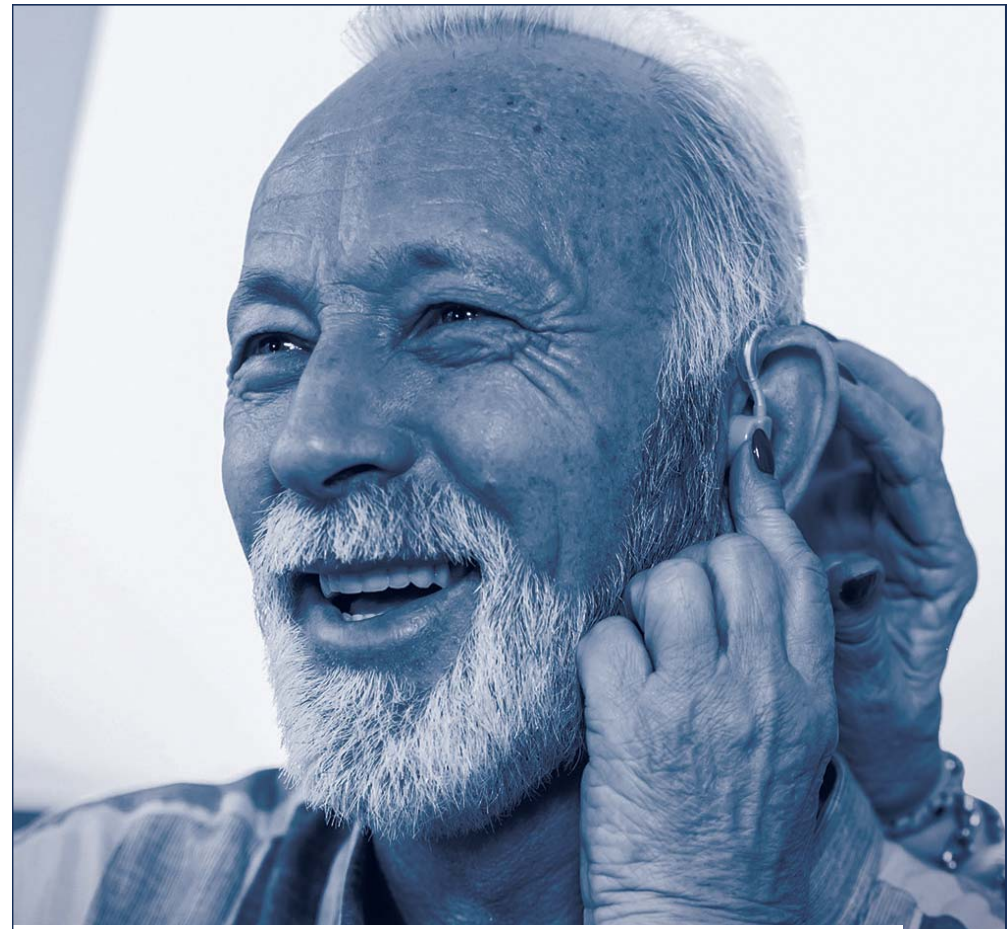
According to documents filed in that case, Gayheart fled when Prestonsburg Police Officer Bradley Calhoun attempted to pull her over. The department reported she allegedly nearly hit Calhoun with her vehicle and hit speeds of up to 115 mph while driving through Floyd, Knott and Perry counties during the chase.

In that felony case, she was charged with driving under the influence, first-degree fleeing/evading police, first-degree wanton endangerment, resisting arrest, reckless driving and other traffic charges.

The case was referred to the grand jury for consideration.



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RCC Big Shoal lawsuit filed

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pike County Fiscal Court and Pikeville-Pike County IDEA Board officially filed a lawsuit Monday against RCC Big Shoal, the company which received a \$400,000 loan from the county but has failed to pay the money back or complete the project.

The lawsuit was officially filed in Pike Circuit Court and alleges that the fiscal court, in 2014, agreed to purchase a convertible promissory note in the amount of \$400,000 in exchange for RCC Big Shoal paying the amount plus interest at the compound rate of 25 percent annually.

The lawsuit points out that RCC Big Shoal made two payments of \$55,000 each last year but has, "continued to ignore their obligations

to make payment." The lawsuit alleges that the company not only owes the remaining \$300,000 of the original loan, but also 25 percent interest per year calculated from Aug. 22, 2014.

In addition to the amount owed, the lawsuit asks that the county be awarded pre- and post-judgment interest, attorney fees and court costs, as well as "all other relief to which the (county entities) may be entitled."

The company first announced the project, a

natural gas to liquid fuel plant, in 2014. However, after years of inaction, the company announced its intent to move the facility from a proposed location at Big Shoal in Pike County to a location in Floyd County.

The previous administration of the Pike County Fiscal Court voted to sue the company to get the money back, but the lawsuit was not filed until the new administration, under Pike Judge-Executive Ray Jones, took the issue up beginning in January.

AEP to build transmission center in Pikeville

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

American Electric Power is expanding its transmission operations in Kentucky and investing \$16.6 million in a new service center.

Ground preparation has begun for the 65,000-square-foot facility in Pikeville to be built on about 30 acres located less than a mile from the current Kentucky Power Service Center off U.S. 23 at Coal Run.

The new facility will serve as a regional transmission center, providing service to Eastern Kentucky and southern West

Virginia, AEP reported in a press release.

"This project represents a significant investment in the region and will allow us to better serve both Kentucky Power and Appalachian Power customers," said Archie Pugh, AEP's managing director transmission field services. "The new transmission center will give our crews easier access to the equipment they need to maintain and repair the electric grid in the region."

The new complex will free up space and reduce crowding in the current Kentucky Power Pikeville Service Center, which will



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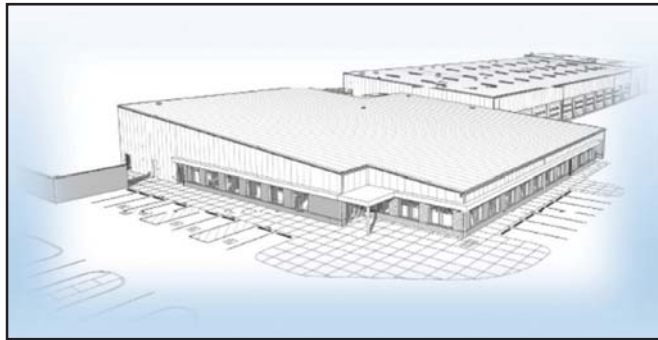
Groundwork has begun on a new transmission center in Pikeville. The service center will house AEP transmission employees who will serve both Kentucky Power and Appalachian Power customers.

continue to serve customers, AEP reported. In addition, the new facility will add meeting space

and offices, as well as storage. The company plans

to locate up to 65 employees in the facility. Construction on the foundation is to begin in

March and is projected to be completed by June 2020, AEP reported.



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An artist's rendering shows a new transmission service center to be built in Pikeville.

KSP charges Floyd resident with child exploitation offenses

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky State Police Electronic Crime Branch arrested a Floyd County resident last week for allegedly using electronic means to exploit a child.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Feb. 13, officials with the KSP Electronic Crime Branch arrested William G. Randolph, 28, on one count of prohibited use of an electronic communication system to procure a minor. The Class D felony carries a penalty of between one and five years.

The KSP reported that Randolph was arrested as the result of an undercover Internet

Crimes Against Children investigation. The KSP Electronic Crime Branch began the investigation after discovering the suspect had been communicating with a minor online.

The investigation resulted in the execution of a search warrant at a residence in Martin on Feb. 13, KSP reported. Equipment allegedly used to facilitate the crime was seized and taken to KSP's forensic laboratory for examination. The investigation is ongoing.

Randolph, who was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center, appeared in Floyd County District Court on Feb. 18 for a preliminary hearing in the case.

No findings in clerk's audit

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Auditor Mike Harmon released an audit this week of the 2016 fee account for County Clerk Chris Waugh.

The audit, detailing funds received and spent for the year ending in December 2016, found no instances of noncompliance and no material weaknesses in the clerk's statement of receipts, disbursement and excess fees.

The audit showed the office collected nearly \$13 million that year, with \$12.6 million collected in taxes, as well as licenses and transfers, and \$216,500 collected for recordings of deeds, mortgages and other documents.

Disbursements totaled \$12.7 million to taxing districts and payments of \$197,000 in excess fees to the fis-

cal court. Operating expenses were more than \$952,000 for the office, the audit shows.

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EDITORIAL

Learn how to listen when the flu strikes

The flu is hitting our area hard, according to the Floyd County Health Department. So much so, that Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins made the call to cancel school.

While parents struggle with what to do with their kids while school is out, many are asking why this decision was made. After all, it's not like they can skip work if the bug is creeping around their workplace.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, influenza,

both strains A and B, are highly-contagious viruses. People with flu can spread it to others up to about six feet away. Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. The CDC said these droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. A person might also get the flu by touching a surface or object that has the flu virus on it and then touching his or her mouth, nose or eyes.

People with flu are most contagious in the first three to four days after their illness begins, according to the Floyd County Health Department, and most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning a day before symptoms develop and up to five to seven days after becoming sick.

So that means there is a period of at least eight days from first infection that anyone with the flu can spread the disease. Now, in close-quarter conditions, such as a school, a restaurant, at

church, the store or anywhere a crowd can form, the potential is there for that illness to spread like wildfire.

That is why it is so critical that at the first hint of sickness, individuals should get a flu test and if confirmed positive — stay home.

Many of us live from paycheck to paycheck and cannot afford to take a week off because of illness. Business doors must remain open in all conditions, after all ... or should they?

What many business

owners may not calculate is the economic impact of the flu. When you have a workforce that is being impacted by illness, allowing one person to stay home and recover is more financially sound than demanding he or she come in and spread the flu to the rest of your workers. That is especially true since transmission times can overlap. What may have been just one week is now a month or more as people, returning to work before fully recovered, transmit the illness to the healthy or re-infect those recently

returned.

That is why Adkins closed schools and is cleaning all public areas and frequently-touched surfaces, to cut this illness off at the knees before it impacts the district through continual low attendance and absences.

This is something that everyone with a business and workers needs to consider as well when someone calls in sick. Is the cost of one person's work worth the economic impact on your bottom line? That is something everyone should consider.

GUEST COLUMN



By SEN. JOHNNY RAY TURNER

It was busy this week at your state Capitol and not just on the floor of the Senate. Most people may not realize that there is a lot more going on here than just what can be seen on KET or reported in news.

Citizens of all ages and backgrounds from all across the state came to Frankfort to plea their causes. This is nothing new. It is customary to see people lining the halls and waiting to have their voices heard for a sundry of reasons.

Each person and each group was passionate about the cause that

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brought them to Frankfort. I met with as many individuals and groups as possible. That is a big part of our work in the General Assembly. We listen to better understand concerns. We are here to do the people's work and there is no advocate better than you to lobby for your cause.

Along with meeting citizens, we met in committee to hear testimony and move bills to the floor. Once they come before the full body, some bills are debated, while others pass with no opposition. It is all part of the process.

Senate Bill 100, often referred to as the net metering bill, which is a reference to the type of billing structure applied to owners who have installed solar power panels, often on top of their homes or small businesses, passed 23-12 on Wednesday. SB 100 would change how much owners of solar power

systems are reimbursed for electricity they add to the power grid.

There was some debate on the floor, but the primary opposition was the process in which the bill was handled. SB 100 passed out of committee earlier that morning and was introduced on the floor that afternoon. This left no time to file floor amendments, which must be done 24 hours in advance. This kind of backdoor maneuvering is not necessary. If experience is any indication, the floor amendments would have been defeated, but at least we would have done due diligence. I hope this does not become a pattern as the pace picks up and the volume of bills increases.

On Thursday, we passed two more bills out of committee and on the floor the same day.

Senate Bill 9, also known as the fetal heartbeat bill, passed 31-6. This

measure makes it a felony to perform or induce an abortion when a fetal heartbeat has been detected.

Senate Bill 150, dubbed the permitless-carry bill, passed out of committee and on the floor the same day. SB 150 would allow people 21 and older who are able to lawfully possess a firearm may carry a concealed weapon without a license in the same locations as people with a valid state-issued license. The bill passed 29-8.

Other bills that passed out of the Senate this week and headed to the House for further consideration:

- Senate Bill 70 would create the crime of non-fatal strangulation as a felony. SB 70 would also amend the legal definitions of domestic violence and abuse, and dating violence and abuse, to include strangulation. SB 70 could more effectively

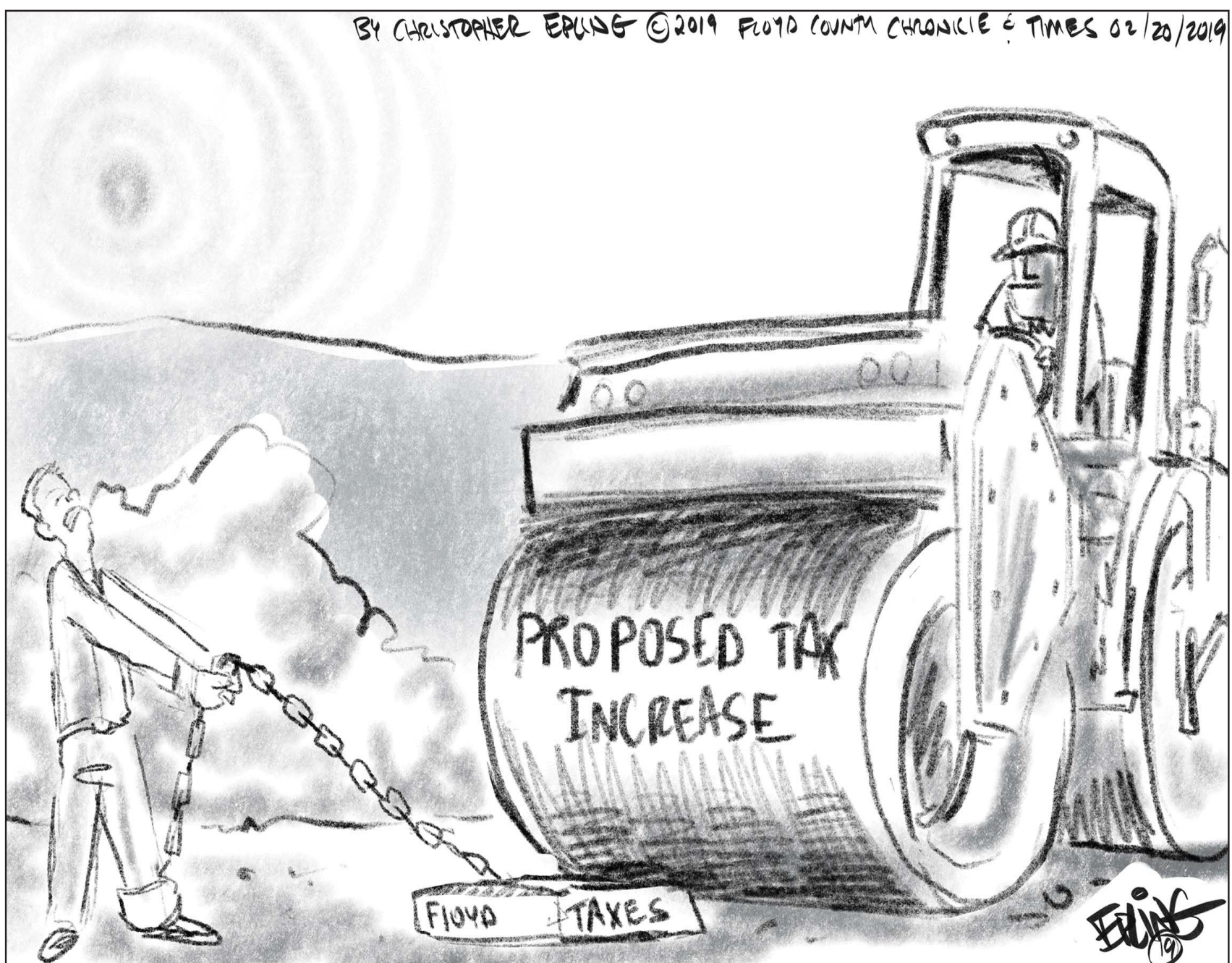
prove the need for a protective order. Thirty-eight states already have laws specifically criminalizing strangulation. SB 70 passed the Senate 31-4. I voted yes.

- Senate Bill 28, which relates to notice of environmental incidents, requires the Energy and Environment Cabinet to notify the state when there are violations at a hazardous waste site. The bill also includes notifications of violations at landfills. It passed 37-0.

- Senate Bill 15 clarifies that background check requirements of adults are for those working in schools. The checks are meant to keep kids safe. Checks do not need to be done on individuals who perform a service at the school and has no contact with students. This was intended to relieve unintended administrative burden. It passed the Senate unanimously, 37-0.

I was a part of a bipartisan group of legislators committed to helping Kentuckians with disabilities that met this week to form the "Engage & Empower Caucus." It will be co-chaired by state Rep. Al Gentry, a Louisville Democrat, and Rep. Brandon Reed, a Hodgenville Republican. We want this group to serve as a direct link between advocacy groups and our fellow legislators. Our goal is to help make Kentucky a more accessible place in a variety of ways and to support programs that provide pathways for personal achievement and self-sustainability. Several bills have already been filed that move us further in that direction.

The pace in Frankfort will continue to pick up each day as we vote bills out of committee and send them to the floor. I encourage you to stay engaged. You can follow bills from the Kentucky Legislature at, lrc.ky.gov or share feedback through the Legislative Message Line at, (800) 372-7181. Citizens with hearing impairments may call, (800) 896-0305. You can also e-mail me at, johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.



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Billie Bellamy

Billie Bellamy, 92, of Hueysville, husband of Mildred Adkins Bellamy, passed away Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019, at Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville. He was born May 31, 1926, in Dunham, a son of the late Myrtle Salyers Slone. He was a U.S. World War II Navy veteran, 50-year member of the James W. Alley Masonic Lodge and a member of the El Hasa Shrine, Ashland.

In addition to his wife of 72 years, Mildred, he is survived by two sons: Richard Bellamy and Terry Bellamy, six grandchildren: Jeremy, Kim, Scott (Jenny), Tim, Kevin and Amanda Bellamy and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by one brother, Earl Slone, one sister, Betty Ruth Summerville and one daughter-in-law, Carolyn Spence Bellamy.

Funeral service will be conducted Wednesday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will follow in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

Visitation was after 6 p.m. Monday and all day Tuesday at the funeral home with Masonic service Tuesday at 7 p.m., under the professional and dignified care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

This is a paid obituary.

Ronnie Alan Blevins, Jr.

Ronnie Alan Blevins, Jr., 26, of Lexington, died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2019.

Memorial services will be held at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

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



Phyllis Herrick

Phyllis Ann Herrick, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019, at the Prestonsburg Healthcare Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born at Falls Mills, Va. on June 6, 1932, the daughter of the late Hascue T. Stout and Etta Hart Stout.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg. She was a member of the Prestonsburg Women's Club, the First United Methodist Church Sewing Circle and the Floyd County Homemakers.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin P. Herrick Jr., on May 7, 2015; one son, C. Gregory Herrick, on Jan. 19, 2017; four brothers: Deral Stout, Warren Stout, Ralph Stout and John Stout and two sisters: Doris Hall and Wilma Galbraith.

She is survived by two sons Robert B. Herrick (Pamela), of Prestonsburg and Alan J. Herrick (Lori) of Rutherfordton, N.C.; two sisters: Charl Stout of Richmond, Va., and Wanda Lou Powell of Mechanicsville, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Ann Holbrook Herrick of Cleveland, Miss.; six grandchildren: Sarah Williford (Wes), Emily Melton (Matt), Jake Herrick (Laurin), Brooks Herrick, Kate Robinson (Karl) and Scott Herrick; and five great-grandchildren: Ryder Williford, Chase Williford, Noah Pace, Andie Grace Herrick and Mills Melton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 22, at the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg, with Rev. Jerri Williams officiating. Burial will follow at the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, with Brooks Herrick, Karl Robinson,

Funeral service for Mrs. Hunt will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Fri-

day, February 22 in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Jody Hackworth and Ted Allen officiating. Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel. Visitation after 6 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

This is a paid obituary.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the J.W. Call Funeral Home of Pikeville.

The guestbook may be signed at www.jwcallfuneralhome.com.

This is a paid obituary.



Hettie Garrett Hunt

Hettie Garrett Hunt, 84, of Prestonsburg, KY, widow of Arco Hunt, Sr. passed away on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg. She was born June 6, 1934, in Endicott, a daughter of the late Earl and Fannie Endicott Garrett. She was a member of the Highland Ave Freewill Baptist Church and a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons: Arco (Nancy) Hunt, Jr. of Prestonsburg, and John Earl (Margaret) Hunt of Allen; two daughters: Katherine (Dave) Garrett of Prestonsburg and Rebial Reynolds of Allen; one brother, Joe Henry Garrett of Endicott; one sister: Rebial Lewis of Banner; seven grandchildren: David Lee (Kristin) Garrett, Jason Garrett, Rebekah (Brian) Hunter, Kelly Hunt, Kristy (Michael) Goble, John Greer (Megan) Hunt and Haleigh Hunt; six great-grandchildren: Nicholas Garrett, Allison Garrett, Barrett Hunter, Colton Goble, Baylee Goble, Brice Hunter and Brooks Hunt. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son: Joe Eddie Hunt and one great granddaughter, Madison.

Funeral service for Mrs. Hunt will be conducted at 11 a.m. on Fri-

day, February 22 in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Jody Hackworth and Ted Allen officiating. Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel. Visitation after 6 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

This is a paid obituary.

Caner Hunter

Caner Hunter, 88, of Printer, died Monday, Feb. 18, 2019.

Visitation will continue all day Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Hall Funeral Home.

Burial will follow in the Hunter Family Cemetery, Printer.

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

Mary Ann Ridout

Mary Ann Ridout, 83, of Melvin, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019.

Visitation will continue at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin.

Burial will follow in the Little Cemetery, Wheelwright.

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



Vada Sauvage

Vada Sauvage of Lexington died Thursday Feb. 14, 2019, at her home. She was a member of Grand Rivers Baptist Church in Grand Rivers and achieved an Associate in Arts while attending Prestonsburg Community College.

Survivors include her daughter Pamela

Nystrom of Lexington and two sons: Steven Hopkins of India and Michael Hopkins of Lexington. She is also survived by two grandsons: John Ross Hopkins and Steven Connor Hopkins, and one granddaughter Trinity Hopkins.

Also survived by six sisters: Alicetene Ward, Inis Grimm, Christina Simpson, Barbara Tuttle, Dottie Spradlin and Brenda Henson; and one brother Ralph Newsome, Jr.

Vada was preceded in death by her husband, Kent Devon Sauvage, her father, Ralph Newsome, mother, Lula Newsome and two sisters: Mary Lou Walters and Ruth Ann Williams.

Vada resided with her son Michael and her granddaughter Trinity who were her loving caregivers for the last three years.

Vada's wishes were to be cremated. A private service will be held with her children and grandchildren at a later date.

This is a paid obituary.



Pauline Hyden Sparks
July 5, 1924-
Feb. 15, 2019

Pauline Hyden Sparks was the daughter of the late Estel and Eva Fitzpatrick Hyden.

Pauline was born in Floyd County, July 5, 1924, and departed this life on Feb. 15, 2019, at the age of 94.

She retired from the Floyd County Health Department with 29 years of service as an administrative specialist. She was also named Public Health Clerk of the Year.

Pauline was very active in many organizations, including Kentucky Public Health Clerks, charter member; past

matron of the Order of the Eastern Star; wife of a former member of the Shriners; Kentucky Heart Association where she served as co-chairman; Kentucky 2B Association and a former member of the Prestonsburg Women's Club.

Pauline was a member of the East Point Church of Christ where she loved to be with her church family and worship the Lord.

She was married to Willis Sparks who preceded her in death as did her brother, 2nd Sgt. Eugene Hyden, who was missing in action in WWII.

She is survived by two special nieces, Shea Hunt Willis of Lexington and Faye Hunt Mewborn of Greenville, S. C.

Also surviving are several special nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family would like to say a heartfelt thanks to two angels on earth, Linda Hurd and Jackie Pelphry, for the love and care they showed Pauline this past year. May the Lord bless you both. You both give a new meaning to the word caregivers.

Arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

This is a paid obituary.

Kenneth Ray Robinson

Kenneth Ray Robinson, 65, of Martin, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 20, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow at the Martin Community Cemetery, Martin.

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

Hugh Sammons

Hugh Sammons, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 19, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

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Kentucky House bill focuses on black lung

By **AUSTIN BLANKENSHIP**
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — State Rep. Angie Hatton remains passionate about House Bill 75, a bill that would make receiving workers' comp benefits more easily accessible for miners suffering from black lung.

The bill, which was pre-filed by Hatton and state Rep. Robert Goforth, would amend current legislation that limits the number of state certified doctors eligible to diagnose miners suffering from black lung. House Bill 2, which was signed last March, made it so only board-certified pulmonary specialists who are licensed "B" readers can diagnose black lung.

"Right now black lung claimants can only choose from doctors in Lexington and Louisville, basically cutting out all the "B" readers from the coalfields in Western and Eastern Kentucky," Hatton said. She said that creates an inconvenience for the miners who suffer from the debilitating disease and live in this area.

Dr. Brandon Crum, a diagnostic radiologist at United Medical Group of Pikeville, who, before the law was changed, was one of the two "B" readers for the state, also remains adamant on changing HB 2.

According to Crum, there was certain criteria that changed as far as who could read the initial evaluation for the state worker's compensation claim. One criteria is, that only pulmonologists can evaluate the chest X-rays needed to diagnose black lung, eliminating radiologists such as himself from the picture. He would continue to say that chest X-rays are the primary way of diagnosing either simple or complicated black lung and that the elimination of radiologists essentially took the most credentialed people away from the evaluation process.

"We're (radiologists) actually trained more in

reading chest X-rays," Crum said.

Crum said that it was important to have as many people as possible to diagnose black lung because there is so much of it being seen right now.

"We're in the largest epidemic of black lung that's ever been reported in United States history," said Crum. Adding that miners who have had fewer years experience working in the mines than is usually expected are seeing cases of complicated black lung and that was very concerning.

"The youngest person I've seen with complicated black lung was 29," Crum said.

Unfortunately, right now in Eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia we're seeing men in their thirties, forties and fifties, who are waiting on lung transplants or are waiting to be evaluated by lung transplant teams, usually at Vanderbilt or the University of Kentucky, according to Crum.

"Anywhere you have an epidemic in which you have a severe medical issue, it doesn't seem reasonable to take away qualified physicians to be able to help people, usually you're trying to get more people to help," said Crum

However, he remains confident the law will be changed and said that it's important that miners are informed so they can get the compensation they deserve.

House Bill 75 was introduced in House on Jan. 8 and then was assigned to the Economic Development and Workforce Development Committee for review.

According to Hatton, she believes she has enough votes to get it out of committee if she can acquire a hearing.

"I need people to call the legislative message line and call or write their legislators and tell them how important this is," Hatton said.

TO THE CITIZENS AND BUSINESSES OF MARTIN

"We The People" are currently in a bitter dispute with Martin City Mayor and six council members regarding the proposed annexation of Left and Right Beaver areas. The Floyd Chronicle and Times, WYMT and local radio have severely criticized Martin City officials for refusing to discuss this issue or at least be available for a comment with them. This annexation would cause considerable financial burden to local businesses, schools, county government and citizens of neighboring communities.

The mayor, council members and their employees, that your taxes are used to pay salaries and other expenses, refuse to discuss any details of Martin's day to day operation or share any information concerning what they do with the tax dollars collected. They refuse to talk to the citizens who they are supposedly serving. They refuse to answer Open Records Request. They have canceled the last two special meetings that they have scheduled because they would have to face the citizens of their community. They refuse to sign and accept registered mail we send them.

The major blunders in the present annexation proposal made by Sam Howell are ridiculous. We will not stop until Sam Howell and his six council members open up the books showing the public how they have spent the tax dollars they have and are collecting. In the event that they are totally honest, their refusal to discuss City of Martin's business affairs causes them to appear questionable.

We also find it ironic that while you are forced to pay your tax dollars, your neighbors in a section in the center of Martin, Twin Bridge area and Dinwood, have never been in the city limits and are not being annexed. You pay city taxes and your neighbors do not. This area has businesses and residents. We don't blame them for staying out of the City of Martin. In fact, we are fighting to stay out of Martin for the same reasons. Why is Martin traveling 10 miles to annex the McDowell Hospital when there is a substantial area in the center of Martin that has never been a part of the city?

All citizens, those living in rural areas and those living in areas such as Martin who have city government, pay county property tax. Floyd County's budget is 18 million dollars per year. Most of this comes from property tax paid by all Floyd county citizens. Our county property tax pays the salaries of Judge, Sheriff, County Clerk, Jailer, PVA, etc., all county employees, Senior Citizens Centers, parks and road repairs, etc. as well as all other county expenses. This 18 million dollars is used in all areas of the county including communities such as Garrett, Maytown, McDowell, Betsy Layne, Auxier, Minnie, Eastern, etc. who do not have city government with a mayor and council. Very little, if any, is spent in Prestonsburg, Wheelwright, Allen, Wayland and Martin. The city governments charge citizens in these communities city tax to take care of the expenses that the county pays in other areas of the county.

This means the citizens and businesses of Martin pay double tax in the form of:

1. City property tax.
2. 3% restaurant tax to be used for tourism. (Anyone recognize any new tourism attraction in the City of Martin lately?)
3. 1.5% occupational tax.
4. 1.5% net profit for businesses.
5. 9.0% insurance premium tax.
6. Business license.

We submit to you that there is no need for Sam Howell and his 6 council members burdening you with the taxes that the citizens and businesses of Martin pay. To dissolve the Martin City government, approximately 44 citizens (20% of the number of voters in the last presidential election which was November of 2016) would need to sign a petition asking the matter to be put on ballot in the upcoming November, 2019 election. The citizens of Martin would then decide if they wanted to continue with the present city government or dissolve and have Floyd County Fiscal Court to govern the Martin area.

In the event that Martin city government was dissolved, Floyd County Fiscal Court would become owners of all City of Martin assets and would be responsible for providing you with the same sewage, water, police protection, road repairs, etc. that you presently receive.

We have reviewed voting records of the Martin precinct and John Possum voting precinct. These two precincts contain all city of Martin voters. We do not have the May, 2018 voting records of John Possum. We do have the following:

City of Martin voters in Martin precinct			
November 2016	339 registered voters		176 voted
May 2018	261 registered voters		49 voted

It should be noted that there were 78 fewer registered voters in May of 2018 than in November of 2016. This is a 22% drop in number of registered voters. This is a direct reflection on the City of Martin's failure to attract and keep citizens and businesses.

John Possum precinct also has City of Martin voters. In the November 2016 election, there were 60 registered city voters in the John Possum precinct of which 43 voted.

It is time for the citizens of Martin to make a serious evaluation of their city government. We all struggle with financial obligations. Is the added burden of large taxes paid to the City of Martin worth what is received? Would the citizens be served just as well with county government?

We ask that you review your tax dollars paid to Sam Howell and his six council members and make a decision. It is at the very least an issue that should be put to a vote that allows the citizens of Martin a voice. Sam Howell and his council refuse to allow 5,083 voters and over 10,000 citizens to vote in an election to decide what type of government should cover 33 miles of road and several communities including Maytown, McDowell, Minnie, Drift and Eastern in the proposed annexation. At the very least, the citizens of Martin could decide for themselves, city or county government.

Terry Thornsberry

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Floyd woman accused of dousing deputies with urine indicted on 10 charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The batch of indictments issued by a Floyd County grand jury last week included more than a dozen indictments against people accused of crimes involving the Floyd County Detention Center and its employees.

The list of allegations also include two indictments against a Louisville resident who was accused in December of spitting, kicking and throwing urine on jail deputies.

The grand jury indicted Mikayla Wallen, 21, of Louisville, charging her with two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), two counts of third-degree assault, menacing, first-degree criminal mischief, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to court filings in the cases against her, Wallen was arrested in November 2018, after a drug trafficking investigation on Ky. 404. In December, she was arrested for allegedly assaulting detention center employees.

Detention Center Lt. Parker DeRossett alleges in the citation that in Dec. 2018, Wallen broke a window in a visitation room at the jail and was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment.

DeRossett alleges in that citation that deputies Bill Henegar and Tammi Oskarek were watching Wallen at the hospital and she was trying to get out of her restraints. When Henegar went to check those restraints, Wallen allegedly spit on him, "kicked him in the

head" and threatened to kill him, DeRossett claims.

On Dec. 9, DeRossett claims that Wallen "became mad and loud" when she learned she couldn't use the phone at the hospital and she "picked up a bed pan with urine in it and threw it at Oskarek," covering her from the neck to waist with urine."

Wallen denied these charges during her arraignment in Floyd Circuit Court prior to these indictments. She is expected to be arraigned on the charges in the indictments on March 19.

She wasn't the only inmate accused of trying to damage detention center property. The grand jury also indicted Steven Moore, 39, of Mallie, and Delbert Conn, 34, of Martin, for complicity to commit second-degree criminal mischief. The indictment alleges that they damaged property at the jail in November.

The indictments also include the following allegations:

- Benjamin Shepherd, 28, of Hueysville: first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, two counts of prescription not in original container, second-degree persistent felony offender.

- Christopher Hamilton, 41, of Grethel (two indictments issued): first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia second-degree fleeing/evading police, resisting arrest, first-degree disorderly conduct, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, public intoxication, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, carrying a concealed weapon, operating an ATV on a road-

way, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, no/expired registration receipt, no registration plate

- Candy Compton, 31, of Wheelwright: first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia

- Nathan Bartley, 38, of Dana: first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia

- Carla Forsyth, 25, of Harold: first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia

- Barbara Hicks, 55, of Garrett: first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia

- Lisa Alberty, 39, of Kite: first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree persistent felony offender

- Steven Barnett, 49, of McDowell: first-degree promoting contraband, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance not in original container

- Dennis Wilkins, 37, of Louisville: first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance not in original container

- Jeremy Howell, 33, of Grethel: first-degree promoting contraband, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance not in original container, first-degree persistent felony offender

Editor's Note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.



Photo courtesy of LRC Public Information
Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, speaks on House Bill 154, a bill regarding the operation of golf carts on roadways, in the Kentucky House last week.

Legislation filed to take out pension bill language

By TOM LATEK KENTUCKY TODAY

While the pension bill passed by the 2018 General Assembly was later struck down by the Kentucky Supreme Court, the language still remains on the books, so legislation was introduced Friday to remove it.

House Minority Caucus Chairman Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort and Rep. Joe Graviss, D-Versailles, both of whom represent thousands of state employees, are sponsoring the legislation and have been joined by the entire Democratic Caucus.

The pension reform legislation was originally a wastewater bill, but was amended in a House committee and approved by the Republican supermajorities in both the House and Senate within a seven-hour period,

a process that the high court unanimously declared unconstitutional.

"As the legislators whose districts have the highest concentration of state employees in Kentucky, we feel it is important that we take this step and finally rid Kentucky of a bill that never should have been approved in the first place," said Graham. "It was wrong for Kentucky and its public workforce, and the process to pass it, as the Supreme Court ruled, was just as bad."

Graviss concurs. "I have had many tell me how grateful they are that the 'sewer' bill was ultimately not enacted, because it would have reduced benefits for many public workers; it would have made it tougher to hire and retain future teachers and state and local government employees; and it would

have cost taxpayers much more than maintaining the path we set six years ago. Like a lot of bad laws that are no longer enforced, this one should be removed completely."

The two lawmakers introduced the bill on Friday, since the deadline for new bills to be introduced is Tuesday and lawmakers will not meet on Monday, in observance of Presidents Day.

The 2019 General Assembly will meet through March 13, then will be in the so-called "Veto Recess" until the final two days of the session, March 29 and 30. While the final two days are ostensibly to be only used to vote on whether to override vetoes by Gov. Matt Bevin, any legislative activity can still take place.

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Allen students help foster care kids

Allen Elementary College and Career Navigator and Gear Up Coordinator Cindy Artrip



By **MARY MEADOWS**
 STAFF WRITER

Students at Allen Elementary donated 40 totes filled with gifts for foster children last week.

Allen Elementary College and Career Navigator and Gear Up Coordinator Cindy Artrip said students in the AES Cares and Gearup clubs have worked since the beginning of this school

year to gather donations for this project. It's one of several projects being undertaken by the students.

Carla Marshall, a service coordinator for the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Therapeutic Foster Care & Adoption Services program, picked up the donation from the school on Feb. 15. She's one of several MCCC officials who help

foster care children.

She said MCCC provides services to foster children in several counties, and estimated that about 40 children are served from the program's office in Prestonsburg.

Marshall said she was glad to see these students working to help children in foster care.

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Students in Allen Elementary School's AES Cares and Gear Up clubs collected donations to fill 40 travel totes for foster care children who are served by the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Therapeutic Foster Care & Adoption Services program.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

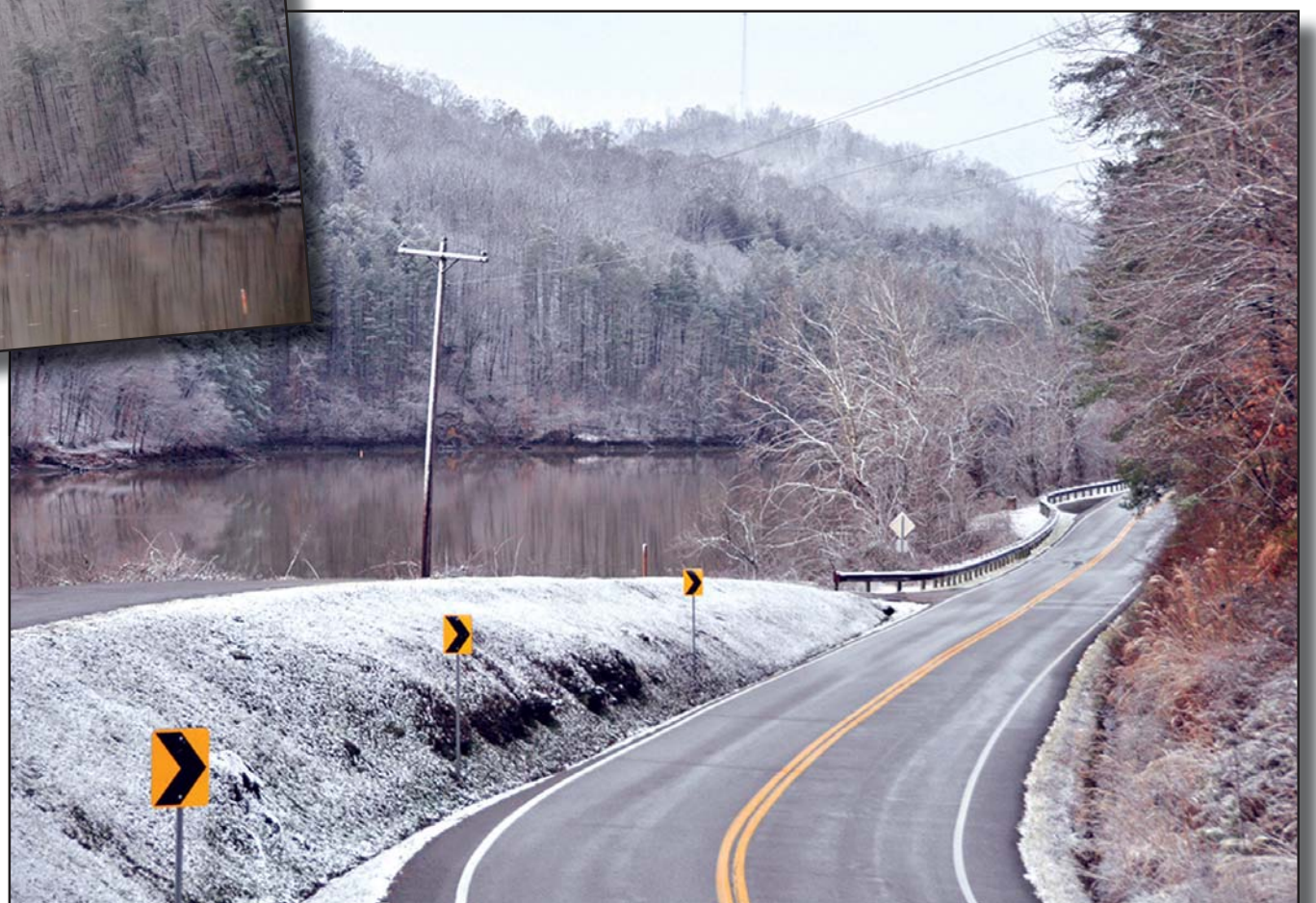


Breath of winter



A few inches of snow blanketed the county on Saturday, Feb. 16. The icy weather caused no significant travel concerns, as it melted away in just a few hours.

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Community Events

- Feb. 21, 10 a.m.: The Big Sandy Elder Abuse Council meets, the Big Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374
- Feb. 22, 7 p.m.: Front Porch Pickin' at the Mountain Arts Center, with special guest Jason Goble. Admission is free. 888-MAC-ARTS
- Feb. 25, 5 p.m.: Southern Water meets, Southern offices, McDowell.
- Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.: Floyd County Board of Education meets at Betsy Layne High School. (606) 886-2354
- Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m.: Big Sandy Area Development District meets, Big Sandy ADD office. (606) 886-2374.
- Feb. 26, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: 20th Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium, Ramada Inn & Conference Center, Paintsville. Registration is \$30. (606) 783-2681
- Feb. 26, 6 p.m.: Martin City Council meets, city hall.
- Feb. 26, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriter's Scene, Lizzie B's, Prestonsburg. (606) 886-1341
- Feb. 27, 6 p.m.: Friends of Jenny Wiley Meeting, May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Jim Stewart, (606) 886-8735
- Feb. 28, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Moms Meet Moms in Recovery support group, offering free diapers, baby items, babysitting, food, refreshments, informational resources, at Destination Church. Qualifies as "parent education" and "peer support group" required by drug court. For information, call Kelly at (606) 886-2788

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"I'm glad that they're doing this because they're not aware. They really need to be aware of what's going on with these kids," she said.

Drs. Mahendra and Chandra Varia and Laila Rani Slone Varia sponsored the totes for the project, and the students gathered donations from the community to fill them with gifts.

Artrip said that the students supplied blankets, stuffed animals, personal care items, journals, ink pens and inspirational cards for the foster care children.

She said the students started the fundraiser to honor one of their former classmates, who died last year.

"They had a classmate who took her life last year. She was a foster child, and they wanted to do something in her honor," Artrip said.

She said the students plan to seek more donations for this project in

the future.

"This is our first year doing this, so our future goal is going to be to be able to reach out to more kids," Artrip said.

She said the project gives these foster care children "something more personal to carry along with them as they travel from place to place."

For more information about the MCCC Therapeutic Foster Care & Adoption Services program, call, (606) 263-4938.

Local residents who want to donate to the foster care donation drive hosted by AES Cares, visit "AES Cares" on Facebook.

'Kentucky Roots' artists sought for upcoming exhibit

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

Kentucky artist Jennifer Stanley is seeking fellow artists for an upcoming exhibit in Lexington during the 2019 Gallery Hop.

The 2019 Kentucky Roots II exhibit at Christ Church in Lexington will run from May through June and is open to any Kentucky artist who has a desire to show his/her work in at the Christ Church Cathedral in downtown Lexington.

"This is a great opportunity for aspiring artists to be a part of the

Arts community in Central Kentucky and have their work seen by hundreds of people in this metropolitan area," Stanley said.

The initial Kentucky Roots exhibit ran for three months in 2017 and, according to Stanley, serves as a networking and sales opportunity for artist.

"The Gallery Hop in 2017 was resounding success with an environment of live music, a buffet and an open invitation to all," she said. "The 2019 Gallery Hop is expected to be the same atmosphere — a fabulous opportunity for like-minded artists

to meet one another and also to greet their adoring public."

Stanley said that the invitation is open to artist of all mediums.

"Even if your art is a little 'outside of the box,' I urge you to contact me for more information," she said. "When I send you the submission form, fill it out and return it to me along with photos of your work that you want us to consider for the exhibit."

Deadline for submissions is March 30. For questions or more information, email, Jenstudio61@gmail.com.

Front Porch Pickin' returns to the Mountain Arts Center

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

One of the Mountain Arts Center's most popular shows is returning this weekend.

The MAC will open its doors for Front Porch Pickin' at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 22.

The MAC is offering free admission to the event, which is sponsored by Appalachian Wireless.

Prestonsburg musician and songwriter Jason Goble will serve as the special guest and host at Front Porch Pickin'.

It's one of several upcoming events at the MAC.

The center will offer a concert with Josh Martin on March 1, featuring Rachel Messer as the opening act. Martin recently released his new single, "The Walls Talk."

The annual Big Sandy Idol competition, featuring students throughout

Eastern Kentucky, will take place March 15-16.

On March 29, the MAC has scheduled a performance of the Oak Ridge Boys, a band that has numerous top country hits under its belt.

This spring, the MAC is also scheduled to host a new outdoor show at the Jenny Wiley Amphitheater at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The "Music Rules Fest," set for May 11, will feature numerous bands, including Arlo McKinley & The Lonesome Sound, Joslyn & The Sweet Compression, Sean Whiting, Chelsea Nolan and Waylon Nelson.

For more about these and other events, visit the MAC on Facebook or at, macarts.com.



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Prestonsburg falls to Lawrence County in district tournament

Prestonsburg's Reesce Endicott drives to the goal during the final half of a 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament game against Lawrence County on Monday night.

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By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

tonsburg ended its season 20-11.

LOUISA — After winning 20 games for only the fifth time in program history, Prestonsburg fell in the semifinals of the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament. Excelling on its home floor, Lawrence County pulled away to defeat Prestonsburg 75-47 in the semifinals of the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament on Monday night.

Lawrence County improved to 22-9 and advanced to the 58th District girls' basketball title game with the win.

Tournament host Lawrence County applied heavy defensive pressure to Prestonsburg's leading scorer — Kaitlyn Keathley throughout the post-season matchup.

The Lady Bulldogs moved ahead in the opening quarter, outscoring Prestonsburg

With the loss, Pres-

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Prestonsburg senior Kaitlyn Keathley draws heavy defensive pressure in the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament on Monday night.

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Lady Jags level Betsy Layne, 65-31

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Current 15th Region frontrunner Floyd Central passed its first postseason test on Monday night, leveling county rival Betsy Layne 65-31 in the semifinals of the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament at Lawrence County High School.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 26-2 and advanced to the 58th District girls' basketball title game.

Betsy Layne ended its season 7-22 with the loss.

In the nightcap of the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament on Monday night, host Lawrence County rolled past Prestonsburg 75-47.

Floyd Central took control early, outscoring Betsy Layne 23-9 in the opening quarter. Dominant Floyd Central, playing in front of a large fanbase and led 38-15 at halftime.

Floyd Central coach Justin

Triplett used a balanced offensive attack to beat Betsy Layne convincingly. Katie Moore, Kaylee Moore and Grace Martin led Floyd Central with 10 points apiece. Narrowly missing double figures for the Lady Jaguars, Lauren Preston and Abby Maggard added nine points apiece.

Kennedy Harvel (seven points), Brook Stumbo (four points), Natalie Holle (two points), Jada Johnson (two points) and Kamryn Shannon (two points) provided Floyd Central's additional scoring.

Kimberly Akers, Amelia Blackburn and Alexandria Jarvis paced Betsy Layne with eight points apiece. The other scorers for Betsy Layne were Madilyn Meade (four points) and Lauryn Watkins (three points).

Floyd Central will face Lawrence County (22-9) in the 58th District girls' basketball title game at 7 p.m. on Wednesday night.



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Floyd Central's Katie Moore lofts a shot during the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament Semifinals at Lawrence County High School on Monday night.

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20-12. Lawrence County added to its lead quickly in the second quarter. The Lady Bull-

Lady Blackcat Alivia Slone lofts a shot during Prestonsburg's postseason matchup against Lawrence County.



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dogs carried a commanding 41-17 lead into halftime.

Lawrence County will face Floyd Central in the 58th District girls' basketball title game at

7:00 p.m. on Wednesday night. In the opening game of the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament, Floyd Central defeated Betsy Layne 65-31.

Bobcats roll over June Buchanan

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

STANVILLE — Jordan Frazier scored a game-high 26 points as Betsy Layne pulled away to beat visiting June Buchanan 68-41 in a late-season boys' high school basketball game at Junior Newsome Arena on Friday night.

With the win, former 58th District frontrunner Betsy Layne improved to 13-15.

June Buchanan, a team out of the neighboring 14th Region, dropped to 8-20 with the loss.

Betsy Layne featured three scorers in double figures. Zack Bentley netted

13 points and Brady Robinson added 10 points for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne thrived late on its way to defeating June Buchanan handily. The Bobcats edged June Buchanan 10-9 in the opening quarter. Adding to its lead prior to the intermission period, Betsy Layne outscored June Buchanan 12-9 in the second quarter to lead 22-18 at halftime.

The Bobcats remained in control after the break.

In one of its most dominant single-quarter performances thus far in the 2018/2019 boys' high school basketball season, Betsy Layne outscored Jenkins 31-12 in the final period.

Trimble Dotson (eight points), Grant Orsborn (five points), Chase Mims (four points) and Davy Bentley (two points) combined to provide the rest of Betsy Layne's scoring.

Caleb Tackett led June Buchanan's limited offensive attack, scoring nine points. Finishing directly behind Tackett in scoring for the Crusaders, Izaeyah Dotson added eight points.

The other scorers for the June Buchanan boys' basketball team were Lucas Hall (six points), Caleb Cox (four points), Evan Caudill (three points), Grant Varney (three points), Jarred Hall (two points) and Dylan Moore (two points).

Lady Bobcats ended regular-season with back-to-back wins

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne exited the regular-season on a two-game winning streak. The Lady Bobcats notched back-to-back wins over visiting opponents June Buchanan and Oneida Baptist Institute Friday-Saturday.

More on each game involving the Ladycats follows.

Betsy Layne 61, June Buchanan 39
Amelia Blackburn scored 15 points to lead host Betsy Layne over June Buchanan 61-39 in a girls' high school basketball game at Junior Newsome Arena on Friday night.

Betsy Layne featured three scorers in double fig-

ures as Madilyn Meade netted 12 points and Katie Kidd contributed 10 points.

The Lady Bobcats shot 41.7 percent (25 of 60) from the field.

Alexandria Jarvis and Kimberly Akers chipped in eight points apiece for the Ladycats in the convincing victory.

Lauryn Watkins (seven points) and Kenadie Boyette (one point) rounded out the Lady Bobcats' scoring in the winning effort.

Kidd paced Betsy Layne inside, pulling down seven rebounds.

Betsy Layne 59, Oneida Baptist 32

Betsy Layne prevailed in a regular-season finale over the weekend, topping visiting Oneida Baptist Institute 59-32 at Junior New-

some Arena on Saturday.

The Lady Bobcats shot 45 percent (27 of 60) from the field.

Alexandria Jarvis led Betsy Layne with a game-high 20 points. Jarvis was the only Betsy Layne player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Narrowly missing double figures for the Ladycats, Madilyn Meade netted nine points.

The other scorers for Betsy Layne were Katie Kidd (eight points), Amelia Blackburn (six points), Lauryn Watkins (six points), Kenadie Boyette (four points), Karly Williams (four points) and Kimberly Akers (two points).

Inside for Betsy Layne, Akers pulled down a game-high eight rebounds.

Jaguars upend Belfry, 63-50

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BELFRY — Floyd Central managed to close its regular-season in the win column, pulling away to beat 15th Region rival Belfry 63-50 on the road on Thursday.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 4-24.

Belfry dropped to 8-21 with the loss.

The victory allowed Floyd Central to halt a four-game losing skid.

Floyd Central shot 55 percent (22 of 40) from the field. The Jaguars were three of 11 (27.3 percent) from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 60 percent (18 of 30) from the free throw line.

Excelling inside, Floyd Central outrebounded Belfry 29-24.

Senior Brady Conn led Floyd Central with a game-high double-double. Conn poured in 31 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to pace the Jaguars.

Junior Ethan Smith-Mills accompanied Conn in double figures in scoring for the Jaguars, netting 16 points. Smith-Mills connected on two of the Jaguars' three three-point field goals.

Caleb Hager added seven points for the Jaguars.

Floyd Central moved ahead early, outscoring Belfry 15-5 in the first quarter. The Jaguars led 26-15 at halftime.

Finishing strong, Floyd Central outscored Belfry 22-16 in the final quarter.

The other scorers for Floyd Central were Hayden Hall (four points), William Slone (three points), Braden Moore (two points), Dalton

Boyd (one point) and Eric Burke (one point).

Belfry shot 31 percent (18 of 58) from the field. The Pirates were five of 19 (26.3 percent) from three-point range.

Canaan Fletcher led Belfry with a team-best 14 points. Joining Fletcher in double figures for the Pirates, Jaxson Thompson tossed in 11 points.

Narrowly missing double figures for Belfry, Dezhmon Roblee added eight points.

Brett Coleman (six points), Kevin Browning (five points) and Tylein May (five points) accounted for the rest of Belfry's scoring.

May led Belfry inside, pulling down nine rebounds.

Belfry shot 56.2 percent (nine of 16) from the free-throw line in the setback.

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Floodplain Management Section 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502)564-3410

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE 1 Pursuant to Application Number 898-4463 Renewal #7

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460 Shelbiana, Kentucky 41562, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 5.1 miles southwest of Pikeville in Pike County. The proposed operation will disturb/permit 151.8 surface acres and will underlie 876.0 shadow area acres in Pike and Floyd Counties. The proposed operation is approximately 1.0 miles southwest from Island Creek road's junction with Ray Branch County Road and located 0.1 miles west of Island Creek. The proposed facility is located on the Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN DRIVER OF LOG TRUCK DRIVING ON OLD KY 114 (aka KY 2555) AND INVOLVED IN SIDE-SWIPE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Notice is hereby given of the filing of a lawsuit styled: Makayla Williams v. Unknown Driver of Log Truck Driving on KY 114 on September 25, 2018 and Kentucky National Insurance Company, Civil Action No: 19-CI-0005 in the Floyd Circuit Court, Division II, Floyd County, Kentucky. In this lawsuit, personal injury claims are asserted against the Unknown Driver of the Log Truck. On February 6, 2017, Attorney Casey M. Jones of the Jones Law Firm, PLLC was appointed as warning order attorney to notify the Unknown Driver of the Log Truck the above action has been filed against him/her. A copy of the Complaint can be obtained from the Jones Law Firm, PLLC. Under Kentucky's civil rules, the Unknown Driver of the Log Truck must answer the complaint within 50 days of February 6, 2019. If the Unknown Driver of the Log Truck fails to file an answer, he/she might forfeit his/her rights to challenge the allegations of the lawsuit. The Unknown Driver of the Log Truck is asked to contact Attorney Casey M. Jones by mail at P.O. Box 405 Prestonsburg, Kentucky or by telephone at 606.886.8940.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-7012

Renewal No. 2 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 0.07 miles east of Big Branch in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 72.28 surface acres within the permit boundary. The proposed operation is approximately 0.52 miles southeast from KY 302's junction with KY 1428 and located along Big Branch. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the haul road only method of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Frank and Judith Adams, Tri-Star Development, Inc., and Alma Land Company. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501-9331. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0440, Major Revision 5

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Revelation Energy, LLC, PO Box 189, Lackey, Kentucky 41643, has applied for a Major Revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.2 miles northeast of West Garrett in Floyd County. The major revision will not add any surface disturbance acreage to the permit area. The total area within the revised permit boundary will remain 202.07 acres. The proposed major revision is approximately 0.1 miles northwest from Route 2029's junction with KY Route 7 and located on an unnamed tributary of Raccoon Branch. The operation is located on the Wayland, Handshoe and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Kentucky Fuels, LLC, Betty Reed, Delphia M. Hale and Carol S. Wireman, Virgil Shepherd, Heirs: (Sheldon Shepherd, Gorman Shepherd & Lendon Shepherd), Eugene Shepherd, Carl D. Whitaker, Gorman Shepherd, Dallas Sparkman, Marigold Warrax, Clayton Ramey, Craig Hicks, Revelation Energy, LLC, Bobby & Lenore Slone, Rickery Handshoe, Homer Ratliff, David Compton, D. Allen, Linda Prater, Gary Francis, Edward & Dora Handshoe.

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The major revision is to address the right of entry. The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Liberty Management, LLC, P.O. Box 100, Ary, Kentucky 41712 has applied for Phase I and II Bond Release on Increment No.'s 33 and Phase I Bond Release on Increment No.'s 1 and 39, Phase I, II and III Bond Release on Increment No. 5, Phase II Bond Release on Increment No.'s 29, Phase II and III Bond Release on Increment No.'s 14 and 37 and Phase III Bond Release on Increment No.'s 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 31, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 of **Permit Number 836-0459** which was last issued on August 2, 2017. Increment No. 1 covers an area approximately 91.15 acres, Increment No. 2 covers an area approximately 21.69 acres, Increment No. 3 covers an area approximately 16.44 acres, Increment No. 4 covers an area approximately 18.90 acres, Increment

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near Craynor in Floyd County. The permit is approximately 0.5 miles south of KY 979' junction with Dry Branch Road and is located within Dry Branch of Mud Creek, Mink Branch of Mud Creek, and at the head of Gap Fork of Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the M c D o w e l l U.S.G.S. 7 _ minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37° 25' 56". The longitude is 82° 39' 7". The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a Surety Bond in the amount of two hundred sixty-four thousand one hundred dollars (\$264,100.00), which sixty percent (60%) of the bond at two hundred sixty-four thousand one hundred dollars (\$264,100.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 1 include: backfill-

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