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Problems cited in Martin audit

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Certified Public Accountant Richard F. Paulmann found material weaknesses and significant deficiencies in 2018 audit that was presented to the Martin City Council on Feb. 26.

Paulmann explained that the city is struggling financially and would benefit by transferring funds to the city's general fund every month and, among other things, by increasing rates for water and sewer customers.

The audit covers the fiscal year that end-

ed on June 2018, and it shows that Martin received about \$820,300 in revenues during the fiscal year in its general fund, and spent about \$705,800, leaving an excess of \$114,400 in the general fund.

Paulmann asked the council to consider amending its budget because the city received \$17,400 more than budgeted and spent about \$89,500 more than budgeted for the fiscal year.

He reported that Martin received about \$427,000 in revenues

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Certified Public Accountant Richard F. Paulmann presents the 2018 financial audit to the Martin City Council on Feb. 26, as residents stand in the meeting room doorway in an attempt to hear.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Southern Water & Sewer District Manager Dean Hall, standing, explains the district's water system to new members of the commission during a meeting on Monday.

Southern considers seeking outside help

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Southern Water and Sewer District voted this week to allow its chairman Jeff Prater to examine whether it would be beneficial to seek a consultation contract with Prestonsburg City Utilities or another company that could help manage the district.

"I would like to ask the board if they would entertain the idea of me talking to some outside management people, with a possibility of a

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams gives the oath of office to Bishop Newsome, the newest member of the Southern Water & Sewer Commission. Newsome replaces Brian Hunter, who turned down a request to serve on the board recently.

Williams opposes 'land grab' in Martin

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams issued a letter on social media this week in which he announced opposition to proposed annexation in Martin.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has not addressed the annexation publicly or taken any action on the matter, but Williams reported in the letter that his opposition comes with support of all

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Ratliff resigns from Martin City Council

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A longtime Martin City Council member recently submitted her letter of resignation, but the city council has not formally received it.

The Martin City Council has not discussed the resignation of Eulene Ratliff publicly, but Mayor Sam Howell confirmed after a meeting on Tuesday that she submitted a letter of resignation to

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SunTrust and BB&T approve merger

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SunTrust Banks, Inc. and BB&T Corporation announced Feb. 7 that both companies' boards of directors unanimously approved a definitive agreement to combine in an all-stock merger valued at approximately \$66 billion, according to a news release from the combined companies.

According to the release, in a reflection of the equal contribution both banks bring to the new institution, the combined company will operate under a new name and brand, which will be determined prior to closing the merger.

The combined company's board of directors and executive management team will be evenly

split between the two institutions and a new corporate headquarters will be established in Charlotte, North Carolina, including an Innovation and Technology Center to drive digital transformation, stated the release. In the current home markets for both companies, the release stated, the combined company will maintain the Community Banking Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. and the Wholesale Banking Center in Atlanta, Ga.

The combined company will be the sixth-largest U.S. bank based on assets and deposits, and according to the release, the company potentially will have approximately \$442 billion in assets, \$301 billion in loans, and \$324 billion in deposits serving more than 10 million households in the

United States, with leading market share in many of the most attractive, high-growth markets in the country.

According to a BB&T and SunTrust joint statement issued to customers through thepremierfinancialinstitution.com, for now, customers should continue to bank as they normally do.

"Throughout this transition and after we become a new company, you'll continue to receive the high-quality service you have come to expect from both our institutions," said the joint statement. "Together, we will be better positioned to serve you, delivering the best of both institutions' talents, systems and processes. Both BB&T and SunTrust remain committed to providing you with an industry-leading client

experience." Unfortunately, the merger may have an impact on the future of some branches.

"We do anticipate branch closings as a result of this transaction, but we are making those decisions over the next several months and won't have details to share for quite some time, said the joint statement. "We will provide more of these details later this year and promise that you will be promptly notified if it affects you. While some branches may close, our commitment to being an active member of our communities is unwavering, and local branches will continue to play a key role for us in the combined company.

According to the statement, the merger is expected to close in the

fourth quarter of 2019, subject to satisfaction of customary closing conditions, including receipt of customary regulatory approvals and approval by the shareholders of each company.

"The actual change-over to a combined company will happen much later, toward the end of 2019, pending all shareholder and regulatory approvals," said the joint statement. "Rest assured, we remain committed to helping clients achieve economic success and will preserve the community bank model. We will maintain close ties with our shared local communities, and we will provide you with much more information in the coming months to make this a smooth transition for you."

BB&T is one of the

largest financial services holding companies in the U.S. with \$225.7 billion in assets and market capitalization of approximately \$33.1 billion as of Dec. 31, 2018.

Based in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, BB&T operates more than 1,800 financial centers in 15 states and Washington, D.C.

SunTrust SunTrust Banks, Inc., headquartered in Atlanta, has two business segments: Consumer and Wholesale. Its flagship subsidiary, SunTrust Bank, operates an extensive branch and ATM network throughout the high-growth Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

As of Dec. 31, 2018, SunTrust had total assets of \$216 billion and total deposits of \$163 billion.

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management proposal that we could get help to come in to help Dean (Hall, general manager) here," Prater said. "It would just be authorizing me to speak to some entities and bring some information back to the board about what that would look like and what it would cost, if we were to have an independent group to come in and offer a management contract."

Commissioner Rick Roberts asked what kind of information would be provided to that group.

"Well, not our financials, no. I would be asking these entities what they would charge and what kind of — and, I say this because Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission has expressed an interest in aiding Southern Water or helping through a management partnership type thing," Prater said. "It would be only information as to what they would charge or how they would structure to come in and help with the operations and the management with Dean being in place here, but to come in and help."

Roberts asked for clarification.

"For example, what they would charge us to come in and assist Southern Water with management and bringing an example, bringing someone

from a different company in to help look over the billing here to bring in leak detection people or additional crews; what it would cost us, for example, to have additional crews to come in to help with leak detection leak repair or any other services," Prater said.

"A consultant, let's call it," Commissioner Steve Dawson said.

Bishop Newsome, who was sworn in as a commissioner prior to the meeting, objected.

"Given the situation that we're in, I don't think that's a good idea," he said.

Prater said Prestonsburg Utilities "isn't the only one out there" that could provide such services, saying he "just used that as an example."

Hall told commissioners that Southern Water's first board of commissioners hired a manager years ago.

"Basically, the board stayed on as a board, but they hired Veolia Water to handle everything else," Hall said. "Then, Veolia Water hired all of the employees that was here. They was transferred to Veolia Water. That's what they had before. That was a full management contract."

Some commissioners shook their heads. Newsome said, "No."

"Well, let's ask Dean. How would you feel about that?" Roberts

asked him.

"I'm for whatever makes Southern Water better," Hall said. "I'd be willing to work with anybody. I'm not opposed to it."

Prater said he would only be gathering information about what it would cost and how it would be structured.

"To be honest with you, I don't think we have the money to pay somebody right now, but I would like to know what it would cost us, going forward, if we could get some things under control and we could get some additional help," Prater said.

Roberts suggested he may approve of such a contract.

"With what we're trying to turn around here, it probably would not be a bad idea," he said.

The motion passed with Newsome voting against it.

"The issue that I have is that this is what we're supposed to be doing," he said. "This is what we're diving into. This is what we need to address. This is what Dean takes care of on a daily basis. The problem that I see, from what's been presented tonight, is the issue with the transfer of some money. As far as the leaks, maybe some new meters, there's ways to generate. I don't know that spending a lot of money that we don't have eventually is going

to help us."

During the meeting, commission approved bills and an income statement that showed Southern Water received \$320,400 in revenues in January and spent \$383,000 — an operating loss of about \$62,600.

The district is financially struggling because of several issues, including old and dilapidated lines, a water loss rate of more than 60 percent and other issues.

The meeting last nearly four hours, as commission members — who are all new to their positions with Southern

Water — received presentations and asked questions about the district's operations and system.

The commission voted to approve a resolution to adjust its water rates slightly to offset the costs the district pays for a water rate increase that was approved last year by Pikeville.

Hall reported that Southern Water has been paying the rate increase to Pikeville since November without recouping those costs.

Hall told them the district should install radio read meters and com-

plete the Lackey-to-Wayland line replacement project, which has been pending for years.

They also discussed Hall's employment in closed session for about an hour, Prater said. Upon return, the hired attorney Steven Bailey to serve on a contract basis, pending the terms of the contract being approved at the next meeting and approved a request from hall to give an employee a credit card, voted to move the district's meeting to the fourth Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.



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him "the other day."

Attempts to reach Ratliff for comment were unsuccessful prior to print deadline this week. Ratliff's daughter, Jimmie Wilson, said her mother resigned because of health issues and because she has issues with the city's attempted annexation of several outlying communities.

"She's a sweet person and that's the reason she resigned. She didn't want to make anybody mad and she had some health issues," Wilson said.

KRS 83A.040 details steps that must be taken after a council member

resigns. It explains that the city council has 30 days to fill the vacancy, and if that doesn't occur, the governor will appoint a new council member to fulfill the unexpired term.

That law also explains that no vacancy will occur "unless a written resignation which specifies a resignation date is tendered to the legislative body."

"The resignation shall be effective at the next regular or special meeting of the city legislative body occurring after the date specified in the written letter of resignation," the law states.

Howell and City Clerk Ethel Clouse would not provide copies of Ratliff's letter to the Floyd

Chronicle and Times this week, and the letter was not presented to the city council. Wilson said her mother posted the letter on social media recently, but she presented it to Howell several weeks ago. She wasn't sure when it was dated.

During the meeting Tuesday, Bonita Compton, athletics director for Floyd County Schools, submitted her resume to city council, saying she wants to be considered for the vacant position.

Ratliff was one of Martin's longest-serving council members. She has served on the council for decades and was there during the planning stages for the city's redevelopment project.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Bonita Compton, athletic director for Floyd County Schools, presents her resume to members of the Martin City Council on Tuesday. Compton said she is seeking appointment to fill the unexpired term of Eulene Ratliff, who resigned.

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magistrates in the county.

"The magistrates and I have heard the voice of the people. We are convinced that the overwhelming majority of people and business owners/employees do not want the proposed annexation," Williams wrote. "I agree with those that say the City of Martin cannot provide valuable services in return for the tax money they seek."

Citing a list of taxes Martin could impose if the annexation is finalized, Williams said in the letter that it is unfair.

"This type of 'land grab' for the sole purpose of taxing those within, simply is unfair, unrealistic, unnecessary and unwanted," he wrote.

The annexation would have a negative impact on the county, Williams reported, in terms of road aid, fire departments, senior citizens centers and other services provided by the county government.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court recently approved a 4 percent insurance premium tax for insurance policies sold to residents in the county. If the annexation in Martin is finalized, it appears that residents who would otherwise pay the 4 percent tax to the county would instead be required to pay Martin a 9 percent insurance premium tax.

Several community members commented about these and other issues related to the annexation after a Martin City Council meeting on Tuesday. Martin City Council members told attendees that the city does not have an insurance premium tax.

"Yes you do," a resident said, explaining how the tax is collected from the sales of various insurance policies.

"I didn't know that," Council Member James Reynolds said.

Martin has proposed three separate annexation proposals recently, and officials say that the final annexation replaces the others. It announces the city's intent to annex more than 591 acres along Ky. 80, "Old Ky. Rt. 80," Ky. 2554, Ky. 777, Ky. 680 and Ky. 122.

Williams joins a list of

other leaders who voiced opposition to the annexation. He said Floyd County has no legal basis to oppose the annexation, but officials felt it was best to do so.

"We felt it was in the county's best interest to oppose because of the sheer size of the annexation and the amount of revenue that will be taken out of the county coffers," Williams said. "What folks don't realize is that the city just does not provide the same services that we (the county) would provide with that money."

The Prestonsburg City Council approved two municipal orders opposing the annexation, claiming Martin did not notify the city, as it was required to do. Several Prestonsburg City Council members and Mayor Les Stapleton have turned out for all recent Martin City Council meetings.

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, and Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, have both also issued statements opposing the annexation.

Terry Thornsberry, co-founder of a group that is opposing the annexation, asked the city council to consider that opposition on Tuesday.

"Everybody in Floyd County is against you ... You've got very few friends in this county in what you're trying to do," Thornsberry said.

One man suggested that residents stop going to businesses in Martin. Thornsberry said he won't do that, however, saying "they're victims, too."

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Hundreds of people turned out to help find these children. Twenty-two of them escaped, while 26 children and their bus driver drowned. It took 55 hours for rescuers to locate the school bus, which sank and floated downstream. It took 69 days for families to find the bodies of all of these children. The nation watched, in terror, as the tragedy unfolded, day after day.

Feb. 28 marked 61 years that have passed since this great tragedy. We realize that day was not much different than any other day for many Floyd Countians, especially those who were born well after this tragedy occurred — like the children who ride our

school buses today.

But we also know, without a doubt, that a many of our folks do remember.

They remember because they were on that school bus and they somehow found enough courage and grace to get out of the water.

They remember because they mourn with the survivors, who 61 years later, still find it difficult to talk about.

They remember because those who died and those who escaped are members of their own families.

They remember because they were once friends with some of them, and because they went to school with them.

They remember because they were among the hundreds who searched, night and day, and because they brought food or blankets to comfort those who searched.

They remember because they've devoted their lives to work at a rescue squad that was founded by the families who lost children in this tragedy.

And we remember, too.

This week, we caught ourselves wondering what Floyd County would

be like had this tragedy not occurred — what these children would have grown up to become and how their lives could have impacted all of us.

Then, we realized we can never accurately measure the impact these children and this bus driver have already made, because over the past 61 years, the rescue squad — which would not have opened without this tragedy — has saved countless lives and offered swift water rescue training to folks all over the country.

On March 6, 1958, the former Floyd County Times asked a question in an editorial it printed about the bus wreck, calling for improvements in bus safety and training.

In the opening line, it stated, "What shall we say for the children who died in last Friday's school bus disaster and for their sorrowing loved ones?"

This is what we would like to say to them:

You are loved.

You are remembered.

You may be gone from here, but you are part of who we are today, and for that, we are grateful.

We ask our readers

The former Floyd County Times published this account of the tragedy on March 6, 1958:

Shortly after nightfall that first day, man's attempt to retrieve his own from the river ended after a conference of parents of missing children with officials and others directing the search.

As the day wore on, the wails of mothers died out, subsided into sobs. Fathers walked or stood in pale-faced silence, with a faraway look in their eyes. Their calm tones belied the terrific emotion that tore at them. The crowd, milling and swirling as it did, was held in the thrall of an almost palpable gloom.

to honor these former Floyd Countians by reading their names aloud:

John Alex DeRossett, 27, a school bus driver from Water Gap

Glenda May Cisco, 17, and Kenneth Forest Cisco, 14, children of Otto and Elizabeth Blackburn Cisco of Sugar Loaf

Rita Cheryl Matney, 8, and Joyce Ann Matney, 14, daughters of Kermit and Pauline Matney of Lancer

John Spencer Goble, 11, James Edward Goble, 12, and Anna Laura Goble, 9, children of James B. and Virginia Spears Goble of Emma

Sandra Faye Cline, 8, and Paulette Cline, 9, daughters of James Colonel Cline and Audrey Laferty Cline of Lancer

Bucky Ray Jarrell, 14, and Katie Carol Jarrell, 13, children of William

and Rebecca Moore Jarrell of Sugar Loaf

Nannie Joyce McPeek, 17, daughter of the late Allen Roby and Roma Owens McPeek, who lived with Mr. and Mrs. James Cline near Lancer

James Thomas Ousley, 15, son of Orville B. and Alvie Stephens Ousley of Lancer; and James Edison Carey, 9, son of James and Louise Williamson Carey of Emma

Margaret Louise Hunt, 15, daughter of Ed and Gerlene Darby Hunt of Cow Creek

Kathryn Justice, 16, daughter of Lee and Gladys King Justice of Endicott

Randy Scott Wallen, 17, son of Scott and Mollie Thompson Wallen of Lancer

John Harlan Hughes Jr., 13, son of John Harlan and Susie Meade Hughes of Emma

Jane Carol Harris, 14, daughter of Joe Wheeler and Madge Burchett Harris of Emma

Thomas Roosevelt Jervis, 13, son of Jeff and Mary Belle Jervis of Buffalo Creek

Linda Darby, 14, daughter of Bill and Eunice Jarrell Darby of Cow Creek

Marcella Jervis, 14, daughter of Columbus and Charlene Stepp Jervis of Emma

Emogene Darby, 17, daughter of John and Virgie Woods Darby of Cow Creek

Montaine Jervis, 15, son of Virginia and Nancy Woods Jervis of Endicott;

Doris Faye Burchett, 15, daughter of Belvard and Opal Martin Burchett of Emma

James L. Meade Jr., 9, son of James L. and Thelma Crabtree Meade of Lancer

The 27 Who Died in School Bus Tragedy



Volunteers Complete March Induction Call
Seven registrants of Draft Board 25 here entered the army in the March 10 induction call as volunteers. They are: Ralph D. Sanders, McDowell; Bill Frazier, Dock; Robie Akers, Amba; Samuel W. Lackey, Tram; Ralph Randall Martin, Eastern; Andy Ray Wilson, Wayland; William Robinson, Dock.
Three completed the March 4 preinduction call, and one of these, Earl Thompson, of Wayland, was transferred to Local Board 96, Detroit. The other two are Sheridan Coleman, of Printer, and John Kidd, Harold.

Addressing the senate

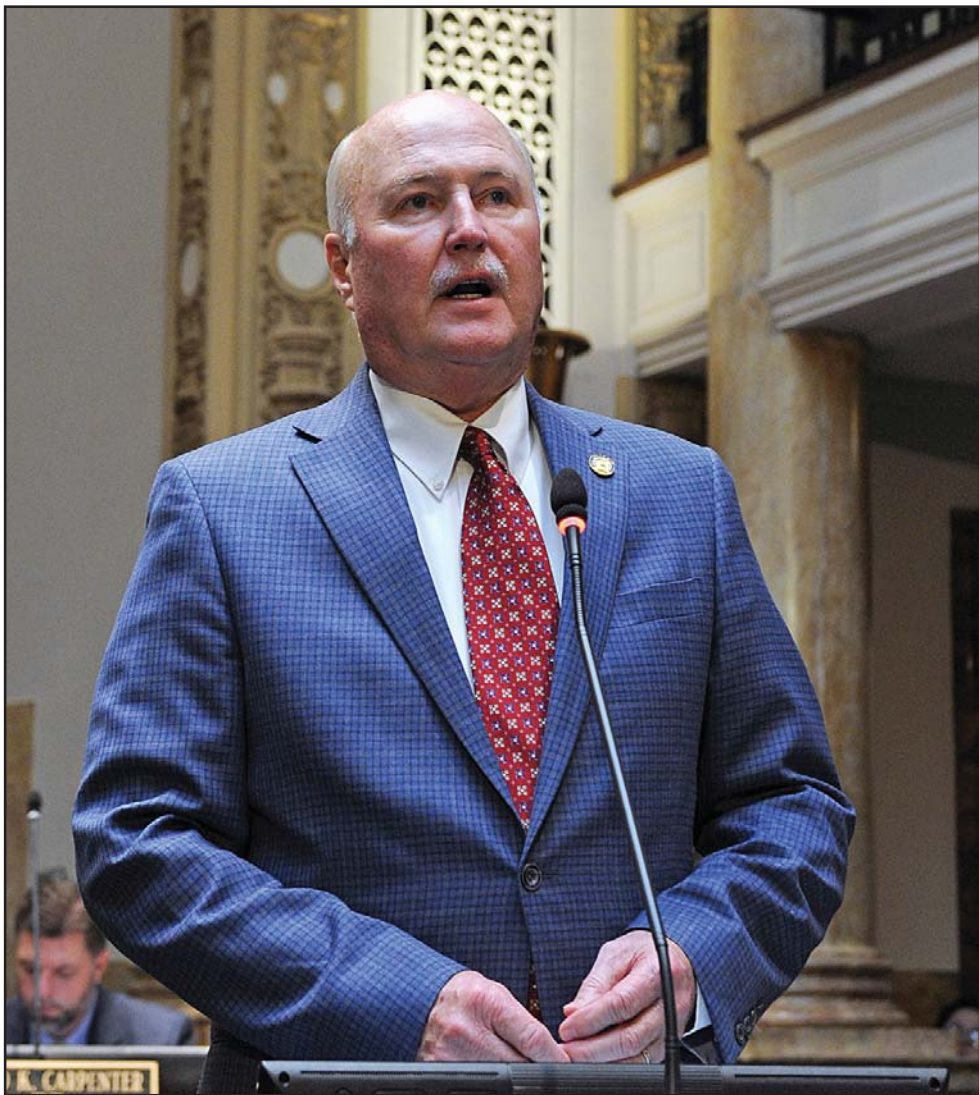


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Kentucky Senate Minority Caucus Chair Sen. Johnny Ray Turner (D, Prestonsburg) addresses the senate on Feb. 22.

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

Heather Nicole Kidd, 32, of Printer, to Michael Hunter, 40, of Harold
Amanda Nicole Kirk, 30, of Leander, to Robert Dale Vanderpool Jr., 31, of Leander

Property transfers

Mary Jane Layne to Layne Adams (Deeds Book 36; pg. 167)
KRP Marcellus I to Kimbell Art Foundation (Deeds Book 643; pg. 367)
Kimbell Art Foundation to Kimbell Royalty Holding LLC (Deeds Book 643; pg. 374)
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to Jesse F. Osborne (Deeds Book 643; pg. 381)
Roy Douglas Hall, Scott Hall, Terry Hall, Timothy Keith Hall to Marcia Jan Hunt (Deeds Book 643; pg. 386)
Cheryl Lee Hall, Claude Thomas Hall, Delmar Ray Hall, Lizabeth Hall to Sherry Hall, Stephen Douglas Hall (Deeds Book 643; pgs. 392, 402, 412)
Jeanette Cochran, Scot Cochran to Irene Mitchell (Deeds Book 643; pg. 422)
Betty Jo Pettitt to Dina Brown, Gordan Pettitt, Tony Pettitt (Deeds Book 643; pg. 444)

Gary Ousley, Judy Ousley to David Setser, Sharon Setser (Deeds Book 643; pg. 488)
Connie Osborne Kiser, Leonard Kiser, Cindy Felicia Moore to Sheila Little (Deeds Book 643; pg. 425)
Christopher D. Rackey to Joshua Coleman (Deeds Book 643; pg. 433)
Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Josephine Schlick to Penny Mac Loan Services LLC (Deeds Book 643; pg. 428)
US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to Charlie Ousley (Deeds Book 643; pg. 436)
Aubrey G. Wyatt Trustee, Bobbie L. Wyatt Trustee to Lisa Calamina (Deeds Book 643; pg. 440)
Jerry Fannin to Arthur Kilburn (Deeds Book 643; pg. 453)
Randy Edward Hall to Roger Ford, Rose Ford (Deeds Book 643; pg. 455)
Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Commonwealth of Kentucky Department of Highways Transportation Cabinet to (Deeds Book 643; pg. 459)
Floyd County Fiscal Court to Big Sandy Area Development District (Deeds Book 643; pg. 467)
Matthew Slone to Billy Slone (Deeds Book 643; pg. 470)
Clyde Woods to Larry

Woods (Deeds Book 643; pg. 473)
Clyde Woods to Sharon Woods (Deeds Book 643; pg. 479)
Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Ditech Financial, Dennis M. Hutchinson, Jennifer Hutchinson, Jennifer M. Samons Hutchinson, Mabel Samons to Ditech Financial LLC (Deeds Book 643; pg. 482)
Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Bayview Loan Servicing, Brenda Justice to Bayview Loan Servicing (Deeds Book 643; pg. 488)
Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Casey Cooley, US Bank to US Bank NA (Deeds Book 643; pg. 494)
Master Commissioner Greg Isaac, Donna Johnson and her unknown spouse, Helen Johnson, Jeremy Johnson and his unknown spouse, Tax Ease Lien Servicing LLC to Kathy Hall, Lavon Hall (Deeds Book 643; pg. 499)
Michael Tackett to Kelly Stanley (Deeds Book 643; pg. 504)
Michael Tackett to Margaret Newsome (Deeds Book 643; pg. 508)
Amanda Rowe, Daniel Rowe to Kelli N. Kilbrun, Paul David Kilburn (Deeds Book 643; pg. 512)
Matthew Slone to City of Wayland (Deed of Correction) (Deeds Book 643; pg. 515)
Randy Wright to Rex Stanon Wright (Deeds Book 643; pg. 488)
Angela Greer, Dennis Greer, Dennis Greer II, Jason A. Greer, Rachel Greer to KinHag Development Company (Deeds Book 643; pg. 526)
Jim Flannery, Jimmy Flannery to Lois Flannery, James Blake Stewart (Deeds Book 643; pg. 536)
Brenda G. Blackburn to Bill Newsome (Deeds Book 643; pg. 540)
Ashley Goodman, William Goodman to Bill Newsome (Deeds Book 643; pg. 544)

Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony cases filed

Misty Duncan, 40, of Betsy Layne; public intoxication of a controlled substance, theft of identity, criminal possession of a forged instrument, assuming a false title to obtain a controlled substance, utter false/forged prescription, unauthorized procurement of controlled substance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, theft of identity without consent
Christopher Coleman, 33, of Beaver; second-degree burglary
William D. Randolph, 29, of Martin; prohibited use of an electronic communication system to produce a minor
Rachel Johnson, 32, of Weeksbury; theft by unlawful taking (purse snatching)
Matthew Mayo, 38, of Martin; tampering with physical evidence, second-degree criminal simulation
Alfred King, 48, of Betsy Layne; flagrant nonsupport, criminal possession of a forged instrument, assuming a false title to obtain a controlled substance, utter false/forged prescription, unauthorized procurement of a controlled substance
James Hughes, 39, of Harold; flagrant nonsupport
Berry Thornsberry, 44, of Garrett; possession of a handgun by a convicted felon
Teresa L. McDaniel, 39, of Somerset; criminal possession of a forged instrument
Misdemeanor cases filed
Brianna L. Holbrook, 23, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license, endangering the welfare of a minor, failure to maintain insurance, failure to surrender revoked operators license
James K. Hughes, 39, of Harold; public intoxication of a controlled substance, giving officer false information
Brian Johnson, 42, of Weeksbury; third-degree terroristic threatening, second-degree wanton endangerment
Randall K. Williams, 58, of Kimper; expired license, reckless driving, failure to illuminate navigation lights
Elizabeth Hamilton, 26, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance
Vernon Johnson, 48, of Hi Hat; third-degree terroristic threatening
Robert Skeans, 33, of Allen; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct
Terry Tackett, 38, of Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault
Jamie Compton, 42, of East Point; harassment

Jonathan Newsom, 21, of Teaberry; third-degree criminal trespassing
Megan Hamilton, 28, of Prestonsburg; failure to send child to school
Chad Cornett, 49, of Prestonsburg; harassment
Wesley Bradley, 34, of Hueysville; giving officer false information
Larry Lewis, 34, of Prestonsburg; harassment
Vick Davis McCoy, 40, of Martin; driving on a suspended license, failure to surrender revoked operator's license, possession of license when privileges are revoked, failure to produce insurance card, obstructed vision/and windshield, rear license not illuminated
Tracey Chaffins, 35, of Garrett; third-degree terroristic threatening
Jordan Dean Stamper, 26, of Williamson, W.Va.; fourth-degree assault, menacing
Shawn Michael Henson, 38, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, menacing
Denieka Skeens, 28, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing
Candy Ann Compton, 31, of Melvin; fourth-degree assault, menacing
Delbert Conn, 34, of Martin; second-degree criminal mischief (transferred from circuit court indictment)
Charles Hamilton, 28, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault
Brenda Phillips, 50, of Teaberry; theft by failure to make disposition of property
Linda Sue Smith, 49, of Allen; harassment
Robert Scott, 60, of Prestonsburg; harboring a vicious animal
Troy Drake, 19, of Louisville; possession of marijuana
Johnny Rose, 23, of Auxier; theft by unlawful taking or disposition
German Stumbo, 76, of McDowell; theft by deception (cold checks)
Jorday Stewart, 22, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance
Brad Hall, 42, of Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespassing
April Hamilton, 36, of Auxier; third-degree criminal trespassing
Rose Hamilton, 57, of Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespassing
Lawsuits filed
Sara D. Maynard vs. Alexander Moses Carraway McCellian; divorce
Veronica L. Damron vs. Alvin Derek Damron; divorce
David Keith Duncan vs. Kristin Brown; petition for custody
Shane McPeek vs. Wendy McPeek; divorce
Melissa Vanderpool vs. Victoria Chaffins, Jamie Chaffins; petition for visitation
Dylan M. Hall vs. Toni G. Salyer, Allstate Property & Casualty Insurance Company; personal injury complaint
Tina R. Cole vs. K&H Trucking, Roger D. Kimbler, Kentucky Mutual Insurance; personal injury complaint
Angelie Slone vs. Jus-

tin Slone; divorce
Ashley N. Shepherd vs. Zethaniel D. Shepherd; divorce
Discover Bank vs. Beatrice M. Jarrell; complaint concerning contract
Shawn Hicks vs. Rhonda Hicks; divorce
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Kristin Brown vs. David Duncan; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Chasity Burchett vs. Jeromy Sewall; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Frankie Branham vs. Brandon Meade; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Katrenea Tussey vs. Angela Shepherd; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Courtney Martin vs. Kevin Gayheart; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Kristin Sparks vs. Lee Sparks; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Amanda Jones vs. Timothy Jones; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Division of Child Support Enforcement, Kayla Salyer vs. Eric Porter; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
Billy Moore vs. Lindsay Moore; divorce
Lendmark Financial Services vs. Corey Pitts; complaint concerning contract
Erma Faye Armstrong, by and through guardian Mary Standridge vs. LP Prestonsburg River-view LLC, doing business as Riverview Healthcare Center, Signature Healthcare Center, Healthcare Consultant Services, Signature Clinical Consultant Services, LPO Holdings LLC, LPSNF II LLC, JLLA LLC, LP Manager LLC, L PMM Inc., Signature Holdings II LLC, The ARBa Group Inc., Jacob Wintner, Ira Smedra, SHC LP Holdings LLC, LAS Palmas SNF LLC, LP SNF LLC; personal injury complaint
Tammie Yates vs. Shawn Yates; divorce
Midland Funding vs. Judy Ousley; complaint concerning contract
First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, successor to First Guaranty Bank vs. Nicky Tackett; complaint concerning contract
Discovery Bank vs. Tyler Kidd; complaint concerning contract
Heritage Acceptance Corporation vs. Brittany Dixon, Jason Dixon; 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 the defendant is presumed innocent or not liable until proven guilty.

Town of Martin Project - Public Meeting Notice

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntington District, is hosting a public meeting for the Town of Martin project. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update to the public on the project, solicit individuals or groups that wish to act as formal consultation partners under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

A public meeting with USACE staff available to discuss the project will begin at 6 p.m. on March 14, 2019 at the Fire Station on the Redevelopment Site (1 Randy Caudill Loop, Martin, Kentucky). In addition, office hours will be available from 1pm - 4pm to allow for individual questions or discussion at the USACE Resident Engineer's Office (Construction Trailer) on the Redevelopment Site.

Questions regarding the public meeting can be sent to Ms. Rebecca Rutherford, Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch, Huntington District Corps of Engineers, 304-399-5924, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070.

Big Sandy Broadband sold

Deal includes purchase of all assets and transition of Big Sandy customers, employees

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Shenandoah Telecommunications Company announced an agreement on Feb. 28 to purchase Big Sandy Broadband, which has offices in Floyd and Johnson counties.

Big Sandy Broadband is a cable television, broadband Internet and phone provider to homes and businesses located in eastern Kentucky.

"We are pleased to be able to expand our cable operations into Kentucky," Shentel Chief Operating Officer Dave Heimbach said in a press release. "Big Sandy has been family-owned for nearly 60 years. We appreciate those strong roots. Shentel was founded in

1902, and has a long history of serving rural areas like Floyd and Johnson counties."

The purchase will include all assets of Big Sandy Broadband along with current customers. Employees of Big Sandy have been offered jobs with Shentel.

The integration is expected to be complete by the second quarter of 2019. Until that time, Big Sandy customers will continue to pay bills and contact the Big Sandy customer service center for service related questions.

Information related to the full transition to Shentel services will be available in the coming months, the company reported.

Shentel provides cable television, broadband Internet and voice

services through its high-speed network to customers in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. Shentel is also an affiliate of Sprint with wireless coverage in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. Shentel also provides fiber services to commercial and wholesale customers along its 5,641-mile fiber network across four states.

Big Sandy Broadband will add approximately 4,700 revenue generating units to Shentel's cable segment, including more than 2,200 broadband RGUs. The Big Sandy system is adjacent to existing Shentel cable markets in West Virginia, and it is part of the Charleston, W.Va. DMA.

FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES



Betty J. Carver

It is with great sadness that the family of Betty J. Carver (nee Honeycutt) announces her passing on Feb. 22, 2019, in Royal Palm Beach, Fla.

Betty was born on May 9, 1935, to Mabel and Hansford Honeycutt in Auxier.

Betty was predeceased by her parents and daughter, Debra L. Keller (Carver).

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Daniel "Sonny" V. Carver; her son, Danny L. Carver and his wife Tammy Carver; two brothers: Randall Honeycutt and his wife, Arlene Honeycutt and Paul Honeycutt and his wife Darlene Honeycutt; and two grandchildren: Evan D. Carver and Kendra L. Marquez (Carver).

Palms West Funeral Home and Crematory will be handling arrangements. The family is grateful for condolences and ask that donations be made to: American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123 or Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

This is a paid obituary.



Kathern Beatrice Gearheart Howard

Kathern Beatrice Gearheart Howard, 86, passed away Feb. 25, 2019, at home.

She was born July 7, 1932, on the family farm in Hueysville, to Willie and Ada Shipman Gearheart. "Kat," as she was called by family and friends, graduated in 1950 from Garrett High School, where she met her husband, Billy How-

ard. She graduated from Caney College in 1952 and worked as a teacher and homemaker. The family eventually settled in Frankfort, where she lived for nearly 50 years.

Kat had many hobbies and interests, including refinishing antique furniture, junkin', sewing, making quilts, watching UK basketball, cooking and reading, especially Kentucky history. She loved spending time with family, friends and neighbors and visiting the mountains of her sister's home back in Floyd County.

Kat was preceded in death by her husband Bill and brothers Ed, Claude, Roy and Norman.

She is survived by her daughter Teresa Wasson (Ed); her son John Howard (Whitney, and her son, Jackson); granddaughters Katheran Wasson (Lee Burkett, and his son, Carter) and Anne Wasson; her great-grandson Henry Burkett-Wasson; her sister Sue Reffett and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 1, at Rogers Funeral Home, Frankfort.

Funeral services will follow at 12 p.m. at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Jackson Borders, Lee Burkett, Michael Reffett, David Reffett, Gary Gearheart and Todd Gearheart.

Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery.

Donations in Kat's honor may be made to Bluegrass Hospice Care at, <https://give.bgcarenav.org/>, or 2312 Alexandria Drive Lexington, KY 40504, or to your local humane society.

An online tribute is available at, rogersfrankfort.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home of Frankfort.

This is a paid obituary.

Leo Hamilton

Leo Hamilton, 83, of Banner, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019.

Visitation opened Thursday and continues at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

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

Mary Lou Lavender

Mary Lou Lavender, 80, of Ashland, died Monday, Feb. 25, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

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

Jonathan Mark Porter

Jonathan Mark Porter, 59, of Mouside, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019.

Visitation will be at 9 a.m., Friday, March 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 2, at Crestlawn Memorial Gardens, Georgetown.

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

Shirley Deloris Rice

Shirley Deloris Rice, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019.

Visitation was held at 6 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 28, and will continue Friday, March 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in Spradlin Rice Family Cemetery, Abbott.

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

Elmer "Ted" Wilson

Elmer "Ted" Wilson, 79, of Tram, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, March 2, at Betsy Layne Church of Christ, Betsy Layne.

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

Investigation halts gas rate increase

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission issued four orders on Feb. 27 to halt two rate increase applications sought by Betsy Layne-based B&H Gas and Johnson County Gas.

The orders came upon the request of the Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention, which filed motions in February asking the PSC to investigate unauthorized debt issued by the two companies. The AG's office is party to both the rate cases applications and the investigation, the PSC reported.

The PSC put the two rate cases on hold and opened two new cases to investigate several promissory notes executed by Bud Rife of Betsy Layne, the owner of the two companies. The need to repay the promissory notes – essentially after-the-fact loans – was cited by the companies as the reason for seeking substantial rate increases.

On Dec. 28, 2018, B&H Gas and Johnson County Gas submitted applications for base rate increases. B&H Gas sought to increase the average monthly bill – not including the cost of the gas itself, which is calculated separately – from \$9.74 to \$88.44. John-

son County Gas sought to increase the average monthly bill, not including gas cost, from \$49.40 to \$86.16.

Both companies cited the need to repay debt - \$148,230 for Johnson County Gas and nearly \$1.8 million for B&H Gas. The debt is all in the form of promissory notes dated the same day the applications were filed with the PSC.

Kentucky law requires utilities to seek PSC approval before assuming any debt lasting longer than two years, and the PSC reported that Rife did not seek approval for those loans.

Of the promissory notes issued by B&H Gas, five, totaling \$1.7 million are to either Rife or to other companies he owns. He signed the notes as both the debtor and lender, the PSC reported. The remaining note for \$39,462 is for money owed by B&H Gas to its attorneys. It is signed only by Rife and not by the law firm.

Of the \$148,230 in Johnson County Gas debt, \$62,898 is owed to Rife or his construction company, with the remaining \$82,074 owed to a gas company partnership in which Rife is the managing partner. There is also a one-year promissory note of \$3,258 to the utility's lawyers, which is not at issue in

the investigation.

Two of today's PSC orders open investigations into whether B&H Gas and Johnson County Gas, as well as Rife individually, should be penalized for entering into the promissory notes without obtaining the required prior approval from the PSC.

The PSC scheduled a hearing in those cases for 9 a.m. on April 24 in Frankfort.

The other two orders place the rate cases in abeyance. Absent a PSC decision in the rate cases by Aug. 4, the rate increases sought by B&H Gas and Johnson County Gas would take effect as proposed. The PSC said it is likely that the investigation into the promissory notes may not be concluded until after the deadline in the rate cases.

Since the promissory notes are the primary reason for the proposed rate increases, a decision in the rate case cannot be made until the validity of the promissory notes is determined, the PSC said in its orders. Therefore, the rate cases must be delayed until the investigation is concluded.

The full cases may be found online at, psc.ky.gov, under case numbers 2018-00433, 2018-000434, 2019-00055 and 2019-00056.



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‘Trauma informed care’ workshop to be held

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Morehead State University’s social work program is hosting a workshop for professionals who help people heal from trauma next week.

The training is geared for social workers, counselors, peer support workers and others who work in professions geared to help others.

Participants will learn about trauma, how it impacts clients and how trauma informed care could benefit clients.

Geoff Wilson, a licensed clinical social

worker and licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor, is hosting the training. He’s been practicing in mental health professions in the state for 24 years and currently works in private practice in Lexington.

Wilson previously served as director of clinical operations for an inpatient psychiatric and chemical dependency treatment hospital, program director for a residential adolescent substance abuse treatment program and president of the Kentucky Adolescent Substance Abuse Consortium for more

than 10 years.

He also served 10 years on the Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors and earned the Social Worker of the Year honor from the Kentucky Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers in 2013.

The workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on March 11 at the MSU campus in Prestonsburg. Advanced registration of \$40 is required. Continuing education credits are available.

For more information, call Deirdra Robinson at, (606) 783-9226.

‘Resilience’ film to be screened next week

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Local educators are hosting a film geared to build Eastern Kentucky’s resiliency next week.

The Floyd County Community Early Childhood Council and the group Kentucky Strengthening Families are hosting the event from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, in the Floyd Central High School auditorium.

Activities will include the screening of the film Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope,” and small group

breakout sessions on the topic of Eastern Kentucky’s resiliency.

Participants will learn about the Kentucky Strengthening Families group, a partnership of more than 20 public and private national, state and local organizations which work to support children and their families.

It is led by the Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development through the Race to the Top/Early Learning Challenge Grant Program and the Kentucky Department for Public Health.

Anna Shepherd, di-

rector of the school district’s early childhood program, promoted this event, saying in an email that it “can help us help students and families within our community to build protective factors to help them bounce back from stressful events and give them hope.”

The program is open to educators, students, community leaders, faith-based groups and other concerned community members. Seating is limited.

To register, visit, surveyMonkey.com/r/G6T6BPR.

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from its water and sewer — which is about \$43,000 less than budgeted — and expenditures for the water and sewer were about \$624,500 — which is about \$221,000 more than budgeted.

He reported that because of those issues, Martin water and sewer operated at a loss of around \$200,000 for the fiscal year.

Paulmann also provided a two-year budget-to-actual comparison for the city’s water and sewer. That part of the audit showed Martin received about \$10,000 less in total operating revenues for water and sewer between 2017 and 2018, and expenses also decreased in nearly every category. In all, he said water and sewer had about a \$69,000 increase in total operating income in 2018 than it did the prior year.

The city’s statement of fund net position, which combined accounting of both the city and its water and sewer accounts, shows the city had a total net position of more than \$4 million in 2018. Paulmann said of that amount, the city has more than \$3.8 million that’s “tied up in fixed assets, so you can’t appropriate that,” and \$957,000 in unrestricted funds, with about \$900,000 available to be appropriated.

Describing the water and sewer’s statement of net fund position, Paul-

mann reported that water and sewer has more than \$2.6 million “tied up in fixed assets,” and \$42,000 in debt, reporting that it’s unrestricted funds in this account “is a negative balance” of \$736,148.

“So, you had a \$197,000 operating loss on the year in the water and sewer ... I’ll tell you, too, that if you look at that depreciation, up above \$179,000, compared to your loss, \$214,000, you’re at negative cash, and you may want to consider a rate increase,” he said.

Paulmann noted several material weaknesses and deficiencies found in the audit.

“In the back, we’re required to put in an internal control report, and there were you know some material weaknesses, significant deficiencies — meaning, I had to make some material adjustments — and then separation of duties,” he said.

Paulmann cited two material weaknesses, pointing out that city records are not being maintained on the “modified accrual basis of accounting” and that the city “should be split into more separate divisions and transfers made to permit expenses recording in each appropriate governmental division.”

The “modified accrual basis of accounting” that Paulmann suggests the city use would require all expenses to be recorded when they are incurred, regardless of whether the payment has been

made, and liabilities to be recorded to show future payment obligations. In the cash method currently used by the city, transactions are only reported upon the exchange of cash and expenses are not recognized until they are paid.

In response to those material weaknesses, the city responded, “While the city agrees with this, they feel it would not be cost beneficial for them to add more staff.”

That response was also given for the two significant deficiencies Paulmann noted in the audit.

Those deficiencies included the lack of segregation of duties, which Paulmann reported, “is not possible from a practical prospective” because of the city’s size. The other deficiency was noted as the inability of staff to prepare “full accrual basis financial statements with full disclosure with generally accepted accounting principals.”

Full disclosure would require the city to fully disclose all of the information required to allow the public to fully assess the city’s financial state, according to generally accepted accounting principals.

Paulmann also provided several recommendations he included in a management letter that accompanied the audit. The Floyd County Chronicle and Times has not yet been granted access to that document.

In addressing the council about it, Paulmann called the list of

items “a wish list of things to work on.”

He suggested that the city add the \$200,000 loan for a fire truck on the city water and sewer account and let that account “eat up part” of a debt that water and sewer owes the City of Martin.

He also suggested that “someone outside of accounting” scan through the audit trail section of Quickbooks.

“Quickbooks has an audit trail feature on there and someone with the council, or someone outside of accounting, needs to scan through that auto trail feature a couple of times of year,” he said. “Only look, you know, only look for large things that, say, ‘altered’ or ‘previous,’ and then, ask Ethel (Clouse), you know, ‘What’s going on there.’”

He said all of his clients who use that program use that audit trail feature.

In addressing the city’s lack of segregation of duties, he said Clouse, the city clerk, and another employee identified as “Lisa” could make “pre-listings for each other” before financial information is entered, and the city could “break up” its accounting system into more components.

He also recommended that the city back up its financial information for the water and sewer, saying he’s concerned about the program crashing.

Martin should consider transferring funds from water and sewer

into the general fund every month, he said.

“Most of your payroll is being done by the city. You have the new fire truck, and you’re putting a lot of pressure on Ethel, you know, to carry the loss on the water and sewer and everything else,” he said. “And because of that, it does look like you should be able to transfer maybe \$6,000 to \$7,000 a month to the city from the water and sewer and you probably should consider that to help Ethel out.”

He reported “there were some back payroll taxes” and about \$9,000 loaned to the city from tourism.

“So, if you all could transfer that over, you’d help Ethel out a lot with the cash flow there,” he said. “And then, make sure, too, that the council here and the board on tourism both put in your minutes, agreement of that \$9,000 transfer from tourism to the city, loan.”

Council members present approved the audit without discussion.

According to documents obtained through open records requests, Martin’s check registers began with balances of -\$13,895 in October 2018, \$5,231 in November 2018, and -\$343 in December 2018. The check registers ended in a balance of \$2,018 in October 2018, \$1,771 in November 2018 and -\$12,663 in December 2018, the documents show, and the city had a negative balance from Dec. 7, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2018, as well as periodic negative

balances throughout all of those months.

In answering a request to view the January check register, which was approved by the city council on Tuesday, Clouse removed the deposit listings, balance listings and other information from the check register approved this week for the month of January. She said that step was taken at the request of City Attorney Doug Adams, who did not attend the city meeting.

“I mean, I done what I was told,” Clouse said, explaining that the balances were removed prior to council approval of the check registers. When asked why they were removed, she said, “Yeah, he said that we didn’t need to put that on there for everybody to see.”

City Council Member Harold Case said the council did not view balances and deposits prior to approving the city bills on Tuesday.

Clouse answered questions about how the city operates with a negative balance on Wednesday.

“We transfer money to cover it,” she said. “That’s the city account there. We’ve got some funds that’s restricted that we can’t bother, but with anything else, you know, we have to do it. And, too, when I — I don’t let any checks bounce. I hold them until I can get the money in there to cover them and send them out.”

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Floyd County Animal Shelter



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Floyd BOE lauds district early childhood staff

By **ELAINE BELCHER**
 STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education recognized district early development Head Start and pre-k teachers, family resource and youth development coordinators and others on Monday night during the monthly meeting for exceeding the state goal for kindergarten preparedness. Floyd County schools Head Start classrooms had 90.9 percent of kids ready for kindergarten — the highest in the state, according to district officials.

“According to information gathered by KDE (Kentucky Department of Education) from the Kindergarten Entry Screener, 90.9 percent of children in Floyd County Head Start programs are prepared for kindergarten — the highest in the state,” said Anna Shepherd, director of the district’s early childhood program. “The state average is 82.6 of Head Start students ready to attend.”

Kentucky’s Common Kindergarten Entry Screener, the BRIGANCE



The Floyd County Board of Education recognized district early childhood and Head Start teachers on Monday for exceeding the state goal for kindergarten preparedness. Floyd County schools Head Start had 90.9 percent of kids ready for kindergarten — the highest in the state, according to district officials.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher

The Floyd Central High School Community Problem Solving team also shared information with seniors outside the job fair by sharing a job board posted in the hallways of the school.

FCHS students host job fair

By **ELAINE BELCHER**
 STAFF WRITER

The Floyd Central High School Community Problem Solving Team hosted a job fair at the high school gym Wednesday, as part of an effort to educate students and interested adults on job opportunities.

The CmPS team, composed of Isabella Stewart, Sahara Little, Alyssa Tackett, Savannah Price, Chloe Watson, Kelli Thomas and Reece Terry, under the guidance of Bobby Akers, are tackling the problem of regional unemployment for their project this year.

“With the decrease in coal jobs and other supporting businesses in the area, a lot of our friends and families are affected by unemployment,” said Stewart. “We saw that they were intimidated to look beyond something that families have done for generations. So what we are trying to do is educate seniors who are getting ready to enter the workplace or go to college about what opportunities there are out

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Elaine Belcher

Seniors at Floyd Central High School circulate among businesses and colleges Wednesday at a job fair organized by the FCHS Community Problem Solving team.



Reaching for the stars



Submitted photo

Volunteers are installing the Hubble Traveling exhibit from NASA at the East Kentucky Science Center this week. The center is closed until March 9 for the installation. Last year, more than 10,000 visitors explored the 2,200 square foot exhibit. The exhibit will be open to the public from March 9 through May 18. For more information, visit the center’s Facebook page.

Sponsors sought for elder abuse awareness

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Big Sandy Council on Elder Maltreatment is seeking sponsorships and vendors for its annual Elder Abuse Awareness Day event.

The council, which serves Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties, will host its World Elder

Abuse Awareness Day event in Inez on June 14, offering informational resources and activities for the public.

Sponsors will be recognized on t-shirts that will be provided to vendors and the first 75 people who register at the event.

For more information, call, (606) 886-2374.

Once upon a time



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, recently visited Wesley Christian School in Allen to host a story time with preschool students.

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Early Childhood Kindergarten Screen III, provides an assessment of a child's development in five areas: academic/cognitive, language, development, physical development, self-help and social-emotional development.

Shepherd attributes the district's success to the "extraordinary community support" for early childhood development programs.

"We have such tremendous support for programs like Bornlearning Academy and Tiny Academy for parents and children from birth through age five. These classes help parents learn what their children need to be successful through good nutrition, reading and developing parenting schools as well as provide a stimulating environment for the kids to learn and grow," she said. "There are also programs like the Kentucky Valley Education Cooperative programs like family community learning workshops and professional development at Hazard technical college, resources for teachers through the KDE in Ashland, as well as opportunities at the Floyd County Public Library, University of Kentucky extension offices and conservation office programs brought to classrooms."

Shepherd thanked everyone for their effort.

"There is no way as a director to do this work, at this level, without the hard work, dedication and passion that each of these educators and our community supporters bring to the program," Shepherd said.

Community Events

- March 1; 7:30 p.m.: Josh Martin performs with Rachel Messer as special guest, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com
- March 2-8: The East Kentucky Science Center will be closed for the installation of NASA's Hubble Space Telescope exhibit. The center will reopen on March 9. (606) 889-8260
- March 4, 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets, Allen City Hall. (606) 874-2953
- March 4, 6 p.m.: Grow Appalachia Gardening Series, session two, and Master Gardener Program, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668
- March 5, 10:50 a.m.: Kentucky Chautauqua presents Jean Ritchie, portrayed by Rachel Lee Rogers at Big Sandy Community and Technical College Gearheart Auditorium.
- March 5, 5:30 p.m.: Free Bornlearning Academy for children age birth to five and their parents, South Floyd Elementary. Free meal. (606) 263-6175
- March 5, 6 p.m.: Floyd County Beekeepers meet, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668
- March 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- March 6, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Viewing of the film, "Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope," an Eastern Kentucky Resilience event, Floyd Central High School
- March 7, 5:30 p.m.: Free Bornlearning Academy for children age birth to five and their parents, May Valley Elementary. Free meal. (606) 285-0883
- March 7, 5:30 p.m.: Fruit tree grafting workshop, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668
- March 8, 9 a.m.: Tiny Bobcat Academy for kids age birth to five, Betsy Layne Elementary. Free. (606) 478-9751
- March 9, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Mountain Comprehensive Care Center to host Masquerade Ball to raise funds for children's services, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Tickets are \$30 per individual, \$50 for couples. (606) 886-8572
- 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

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there, and look beyond what they know to try new things."

The team contacted area businesses to invite them to the fair as well as to find out what job opportunities are available. Representatives from businesses such as Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Pikeville Medical Center, U.S. Army recruiting, McDowell Pharmacy as well as education institutions like the University of Pikeville, Big Sandy Community and Technical

College, Eastern University, Sullivan University and more attended the fair to talk to students.

"We wanted to not just focus on what was immediately available, although we have the information on that, but also what education was needed to pursue these careers as well," said Terry.

The team also shared information with seniors outside the job fair.

"We also have a board posted in the school sharing information on local jobs available to students now," said Stewart. "We

are also working on developing a job-shadowing program within our community so students can get a taste of what it's like."

The CmPS team will be entering the project into regional competition in the spring semester.

"It'll be neat to see how this stacks up to what others are doing," said Stewart. "But no matter how we do in competition, we are helping our community. That's the most important part."



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LOCAL PHYSICIAN'S PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH LIFE-SAVING HEART CARE AT PMC

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

M. Mike Trivette, MD, grew up in Eastern Ky. and has practiced medicine in the region for 23 years. His commitment has always been caring for his patients and their well-being.

Dr. Trivette knows that heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women. Many times in the past, he has recognized signs and symptoms of heart disease in his patients. He routinely encourages them to seek emergent care if heart attack signs arise.

Dr. Trivette started to experience increasing shortness of breath, shoulder pain, neck pain and tightness in his chest—those same symptoms he had diagnosed previously in his patients.

"I knew something was wrong. I have always encouraged my patients to go to an emergency department for the same symptoms I was experiencing," said Dr. Trivette. "I knew I had to follow the advice I had given them."

Dr. Trivette came to Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Emergency Department (ED) where he informed the PMC staff of his condition.

"Dr. Trivette was immediately taken to a treatment room where PMC's ED staff began an electrocardiogram (EKG), cardiac monitoring and cardiac blood work," said PMC Director of the Emergency Department, Dale Morton.

He says PMC's ED staff had the EKG completed in less than eight minutes.

"Dr. Trivette's condition became worse while in the ED. A second EKG, showed an immediate need for intervention," said Morton.

PMC Emergency Department Physician Barrett Webb, DO, consulted with Interventional Cardiologist, Ahmed Malik, MD, and immediately transferred Dr. Trivette to PMC's Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

"Our team determined the patient's needs," said Dr. Malik. "We quickly decided Dr. Trivette had a total occluded artery which was blocking essential blood flow to the heart."

Dr. Malik and his team inserted one stent to open blood flow to the damaged area of the heart.

"I am very thankful that PMC had this great ser-

vice available locally and a team that was ready to respond and care for me," said Dr. Trivette.

Recently, PMC elevated heart care in the region for patients such as Dr. Trivette with the expansion of three new state-of-the-art catheterization labs. PMC made the investment to fight heart disease for the growing number of patients in the region.

This expansion allows PMC to care for patients with heart disease, offering them top-quality health care.

Dr. Trivette said he was grateful for the world-class care he was able to receive at PMC. He is doing well and is back to treating his patients at his clinic.

For more information about PMC's Heart and Vascular Institute, call 606-218-2201 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.



PMC HIRING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO MEET GROWING DEPARTMENT NEEDS

By: Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is in need of licensed physical therapists to join the impressive rehabilitation team. Both the inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation departments are seeing more patients each year, creating a need for qualified physical therapists.

The rehabilitation department has so much to offer a potential applicant. The Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital and Outpatient Rehab building both have a full therapeutic gym with specialized equipment not found at other facilities in our region.

Inpatient physical rehabilitation has experienced a 20 percent growth in patient numbers over the last four years. They have also received over 100 patient transfers from more than 30 different facilities in the past 12 months. This growth is due, in part, to expert staff and unique equipment not found in other places. PMC is proud to possess equipment such as the Lokomat, designed to help people walk again, and the Armeo, designed to help people regain the use of their limbs. These are ideal for stroke and trauma pa-

tients. They can also be used for patients with other neurologic disorders that affect mobility.

Outpatient rehabilitation has grown over 42 percent over the last three years. They are now seeing an average of 90-100 patients per day. Technological advancements are just part of the reason why. The Smart Equitest machine is available for patients needing help with balance issues. There is also a HydroWorx aquatic therapy pool that patients in wheelchairs can be rolled right into for therapy. They also treat pediatric patients and offer lymphedema treatments and Astym therapy.

"I really want applicants who are passionate about providing the best physical therapy possible, and who are compassionate towards their fellow-man," said Vice President of Rehabilitation Services, Debbie Puckett. "Applicants should be life-long learners and have the desire to learn and grow this department."

Puckett also suggests that potential applicants be team-oriented. PMC physical therapists work closely with occupational and speech therapy, but also with nurses and doctors. They play an important role in PMC's Primary Stroke Center, Level II Trauma Center, and Joint Commission-certified orthopedic department.

"Doing physical therapy at PMC, you will never be bored," Puckett added. "Our therapists work in a variety of settings. In addition to inpatient and outpatient rehab, we also have therapists working in Home Health and acute care. There is a lot of growth and change."

PMC is the largest economic workforce in the region, putting more people to work than any single company, with continued growth that allows them to continually hire. Not only does PMC offer competitive pay, but the benefits package provided by the hospital is unmatched by any other business around. In fact, PMC has one of the top-ranked benefits packages in Kentucky, according to the Kentucky Hospital Association.

To apply for a position in physical therapy or to see any of the many job openings at PMC, simply visit www.pikevillehospital.org and click on the employment tab at the top.

PMC's first baristas are officially in training and learning all they can about PMC's new specialty coffee shop and the exciting menu options coming March 15! Together. We Brew!



PMC PLANS BLOOD DRIVE TO SUPPORT GROWING NUMBER OF PATIENTS REQUIRING BLOOD

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) will be extending its reach to save lives by hosting a blood drive on March 8. The blood drive will be held on the 11th Floor of the PMC Clinic Building from 7am to 2:30pm.

PMC recognizes the need for blood donation. The hospital plays a vital role in saving lives of patients as services expand and more patients require care. In the past four months, PMC patients required almost four thousand units of blood.

"Blood donations are critical because it is the only way to maintain sufficient blood supplies for medical treatment," said PMC Laboratory Transfusion Supervisor, Pam McPeek.

She says PMC receives all their blood supply from Kentucky Blood Center (KBC), a community-based non-profit organization that provides blood to Kentucky hospitals.



According to KBC, every two seconds someone in the U.S. will need blood. You can help save a life by becoming a donor.

"Our recent lab expansion, allows us to maintain an abundant amount of blood supply for the growing number of patients who require blood," said McPeek.

Blood donations are necessary for a wide range of treatments. Blood is needed for trauma patients, cancer patients, surgery patients and many more.

The demand for blood is substantial. The hospital services an area of 450,000 people. PMC transfusion services stand ready at all times to treat the growing demand of patients who require blood.

"I always donate blood every chance I get. Working in the Emergency Department, I see a significant number of patients who require blood to save their lives," said PMC Emergency Department Nurse Practitioner, AJ Ison.

He says it is a small opportunity to make a big difference.

KBC relies solely on volunteer blood donors to supply hospitals throughout Kentucky.

"We encourage everyone to donate blood. We can save lives through the donation of blood from our donors. You never know when you or a loved one could need blood," said KBC Donor Recruitment Specialist, Alice Compton.

She encourages everyone to donate blood if possible.

"The need for blood is in constant demand at Kentucky hospitals. Without blood donors, there are people in our community who would not be alive," said Compton.

Donating blood can take as little as 12 minutes. In order to be eligible to donate blood you must weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, have a photo ID, be in good health and at least 17 years old.

All donors will receive a KBC T-shirt, while supplies last, as a token of appreciation.

For more information about the PMC blood drive, call 606-218-4952.



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Floyd Central's Brady Conn goes up for a shot over Paintsville's Nick Keeton (1) and Seth Williams (3) Tuesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

15th Region Tournament: Jags fall

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Paintsville used a big second half to pick up a 66-55 win over Floyd Central Tuesday night in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

The Tigers shot an amazing 72 percent from the field in the second half to help them find their way into the 15th Region Tournament semifinals.

In the second game of the night, Pikeville picked up an 81-42 win over Pike Central to advance to the

15th Region semifinals. Pikeville and Paintsville will meet Friday night in the 15th Region semifinals at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Shelby Valley and Johnson Central will meet in the opening semifinal game Friday night.

Paintsville put the

game away in the fourth quarter.

The Tigers held a 42-37 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Nick Keeton knocked down a pair of free throws to open the fourth quarter and push the lead to 44-37. Jaxson Watts followed with a basket at

the 7:13 mark to push the lead to 46-37.

Brady Conn and Ethan Smith-Mills tried to keep Floyd Central close. Conn scored in the paint and was fouled with 6:07 left; that cut the lead to 46-40. Smith-Mills knocked down a three with 5:32 left to cut the

lead to 48-43.

Fugate scored for the Tigers to push the lead to 50-43 with 5:09 left.

Conn converted another and-one with 3:18 left to cut the lead to 50-46.

Fugate answered with another basket to

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Floyd Central's Ethan Smith-Mills goes up for a three against Paintsville Tuesday night in the opening round of the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Smith-Mills finished the game with 14 points and nine rebounds, but the Jaguars fell to Paintsville 66-55. Floyd Central finished the season with a 6-25 record. Floyd Central won the 58th District title.

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ABOVE: Floyd Central's Caleb Hager goes up for a shot inside against Paintsville Tuesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The Jaguars fell to the Tigers 66-55.



LEFT: Floyd Central's Braden Moore goes up for a layup against Paintsville Tuesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center. The Jaguars ended the season with a 6-25 record.

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Floyd Central's Blake Slone shoots a three against Paintsville Tuesday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Slone scored a team-high 17 points, but the Jaguars fell to the Tigers 66-55.

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push the lead to 52-46. Braxton Tharp followed with a basket at the three minute mark to push the lead to 54-46.

Paintsville's Seth Williams scored and was fouled with 2:20 left; he made the free throw to push the lead to 57-46.

The Tigers hung onto to pick up the 11-point win.

Williams led the way for Paintsville with a game-high 22 points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals. Fugate added 14 points, seven rebounds, four assists, a block and a steal. Nick Keeton followed with 12 points and eight rebounds. Watts added seven points. Tharp scored five points and Brady Dingess added four points. James Allen chipped in two points.

Blake Slone led the way for Floyd Central with a team-high 17 points. Conn followed with 16 points. Smith-Mills added 14 points and nine rebounds. Brandon Little added four points. Caleb Hager, and Braden Moore each scored two points.

Floyd Central finished the season with a 6-25 record and the 58th District championship.

Pikeville 81, Pike Central 42

Pikeville freshman Rylee Sammons opened the game with three straight threes for Pikeville.

Sammons didn't stop there as he finished the night going eight for 10 from three-point range and helping two-time defending 15th Region champion Pikeville roll to an 81-42 win over Pike Central in the opening

round of the 15th Region Tournament.

Sammons finished the night with a game-high 28 points for the Panthers. He made 10 of 13 field goals. Connor Roberts also had a big game for the Panthers with 16 points, nine rebounds, three assists and a steal. Kyle Watkins added 11 points, nine assists, five rebounds and two steals; he only turned the ball over once during the game. Christian Billiter added eight points, three rebounds, three steals and two assists. Byron Hammond added six points and four rebounds. Laithan Hall added four points and three assists. Zac Lockhart, Brandon Lowe, Connor Byers and Nick Robinson each added two points.

Pikeville held an 18-13 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Panthers had a big second quarter outscoring Pike Central 16-9 to take a 34-22 lead into the halftime break.

The Panthers kept the pressure on in the second half outscoring the Hawks 23-13 in the third quarter and 24-7 in the fourth.

Brady Adkins led the way for Pike Central with a team-high 14 points, five rebounds, three assists and two steals. Keegan Bentley followed with 12 points. Da'Sean Penn followed with six points, a game-high 15 rebounds, three assists and four blocks. Bryce Adkins added six points. Anthony Palotta and Noah Atkins each scored two points.

Pike Central finished the season with an 18-14 record.

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Lady Blackcats make history, builds momentum

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Despite falling to Lawrence County in the semi-finals of the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament, Prestonsburg continues to lead the 15th Region in scoring. The Lady Blackcats exited the 2018/2019 season with a 20-11 record.

The Prestonsburg girls' basketball team notched 20 wins for the first time in 20-plus years and built momentum going into next season.

"What a huge step we took this season in building our program. Starting with four players last season and finishing the year 12-18 to having over 20 players this season and finishing the year 20-11," said Prestonsburg coach Brandon Kidd. "Winning two games in the All 'A' Classic and making it to the semifinals was big for our program. This was the first 20 win season in over 20 years at Prestonsburg.

"I am so proud of this team and the success it had this season. This group deserved every positive thing that happened to them this season. I cannot thank my coaching staff enough. The amount of time and effort that they put in to continue to help me build this program is amazing." The Lady Blackcats will return to work in the offseason.

"I am so excited to see what the future holds for this basketball program. We have come so far in just two years," said Kidd. "We lose three amazing young ladies to graduation and have amazing young ladies coming back to our program. We have already started scheduling for next season and we are scheduling harder to pre-

pare us for a run at the end of the season."

Prestonsburg was explosive on the offensive end throughout the 2018/2019 season. Seniors Kaitlyn Keathley and Reesce Endicott and sophomore Caroline Ariaz each averaged double figures in scoring for the Lady Blackcats.

"We finished the season scoring over 2,000 points which ranks us number one in the region in scoring and 12th in the state," commented Kidd. "We had three girls that ranked in the state in different categories all season."

A former boys' high school basketball assistant coach, Kidd turned Prestonsburg into a 15th Region Top 5 team in less than two years.

"I want to thank my family," added Kidd. "My amazing wife and beautiful children sacrifice so much to allow me to be able to coach the game I love and build a championship-caliber program here at Prestonsburg. Our team motto here is 'All in.' My family is a proof of that motto and lives by it everyday.

"Two years ago I took over a program that many people said I couldn't win and be successful at. Now, two years later with the hard work of these amazing young ladies and my staff we are taking strides each and everyday building this program into a championship program. Building a program takes time and hard work and we are not finished yet."

Kidd continues to work to compile Prestonsburg's schedule for the 2019/2020 season. The Prestonsburg girls' basketball team's 2019/2020 schedule will be released later in the offseason.



ABOVE: Prestonsburg's Celina Mullins goes up for a shot against Lawrence County in the 58th District Tournament.

LEFT: Prestonsburg's Caroline Ariaz goes up for a shot against Lawrence County in the 58th District Tournament.

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You'll need to compromise to meet your goals. Taking the high road and helping others with no expectations will result in mutual respect and lots of help this year. Trust in your abilities, determination and discipline.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Group efforts will pay off. Take a position of leadership and turn your dream into a reality. Opportunity will knock, but it's up to you to open the door.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Letting go of the past will free you to do as you please. Don't worry about what you can't do when you can thrive using what's available to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - If you put some muscle behind your ideas, you will flourish. Take the helm and present what you have to offer. You must take the lead if you want to win.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You may not get what you want if you are too trusting. Consider every angle before you align yourself with someone who may be a good talker with little substance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Rise to the occasion. Don't fret when you should be using your imagination to come up with innovative solutions. An important partnership will grow stronger.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - A chance to make a change needs to be looked at carefully. If you miss an important element of a deal, you could end up scrambling. Broaden your vision and look for loopholes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Ramp up the energy and put your heart into whatever task you need to complete. Your performance will be your ticket to gaining respect

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



and the chance to take on bigger challenges.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Keep your emotions out of the equation when faced with opposition. To find a way to convince others to let you do as you please, diplomacy will be required.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - A passionate approach to whatever you do will bring high returns. Whether it's a personal or a professional matter, energy and enthusiasm will bring the results you are looking for.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Be secretive about the changes you want to make. If someone is privy to your plans, he or she will meddle and cause you setbacks and grief.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Say little and do a lot. Clear up loose ends and make changes at home that will add to your comfort. Take better care of your health and emotional well-being.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Impulsive actions will have dire consequences. Slow down, take your time and calculate your best move before you plunge into something new. Ask an expert and avoid making a mistake.

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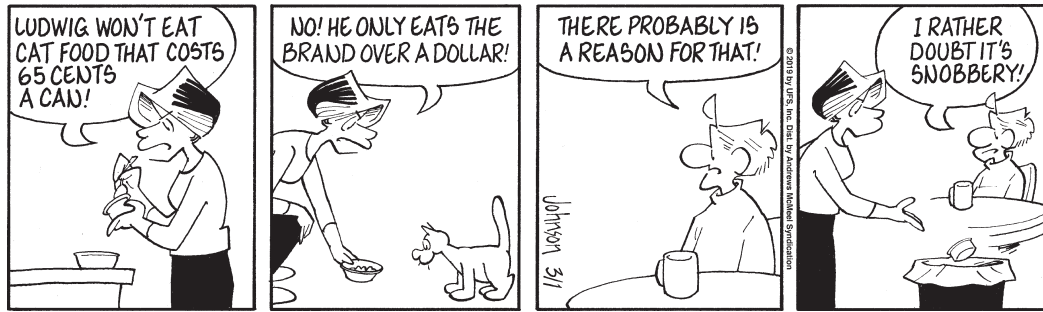
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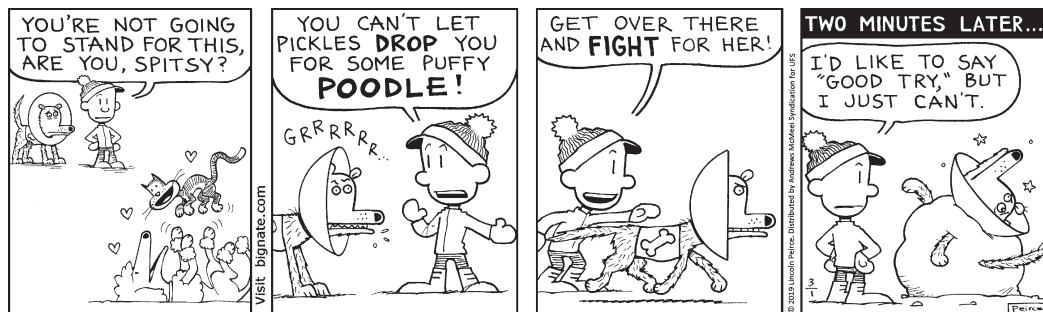
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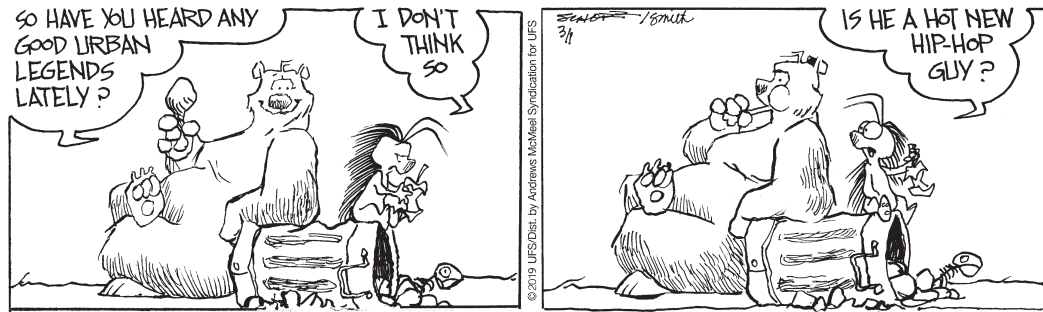
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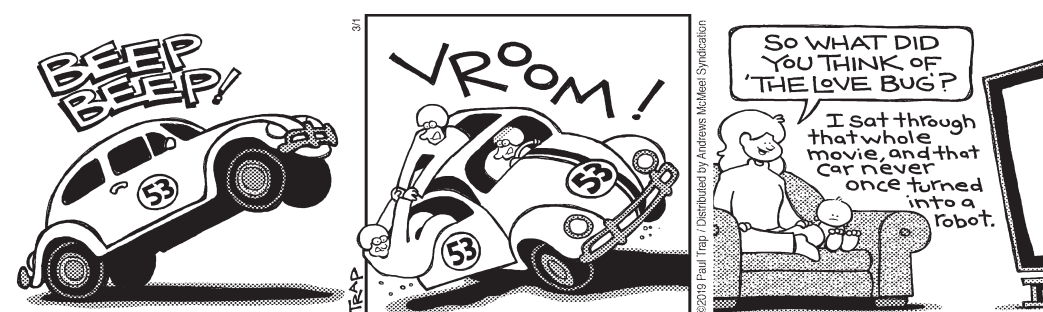
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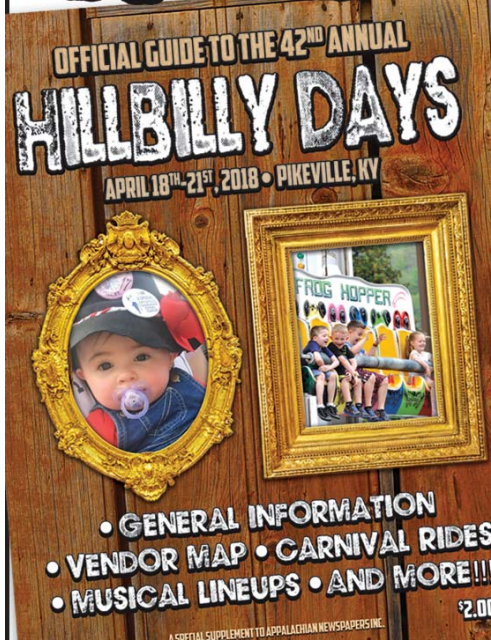
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For those who find me find life and receive favor from the Lord. — Proverbs 8:35

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. — 1 Peter 5:10

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. — 1 John 2:17

So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. — 2 Corinthians 4:18

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. — John 3:16

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. — 1 John 5:11

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. — 2 Corinthians 4:17

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:13

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. — Psalm 139:23-24

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. — Romans 6:23

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them. — John 3:36

Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. — John 17:3

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. — 1 Timothy 6:12

"But whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." — John 4:14

The Lord's discipline

While many of us claim that we believe in God, and try to live a good and decent life, we all fall short, in our thoughts, in our words and actions, both in what we do and in what we fail to do. It is easy to fall into despair upon seeing how often we lapse and fall into sin. But the important thing is that we keep trying. Moral perfection is the brass ring that we never reach. But it is encouraging to realize that God has always chosen fallible characters to do his work. Saints are nothing more than sinners who keep striving to be holier and better than they were the day before. In our efforts to become saints, we do well to remember that God wants us to be better, but that he's not going to reject us for our occasional failures. Loving parents chastise their misbehaving children precisely because they love them and want them to grow into happy, healthy and virtuous adults. It is the same with God. He chastises us because he knows we can be better, and that we will be happier the more closely we follow God's law.

— Christopher Simon



"My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent his rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in." —Proverbs 3:11-12 NIV

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SUNDAY
Services — 11:15 a.m.

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Pastor David Bowling
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Sunday School — 10 a.m.
Services — 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Services and Youth Group — 6 p.m.

VOGEL DAY METHODIST
US 23, Harold
Pastor Dennis Love
SUNDAY
Sunday School — 10 a.m.
Worship — 11 a.m.
Healing Service — 7 p.m. on last Sunday of month
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Prayer Meeting & Youth Fellowship — 6:30 p.m.
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By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

The wind outside began blowing. The gusts grew stronger. The power went out. I was at work, wondering how long this would last. We couldn't finish the day's work without electricity. We lit candles to help illuminate the interior office space. Our office was a converted train station complete with drop down ceilings. The storm intensified. The transom windows around the top of the building blew out from the force of the wind. We could hear the glass shatter above us. The ceiling tiles protected us from the broken glass. Ceiling tiles danced in the grid as wind whipped through the room. We attempted to enter another part of the building, but the wind had created a vacuum effect, making it almost impossible to even open the door.

I was terrified. Apparently, my fear shown through, as coworkers later said I went pale.

Overall, the storm passed quickly, but not without destruction. The

local stage used during festivals had collapsed. Trees were uprooted. Roofs had blown off. A billboard was down, falling in an open space — thankfully avoiding nearby homes. Even though the danger of the storm had passed, my anxiety was still high. I had never before been afraid of the wind, but that day opened up new fears.

We were blessed that the storm caused only property damage. No one was injured. In life, we take out insurance for such instances — there's homeowner's insurance and automobile insurance. We have health insurance, life insurance, death insurance. There's practically a policy for any type of event that may occur. But even with all of these insurance policies, there's no guarantees. They can't prevent anything. And sometimes they don't even cover everything. Take homeowner's insurance for instance. It might cover your house in the event of a fire, but it won't cover you if you're flooded or if there's a mudslide that comes into your house. They have clauses and fine print we don't often see until it's too late. The unimaginable has happened and despite our best intentions of being prepared, we're actually not.

We may not have any guarantees in this life, but we do have guarantees in the next life *if* we prepare.

In an interview, author and minister Rick Warren said, "In a nutshell, life is preparation for eternity. We were made to last forever, and God wants us to be with Him in heaven. One day my heart is going to stop, and that will be the end of my body—but not the end of me. I may live 60 to 100 years on earth, but I am going to spend trillions of years in eternity. This is the warm-up act, the dress rehearsal. God wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity."

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We are to be the hands and feet of God while here on this earth. We are to reach out to those in need, whether it be physical, spiritual or emotional (Matthew 25:37-40). Helping those in need allows others to see Christ in us and showers others with the love of God. Our lives are to be lived for the Christ who died for us.

He gave us life and breath. He gave us forgiveness of our sins on the cross (1 Corinthians 15:3). And He gives us the opportunity to spend eternity with Him in heaven. So, are we serving Him? Are we focused on doing the will of the Father? At a young age, Jesus was about His Father's business (Luke 2:49). And since we are to be Christ-like, we, too, should be working for the Father. We need to spread His love as well as the Gospel. After Jesus rose from the grave, He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age (Matthew 28:19-20)."

Even when the storms in this life take us by surprise, we can take comfort in knowing that we remain blessed and loved and are guaranteed something greater than this world can ever provide. We have the love of God and the forgiveness of our sins. No man, no obstacle nor natural disaster can separate us from the love of the Father. We have hope of eternal life in heaven. There's no clauses or fine print to beware of. We just have to be prepared. Have you prepared today? God is waiting patiently for you to come.

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LEGALS

For any additional information or a bid package, please contact Billie Webb, Executive Director at (606)285-3681 or email martin-housing2014@yahoo.com.



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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0351

Renewal No. 1
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co, Inc., 439 Meadows Branch, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, has applied for a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 0.50 miles north of Emma in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 59.25 surface acres and will underlie 123.86 acres and the total area within the permit boundary will be 183.11 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 miles north from Cow Creek Road's junction with KY 1428 and located on Merritt Branch of the Levisa Fork.

The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, auger and highwall methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by Prestonsburg Church of Christ, Cheryl Lewis, Sandra and Michael Barkan and Alta Leslie. This operation will underlie land owned by Prestonsburg Church of Christ, Cheryl Lewis, Sandra and Michael Barkan and Alta Leslie. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. 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.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase 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 backfilling, 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.

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- (1) minimum requirements for experience
- (2) proposed scope of services to be provided
- (3) selection criteria for awarding a contract.

Attention is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109, Title VI, EO 11246, and EO 11375. Small, local, minority, and female firms are particularly encouraged to participate.

All interested persons and firms should contact Dean Hall, at the above address. For the hearing and speech impaired, please contact the Kentucky Relay Service (Text Telephone - TTY) Call 1-800-648-6056 and an "interpreter" will connect the caller with the requested person.

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