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## Annexation angst in Martin

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER



Floyd County resident Debra Hoover tells Martin City Council members, "You're making yourself look like pure jackasses." She complained about the lack of information provided about Martin's proposed annexation.

The Martin City Council held the first reading of a new annexation proposal at a special meeting held at the Renaissance Learning Center gym in Martin on Feb. 20.

The meeting was delayed 20 minutes, as city officials gathered on one side of the gym and attendees stood on the other.

That crowd of roughly 100 people stood in a semi-circle near the gym entrance, with some leaning on the walls. After city

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## Fiscal court approves insurance tax

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court approved a new 4 percent insurance premium tax during its Feb. 19 meeting.

The ordinance passed with a vote of 3-2, with Judge-Executive Robbie

Williams and magistrate Mike Tackett and Mark Crider voting for it and magistrates Ronnie Akers and George Ousley voting against it.

The approval came after a speech by Williams, who asked a

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Above, Charles Hall told officials that he appreciates the 4 percent insurance premium tax approved because it's less than the 6 percent tax, which expires on June 30. At left, Magistrate Ronnie Akers asks the county treasurer to confirm that the fiscal court has nearly \$3.6 million in the bank at Tuesday's meeting. Akers voted against implementing a 4 percent insurance premium tax.






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## Flooding causes issues in Floyd

Heavy rains flooded Archer Park in Prestonsburg on Wednesday, leaving only higher elevated facilities, like the veterans memorial, visible on Thursday.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo  
by Mary Meadows



A **FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Flooding prompting road closures and other problems throughout Floyd County this week, and more rain is expected to douse the area this weekend.

Sara George, spokesperson for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Highway District 12 office in Pike County, said heavy rains prompted closures of several roadways Wednesday evening due to flooding and mudslides.

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**MARTIN**

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officials moved two tables to the opposite side of the room, the crowd moved in unison, closer to the tables. There was no speaker system available and complaints about the acoustics and lack of seating were among numerous complaints expressed by attendees.

The actual meeting lasted about three minutes. The council held the first reading of an ordinance declaring the city's intent to annex 603.27 acres of land on various roads, marking what appears to be the third time the proposed annexation has been changed since Jan. 29.

Council Member James Reynolds apologized to the crowd.

"I wanted to apologize to everyone for not having the room set up," he said. "We don't even have tables or chairs for anyone. We apologize for that. We did get a bigger venue. We had too many people the last time at city hall, and we couldn't get everyone in and we apologize for that."

Attendees were asked to sign up if they wanted to comment and 15 people did so. They were not allowed to comment, however, until after the meeting adjourned and Mayor Sam Howell and Council Member Charles Justice left the building. That action prompted an uproar from the crowd.

Prior to leaving, Howell told attendees, "Thank you guys for coming out." As he and Justice left the building, someone shouted, "Hey, mayor, you can't leave. Where you going?"

Another person said, "He's the mayor. He should be the one to stay."

Council members April Gayheart, Harold Case, Gary Akers and Jim Reynolds — constituting a quorum of the city council — stayed with the crowd, assuring them that their comments would be recorded, although they were not part of the official city meeting.

Terry Thornsberry, one of the founders of the "We the People" group, which is opposing the annexation, was the first to speak. He was followed by several others, including people who didn't sign up, who

asked questions, voiced complaints and, at times, made derogatory comments about city officials and the annexation proposal.

Repeatedly, attendees complained that the city was violating open meeting laws by not providing appropriate seating or a sound system in the gym and violating open records laws by intentionally refusing to accept open records requests sent by certified mail.

City Clerk Ethel Clouse told them she was working to gather paperwork for the Kentucky Attorney General's office and has other work in the office she has to do.

Two questions that were repeatedly asked on Wednesday surrounded how the annexation would benefit Martin as well as the residents in outlying communities.

Reynolds said, "Right now, I can't answer all of the questions. I can't. What I'm going to try to do is get all of your questions and hopefully when we have a second reading, if we have a second reading, we'll have some answers."

Repeatedly, Reynolds apologized and asked the crowd to "be civil," while attendees chided council members and made jokes about the mayor leaving and the competency of city officials.

Nickie Harlow of the Allen Volunteer Fire Department told council members that if this annexation is approved, home insurance rates in outlying communities would "go through the roof" because Martin's ISO rating is lower than Allen's. Reynolds asked him to provide the city proof of that.

Several residents asked pointed questions, including one man, who wanted to know if Martin officials discussed plans it has for these communities proposed for annexation.

"I'm being civil here," he said. "Could you please give us your plan, short term plan, what you're going to work on first, proposed budgets? I mean, there's got to be a lot of thoughts put into this. This just don't happen. You're not going to ... gather taxes, have money and not know what you're going to do with it. Please tell me you're not."



Martin Council member Gary Akers tries to speak over the crowd at the special-called meeting Wednesday. Council member Harold Case, right, is also pictured.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

Reynolds talked about the city's desire to improve sewer infrastructure in outlying communities, saying officials want to "help in any way we can." Gayheart asked residents for suggestions on what they want from Martin.

"We want to be left alone," one man said.

Rita Daniels, another founder of the "We the People" group, told council members, "Of course we're going to fight this annexation. It may be that you have the ability to do it under the law, but morally, it's not the right thing because what are you going to offer us? Tell me, what will you give us if you annex?"

Details about the areas included in the ordinances, the future plans Martin has for improvement in these areas and how this ordinance differs from the two others previously proposed were not answered.

Reynolds answered questions after the crowd dispersed about the annexation, but other council members declined comment.

When asked if there is a plan to do three annexation phases, as has been reported, he said,

"It's not in motion right now. I don't really know what all they got on the agenda. I haven't talked to any of the other members or to the mayor about it, so I can't answer that."

Since Jan. 29, the Floyd Chronicle and Times has been seeking copies of bill lists, checks and invoices approved for October, November and December. Only a portion of that request has been answered with redacted city documents.

The bill lists supplied most recently show that



Martin Council member James Reynolds, left, reads an ordinance declaring the city's intent to annex more than 600 acres at a meeting Wednesday. Mayor Sam Howell, center, and Council Member Charles Justice left the building without listening to any comment from the public.

the city ended all three of those months in a deficit.

They also show that council members, in January, approved pay increases from their regular pay — from \$90.85 to more than \$400 — for the month of November. The checks were dated a few days prior to the first reading of the annex-

ation.

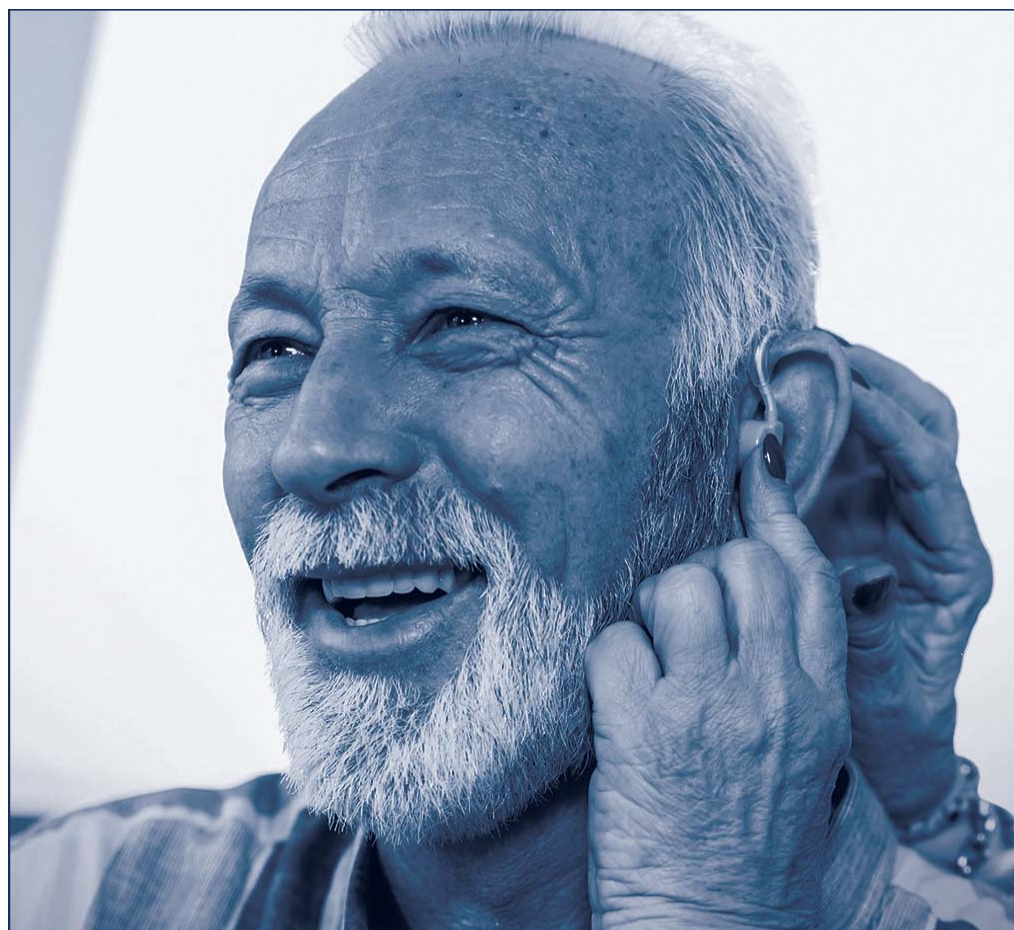
Clouse said they were annual "cost of living increases."

Gayheart accepts no pay as a city council member, the bill lists show, and another person, Bobby Dingus, earns the same rate of pay as the other council members, except in the month

of November, when he

received more than \$100. Clouse said he picks up trash and does other things for the city.

When asked how the city is able to operate with a balance of less than zero, Reynolds said, "We get by the best we can and that's all I can say about it now."



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**TAX**

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packed crowd in the fiscal courtroom to give his administration the opportunity to use revenues from this tax for county needs.

He reported the revenues would be split, with 60 percent funding road projects, 20 percent funding senior citizens centers, 10 percent supporting community projects and 10 percent supporting economic development projects.

Williams complained about the prior fiscal court — the majority of whom were voted out of office after this tax was implemented — for repealing the tax after the election last year and spending funding to fix county roads. He claims the former administration used revenues from the tax to get a \$2 million loan for roadwork and then spent the majority of those funds on roads repairs without repairing those in the most need. He also complained about a Southern Water bond, which, when included with the road bond, totals about \$360,000 annually the county has to pay.

He said his administration plans to cut the county budget and “reduce” the insurance premium tax from 6 percent — the current tax that expires on June 30 — to 4 percent — the tax, which takes effect July 1.

“We can cut, but we can balance the budget,” Williams said. “We can cut, cut, cut. I can’t lay the county attorney off. I can’t lay the jailer off. I can’t shut the jail down. I can’t lay the coroner off. These are services that are required by state law. We have to provide these minimum services.”

The floor was open, however, for citizen comments, and several people spoke. The majority of the commenters voiced support for the tax and complained about their roads. Few residents stated, outright, that they oppose the tax.

Bullcreek resident Sue English told fiscal court members that she is waiting patiently for road work to be done.

“I’m very willing to give you the time and the 4 percent to fix our roads,” she said.

Many of the speakers were from Toler Creek, and they highlighted road repairs they said have been needed for years. Floyd County resident Trisha Hall presented a petition from residents of the Left Fork of Toler Creek asking about repairs to roads there.

Hall wanted to know how the fiscal court will prioritize its road maintenance plan. She and others complained about county roads that have not been repaired after they were damaged when Southern Water & Sewer District dug them up to repair broken lines.

Residents who voiced opposition told fiscal court members that they campaigned against taxes prior to their election

and asked them to tighten their belt.

Resident Charles Wright, who voiced his opposition, also asked why the county hired a contractor to work on an industrial site property on U.S. 23 when the county has the equipment and personnel to do the work there.

Another person who voiced opposition, Martha Davis, told fiscal court members that the tax will be “devastating” to small businesses and that it would run businesses out of the county.

Fiscal court members only answered a couple of questions. Williams said after the meeting that he plans to write letters addressing concerns voiced by those who spoke.

Ousley and Akers would not comment after the meeting about their decision to vote against the tax. Williams and Crider both said they didn’t want to pass the tax, but had to balance the budget. Both of them also said, “I’m glad it’s over.”

During the meeting, Akers asked County Treasurer David Layne to confirm that the county has more than \$3.5 million in the bank. Layne told him some of those funds are earmarked for specific bills.

Akers also voted against the bill list approved at the meeting, after asking why the county paid more than \$31,400 to one company without seeking bids.

“There’s a \$31,000 bill for Reynolds Farm Equipment. What is that?” he asked.

Layne told him that was funds allotted through a \$100,000 coal severance grant for StoneCrest — an entity owned by the City of Prestonsburg, not the county. When Akers noted that any expense over \$20,000 must be bid, Layne said the state already approved the invoices. He and Williams told Akers that it’s just pass-through grant funding.

“It’s pass-through, but if we vote on it, it’s us that’s on the line for it,” Akers said.

Layne said the Department for Local Government already approved the invoices for that payment, as well as a \$70,000 to another

company last month.

Akers also asked why the county was paying \$1,164 to Precision Technology Services, listed as “technical support” on the bill list.

That bill was among \$2,550 approved for payment to John S. Little, the son of county purchase order clerk and road crew supervisor Steve Little. The rest of the funds were spent for office blinds, an Apple iPad, bag and microphone kit, heaters for senior citizens centers and road department travel.

Answering questions about the payment from Akers, Layne said, “It’s a professional service that Robbie got Stevie (Little) to do. Basically, Steven,



Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams asks a packed fiscal courtroom to give his administration the opportunity to use the insurance premium tax revenue to fix roads and address other projects. County Attorney Keith Bartley, who opposes the tax, is also pictured.

sorry, was hanging road signs, trying to track down missing road signs, and then took pictures of roads. He’s also been helping Joey (Reynolds) with trash pickup, with

code enforcement, trying to find people for litter abatement,” Layne said. “And then, also doing an IT process of doing the Facebook posts of our court meetings, set-

ting us up a website that the fiscal court has never had, which we need to attract businesses and stuff of that nature. That’s about four week’s worth of work.”



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## WEST VIRGINIA PARAMEDIC RECEIVES HEART CARE AT PMC

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Paramedics know that minutes or even seconds can be the difference between life and death for a heart attack victim.

West Virginia paramedic Douglas Fuller has seen the signs with his patients – fatigue, cold sweats, shortness of breath, pressure, tightness and pain in one's chest, arms and neck are all common signs of a heart attack.

He has provided care for nearly 17 years. Little did he realize the tables would turn. He suddenly began to experience all the signs of a heart attack.

Fuller said the day he experienced his heart attack was just another ordinary day in his life.

"I got up for work like I do every day. When I arrived at work, I started to feel severe tightness and pain. I knew when the pain hit my neck the way it did, I was having a heart attack," he recalled.

He said things began to happen quickly. His coworkers rushed him to a nearby hospital and, shortly upon his arrival, physicians recognized the need to transfer him to Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Heart and Vascular Institute for advanced care.

Fuller said he felt a sense of relief knowing he was going to PMC for treatment.

Having transported patients to PMC, he knew the gold standard for stopping a heart attack was 90 minutes. PMC's Heart & Vascular Institute beats the national standard by an average of 45 minutes.

"Although I had never been a patient at PMC before, I had brought several patients here as a paramedic. I knew I was going to a great hospital, and I would be receiving the best care possible," he said.

Upon his arrival, he was sent directly to PMC's Cardiac Catheterization Lab where PMC's Interventional Cardiologist Muhammad Ahmad, MD, was waiting to provide immediate care.

"PMC received notification we were receiving a patient for what is considered a ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI)," PMC Heart and Vascular Institute Director Lorri Burgess said. "Our team was ready and waiting to provide care for this patient."

She said a STEMI is a severe type of heart attack during which one of the heart's major arteries could have a blockage. Burgess stressed that time was muscle and essential for any patient when it comes to determining the severity and damage of the attack.

Fuller was one of 189 STEMI patients to receive expert cardiovascular care during the past year. PMC's Heart and Vascular Institute is seeing a significant increase in patient numbers and is expanding to meet that demand.

Fuller's confidence in PMC came from watching the staff work on several patients that he had brought in for treatment for the same symptoms he was enduring.

"As soon as we saw the electrocardiogram (EKG) we knew he needed an angiogram, we quickly realized Mr. Fuller was experiencing a 100 percent blockage in the right coronary artery and 99 percent blockage to the left anterior descending artery, commonly known as the widow maker," Dr. Ahmad said.

He said PMC's team moved quickly and efficiently to determine the patient's needs.

Dr. Ahmad and his team inserted two stents to open the blood flow to the damaged area of the heart.

"PMC's commitment to growth and providing advanced care is raising the bar for heart care in our region. Patients like Fuller have access to our state-of-the-art catheterization lab. Our highly qualified team allows us to perform procedures close to home, allowing family and friends a more convenient opportunity to support patients during their recovery," Dr. Ahmad said.

Fuller said he was grateful for the world-class care he received at PMC.

"I could not have asked for any better. I received ex-

cellent care and truly believe that PMC saved my life. The entire team at PMC treated me great," he said.

Fuller is doing well and is planning to complete PMC's Cardiac Rehabilitation, a program that offers patients lifestyle monitoring and fitness. The program is designed to help restore the patient's heart to maximum efficiency.

For more information about Pikeville Medical Center's Heart and Vascular Institute, call 606-218-3500 or visit [pikevillehospital.org](http://pikevillehospital.org).



## PMC CONTINUES TO GROW WITH THE ADDITION OF THREE NEW PHYSICIANS

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is expanding hospital services for patients by providing exceptional physicians, state-of-the-art technology and specialties close to home.

PMC proudly announces the addition of three new physicians to the growing service lines.

Rasiah A. Narendrakumar, MD, and David A. Schulte, DO, joined PMC's distinguished group of hospitalists. The two will collaborate with family physicians and specialty physicians to provide care to hospitalized patients. They care for patients during their stay and oversee the patient's well-being. They will have numerous duties, but their primary expertise is caring for hospitalized patients.

"We are excited to add these notable physicians to our prominent group of hospitalists. Our hospitalists all have goals to provide excellent medical care in a loving, compassionate, Christian environment and perform as physicians that patients know they can depend on in their time of need," said PMC Director of Hospital Physician Administration, Sherri Thacker.

Dr. Narendrakumar is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He received his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at the University of Jaffna in Sri Lanka. He completed his residency at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in Bronx, NY.

Dr. Schulte is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He completed his medical degree from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Philadelphia,



## PMC OFFERS THE COMMUNITY NEW QUIT-SMOKING CLASSES

By: Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is now offering help to those in the community who have the desire to quit smoking. Plan to be Tobacco Free is a program developed by The Kentucky Cancer Program. To date, it has assisted thousands of Kentuckians in becoming tobacco free. PMC is proud to incorporate this strategy into its growing oncology outreach services.

PMC has been providing this service to patients for months and is now offering it to the public.

"We rolled the program out with patients in November during the Great American Smokeout," said PMC Oncology Outreach Coordinator, Melissa Bentley. "This class combines group support with nicotine replacement and is perfect for people who have tried numerous times with other plans and still couldn't quit smoking."

During this one-time, two-hour class, participants will get help coping with their nicotine addiction and learn about over the counter nicotine replacement products and how to use them. Enrollees are also supplied with the necessary tools to ease the transition from tobacco use. They are educated about prescription medication options available from primary care physicians that can be used to help them quit.

"We work to help identify your smoking triggers and devise a plan that will work," Bentley explained. "We offer lozenges, gum or patches to aid in quitting. Prescriptions for your choice of nicotine replacement will be sent to the PMC Pharmacy for you to pick up at no cost."

The group class is conducted by a trained navigator. They assess each person's habits and their readiness to quit, then develop a personalized quit plan. The navigator follows up with a weekly call to each participant and online support is offered 24/7. A toll-free number is also provided for participants to call for help and encouragement.

Bentley conducted the first class on Monday, February 18th. Additional classes will be held the 3rd Monday of each month from 12-2pm at the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center in the 2nd floor conference room. To register, please call 606-218-4843. Registration is encouraged, but not required.

The Kentucky Cancer Program is a statewide, state-mandated organization jointly administered by the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. Their mission is to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through education, research and service.

Pennsylvania. He completed his residency at Norton Community Hospital in Virginia.

Rebecca Spencer, MD, joined PMC's prestigious emergency department physicians. She will be responsible for beginning patient care in emergent situations. She will have many duties, such as assessing a patient's condition to begin treatment, order tests and provide medication.

"The addition of Dr. Spencer will ensure our emergency department runs effectively and provide our patients care during the most serious times in their lives. She joined our dedicated team to assist patients with emergency medical needs. We want our community to know we are growing and expanding to provide the best care possible for this region and we are here to care for emergencies," said PMC Director of the Emergency Department, Dale Morton.

Dr. Spencer is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Spencer completed her medical degree at Wright State University School of Medicine in Dayton, Ohio.

Each physician brings their own unique background and commitment to healthcare. Individually they will provide quality care in their areas of expertise

They each look forward to providing care to the people of the region in their time of need. For more information about PMC, call 606-218-3500 or visit [www.pikevillehospital.org](http://www.pikevillehospital.org).



The Pikeville Medical Center Heart and Vascular Institute hosted a free heart health screening day at the EXPO Center in downtown Pikeville on Tuesday, February 19.

Educational information was distributed by representatives from the intensive care unit, emergency department, trauma center and more.

There were demonstrations, models of the new Watchman Device were on display and the PMC heart physicians stopped by to answer questions and concerns about heart care.

Members of the community walked away with a better understanding of how to live a heart healthy life and a closer look at the numbers that affect their heart health.

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## EDITORIAL

# Martin, it's time to stand down

## Annexation attempt needs to end, Martin needs to get its house in order

Recently, in this space, we called for the Martin City Council to pump the brakes on a planned annexation, mainly due to fundamental flaws in the process by which the city was attempting to take in hundreds of acres of property.

And, typically, we try to stay out of telling an agency how it should rule on policy matters, instead preferring to facilitate a discussion between elected officials and those they're elected to serve and spur them toward listening to the people.

However, at this point, we feel it is proper for us to join the chorus of voices the city government continues to choose to ignore in saying that the city needs to abandon this annexation

attempt, perhaps permanently.

There are numerous reasons why we believe this is the best course of action, but, unfortunately, much of it hinges on what we don't know.

It's common practice at this newspaper and our sister newspapers across Central Appalachia that when we attend public meetings, and those agencies approve financial reports or take actions that impact the financial state of the governmental body, we simply ask for copies of those.

In most cases, that results in the agency's record-keeper turning over those records and us looking over them and filing them or using them for future stories. This isn't a special item to which we as a news

agency are entitled. In fact, in a perfectly transparent government, the agency should be willing to do the same for any other member of the public who requests the records.

In Martin, that hasn't been the case. This newspaper is currently involved in an ongoing unfulfilled records request from the city that is now before the office of Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear, at our request, because of the city's foot-dragging and improper actions in regards to records.

We requested several pieces of financial documentation from the city and initially received only one — the report showing the city's expenditures and revenues for October, November and December. The major is-

ssue is that those records were submitted to us with several redactions, including, inexplicably, the balance.

Last week, we received a copy of that same document, this time with the balances being shown. And that's where one of the red flags arose. Those records seem to show that, at least in those three months, the city never finished the month with a positive financial balance.

Because there are still a number of records that we're still waiting to be provided that would allow us to put together a story on the city's financial condition, we can't fully report on that. We're hopeful, however, that Beshear's office's involvement will result in us receiving some of

those records that will fully flesh out what's going on in Martin and bring it out into the light.

The glimpse we've seen appears to show a city that is not in a good financial condition, and may actually not be in a functional financial condition, which is now attempting to take on more property.

If the city's financial condition is indeed what this little bit of documentation appears to show, then Martin should not be considering taking in more businesses and residences, but instead should be figuring out how to cut down expenses and take other actions that doesn't shift the burdensome result for the city's financial irresponsibility onto taxpayers.

That's doubly true of taxpayers who clearly have no desire to become a part of the city.

And that brings us to another point of concern — the lack of knowledge on the city's purpose in

annexing this property. We simply don't know.

No officials, particularly Mayor Sam Howell, who should be out-front and up-front about the matter, have answered the question, "Why?"

Is the city simply attempting to bring in more money? If that's the case, then we would argue that the documentation we have been provided, which again, lacks a lot of context due to the city's refusal to comply with open records law, shows that Martin does not need to take on more financial responsibility until it gets its own house in order.

It's time for Martin to stand down.

This annexation attempt has been fraught with intentional secrecy and bungling since the beginning and it's time for the city officials to do the right thing, stand down on the annexation and be transparent and financially responsible.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Transparency is needed in government

THE WINCHESTER SUN

A proposed law requiring candidates for congressional offices in Kentucky to release their tax returns is another logical step to promoting full transparency in government.

The law was proposed by former House Speaker Jeff Hoover, who was quoted by the

Louisville Courier Journal saying, "Voters deserve to know where a candidate's sources of income are, what business dealings that he or she may have and draw their own conclusions to who they have allegiances to."

The proposed bill would require candidates for constitutional office to provide at least their last three years of returns.

Sharing this information with voters provides insight not just into a candidate's income, but potential conflicts of interest, including investments — all things elected officials should be willing to be open and transparent about.

The decision not to be transparent about their income and their possible conflicts of interest raises

a question: What do they have to hide?

Releasing tax returns has been a long-held bipartisan tradition in Kentucky. However, recently candidates and elected officials have opted not to release the information, citing privacy and other concerns.

After being elected in 2015 — and initially pledging to release his

return information — Gov. Matt Bevin declined to release his tax returns.

Most recently Democratic lieutenant governor candidate Gill Holland, a Louisville developer, declined to release his tax returns.

And on the national scale, President Donald Trump has also declined to release his personal tax return information.

If instances of candidates and elected officials refusing to be transparent are going to become more common, then a law requiring transparency is necessary.

It's no secret that money speaks, especially in politics, unfortunately. Voters have a right to know not only about the candidates they are voting for, but about who they are working for and where their loyalties stand.

Being able to access this information is not about an invasion of privacy, it's about public trust. Elected officials should expect to be held to a higher standard of transparency.



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# Trio indicted for manufacturing meth, related charges

## FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

### A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury charged three people last week with manufacturing methamphetamine.

The allegations against Randall Ratliff, 44, Pamela Hall, 29 and Tracy Tackett, 48, all of whom live at the same address in Printer, stem from a Kentucky State Police investigation that occurred on Dec. 3, 2018.

According to citations filed that month by KSP Trooper Matt Martin, a traffic stop led to the discovery of the "several one-step labs" in the home on Printer.

Ratliff allegedly told Martin that he'd been cooking methamphetamine in the home for the past year, and Hall allegedly told him that she helped buy items needed to make the illegal drug.

The grand jury charged Ratliff, Hall and Tackett with manufacturing methamphetamine, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of a methamphetamine precursor and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ratliff was also indicted as a first-degree per-

sistent felony offender, a charge that could enhance his sentence if he is convicted.

They are scheduled to be arraigned on these charges in Floyd Circuit Court on March 11.

These indictments were among nearly 50 indictments issued last week by the grand jury.

Other drug-related indictments issued include:

- Crystal Newsome, 41, of Prestonsburg (two indictments issued): driving on a suspended license, second-degree persistent felony offender, second-degree fleeing/evading police, no/expired registration receipt, no registration plate, failure to maintain insurance, failure to produce insurance card, reckless driving, resisting arrest, registration and title requirements for vehicles operating on a highway, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, second-degree persistent felony offender
- Paul D. Nichols, 44, of Dana (two indictments issued): two counts traf-

ficking in a controlled substance (more than two grams of methamphetamine), possession of marijuana, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, controlled substance not in original container, careless driving, failure to wear seat belts

- Wilfredo Dominguez, 32, of Langley: trafficking in marijuana (eight or more oz.), second-degree persistent felony offender, rim or frame obscuring letter or decal on plate
- Clyde R. Frazee, 39, of Clarksville, Indiana: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, rim or frame obscuring lettering or decal on plate
- Ricky G. Hall, 50, of Mallie: complicity to third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance
- Ronald Williams, 53, of McDowell: complicity to third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance
- William D. Castle, 39, of Hunter: first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (under two grams of methamphetamine)
- Shawn Spurlock, 27, of Martin: first-degree

trafficking in a controlled substance (more than two grams of methamphetamine), possession of marijuana

- Andrew Parsons, 33, of Hueysville: trafficking in a controlled substance (more than two grams of methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree persistent felony offender
- Thomas Slone, 33, of Pippa Passes: driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, no license, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree assault of a police officer, trafficking in a controlled substance (over two grams of methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to wear seatbelt, 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.*

### Ronnie Alan Blevins, Jr.

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

Memorial visitation will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 23, and services will be held at 5 p.m. in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

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



### Bonnie Jean Pitts

Bonnie Jean Pitts, 68 of Van Lear, passed away Monday, Feb. 18, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was born March 22, 1950 in Knott County, the daughter of the late Austin Bailey and Trilvy Bolen Bailey.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her loving husband, Edgar Eugene Pitts and one grandson, Zachary Travis Mollette.

She is survived by one daughter, Sheila Kay Mollette and husband, Wayne of Boons Camp; one brother, Kenneth Bailey of Hueysville; three sisters, Loretta Shepherd

and husband Glen and Ruthie Hackworth both of Hueysville, and Judy Handshoe of Martin; also one grandson, Tyler Wayne Mollette of Boonscamp.

Funeral services were held at 12 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Big Mud Lick Church of God, Route 172, Staffordsville, with Phillip Keaton officiating.

Burial followed in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

This is a paid obituary.

### Kenneth Ray Robinson

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

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

Burial followed at the Martin Community Cemetery, Martin.

Arrangements were 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 Davidon Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

## Martin resident arrested on charges related to alleged pursuit

### A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury indicted a Martin resident accused of leading police on a high speed chase last month.

On Feb. 13, the grand jury indicted James Sexton, 31, of Martin, for first-degree fleeing/evading police, first-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, first-degree wanton endangerment, public intoxication, speeding, reckless driving, driving under the influence, criminal littering and other misdemeanor crimes and traffic violations.

The indictment alleges that Sexton endangered the life of Kentucky State Police Trooper Brad Bond and another person during a high speed chase that allegedly occurred on Jan. 3.

In district court filings, Bond reported that he arrested Sexton and his passenger, Christopher Sexton, 29, of Prestonsburg, following a chase that started on U.S. 23 ended on Ky. 1210, when Sexton lost control of his vehicle and crashed. He reported that the chase started after

he observed the vehicle's plates were expired and someone allegedly threw a plastic baggie out of a window prior to making a u-turn on the road. Bond alleged that James Sexton drove at a "at a high rate of speed, moving in and out of traffic, crossing into the opposite lane of travel."

The grand jury did not release an indictment for Christopher Sexton. In district court, he was charged with a first-degree fleeing/evading police, public intoxication of a controlled substance and criminal littering.

This indictment was among nearly 50 indictments issued last week by the grand jury. Other indictments issued include the following charges:

- Robert Combs, 50, of Paintsville: driving under the influence, fourth or more offense, controlled substance not in original container, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree persistent felony offender
- Aaron Kimbler, 24, of Prestonsburg: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug para-

phernalia

- James Johnson, 37, Auxier: first-degree possession of a controlled substance
- Shawn R. Gayheart, 30, of Paintsville: driving under the influence, fourth offense or more, driving on a suspended license, no license, failure to notify Department of Transportation of address change, no/expired registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seatbelt
- Michael Crum, 45, of Langley: driving under the influence, fourth offense or more, driving on a suspended license, no/expired registration receipt, no registration plate, improper display of registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, no license, rear license not illuminated
- James Shannon, 43, of Hi Hat: driving under the influence, fourth offense or more, failure to wear seat belt, rear license not illuminated
- Johnny Gibson, 57, of Garrett: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana
- Rogie D. Case, 40,

of Martin: first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication

- Jeremy Bryant, 30, of Wheelwright: first-degree burglary, second-degree persistent felony offender
- Justin Carroll, 29, of Printer: second-degree burglary
- Bronson Bishop, 28, of Beaver: bail jumping
- Sarah Moore, 34, of Fort Gay, W.Va.: tampering with physical evidence
- Stanley McCarty, 35, of Louisa: tampering with physical evidence, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
- Melissa Hanshoe (Handsoe), 44, of Hueysville: second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, theft by deception, theft of identity, giving officer a false name/address, second-degree persistent felony offender

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### FLOODING

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The cabinet closed a portion of Ky. 1428 near Goble Roberts because of a mudslide that has occurred there numerous times recently. Other road closures occurred on Ky. 7, Ky. 122 and Ky. 2029, while officials worked to remedy the problems.

The National Weather Service confirmed that the region experiences rain for 213 days since Jan. 2, 2018, George reported.

"That is more than half of the 416 days since the first of last year," George said in a press release. "It is no wonder the earth is soaked."

We have had rain 50.2 percent of the past 416 days."

Floyd County Emergency Management Director Tim Fields said a mine blowout on Tackett Fork caused a road closure on Wednesday night.

On Thursday, he said he has not received reports of any flooded homes or injuries caused by the flooding.

With more rain forecasted for the region, he cautions residents to drive carefully.

"The primary thing is don't try to cross water across the road. It is deceptive. It will carry your car off. It don't take as much as people think," he said.

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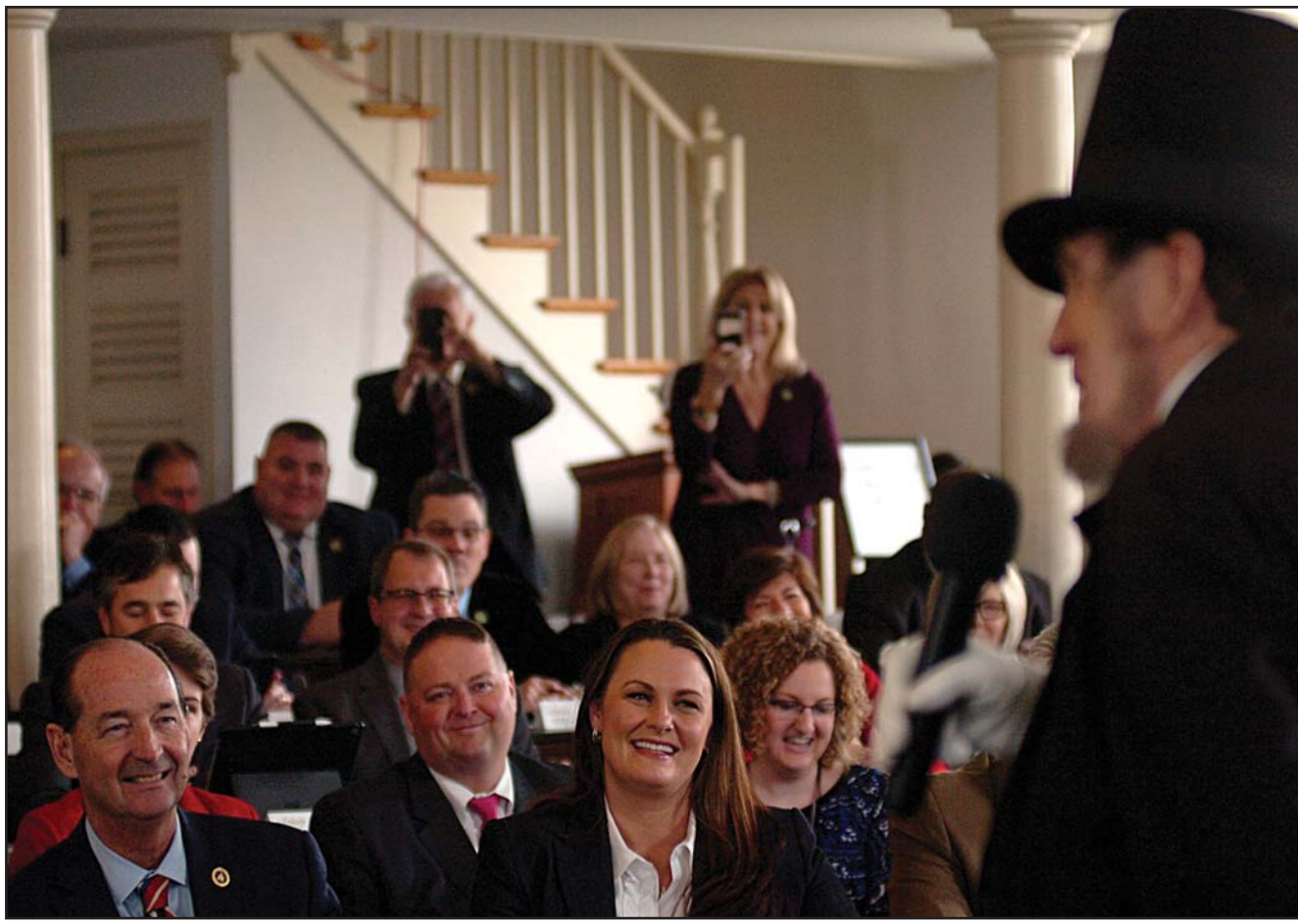


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Minority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, Rep. John Sims Jr, D-Flemingsburg, and Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, laugh as they listen to Abraham Lincoln impersonator Jim Sayre of Lawrenceburg in the Old State Capitol.

# Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd County

### 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

Josh Akers, 21, of Martin; receiving stolen property

Chris Blackburn, 39, of Raccoon; second-degree burglary

Christian Crace, 23, of Paintsville; first- and second-degree promoting contraband

Elizabeth Grace Skeens, 30, of Oil Springs; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, failure to maintain insurance, driving under the influence, disregarding stop sign

Robin Carver, 39, of Dwale, first- and second-degree promoting contraband

Michael Carver, 39, of Dwale; first- and second-degree promoting contraband

#### Misdemeanor cases filed

Christopher King, 31, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication

Kermit Chaney, 37, of Harold; third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

James Kevin Rister, 43, of Garrett; second-degree fleeing/evading police

Joshua Hopkins, 28, of McDowell; violation of an emergency protection order, third-degree criminal mischief

Ivan Gunnels Jr., 38, of Auxier; violation of an emergency protection order

Ricky C. Stanley, 29, of Auxier; second-degree disorderly conduct, menacing, possession of drug paraphernalia, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking, fourth-degree assault

Delbert L. Nuckols, 49, of McDowell; driving under the influence, vi-

olation of an emergency protection order

Elizabeth Cathers, 36, of Prestonsburg; failure of parent to send child to school

Jason Halloway, 37, of Prestonsburg; failure of parent to send child to school

Shelby Stacy, 41, address unavailable; third-degree possession of a controlled substance

Mary Ousley, age unavailable, of Banner; failure of parent to send child to school

Elizabeth Crawford, 50, of Hi Hat; theft by failure to make required disposition

Tonia Fugate, 44, of Prestonsburg; third-degree terroristic threatening

Rachel Dawn Johnson, 32, address unavailable; theft by unlawful taking

Sarah J. Bradford, 34, of David; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree fleeing/evading police, third-degree criminal mischief

Jessica Gayheart, 43, of Prestonsburg; selling alcohol to a minor

Vernon Johnson, 48, of Hi Hat; two counts of third-degree terroristic threatening

Heather L. Porter, 41, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)

#### Lawsuits filed

Division of Child Support Enforcement, Brit-tany Jones vs. Isaac Fugate; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Division of Child Support Enforcement, Jennifer Howard vs. Neil Farley; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Service Financial Company vs. Crystal Anne Stacy; complaint concerning contract

Capital One Bank vs. Jimmy W. Campbell; complaint concerning contract

Discover Bank vs. Selena D. Case; complaint concerning contract

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Lendmark Financial Services vs. Gregory Salisbury, Tina Case; complaint concerning contract

Lendmark Financial Services vs. Drucilla Howell, Monica Alley; complaint concerning contract

Dylan Mullins vs. First Commonwealth Bank; complaint concerning contract

Frank and Sharon Dotson vs. Garnet Hamilton, widow, Floyd County; petition for the sale of jointly-owned property for indivisibility and for accounting

Jeremy Lee Sewell II vs. Chasity Burchett; petition for shared/joint custody and establishing timesharing

Maria Curry, Timothy Stone vs. Dylan M. Frasure; personal injury complaint

Lisa M. Hall vs. Timothy Kilburn; complaint concerning property rights

Division of Child Support Enforcement, Alvin-ness Peterson vs. Ashlea Meade; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

William White, Kendall Cox vs. Roger L. Hunter; personal injury complaint

Pingora Loan Servicing LLC vs. Carrie and Lonnie Belcher; foreclosure

Elizabeth Crawford vs. Vernon Johnson; pe-

tion for annulment

Bank of America vs. George Wallace; complaint concerning contract

Douglas Wayne Hayes vs. Randall A. Hayes, Nattco Inc.; complaint concerning contract

Citizens Bank of Kentucky, as successor in interest to Citizens National Bank vs. Dennis M. Chambers, Kevin B. Ousley, Bessie Chambers, Tiffany Ousley, Floyd County, Capital One Bank, Kentucky Division of Insurance, Jamos Fund, MTAG, as custodian for MGD-Ky.; foreclosure

Ditech Financial LLC vs. Unknown heirs of Sharon R. Newman, unknown occupants of 32 Cabella Lane, Prestonsburg; complaint to enforce security interest

Seth McCoy vs. Highlands Hospital Corporation, doing business as Highlands Regional Medical Center and Highlands Orthopedics; personal injury complaint

One Main Financial Group LLC as servicer for Wells Fargo Bank vs. Sheldon A. Angus; complaint concerning contract

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

# Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

### SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

#### Marriages

Bonnie Jean Nicole Manns, 34, of Wayland, to Tommy Mullett, 32, of Wayland

Phyllis Ann Jarrell, 50, of Drift, to Howard Keith Hall, 58, of Drift

Thomas Dean Yates, 32, of Prestonsburg, to Deanna Natasha Caudill, 31, of Prestonsburg

Julia Mae Frasure, 52, of McDowell, to Timothy Hall, 50, of McDowell

Trampus Johnson, 49, of Lackey, to Terry Mae Lovely, 65, of Lackey

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

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

Eugene Runion, 50, of Eastern, to Tonia Elizabeth Caudill, 60, of Eastern

#### Property transfers

Virginia Lee Hall to Dale Conn, Jill Conn (Deeds Book 643; pg. 225)

Tony Goble to Jolene Blackburn, Jolean Goble (Deeds Book 643; pg. 230)

Ruby Gibson to Dale Owens, Phyllis Owens (Deeds Book 643; pg. 234)

James Mitchell Robinson to Sarah Robinson, Sarah Rose (Deeds Book 643; pg. 236)

MTFLO Investors LP to Billy Collins, Mallisa Collins (Deeds Book 643; pg. 243)

Patricia Williams to Michael Ray Tackett (Deeds Book 643; pg. 248)

Carmel Lee Tackett, Jeromia Tackett, Ollie Tackett, Walker Tackett to Yulema Newsome (Deeds Book 643; pg. 251)

Donald Tuers, Jolene Tuers to Michael Tuers (Deeds Book 643; pg. 259)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Mid State Capital Corporation, Berna Collins, Michael G. Collins, Discover Bank to Bank of New York Mellon, The Bank of New York Mellon (Deeds Book 643; pg. 266)

Ronald Bryant, Sheila Ann Bryant, Linda

Gail Humphrey, Michael Humphrey, Anna Marie Isaac, Rosalee Isaac, Virgil Isaac, Charles Slone, Estalene Slone to Aaron Humphrey (Deeds Book 643; pg. 273)

Bobby Gene Hall, Misty Rae Hall to Robert Jackson, Wendy Jackson (Deeds Book 643; pg. 279)

Tyler D. Hamilton to Amberly L. Hall (Deeds Book 643; pg. 282)

CIS Financial Services Inc., CIS Home Loans to US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (Deeds Book 643; pg. 286)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Mary Ann Bentley, Clifford Lewis, Kenneth Lewis, Olia Whalen, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. (Deeds Book 643; pg. 298)

Earl T. Arnett Jr. to Donna D. Arnett, Earl T. Arnett III (Deeds Book 643; pg. 303)

Floyd Skeans to FKT Inc., FKT Inc. S Hometown Convenience (Deeds Book 643; pg. 304)

Janet Sparks Revocable Living Trust to Brian James Sparks (Deeds Book 643; pgs. 310, 316)

Jack Brooks, James Brooks Living Revocable Trust, James Lance Brooks, James Lance Brooks trustee, Kathy Brooks, Melissa Brooks, Su Brooks, Ken Burnett, Kim Burnett to Core Appalachian Production LLC (Deeds Book 643; pg. 322)

Don Wallen, Lucille Wallen to Shawn D. Wallen (Deeds Book 643; pg. 333)

David Smith, Jenni Smith to Stone Financing LLC (Deeds Book 643; pg. 337)

First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation to Southeast Property Acquisition (Deeds Book 643; pg. 348)

The Principal Group Inc. to Steve R. Montgomery (Deeds Book 643; pg. 351)

Billy Joe Gibson to James Mitchell Robinson (Deeds Book 643; pg. 355)

Bank of America to US Secretary of Housing & Urban Development (Deeds Book 643; pg. 358)

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to Jaz-reel Eaton (Deeds Book 643; pg. 363)

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### Reid Recognized



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**Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, poses for a picture with Erica Reid, a National Board Certified Teacher from Allen Elementary School, Tuesday on the floor of the Senate. Reid was recognized in both the Senate and House for her accomplishments.**

## Workshop helps residents lower energy costs

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Local residents can receive tips about lowering their heating bills during a free workshop that will be held next week.

The Big Sandy Chapter of the Kentuckians for the Commonwealth will host the workshop from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 25, at St. Vincent Mission in David.

The chapter reported in a press release that participants will learn

“do-it-yourself” strategies for weatherizing homes and about renewable energy options available.

The workshop will also help residents “explore ways to hold our elected officials and utilities accountable,” the chapter reported.

All participants will receive a free energy efficiency kit, valued at \$25.

For more information or to register for the free workshop, call or text,

(502) 554-6633.

## Legislators: Lottery funds help local students

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Local legislators announced this week that higher education in Eastern Kentucky “once again reaped considerable rewards” from the Kentucky Lottery.

“I’ve had quite a few people to ask about the lottery proceeds – and even more who don’t know what happens to the profits,” said Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, who represents residents in Floyd, Harlan, Knott and Letcher counties. “As these figures show, the lottery profits have been a great resource for education and have made a difference in a lot of lives. In fact, since the scholarship and grant programs started in 1999, the lottery has generated more than \$3.4 billion to help students all across the Commonwealth attend college.”

“Obtaining a postsecondary degree has been made easier for thousands of students from District 29 and eastern Kentucky because of the Kentucky Lottery,” said Turner, a retired teacher, administrator and coach. “I cannot think of a better use for these funds than educating our young people.”

By statute, 55 percent of lottery revenue funds the need-based College Access Program and Kentucky Tuition Grants, and 45 percent goes to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship program.

This type of balance between need-based and merit-based scholarships is unlike any other program in the country, ac-

ording to Turner.

Grants and scholarships used at colleges and technical schools in District 29 include 995 grants and scholarships worth nearly \$2 million at Alice Lloyd College, 2,420 grants and scholarships worth more than \$3 million at Big Sandy Community and Technical College and 1,284 grants and scholarships totaling nearly \$1.7 million at Southeast Community and Technical College.

In total, 822,826 Kentucky students have received a lottery-funded college scholarship or grant since 1999, Turner reported.

“That’s one in every five Kentuckians – and one in every four Kentuckians under the age of 35,” said Turner.

Representative Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, said the funds positively impact the region.

“This money has made a positive impact in our region and around the state,” said Laferty, who represents residents in Floyd and part of Pike County. “It has made a college education more affordable for thousands of Kentuckians who otherwise would not have been able to afford a college degree.”

Rep. John Blanton, R-Salyersville, who represents Knott, Magoffin and part of Pike County, said legislators “carefully watch the use of the lottery monies to ensure that the money is being spent on education and to make sure that many of our students in eastern Kentucky are benefiting by using those monies toward secondary education.”

### How lotto proceeds helped local students

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner reports that in the 2018 fiscal year, students in Senate District 29 received 3,624 grants and scholarships totaling more than \$5.8 million. This includes:

- 1,558 grants and scholarships worth about \$2.5 million were awarded to students in Floyd County for a 30-year total of 22,566 grants and scholarships valued at more than \$31 million.
- 901 grants and scholarships worth \$1.4 million were awarded to students in Harlan County for a 30-year total of 16,254 grants and scholarships valued at about \$21.9 million
- 631 grants and scholarships worth more than \$1 million were awarded to students in Knott County for a 30-year total of 12,211 grants and scholarships valued at about \$16.7 million
- 925 grants and scholarships worth \$1.5 million were awarded to students in Letcher County for a 30-year total of 14,249 grants and scholarships valued at more than \$19.7 million.

Prior to 1999, the Council on Postsecondary Education found the number of students attending college in Kentucky had remained flat for several years. Since the start of the Kentucky Lottery-funded scholarship and grant programs, college attendance in the Commonwealth has jumped 40 percent. At the same time, KEES data indicates more of Kentucky’s best and brightest students are staying in Kentucky to attend college.

“Not only are more students advancing their education after high school, but we are keeping more of our students — our best and our brightest — at home rather than losing them to other states, where they often stay to work and raise their families,” said Rep. Angie Hatton, D-Whitesburg, who represents residents in Letcher and part of Pike

County. She added that an investment in education is an investment in the future of Kentucky.

“To help ensure long-term economic growth in the Commonwealth, we need to invest in the education of our citizens. The young people who are graduating from colleges, universities and other postsecondary schools are our future leaders. We know that education pays through higher salaries and benefits so the doors this money opens ensures better futures for our children and grandchildren,” explained Senator Turner. “I am proud that these funds are helping our students to realize their dreams of achieving successful educations.”

Senator Turner pointed out that 95 cents of every non-loan, student aid dollar awarded by the Commonwealth comes from the sale of lottery tickets.

## Community Events

- 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. 25; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Big Sandy Chapter of the Kentucians for the Commonwealth will host a free workshop at St. Vincent Mission, David, to help residents reduce their electric bills with “do-it-yourself” strategies for weathering homes and renewable energy options.
- 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. 27, 9:25 a.m.: Big Sandy Community and Technical College to host Kentucky Chautauqua performance of Nancy Green portraying Aunt Jemima
- 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
- Every Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: The Art Gallery in Langley is open at 297 Johns Branch Road in Langley. artgalleryinlangley.org
- Tuesday-Friday, 1 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center hosts planetarium and laser light shows, Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College. Shows also available 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Saturdays. \$6 for adults, \$4 for students, free to kids age four and under. (606) 889-8260

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# New administrators at AES and SFES

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two Floyd County schools welcome new staff this week as Superintendent Danny Adkins announced Tuesday that Allen Elementary and South Floyd Elementary have new assistant principals.

"We welcome Kyle Shepherd and April Bradford as administrators," Adkins said. "While they may be new in these roles, they aren't new to education as they have almost forty years of experience between them in the classroom and serving other roles."

According to a release from the Floyd



April Bradford



Kyle Shepherd

County Schools District, Shepherd was named assistant principal at AES. He has worked in education for 14 years and began as a substitute teacher and later became a resource teacher at Renaissance Learning Center for a decade. Accord-

ing to the release, for the last few years, Shepherd has been at AES. He has worked with students after school as an evening school instructor at RLC and as Extended School Services instructor at AES as well as an instructor for the district on

safe crisis management training, according to the release. He has coached girls and boys basketball at different levels and served as a regional and state judge for Student Technology Leadership Program competitions.

"I am excited to have the opportunity to serve the students, staff and community at Allen Elementary," said Shepherd. "I look forward to continued success at the Eagles' Nest."

Shepherd and his wife Nikki live in Prestonsburg with their daughter Peyton and son Coulson.

Bradford was named assistant principal at SFES. Bradford, a 24-year veteran educator, began

her career at Osborne Elementary, and since 1998 she has taught middle school social studies at SFES, according to the release. Bradford has coached basketball at all levels and is currently serving as the school's athletic director. According to the release, in addition to coaching, she has served as team lead and sponsored student councils and successfully completed the Floyd County Schools Curriculum Instruction and Assessment program and obtained an instructional leadership degree.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to work in this new capacity with the fantastic students

and staff here at South Floyd," Bradford said. "I'm looking forward to learning and growing to be better for our students."

April and her daughter Victoria "Tori" live in Weeksbury.

"We're excited about Kyle and April as new administrators," said Adkins. "With new roles comes new enthusiasm for the profession and new sets of eyes to give us different perspectives on what and how we are doing for our students. Lastly, Kyle and April make great connections with students and that's the kind of administrators that every school district needs."

# Kentucky Chautauqua presents 'Jean Ritchie: Damsel with a Dulcimer' at BSCTC

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

The Library Seminar Series and the Diversity Committee at Big Sandy Community and Technical College will present the Kentucky Chautauqua of Rachael Lee Rogers of Versailles as Jean Ritchie in "Jean Ritchie: Damsel with a Dulcimer" on Tuesday, March 5, at 10:50 a.m. in the Gearheart Auditori-

um (Pike Building) on the Prestonsburg campus. This performance is free and open to the public.

Traditional musician, songwriter, poet, commercial performer, recording artist, author and composer, Ritchie was born in Perry County in 1922, and was the youngest of Balis and Abigail Ritchie's 14 children. She began her recording career in 1952, signing with Elektra Records.

Throughout her career she recorded more than 35 albums, which reflect her Kentucky heritage and featured her playing the mountain dulcimer. Known as the "Mother of Folk," Ritchie was a contributor to the national revival of folk music across America. Artists including Johnny Cash, Emmylou Harris, Linda Ronstadt and Dolly Parton have covered her songs. According to the

BSCTC release on the event, Ritchie was also a gently fierce environmental activist.

Rogers trained at Northern Kentucky University, Rutgers, and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, and currently serves as the arts facilitator at the School for the Creative Performing Arts at Bluegrass and as a local educator. She has been a part of international, national,

and regional productions including performances with the Bluegrass Opera, Woodford Theatre, Actors Guild of Lexington, Lexington Shakespeare Festival, Studio Players and the Lexington Public Library.

Kentucky Chautauqua is a presentation of Kentucky Humanities with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Christina Lee Brown, the Carson-Myre

Charitable Foundation, the Cralle Foundation, the Elsa Heisel Sule Foundation, Farmers State Bank, the Hayswood Foundation, the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels, Morehead State University, Mountain Telephone, Murray State University, Paducah Bank, People's Rural Telephone Cooperative, PNC, the R.C. Durr Foundation and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky.



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**East Kentucky Science Center Director Steve Russo demonstrates the new ChromaCove ambient light system recently installed at the Varia Planetarium.**

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher



## EKSC and Varia Planetarium installs enhanced light system

**By ELAINE BELCHER**  
STAFF WRITER

The Varia Planetarium at the East Kentucky Science Center unveiled a new cove lighting system for room and background lighting to replaced the aging system that was installed in 2004 when the Science Center first opened.

The new lighting system was made possible by a \$40,000 donation from Dr. Chandra Varia, who has also donated funds to allow students from Floyd County schools, the David School and Carl D. Perkins Job Corps, to visit the science center.

"My staff and I are very appreciative to Dr. Varia for her gift that has allowed us to replace our old system with the best Cove lighting system available," EKSC Director Steve Russo said. "It is

something that we really needed to keep the planetarium in operation."

Designed and manufactured in the U.S. by ChromaCove in Cleveland, Ohio, this new system uses COB LEDs made by the CREE Lighting company. ChromaCove is the leading manufacturer of cove lighting systems for planetariums.

The new system, which contains red, green, blue, and white LEDs, is able to generate more than 18.4 quintillion color combinations, which according to Russo, allows for more "true" color combinations during shows, in addition to being used as regular room lighting.

"It can also be used to simulate a variety of astronomical effects such as "light pollution" in cities as well as the different colored atmospheres of other planets," Russo

said. "This system can also be used as 'special effects' and 'mood lighting' to add color to our already existing laser shows and future live events."

With over 50 special effects pre-built into the system and the ability to program custom effects, ChromaCove has engineered the "most elaborate and best cove lighting system available today," a press release from Big Sandy Community and Technical College said. Russo said that many planetariums have ChromaCove on their "wish lists" for quality shows and presentations.

"ChromaCove is a company that was built by planetariums, for planetariums, because they understand the unique conditions and challenges that come from working on a 360 overhead screen," he said. "What's



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more is that the company designs, engineers and manufactures their components in Cleveland, making it that much more user friendly for maintenance, repairs and updates."

The ChromaCove system was installed by Ash Enterprises of Cocoa, Fla./Richmond, Va., with assistance from the staff of

the EKSC, who also spent several months preparing the dome and removing the old lighting system to make way for the new one.

Ash enterprises has had a long term relationship with the EKSC, as they have been servicing the center's GOTO Chronos since it was installed in 2003.

"This new setting lighting really sets the standard for planetarium shows," said Russo. "There are planetariums in major cities that don't have such a sophisticated set up for their shows. It's groundbreaking."

For more information, please contact Russo at, (606) 889-4809, or, sruso0002@kctcs.edu.

## Floyd students advance to state

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins congratulated high school students who placed in the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition Region 15 Governor's Cup competition. Students from Floyd Central High School and Prestonsburg High School competed at Shelby Valley High School on Feb. 16 against schools in Pike, Johnson and Martin counties.

"Congratulations to these four students who are heading to state competition," Adkins said. "Tabitha Mitchell (PHS) placed second in composition, Lindsay

Caudill (FCHS) placed fourth in language arts, Preston Crase (FCHS) placed fifth in social studies and Kade Scott (FCHS) placed fifth in arts and humanities. Congratulations Floyd Central Quick Recall team for placing fourth."

State competition will be March 16-18 at the Galt House in Louisville. More than 20,000 students from approximately 1200 schools are involved annually in KAAC Governor's Cup events throughout Kentucky.

"We want to thank and recognize our coaches and parents who have put in many hours helping their students get to this point," Adkins said. "We believe



Tabitha Mitchell of Prestonsburg High School placed second in composition during the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition Region 15 Governor's Cup competition at Shelby Valley High School on Feb. 16, advancing to state level competition in March.

this is the highest number of individual high school students in one



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Floyd Central High School students Lindsey Caudill, (fourth, language arts) Preston Crase (fifth, social studies) and Kade Scott (fifth, arts and humanities) placed in the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition Region 15 Governor's Cup competition on Feb. 16 at Shelby Valley High School to advance to state competition in March.

year that we have had advancing to state competition in quite some

time. We're very proud of Tabitha, Lindsay, Preston and Kade and

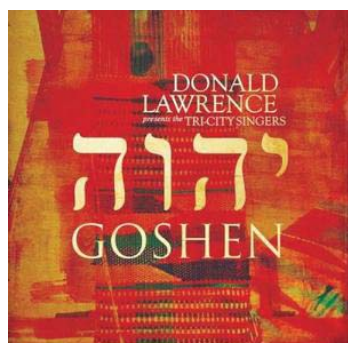
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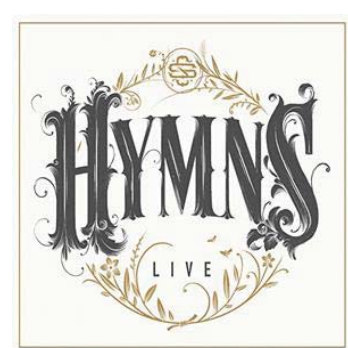
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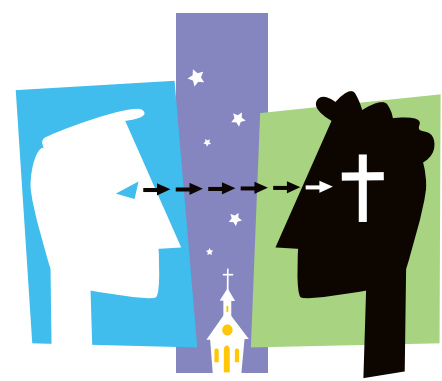
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Genre: Praise & Worship

## Encountering God in your fellow man

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

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”  
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## Targeting democrats



Jesus tells us if we have hurt someone, we should “go and be reconciled to them” (Matthew 5:23-24). It’s not always easy to seek forgiveness of someone we’ve hurt. Sometimes, they may not even forgive us. But, we must make the effort. This article is my attempt to reconcile with those I may have offended and to clarify my point of view.

Two weeks ago, I wrote an article titled “Anti-Semitism on the rise.” Reader John Carroll of Dana was upset with my words. Carroll wrote a Letter to the Editor stating my article was “a glaring example widely accepted prejudice at work in our society today,” as I had “targeted” democrats. In the ending of his response, Carroll wrote, “however, I disagree that democrats are the cause of this coming holocaust.” I responded to Mr. Carroll’s letter in an email, but I wondered if someone else thought I was targeting democrats. Therefore, I would like to share portions of my response with others, in the event that someone else interpreted my article in the same way as Carroll.

Carroll wrote, “As a Christian and a democrat, I am very disappointed in your publication.” I, too, am a registered democrat and a Christian. However, I am appalled by many things occurring within our society from members of both political parties. The people of the United States, as a whole – regardless of political affiliation – are turning their backs on God. In “Anti-Semitism on the rise,” I did indeed point out three specific democrats – U.S. Representative Ilhan Omar of Minnesota, U.S. Representative Rashida Tlaib of Michigan and U.S. Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York. I mentioned them because I was shocked at information I recently read concerning these three women and their anti-Semitism. (Had they been Republicans, I still would have pointed them out.)

I referenced The Jerusalem Post, an Israeli English newspaper, as well as Jewish writer Bari Weiss. It is, in my opinion, that those who suffer from anti-Semitism are more likely to be able to detect it than those of us outside of it (such as myself). While the far-right is the most dangerous with their blatant hate speech, Weiss says when Jews point out attacks from those on the left, they are “often dismissed as sensitive or hysterical, or as mistaking legitimate criticism of Israel for something darker. This is nonsense. The same was said of the Jews in Europe when they sounded the alarm bells.”

Margot Hankins was born in Germany and came to age during the era of Adolf Hitler. She wrote an

autobiography titled “From Swastika to Old Glory.” As the Russians were advancing toward her home, the local governor declared their city a fortress. “What an idiotic thing to do at this stage of the war,” Hankins writes, “but I still believed everything we were told on the radio and in the newspapers, we had been brain washed for years.” They had been led to believe that Hitler was the greatest and they couldn’t fall. Likewise, we can easily dismiss something as insignificant, when truly in the larger scheme of things, it’s not. (This would include what Weiss points out as hatred from the left, “which comes cloaked in the language of progressive values.”)

These problems remind me of the quote by Pastor Martin Niemoller, “First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.”

The sins of the people in America are responsible, regardless of political affiliation.

I hope that my thoughts have been made clearer and my apology is accepted by those I offended.

At the end, I was attempting to make the shift to problems of the entire country (abortions, ignoring God, wanting us to accept ways contrary to the laws of God). However, because I did in fact mention democrats beforehand, perhaps I should have specifically stated something along the lines of, ‘regardless of political affiliation.’ If my comments were misconstrued by others, I want to apologize to anyone that my words may have offended. And to clarify: I do not believe that “democrats” are the cause of our moral decay of our society. The sins of the people in America are responsible, regardless of political affiliation.

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The Floyd Central Lady Jaguars capture their second 58th District championship in a row.

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## Lady Jaguars capture back-to-back 58th District titles

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Floyd Central remains on top in the 58th District. The Lady Jaguars pulled away to defeat tournament host Lawrence County 58-45 in the 58th District girls' basketball title game on Wednesday night.

Floyd Central, under the direction of head coach Justin Triplett, captured its second straight 58th District title.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 27-2.

Lawrence County dropped to 22-10 with the loss.

Both Floyd Central and Lawrence County advance to the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament.

Katie Moore scored a game-high 24 points to lead Floyd Central to the 58th District championship-clinching victory. Moore was named the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament Most Valuable Player. One of the area's top young girls' high school basketball players, Moore was also dubbed the 58th District Girls' Basketball Player of the Year.

Floyd Central and Lawrence County exchanged leads in the opening quarter. The Lady Jaguars clung to a 15-14 lead at the conclusion of the opening quarter.

Stretching its lead after the initial period, Floyd Central outscored Lawrence County 16-7 in the second quarter to lead 31-21 at halftime.

Accompanying Moore in double figures for Floyd Central, Lauren Preston scored 13 points and Brook Stumbo posted 10 points.

Narrowly missing double figures for the Lady Jaguars, Kaylee Moore netted nine points.

Grace Martin rounded out the Floyd Central individual scoring, chipping in two points.

Kensley Feltner paced Lawrence County with a team-best 15 points. Joining Feltner in double figures for Lawrence County and Alexis Ratliff added 12 points.

Kyleah Ward (eight points), Brooke Neal (five points), Kylie Maynard (three points) and Kaison Ward (two points) accounted for the remainder of Lawrence County's individual scoring in the loss.



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Sophomore guard Katie Moore drives to the basket against Lawrence County in the 58th District championship. Moore led Floyd Central to the 58th District girls' basketball championship.



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Floyd Central junior guard Brook Stumbo pulls up for a shot in the 58th District girls' basketball title game.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Senior Kaylee Moore defends for Floyd Central during the 58th District girls' basketball championship game.



# Jaguars knock off top-seeded Bulldogs, 56-54



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central junior Ethan Smith-Mills passes the ball as Lawrence County senior Noah Fairchild defends.

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Floyd Central would not be denied a win as it battled the host team in the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament semifinals. The determined Jaguars knocked off number one seed Lawrence County 56-54 in the semifinals of the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament on Tuesday night.

With the thrilling win, Floyd Central improved to 5-24 and advanced to the 58th District boys' basketball title game.

Tournament host Lawrence County concluded its season 22-8 with the loss.

Senior Brady Conn led Floyd Central with a game-high double-dou-

ble, scoring 30 points and pulling down 13 rebounds. Conn, who led all players in scoring and rebounding, dominated inside for the Jaguars.

Blake Slone narrowly missed reaching double figures for the Jaguars, netting nine points. Finishing directly behind Slone in the Floyd Central scoring column, Caleb Hager contributed eight points. Hager handled defensive pressure from host Lawrence County throughout the postseason contest.

Lawrence County outscored Floyd central 18-16 in the opening quarter and clung to a 28-27 lead at halftime. However, Floyd Central continued to push Lawrence County throughout the second half.

The Jaguars outscored Lawrence County 17-13 in the third quarter to lead 44-41 heading into the final period.

Ethan Smith-Mills and Brandon Little rounded out the Floyd Central individual scoring, finishing with seven points and two points, respectively.

Tyler Maynard led Lawrence County with a team-high 15 points. Three Lawrence County players reached double figures in scoring as Chase Sartin netted 12 points and Alex Ratliff added 11 points.

Cody Maynard (eight points), Noah Fairchild (five points) and Corbin Fairchild (three points) were Lawrence County's additional scorers in the season-ending setback.



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Floyd Central senior Brady Conn goes up for a shot during the Jaguars' matchup against Lawrence County in the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament semifinals.

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Floyd Central junior forward Hayden Hall lofts a long-range shot.



# Blackcats eliminate Bobcats, 69-47

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Winning convincingly, Prestonsburg pulled away to beat longtime rival Betsy Layne 69-47 in the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament semifinals at Lawrence County on Tuesday night.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 16-14 and advanced to meet Floyd Central in the 58th District boys' basketball title game.

Betsy Layne ended its season 13-16 with the loss.

The Blackcats and Bobcats battled back-and-forth early. The first quarter concluded with two teams tied 7-7. But Prestonsburg used a 19-6 run in the second quarter to build up a double digit advantage over Betsy Layne. The Blackcats led 26-13 at halftime and finished strong. Prestonsburg outscored Betsy Layne 25-13 in the fourth quarter.

Blake Slone scored a game-high 28 points to lead Prestonsburg to the victory. Three Prestonsburg players combined

to account for 50-plus points in the win. Adam Slone added 14 points for the Blackcats while Graham Burchett chipped in 10 points.

Prestonsburg was 15 of 24 from the free-throw line.

The other scorers for Prestonsburg were Grant Justice (four points), Kaleb Jarvis (four points), Josh Hall (three points), Clayton Smith (two points), Will Gullett (two points), Jacob Rainey (two points) and Garrison Yates (one point).

Brady Robinson led Betsy Layne with 10 points. Robinson was the only Betsy Layne player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Following Robinson's leading offensive performance, Shawn Howell and Nathaniel Mims contributed eight points apiece for the Bobcats.

Chase Mims (six points), Zack Bentley (six points), Jordan Frazier (five points), Lukas Manns (two points), Grant Orsborn (one point) and Frank Tackett (one point) accounted for the rest of Betsy Layne's individual scoring.



Prestonsburg sophomore guard Grant Justice drives to the goal.

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Prestonsburg junior guard Graham Burchett goes up for a shot on Tuesday night.

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**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) – Listen to what everyone has to say and be aware of what's accurate and what's false. Someone will make unrealistic promises that could end up being costly.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) – Don't let emotions dictate your actions. Take a step back and consider your options. You are best off talking to a trusted source of advice before you make a move.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) – Consider what you enjoy doing most and structure your resume to help you qualify for positions that excite you. Taking action will bring results, so stop dreaming and start doing.

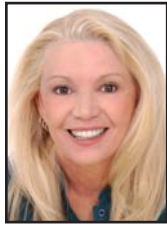
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) – Engage in activities that take your mind off your troubles. If someone hasn't been fair or nice to you, distance yourself from that person. Put your needs first.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) – Nurture an important relationship. Make special plans for two or find out what will make a loved one happy. Less drama and more fun should be your mantra.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – Get involved in a physical activity that will help you blow off steam. It will save you from getting into a nasty discussion with someone who doesn't share your opinions.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Sign up for an event or activity that interests you. What you discover or learn will help you make a decision

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that will improve your life, relationships and health.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Listen carefully, but don't share your feelings or your plans. Time is on your side, and gathering information will help you gain perspective on the best way to move forward.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Don't let anger get the better of you. Channel your energy into self-improvement, travel or exercise. Romance or a creative outlet will ease tension and encourage peace over discord.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Consider what you would like to be doing and what you are doing. Assess your skills, experience and knowledge, and look for a position or activity that will improve your life.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Stick close to home. Traveling or visiting relatives or people you don't always agree with will lead to discord or unwanted changes. Home improvements are favored, provided you do the work yourself.

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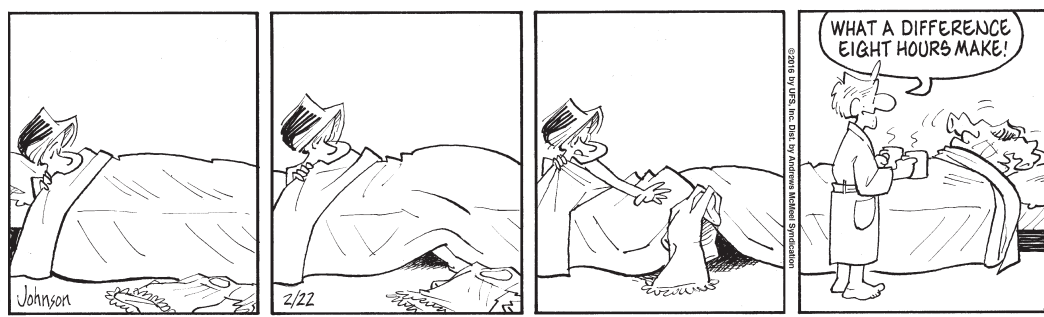
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  - Draws on
  - Vim and vigor
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  - Kansas capital
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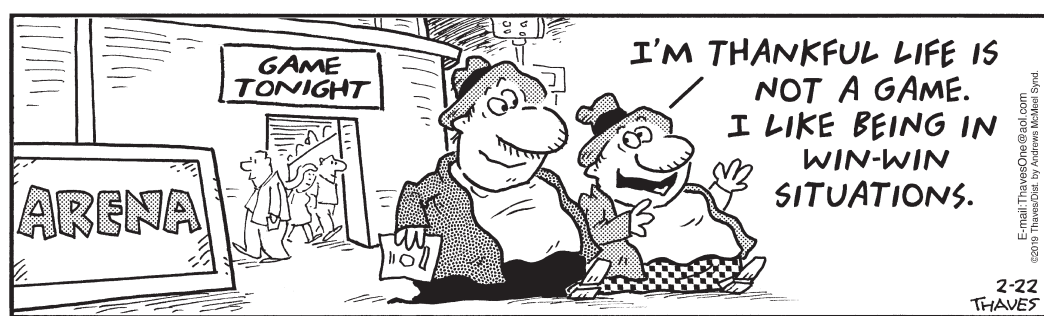
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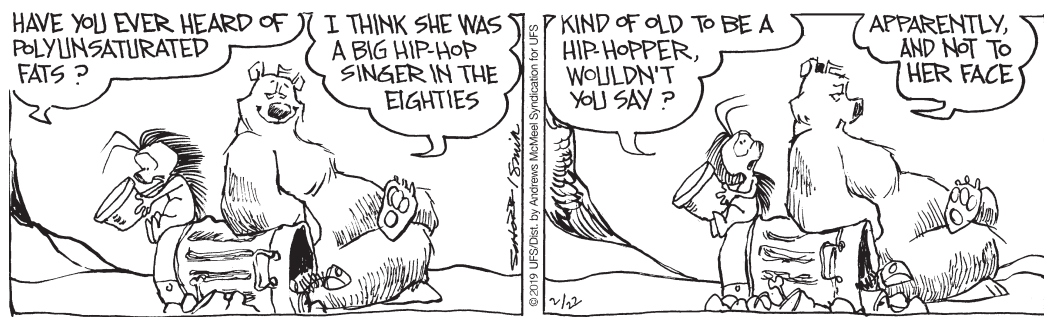
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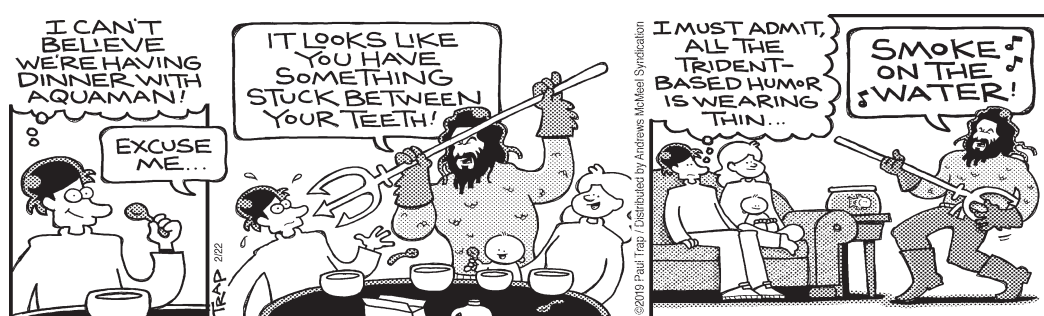
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In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase II bond release on permit number **836-5668** which was last issued on May 24, 2018. The application covers an area of approximately 17.71 acres located 2.5 miles northwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

The operation is approximately 0.4 miles east from KY 2030's junction with Gunstock Branch Road and located on Gunstock Branch. The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$38,400. Approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the original bond amount of \$38,400 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in spring 2015. Results thus far achieved are backfill-

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ing, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by April 15, 2019. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by April 15, 2019.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE (Pursuant to Application No. 836-0412, Original)**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P. O. Box 460, 433 Esco Road, Pikeville, KY 41562 has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 56.99 surface acres and 70.70 acres of auger shadow area for a total permitted area of 56.99 acres. The proposed area is located 1.18 miles southeast of Teaberry in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.90 miles southeast of the intersection of KY 979's junction with KY 3380 and located on Andy Branch of Tinker Fork of Mud Creek.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Pikeville 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The

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operation will use the contour, auger and underground mining methods. The affected surface area is owned by Vernon Kelly & Mary Elizabeth Slone, Ray & Violet Slone, Rexal &

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