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Fiscal court to re-bid asphalt, pipes

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court took steps Thursday to reconsider decisions the former administration made last year.

Last June, the Floyd County Fiscal Court held its annual bid opening, awarding bids to companies that supply items the county uses regularly, like asphalt, gravel and pipes.

In that June 15 meeting, the fiscal court accepted all bids it received

for the placement of asphalt, although two companies submitted bids that were \$7.25 higher, per ton, to patch asphalt and 20 cents per ton higher to haul it.

At that meeting, the fiscal court also approved bids for pipe, awarding bids for metal and plastic pipes to Grayco Rentals, even though that company's bids were higher than Drains Unlimited, the lowest bidder in those categories.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams, pictured alongside Assistant County Attorney Meka Hall-Castle, speaks during a special meeting on Thursday.

Sex trafficking charges filed in Pike

By RUSS CASSADY
REGIONAL EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — A Pike man pleaded not guilty in U.S. District Court in Pikeville Wednesday to charges that he trafficked minors who were used for commercial sex acts.

Ernest B. Ray, aka Junior, 55, of Beech Street, Pikeville, appeared in court Wednesday and pleaded not guilty to the charges of sex trafficking of minors (five counts)

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Researchers analyze local landslide issues

By MICHAEL LYNCH
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

A new, three-year project funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency will allow the Kentucky Geological Survey, a research center within the University of Kentucky, to create landslide susceptibility models and risk assessments for communities in the Big Sandy Area

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Blecher
Floyd Central High School sophomores work with partners at University Heights High School in the Bronx, N.Y. on a story exchange assignment online for the Narrative 4 program.

FCHS students learning new perspectives with Narrative 4

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

A group of students at Floyd Central High School are learning more about the world through an innovative approach to a typical pen pal program. Through technology and a grant by the Narrative 4 program, students are able to regularly communicate, visit and talk with each other in four continents, 12 countries and 18 states.

According to FCHS teacher Mary Slone, N4 helps students harness the power of the

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Narrative 4 students from Floyd Central and University Heights High School created friendships when they stayed at Hindman Settlement School for two weeks last November, which caused some tearful goodbyes when it was time to return home.

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Development District.

Landslide researcher Matt Crawford, who will lead the project, will also use the funding to work with local officials in the five counties of the district, helping them adopt strategies for reducing landslide risks to buildings and infrastructure and improve response and recovery for landslide events.

"I was super excited when news about the grant came in. The timing was perfect," said Crawford, who has spent the last few years compiling a statewide landslide inventory database, conducting site-specific monitoring projects and using LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data sets to map landslides.

The \$300,212 grant from FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation grant program came through Kentucky's Division of Emergency Management. It will be matched by \$100,196

from KGS. Crawford had updated the landslide assessment section of Kentucky's statewide mitigation plan in a project completed by KGS earlier this year for the state agency. But this project will be much more detailed.

"We'll be working with a smaller area, a different scale geology, higher resolution slope maps and other data sets," Crawford said. "We'll also fine-tune the methodology with model inputs like slope, curvature and wetness indexes and all of these derivatives you can do with the LiDAR data. I hope we come up with some robust techniques that result in meaningful details of landslide susceptibility."

Crawford also plans to develop probabilistic landslide models to determine which models work for Kentucky with what is known about landslides and soil properties here.

His first task will be to meet the local officials to explain his project and



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Matt Crawford, a landslide researcher with the Kentucky Geological Survey, inspects landslide damage to a house in Boyd County.

ask for their input. Local officials have the responsibility to enact any mitigation practices or projects in their jurisdictions. Crawford, who recently completed his doctorate focusing on landslide

processes and conditions that lead to slope movement, wants to help them recognize the costs and dangers of landslides in Kentucky, particularly on steep landscapes in Eastern Kentucky.

"Direct costs of landslides rival flood costs in Kentucky," he said. "We haven't had a landslide fatality in the state in a long time, if ever, but we see damaged or destroyed homes all the time and

near-injury situations. To do research work with innovative data sets, while also conducting outreach with communities, makes this the perfect project for the KGS and for the university."

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On Thursday, the fiscal court voted to seek new bids for these items.

The resolution signed by fiscal court members explained that officials with the Kentucky Department for Local Government suggested "that if the court feels they can save taxpayer funds," then the purchase of metal and plastic drain

pipes, asphalt and the contract work for laying down asphalt should be rebid.

"If you recall, last year, they took the highest bids they had. We've got a new fiscal court and new faces and we're not taking the highest bids," Judge-Executive Robbie Williams said. "New court. New personnel. New bids. We've got to make sure we're getting the best price because we're probably going to

have some work coming up through FEMA. We just feel that it's in our best interest to not accept the highest bid out there."

All bids will be received by March 15, by 4 p.m., the resolution states, and the fiscal court reserves the right to reject bids that are "not in the best interest of the county."

Williams also reported Thursday that the golf course at Allen has re-

opened with limited staff. The golf course lost about \$100,000 last year and was closed this winter.

The fiscal court recently hired an employee to work there and, on Thursday, the fiscal court hired a temporary seasonal park worker who "may also help" there. Williams said several security cameras have been installed there. Golf Course Supervisor Clyde Woods will retire in April,

Williams said, and, instead of hiring additional staff, the golf course will use volunteers who will work there in exchange for membership.

"There's no reason for us to have that huge salary at that golf course, and that's a big part of why we had the loss," Williams said. "And, we're sitting down July 1. I'm re-evaluating the numbers. If we're not closing this gap, then we're going to do some soul

searching. I told these guys that. I learned to play golf there. I play golf there, but, you know, we can't keep the golf course open when 99.9 percent of the people of Floyd County don't use it or don't care about it. Unfortunately, that's just the way it is."

The fiscal court also hired four litter abatement workers on Thursday whose positions are funded by a grant.

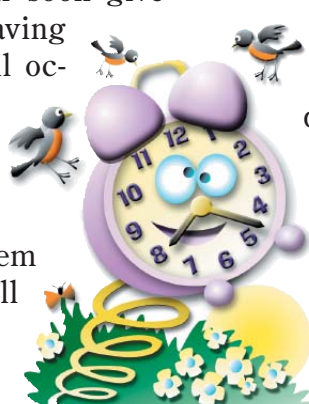
Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday

KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

Standard Time will soon give way to Daylight Saving Time. The change will occur at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 10. The change means the loss of an hour of sleep but the days will seem longer since sunset will occur an hour later.

As an example, when you go to bed on Saturday night, set your clocks ahead one hour. For instance, if you go to bed at 11 p.m. on Saturday, set your clocks ahead one hour to midnight. They will

have the correct time when you awaken Sunday morning.



Sunrise and sunset will each be an hour later on Sunday than they did just the day before. It will be dark longer in the morning but the light will last longer in the evening.

By the way, Daylight Saving Time will end and we will return to Standard Time on Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019. That's when you will get your lost hour of sleep back from the spring time change.



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University Heights High School and FCHS students with the Narrative 4 program stayed at the Hindman Settlement School for two weeks in November last year. FCHS students will visit with UHHS students in New York this spring.

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story exchange to equip and embolden them to improve their lives, their communities and the world.

"It's looking beyond the familiar to see how other people live," Slone said. "We communicate frequently with a class in University Heights High School in the Bronx and work through the N4 curriculum together. It's been a real growing experience for everyone."

The students from UHHS visited Kentucky in the fall and were hosted by the Hindman Settlement School in Knott County along with their FCHS counterparts.

"For two weeks, they were hanging out, visiting areas and participating in workshops face to face rather than through a screen," said Slone. "We will be going to the Bronx to visit them later this spring and get to see what day-to-day life is like for them."

According to Slone, one of the biggest shockers for the students from the Bronx is how much traveling there is from place to place.

"Think about it: These are kids who live in a big city and everything is few blocks from each other," she said. "The other thing was how 'astoundingly warm, open and welcoming everyone was.'"

It is this opportunity to learn empathy and to see things from someone else's perspective that gives N4 students a tool for teamwork, problem solving and potential for growth, said Slone.

N4 is a young program, first developed five years ago, but growing

rapidly as more and more schools from around the world sign on – and not just schools.

"One of the girls from my class went with us to the Global Summit in New Orleans and was sitting next to what she described as 'some old guy.' Later she came up to me and said, 'Do you know who that was? He was with Maroon 5,'" Slone said. She also mentioned that Sting opened the N4 Global Summit in Chicago in 2013.

"This is why N4 is so important. These are opportunities that students never would have had, things they never would have considered, and their horizons have grown beyond what is available here in Eastern Kentucky," said Slone. "They are bringing these lessons back with them and learning to look at problems and each other in new ways as they discover that despite our differences, there is so much more in common with each other."

One practice the program works with is called a "story exchange" where teams tell stories and the others repeat them back to clarify their own understanding.

"At first, I was very apprehensive about the idea of story exchange, but by the end of the exchange I was absolutely in love with the concept. Later, I was invited to the 2017 summit in Limerick, Ireland, and I have been on fire with N4 ever since," said Katie Stumbo, FCHS sophomore. "The biggest lesson I have learned is to be conscious of everyone you meet, because behind every person is a story and, by listening to the stories of others, we can learn so much about the world and ourselves."



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.

How will your child be affected by HB205?



HB 205 & SB 118 are school voucher bills posing as tuition tax credits. They would award huge tax credits to rich Kentuckians to incentivize their children attending private schools. According to the nonpartisan Legislative Research Commission, this would quickly ramp up to **costing the state more than \$100 million** every year in lost revenue. That revenue is desperately needed to fund public education, including **safe schools**, and our **public employee** pensions. We as a state need to generate more revenue for our public schools and educators instead of providing **more incentives for rich people pushed out of state special interests.**

- **Any reduction** in state general fund tax revenues means less money for the state portion of SEEK, which is critical to all students. School safety reforms as championed in Senate and House Bill 1, and other major, fundamental programs of student support are **already underfunded, including textbooks, transportation, special education, and more.** When adjusted for inflation, public school funding (including that "historic level of funding") is down 16%. We cannot afford to reduce state revenues when the needs for adequate education support and pension funding are so critical!

- HB 205 & SB 118 would create a state income tax credit that reduces a taxpayer's income taxes, in exchange for their contribution to scholarships for students **attending private schools.**

- The fiscal analysis used by supporters of these measures is based on many assumptions and a faulty understanding of how WEEK, the state's education funding formula, works. **No tax credit has ever save the state money!**

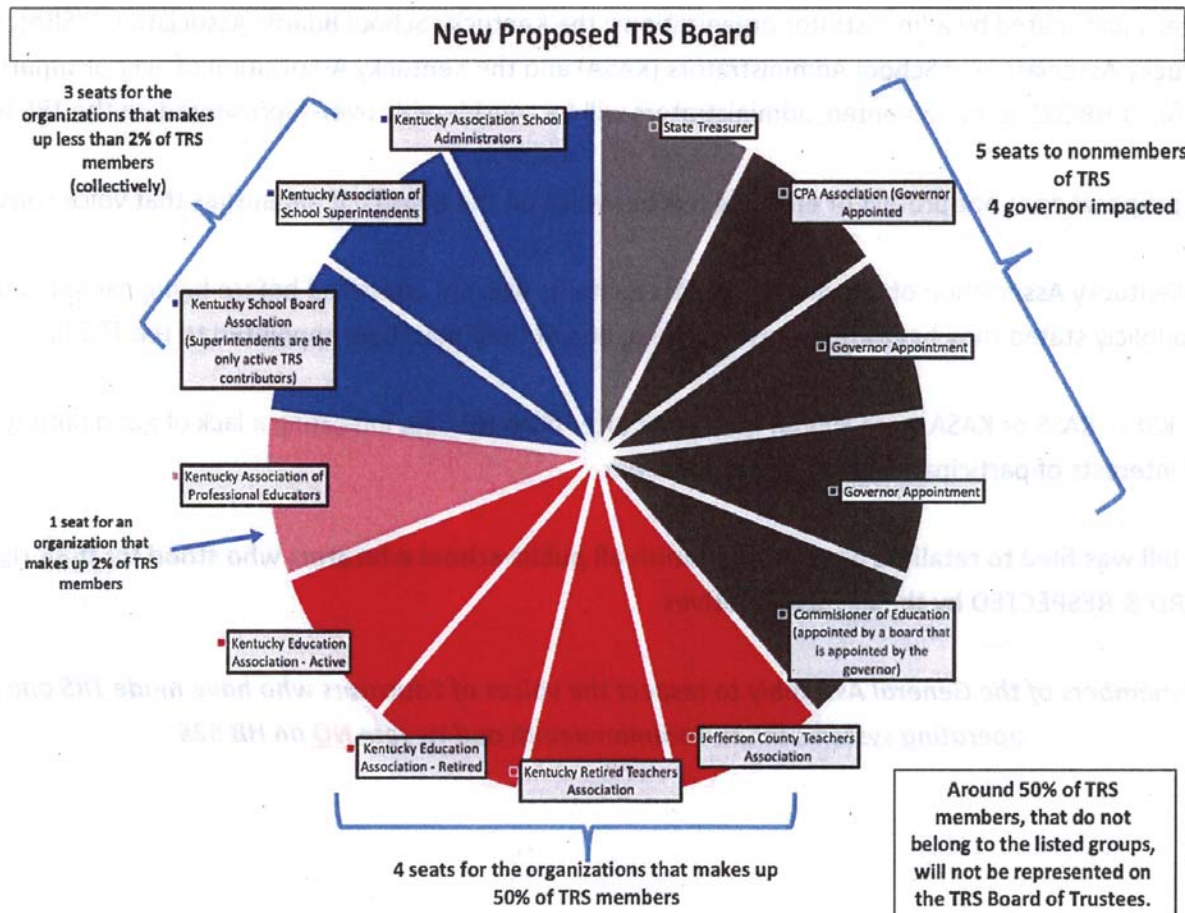
- Reduced enrollment **does not** save districts money. Fixed costs remain with less revenue to meet them.

- The financial impact of scholarship tax credits is identical to the impact of vouchers. These bills are simply a back door way to circumvent the law because **our state constitution prohibits direct vouchers.**

- The state needs every penny of general fund revenue coming in to adequately fund its moral and constitutional obligations to the system of public schools, **ensuring safe schools, as well as pensions.**

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Republican victorious in capturing vacant Senate seat

By Chris Anderson
Appalachian Newspapers

PIKEVILLE — Senate District 31 ran red Tuesday evening.

In the special election to fill the vacant state Senate seat, Republican Phillip Wheeler defeated Democrat Darrell Pugh by a cumulative margin of about 52 percent to 48 percent, or a total of 541 votes, according to unofficial election results. Wheeler, a Pikeville attorney, will take over the seat left vacant by Pike County Judge-Executive Ray S. Jones II, who held the seat since 2001.

"It's a wonderful feeling, because I now get to work for all the people of Pike County," Wheeler said. "In my job as an attorney ... I do that on a case-by-case basis every day. Now, it will be about working for the people of Eastern Kentucky."

Wheeler won three of

the five counties encompassed by Senate District 31. In Pike County, Wheeler bested Pugh by a total percentage of 51.4 percent to 48.6 percent. Wheeler garnered 3,828 votes to Pugh's 3,622, a difference of 206 votes. His largest margin of victory was in Martin County, where he claimed a 688-to-265-vote win, a difference of 423 votes. Wheeler also enjoyed a 256-vote victory in Lawrence County.

Pugh was victorious in Elliot County, besting Wheeler by 282 votes, as well as in Morgan County, where he claimed a narrow 62-vote victory.

All total, the turnout for Tuesday's special election across the five counties encompassing Senate District 31 was about 34 percent. In Pike County, only about 15 percent of the county's nearly 49,500 registered voters cast their vote.

Wheeler's election also helps to further solidify the Republican supermajority in the Senate. To hold a supermajority, a party must have at least a two-thirds majority. When Wheeler takes office, Republicans will hold a 29-9 advantage over their Democratic colleagues.

Wheeler said he will likely take his new Senate seat near the end of the current legislative session, which is scheduled to end March 28, after the election results are certified by the Secretary

of State's office.

"My job, I feel, is going to be to advocate for all the people of this region, to get the type of investment that we need here," Wheeler said, adding that he will work with officials from the local level to the federal level to help secure those investments. "My main focus is going to be infrastructure improvements for this area ... (and) job. That's what we need here. That's what we need for young people to stay."



Appalachian Newspapers photo by Chris Anderson
Senator-elect Phillip Wheeler smiles after declaring victory in the special election to fill the vacant seat in Senate District 31.

P'burg Police Department activity report

The Prestonsburg Police Department reported the following activity for the week of March 7:

Wrecks: 2
Arrests: 4
Complaints: 118

Arrests

- 1: public intoxication of a controlled substance
- 2: possession of drug paraphernalia
- 3. second-degree disorderly conduct
- 4: third-degree ter-

- roristic threatening
- 5: menacing
- 1: nonpayment of fines
- 1: driving under the influence
- 2: possession of marijuana
- 3: possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle
- 4: failure to produce insurance card
- 1: contempt of court/libel/slander/resistance to order

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and several counts related to the alleged trafficking of different drugs.

Ray was originally arrested Tuesday by the U.S. Marshal's service in relation to an indictment against him handed down by a grand jury last month.

The indictment charges Ray with trafficking five different minors for the purpose of sex between 2010 and 2016.

Each charge alleges that Ray "did knowingly recruit, entice, harbor, transport, provide, obtain and maintain" the children knowing that the children were under 18 years old and knowing that the children would be "caused to engage in a commercial sex act."

In addition to the charges Ray faces of sex trafficking of minors, he also faces six separate charges of drug trafficking.

The indictment charges that at various times between 2015 and 2017, Ray distributed quantities of marijuana, ecstasy, buprenorphine, alprazolam, oxycodone and hydrocodone.

According to the indictment, the most serious of the drug charges carry a maximum prison sentence of 20 years, but

each of the sex trafficking charges carry a potential penalty of life in prison.

Ray waived formal arraignment on the charges and entered the not guilty plea through his defense attorney, Kent Varney, during Wednesday's hearing. U.S. Magistrate Judge Ed Atkins ordered Ray to continue to be held in the Pike County Detention Center without bond pending the outcome of a detention hearing set for Monday due to the nature of the charges and potential penalties.

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Their welcome home is where our duty begins

First and foremost, we would like to thank Betsy Layne's Landon Tackett for his service in the U.S. Army.

Tackett recently returned home from being stationed overseas, including in Afghanistan, and was celebrated with an event put on by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3769 in Pikeville at Texas Roadhouse on Sunday.

Tackett deserves thanks and our support for the sacrifices he has made and continues to make in order to ensure a future for this nation.

Since the time of the founders, our country has relied on a steady stream of military personnel to foster our peace and safety. For nearly 250 years, countless soldiers — volunteers and conscripts — have bravely protected us from tyranny, from invasion, from forces that would have us rendered desolated.

These brave men and women have selflessly given to our nation with their bodies, their hearts and their souls. With their very lives, they have given us a set of freedoms

that form our society.

And, often, they go forgotten.

Often, these brave men and women find themselves alone in their struggles — to assimilate back into general society, to obtain the healthcare and educational opportunities promised to them, to simply be understood by the society at large.

On Veterans Day and at times like Tackett's welcome home event, we spend the time recognizing them through ceremonies and words of thanks. And that's im-

portant. It's vital that we, as a nation, take dedicated time to thank them.

However, it's also necessary that we dedicate time to thanking and supporting our nation's veterans year-round.

No veteran should have to wonder whether the promises made to get them to sign up are going to be kept, whether a nation is willing to show its gratitude not only through ceremonial events, but also in real, tangible ways that improve the lives of those who've served.

Organizations like the VFW work to make sure veterans aren't forgotten, that the promises made to them are fulfilled. But they cannot stand alone. Their voices simply aren't loud enough alone.

They need us, the general public to join the chorus of veterans demanding that the nation fulfill the promises that were made when they agreed to put everything on the line.

We must stand alongside veterans, just like and including Landon Tackett, and help ensure

that the promises which were made to them are kept. We must be their voices when their voices alone aren't enough. We must let them know they are not alone, that their sacrifices were not in vain.

They made a promise to protect us, a promise that could have cost them their lives.

Now it's our job to ensure our side of the obligation is kept.

And that's not just a one-day job, or a one-time job — that's an everyday effort.

GUEST COLUMN



By **SJ RUTH**
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

There are two types of Kentuckians in the news today: Those who are compensating and those who simply want compensation.

We'll start with the latter. Teachers in our state's educational sys-

Compensating and compensated

tem are making daily field trips to Frankfort to fight for the compensation they were promised. Unfortunately for them, Gov. Granite and a growing number of Republicans in Frankfort hate education.

The Granite Group wants to eradicate public education in this state and every other. Bevin never attended a public school. His benefactors, the Kochs, never attended a public school. And the woman in charge of public education in America, Nancy DeVos, never attended a public school and never taught a class. She does own Am-

way, though, one of the great American pyramid schemes built on the back of the under-educated. Teaching people to think negatively affects her bottom line.

They've known the best way to kill public education is to choke off funds, instill testing regimes that "rate" the schools, and run off those poor delusionals who think teaching is a noble profession.

When the governor gets together for a clam bake with his pals, they come up with new ways to see how noble folks feel making less than living wages. If we can just

get rid of those pensions, they opine, we can open more charter schools and make some real money.

We're talking Trump University money. The bigly kind that spends fast, well before the schmucks know they've been had.

Compensation is high on the minds of many Kentuckians. There's nothing wrong with wanting to get paid as promised for the work you do. And there's nothing wrong with seeking compensation for the work that has left you crippled and barely able to breathe.

But the party of Trump is not about com-

pensating anyone who isn't in the country club. Teachers and miners and construction workers need not apply. They'd rather compensate their benefactors with free tax money for another charter school where the teachers make minimum wage and no benefits.

This brings us to the compensating Kentuckians.

The compensating Kentuckians are many of those fighting so hard against compensation for teachers and others. How are they compensating and what are they compensating for you may ask?

This is where it gets a little tricky. This is a family paper after all. But human anatomy being what it is, a lot of guys feel the need to make a big show of some things to hide their shortcomings.

Some go with fancy sports cars, some go with great big monster trucks, and some like to wear gold chains. The Kentucky Republican says it with guns.

The legislature passed a law that anyone with a legal gun permit can carry it anywhere, hide it anywhere, and basically wave it around in public making all the men jealous and all the women swoon.

So when you see that clown in Wally World wearing pajamas and a hip holster, you know exactly where he's coming from.

The party of Viagra against Planned Parenthood supports the little guy. That's a bill Gov. Granite is especially equipped to sign.

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Floyd man accused in alleged stabbing

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
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A Floyd County resident is facing a felony charge following an alleged stabbing.

Keith Lafferty, 47, of Prestonsburg, was arrested last week for one count of second-degree assault, a felony.

According to the arrest citation, filed in Floyd District Court, Kentucky

State Police Trooper B. Ball and Sam Reed were dispatched to Rough and Tough Branch in Prestonsburg at about 3:30 a.m. on Feb. 27.

Upon arrival, the troopers received a statement from Damien Spears, who claimed that Lafferty stabbed him "multiple times."

Spears was transported to Pikeville Medical Center for treatment.

Spears reportedly called another KSP trooper to report he wanted to turn himself in.

District Court Judge Eric Hall set Lafferty on a \$5,000 cash bond during his arraignment last week and he ordered Lafferty to have no contact with the alleged victim in the case.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held this week in the case.



Dr. Mary Ray Johnson

Dr. Mary Ray Johnson, 87, of South Williamson, passed away Sunday Feb. 24, 2019 at her residence. Dr. Johnson was born Oct. 7, 1931, at Dorton, to the late Rufus Ray and Mandy McCoy Ray.

Dr. Johnson was also preceded in death by her husband, Charles Edward Johnson and six brothers: Raymond Ray, Billy Ray, Rufus Ray Jr., Arnold Ray, Johnny Ray and Roger Ray.

Dr. Johnson was a beloved pediatrician, serving our community for over 40 years, from 1960 - 2001. Dr. Johnson graduated as valedictorian from Wheelwright High School in 1949. She then went on to graduate Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Kentucky. She graduated in 1957 from the University of Louisville School of Medicine, where she was one of only seven women in the graduating class of 105 students. She then completed her pediatric residency at the University of Tennessee Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn.

Dr. Johnson was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Belfry.

Survivors include her four sons: Dr. Chuck (Vicki) Johnson of South Williamson, Bryan (Rhonda) Johnson of Louisville, Shawn (Kelli) Johnson of Walton and Bruce (Lisa) Johnson of Johnson City, Tenn; three brothers: Aubrey (Helen) Ray of Jefferson, Ohio, Russell (Peggy) Ray of Highland Heights and Ricky (Debbie) Ray of Wheelwright; two sisters: Drema (Tom) Burga of Waukegan, Ill. and Bonita (James) Caudill of Marion, Ohio; eight grandchildren: Dr. Mary Beth (Ryan) Baylon, Katie (Clay) Brady, Chas (Rachel) Johnson, Courtney Johnson, Blair Johnson, Cooper Johnson, Lauren Johnson and Abby Johnson; two great grandsons: Brooks Brady and Joshua Baylon. She also leaves behind a host of other family and friends.

Visitation was held from 6-9 p.m., on Tuesday, February 26, at the First Baptist Church of Belfry.

Her funeral was held at the church on Wednesday, February 27, at 12 p.m., with Brother Bob Norman officiating.

Burial followed in the Mountain View Memory Gardens, Huddy, with her

sons and grandsons serving as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Charles and Mary Johnson Fund (Belfry High School Scholarship) c/o The Community Foundation of Louisville Waterfront Plaza, 325 West Main Street, Suite 1110, Louisville, KY 40202-4251.

Arrangements were under the direction of R. E. Rogers Funeral Home of Belfry.

Online condolences at www.rerogersfh.com. This is a paid obituary.

Melissa Ann Akers

Melissa Ann Akers, 47, of Drift, died Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Visitation and memorial services will be held from 1-3 p.m., Friday, March 8, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

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

Brandon Lee Boling

Brandon Lee Boling, 43, of Wayland, died Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Visitation will be at 6 p.m., Friday, March 8, and all day Saturday at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, March 10, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

Alan Edward Davis

Alan Edward Davis, 42, of Lexington, died Monday, March 4, 2019.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 7, at the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

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

Bobby Henderson

Bobby Henderson, 78, of Beaver, died Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Visitation was held at 6 p.m., Thursday, March 7, at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, Price.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 8, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat.

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

Katy Jean Houston

Katy Jean (Mullins) Houston, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 5, 2019.

Visitation will continue all day, Friday, March 8, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 9, at funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Reffett Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

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

Reba Faye Jones

Reba Faye Howell Jones, 61, of Teaberry, died Monday, March 4, 2019.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Thursday, March 7, at Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church, Grethel.

Burial followed in the Jesse Jones Cemetery, Teaberry.

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

Waneta Newsome

Waneta (Pride) Newsome, 93, of Martin, died Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 9, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

Keith Patton

Rory Keith Patton, 68, of McDowell, died Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Memorial services were held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 7, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

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

Joan Slone

Joan Slone, 68, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

Visitation will continue all day, Friday, March 8, at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat.

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

Julius Dave Tackett

Julius Dave Tackett, 49, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, March 2, 2019.

Visitation will continue all day, Friday, March 8, at the Lower Toler Church of Christ, Harold.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at the church.

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

Floyd Chamber to host 'Meet and Greet'

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is hosting a meet and greet next week with local leaders.

The chamber invites the public to attend the event, which will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 11, at the Mountain Arts Center.

"The event will be informal and will be an

opportunity for everyone in the community to spend time with elected officials, old and newly elected," Chamber Chairperson Thursa Slone said in an email.

She said the chamber invited all city and county officials as well as Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty,

D-Martin and officials from U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers, U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell and U.S. Sen. Rand Paul's offices.

Admission is free. are asked to RSVP by calling Sloan at, (606) 886-2788, or Patricia Williams at, (606) 377-4100, or email to, ThursaC.Sloan@ky.gov or, pwilliams@arh.org.

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

Coychad A. McIntyre, 40, of Ligon; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree promoting contraband

Jamie Tyler Conley, 25, of Garrett; trafficking marijuana

Kimberly Williams Smith, 43, of Prestonsburg; second-degree burglary

Jonathan Howell, 37, of Beaver; first-degree promoting contraband, third-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking or disposition, second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, receiving stolen property, persistent felony offender

Keith Lafferty, 47, of Prestonsburg; second-degree assault

Michael Couch, 37, of Sassafras; theft by unlawful taking

Misdemeanor cases filed

Rebecca M. Collins, 22, of West Van Lear; third-degree criminal trespassing

Larry Tackett, 53, of Beaver; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Thomas Shepherd, 44, of Martin; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Nathan Hamilton, 35, of Teaberry; second-degree fleeing/evading police, resisting arrest

Amy Hannah Shepherd, 36, of Paintsville; harassing communications

April Hamilton, 36, of Auxier; third-degree criminal trespassing

Sean Patton, 31, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Mary Miller, 28, address unknown; third-degree criminal trespassing

Cameron W. Ousley, 20, of Martin; rear license not illuminated, failure to produce insurance card, license to be in possession, possession of marijuana, driving under the influence

Frank London, 31, of Garrett; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Olivia A. Johnson, 35, of Inez; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Emily Quaine, 19, of Pikeville; speeding, trafficking marijuana, failure to wear seatbelts

David Sexton, 52, of Hi Hat; second-degree criminal mischief, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Wendy R. Boyd, 38, of Dwale; public intoxication of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, menacing

Tyler D. Hamilton, 22, of Grethel; fourth-degree assault

Misty Ratliff, 26, of London; public intoxication of a controlled substance, giving officer false information

Brian Howell, 41, of Harold; second-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree criminal mischief

Joe (Joseph) Mullins, 36, of Beaver; menacing, fourth-degree assault

Hope Mullins, 32, of Beaver; two counts of fourth-degree assault, harassment

Glenda Ray, 48, of Mud Creek; fourth-degree assault

Eunice Lutcher, 21, address unavailable; fourth-degree assault

Anthony Newsome Jr., 63, of Teaberry; illegal taking of wildlife

Jason C. Ward, 45,

of Champaign, Ill.; rear license not illuminated, possession of marijuana

Travis Duane Powers, 22, of Georgetown; third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, harassing communications

Terry Lee Sturgill, 58, of Raven; harassment

Lawsuits filed

Heritage Acceptance Corporation vs. Brittany and Jason Dixon; complaint concerning contract

Renisa Branham vs. James E. Smith; personal injury complaint

Kimberly L. Baxter vs. Bennie Bailey; personal injury complaint

Ditech Financial LLC vs. Dale Slone, Amanda Slone, Floyd County, Ashley Slone, also known as Ashley Hunter, Jeremy Slone, Kentucky Housing Corporation; foreclosure

Lendmark Financial Services vs. Wesley Moore; complaint concerning contract

First Commonwealth Bank vs. Allen T. Rose, Sheila Rose, Floyd County; three complaints concerning contracts

First Commonwealth Bank vs. Allen T. Rose, Sheila Rose, Prestonsburg; complaint concerning contract

East Kentucky Federal Credit Union vs. Matthew Hamilton; complaint concerning contract

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



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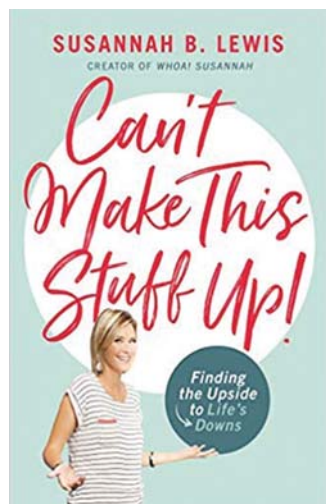
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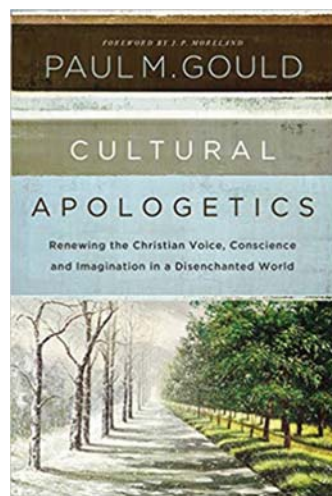
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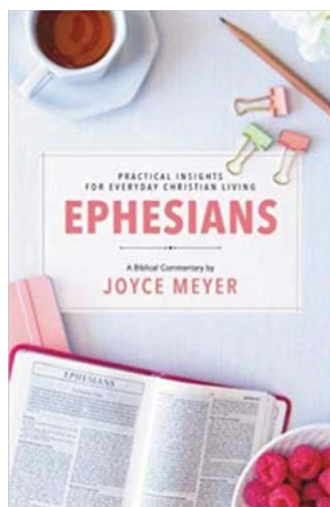
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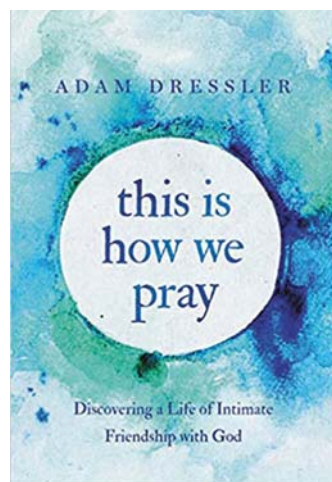
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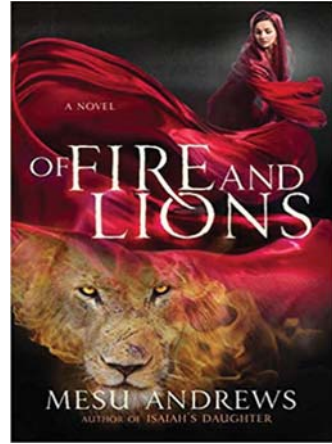
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She lived a life of humility



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Our church lost a wonderful sister in Christ on Friday. Zelma "Irene" Blackburn was a true worker for the Lord. She was constantly working for the church. Not only did she care for her children, but she also cared for the children of the church. She spent countless hours preparing for children's events – everything from baking goodies and planning the annual Easter egg hunt to writing questions and quizzing children for upcoming Bible bowl meets. Irene put 110 percent effort into everything she did. There was no halfway done, no child left behind. And yet Irene would have shied away from these words I have just written. Not only was she a worker, but Irene was humble.

The world doesn't view humble as a good quality to have. It teaches us to take what we want. To be proud and self-made. The proud stand high and mighty in

our culture, but it is not so with the Lord. The Bible teaches us the opposite of what society deems acceptable. "The eyes of the arrogant will be humbled and human pride brought low; the Lord alone will be exalted in that day (Isaiah 2:11)." The ways of God are not the ways of man (Isaiah 55:8). "He [the Lord] mocks proud mockers but shows favor to the humble and oppressed (Proverbs 3:34)."

...those who humble themselves will be exalted.
– Matthew 23:12

God operates on His own agenda - not the world's - and rightfully so, since He created us and this world. "Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?" declares the Lord. "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at

my word' (Isaiah 66:2)." "He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble (Luke 1:52)."

The world may see humble people as being frail and easily overran, but that's the farthest from the truth. Humble people are strong. They know truth and ignore the wickedness and lies of this world. Irene was one of those humble people and she was one of the strongest people I knew.

One of the best examples of humility in the Bible is Jesus. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the Son of God, the Creator of the world. He left His home in glory and became God in the flesh. He took on the role of a servant in the form of a man (Philippians 2:7). He lived a humble life. He wasn't a worldly king, living in a palace. Instead, Jesus lived as a common man (even though He was anything but common). He fed the hungry, healed the sick, raised the dead. Jesus came to this earth to serve (Matthew 20:28). Then at the end of His earthy mission, Jesus "humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross (Philippians 2:8)!"

Irene lived her life to please God. She did His will and she never wanted any praise for it. She didn't want



Irene Blackburn

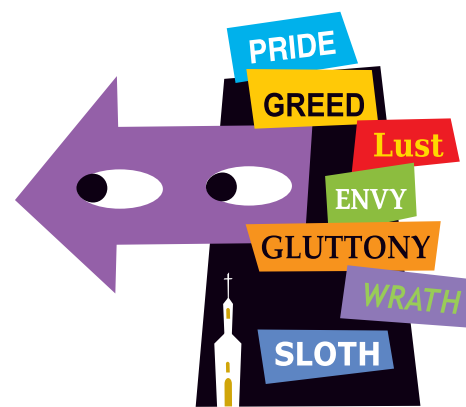
you to acknowledge her hard work and accomplishments before the crowd. Instead, Irene wanted to remain in the shadows. She wanted to serve, just like Jesus.

Irene will be rewarded well for her endeavors. Her hard work and dedication was not unnoticed by the Lord. Irene will remain in the shadows no longer as she walks the street of gold in Heaven. "For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with victory (Psalm 149:4)." "For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted (Matthew 23:12)."

I know Irene will be exalted. Her life of humility has led her to an eternal home with Christ. May we likewise follow in Jesus' footsteps, living for the Savior and not the world.

The wasteland

Modern culture has sometimes been described as a wasteland. Ancient values have been turned on their head by many aspects of modern societies. Thriftiness and frugality can't compete with the flashiness of conspicuous consumption. Humility and modesty are overshadowed by various forms of pride, vanity and shamelessness. Think of all the ways that our modern world actually promotes the seven deadly sins (pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth). Television and the internet are full of images and depictions of sex and violence that would have shocked the sensibility of most people a few years ago. Cole Porter's lyrics in the song "Anything Goes" are more apt today than ever: "In olden days, a glimpse of stocking was looked on as something shocking. But now, God knows, anything goes." It is worth remembering that we can't un-see or un-hear things we've seen and heard, and that violence, pornography and the like seep into our souls when we are exposed to them. We may live in a veritable wasteland, but we do well to guard our eyes, our ears, and our minds and not let the wasteland gain entrance to our most cherished possession, our souls. Spiritual people must live in the world, but not be of this world.



–Christopher Simon

"Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word."
Psalm 119:37 NIV

Local church directory

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

147 Burke Ave, Prestonsburg
Phone: 606-886-8087
Pastor John Carwell
www.cumcprestonsburg.org
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 10 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m.
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Bible Study – 7 p.m.
Youth/Children – 7 p.m.

COW CREEK FREEWILL BAPTIST

Route 194, Cow Creek
Phone: (606) 424-8313 • Find us on Facebook
Pastor Nathan Lafferty
Assistant Pastor BJ Crider
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 10 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Service – 7 p.m.

CROSSRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

9239 Ky Rte 122, Minnie
Phone: (606) 377-2560 • Facebook: CrossRidge
Pastor Steve Richardson
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 10 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Service – 7 p.m.

FAITH REVELATION MINISTRIES

62 South Harkens Avenue, Prestonsburg
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 10 a.m.
Worship – 11:15 a.m.
THURSDAYS
Bible Study – 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

354 US Hwy 23 North, Allen
606-874-9468
Pastor Tim Searcy
SUNDAYS
Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.
Services – 10:45 a.m & 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Service – 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (IRENE COLE MEMORIAL)

157 S. Front Street, Prestonsburg
606-886-8681
Pastor Thomas R. Biddle
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m & 6:00 p.m.
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Allen approves strategic plan, discusses audit

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Allen City Commission re-approved its strategic plan this week and discussed the need for an audit.

The plan carries the city through 2024, and hasn't changed significantly since the commission adopted its first five-year strategic plan two years ago.

The mission statement, which did not change, explains that Allen will "create and sustain community vitality by providing quality services from its commissioners, employees and independent contractors; a safe, clean environment for its citizens; promoting community involvement and actively working to improve the future of the

city."

Like the previous strategic plan, the plan approved Monday details five "key focus areas" for the city, "organizational excellence," financial stability, infrastructure development and community development.

Under "organizational excellence," the strategic plan reports that Allen will review its ethics ordinance, have commissioners and city employees disclose potential conflicts of interest, have each department head provide an "accurate report" of their department at each meeting — a practice that does not occur in Allen — and host bi-yearly evaluations of city employees and independent contractors.

According to the strategic plan, Allen will be

in "financial compliance" with federal and state regulations by completing an audit, submitting required financial documents as required, record all financial transactions at the time of payment, maintain an organized system of records of all invoices and bills, update budget balances before each meeting and balance the books and bank account bi-monthly.

For the first time in more than a decade last year, Allen came into compliance with the Kentucky Department for Local Government by submitting Uniform Information Financial Reports that are required. The city, however, is out of compliance with state laws that require cities to be audited.

The plan repeatedly

lists the need to complete an audit in Allen. The last audit conducted in Allen was submitted in 2010 for the fiscal year 2008. The lack of an audit prevents Allen from obtaining grant funding and it puts the city out of compliance with state laws.

Allen commission members have discussed the need for an audit since March 2016, when the Floyd County Chronicle published a report detailing the lack of financial accountability in the city.

In April 2018, Kentucky State Auditor Mike Harmon sent a letter to Allen, asking the city to provide its plan of correction to come into compliance with audit requirements.

The city hired Cer-

tified Public Accountant David Garrett in 2017, but he quit, citing a problem with a lack in documentation in Allen.

On Monday, Mayor Sharon Woods and Commissioner Elmer Parsons reported that the city has sent financial documents to Certified Public Accountant Richard Paulmann of Pewee Valley. They previously reported that Paulmann was employed by Allen, but when questioned by commission members, they later confirmed that he has not been employed by the city. They explained he is only reviewing the financial records to see how much it would cost to do the audits.

Woods said on Monday that officials will know what Paulmann will charge to conduct an

audit for the city by this Friday.

The commission took no other significant action at the meeting, and it did not discuss a contract for Parsons, which was expected to be discussed at a previous meeting. Parsons been working as the city's maintenance supervisor for years, and was hired on a verbal contract years ago without public approval by the commission.

Under advice from City Attorney Beth Shorridge, Parsons recently reported that he submitted a contract for approval by commission. That contract was placed on the agenda for a special meeting on Feb. 11, but the meeting was canceled. The contract was not discussed Monday.

P'burg woman sentence for defrauding Medicaid

Defendant pleaded guilty to theft, fraud scheme

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
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Attorney General Andy Beshear announced Tuesday that a Prestonsburg woman was ordered to repay the state Medicaid program more than \$12,000 after pleading guilty to theft charges and engaging in a scheme to defraud the program.

Amy Slone, 34, of

Prestonsburg, a former employee at Minix Eye Care, entered a guilty plea on Dec. 7, 2018, to one count of theft by unlawful taking over \$10,000, a class C felony, and one count of devising or engaging in a scheme to defraud the Kentucky Medical Assistance Program of \$300 or more.

Slone was sentenced on March 1, 2019 in Franklin County Circuit

Court to a seven-year sentence that was probation.

"Ensuring our state programs are not abused and are there to serve those in need are at the core of our mission in the Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse," said Beshear. "The successful investigation and prosecution of this case resulted in the state Medicaid program recouping the

thousands of dollars that were wrongly taken by the defendant."

It is alleged that while employed at Minix Eye Care, PSC, Slone, along with her co-defendant Marcus S. Minix, billed Kentucky Medicaid for services that were not provided. They received over \$10,000 from Kentucky Medicaid as a result of the fraudulent billing, Beshear reported.

Marcus Minix's case is still pending and he has entered a plea of not guilty.

Beshear's Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of the Inspector General investigated this case. Attorney General Beshear's Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse is prosecuting the case.

Since taking office, efforts by Beshear's Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse have resulted in nearly \$88 million in obligations to the state and federal Medicaid program, Medicare, Tricare, commercial payers and other entities.

Over the past three years, the office's work has contributed to 58 convictions for Medicaid provider fraud and patient abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Community Events

- March 8, 9 a.m.: Tiny Bobcat Academy for kids age birth to five, Betsy Layne Elementary. Free. (606) 478-9751

- March 9, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.: Family Dollar, located near the Prestonsburg City Hall, is hosting a grand reopening that starts with a ribbon cutting at 8 a.m. and continues throughout the day with visits from Spongebob and other characters, prizes and other activities.

- 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

- March 11, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Morehead State University Social Work Program to host Trauma Informed Care for Helping Professionals, for social workers, substance abuse counselors, peer support workers and others who work to help others, at the MSU Prestonsburg Campus, Room 131. Registration: \$40. Continuing Education Credits available. For details, email, d.robinson@moreheadstate.edu

- If you have been thinking about becoming a foster/adoptive parent, please contact Jacqueline Mosley with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services at (606) 889-1724 for more information. The cabinet needs families who are interested in fostering teens and sibling groups.

- March 11, 6 p.m.: Master Gardener Program, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668

- March 11, 5:30 p.m. Tiny Eagle Academy for kids age birth to five, Allen Elementary. Free. (606) 874-2165

- March 11, 6 p.m.: Floyd County Chamber of Commerce invites the public to and "Elected Officials Meet and Greet," Mountain Arts Center. All local elected officials have been invited to attend to talk to residents. Light refreshments. RSVP to Thursa Sloan at, (606) 886-2788 or Patricia at, (606) 377-4100.

- March 11, 9 a.m.: Big Sandy Regional Industrial Authority meets, Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374

- March 11, 6 p.m.: Master Gardener Program, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668

- March 12, 12 p.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism meets, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-1341

- March 12, 5 p.m. Tiny Mustang Academy for kids age birth to five, Stumbo Elementary. Free. (606) 587-2212

- March 12, 6 p.m.: Wayland City Commission meets, community center

Family Dollar to host grand reopening this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Family Dollar store located on North Lake Drive, near the Prestonsburg City Hall, is celebrating its recent remodel this weekend.

The store is hosting a grand reopening celebration on Saturday, March 9, which begins with a ribbon cutting at 8 a.m.

and continues until closing at 10 p.m. with various activities, prizes and visitors throughout the day.

Store Manager Christy Hall said, "We will have a ribbon cutting with the mayor at 8 a.m., and then, after that, we will have a DJ here.

There will also be a food booth. They'll be some other vendors set

up in the parking lot. There will be a lot of prize giveaways, some drawings going on during that time frame."

Hall said the first 50 customers who come into the store on Saturday will receive a \$5 gift card and a reusable shopping bag. They will also be entered into a drawing for gift cards ranging from \$25 to \$100, she said.

"We've got a lot of stuff for kids," she said. "We've got some characters coming out, like Spongebob, Patrick and a minion will be out throughout the day. There will also be a coloring contest for the kids and they'll also win some gift cards, with that."

For more information, call, (606) 886-2929.

KSP alleges residents stole a blank prescription

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury will determine whether there's enough evidence to charge two Floyd County residents for allegedly stealing a blank prescription and using it to obtain oxycodone pills.

The felony cases against Betsy Layne residents Misty Duncan, 40, and Alfred King, 48, were referred to the grand jury following hearings held in Floyd District Court last week.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Sam Reed filed arrest warrants in both of these cases, alleging that on Jan. 30, King and Duncan unlawfully presented forged prescription for 120 Oxycodone pills to the Howard Family Pharmacy in Eastern.

They presented the name and date of birth of Shirley King, Reed reported, to "illegally obtain" the medicine from the pharmacy.

"The prescription blank has been stolen from Dr. Crystal Compton at Betsy Layne Primary

Care," the arrest warrant said.

Duncan and King, who are listed under the same address in Betsy Layne in court documents, were arrested by Trooper M. Martin and Trooper M. Barger last month at the Alpike Hotel in Ivel and at an undisclosed location on U.S. 23.

Duncan and King are each charged with 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, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and theft of identity.

The cases were referred to the grand jury during Floyd County District Court hearings that were held last week.

A case against King in which he is charged with flagrant nonsupport for allegedly owing more than \$5,600 in child support was also referred to the grand jury for consideration.

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Turner appointed

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, was appointed Tuesday to the conference committee for House Bill 354, a revenue measure.

HB 354, as amended by the Senate, makes changes to the 2018 legislation that levied taxes on nonprofits. It exempts sales of tickets to charity events hosted by nonprofits from Kentucky sales tax. It also clarifies that one-time fundraising events are not subject to sales tax. It removes the tax on veterinary services for poultry, requires online retailers to collect sales taxes and allows gambling losses to be deducted from winnings on state income tax returns. It also exempts the smallest businesses, such as teenagers who mow lawns, from being required to collect sales taxes.

"It is a privilege to be selected to serve on the committee that will work toward a compromise on the HB 354," said Turner. "I am optimistic that we will be able to reach an agreement that will be in

the best interests of all Kentuckians."

Turner was chosen by Senate President Robert Stivers, D-Manchester, to represent the

Senate Democratic Caucus as a member of the legislative conference committee. Also selected from the Senate Democratic Caucus were Democrat Floor Leader Morgan McGarvey, D-Louisville, and Sen. Dennis Parrett, D-Elizabethtown, Whip for the Senate Democratic Caucus.

If the conference committee reaches an agreement, the bill will be sent back to its respective body to be voted upon. If it gains approval from both the Senate and the House, the bill will be sent to Governor Matt Bevin to be signed into law.

"As a member of the Senate Democrat leadership team and a former member of the Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee, Sen. Turner is a good choice to serve on this conference committee," said McGarvey. "He is knowledgeable, experienced and engaged and he

wants to do what is right for Kentucky. He will take this opportunity to work toward a compromise that will benefit all the citizens of the Commonwealth. As a retired education, Sen. Turner will, as always, look out for public education," added Sen. McGarvey.

Before the bill was introduced, Turner filed a floor amendment to HB 354 that would have increased the pension income exclusion on Kentucky individual income taxes for 2019. HB 366, approved in 2018, reduced the pension income exclusion from \$41,110 to \$31,110 per person. Sen. Turner's amendment would have raised the deduction back to \$41,110, beginning Jan. 1. The deduction would have been for distributions from pension plans, annuity contracts, profit-sharing plans, retirement plans, or employee savings plans. The amendment was ruled out of order.

Turner serves the 29th district, which includes Floyd, Harlan, Knott and Letcher counties.

Court documents: Woman ordered counterfeit money online

A Somerset resident is facing charges for alleged counterfeit money in Floyd County.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Darrin Lawson recently arrested Teresa L. McDaniel, 39, of Somerset, at the McDonalds restaurant in Martin.

She was charged with a felony charge of first-degree possession of a forged instrument.

Lawson reported in the citation McDaniel's

mother located about \$15,000 in counterfeit money and McDaniel was using the counterfeit money to buy money cards at Walmart.

Lawson reported that McDaniel admitted the counterfeit money found in her room was hers and that she ordered it from a website.

"She also showed proof of her orders from the website," Lawson wrote in the citation.

McDaniel pleaded not guilty to the charge when she appeared in district court last month. District Judge Jimmy Marcum placed her under a \$5,000 surety bond at that hearing.

Last week, he ordered that she have no bond and ordered her to complete substance abuse treatment program.

A review is set in the case for Sept. 20.

Open house



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ABC Security General Manager Tim Welch speaks with guests Wednesday during an open house hosted by the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. ABCO Security is located in Prestonsburg and provides security systems for both residents and businesses. For more information, visit, abcosecurity.pro, or call, (606) 886-8586.



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Southeast Kentucky Chamber President Jordan Gibson, center, left, presents a 2019 membership plaque to ABCO Security General Manager Tim Welch, center, right, Wednesday during an open house at ABCO's headquarters in Prestonsburg.

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Contest winner



Brody Buck of Duff-Allen Central Elementary submitted the winning t-shirt design for the Judi's Place for Kids 12th Annual Run with Courage 5K. The race will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the Pikeville City Park. For details, visit Judi's Place on Facebook.

Floyd schools, Job Corps ink agreement



Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Director Paula Davis and Floyd County School Superintendent Danny Adkins, seated, left to right, sign an agreement allowing county high school students to train at the center. Also pictured, standing left to right, are Floyd County Schools officials Leslie Derossett Fannin, a guidance counselor, board member Dr. Chandra Varia and Angela Duncan, human resource director.

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Matt Tackett, Floyd County 4-H Teen Council President

Stanville teen honored for achievement

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT accomplishments in 4-H and their community. 4-H'ers can start accumulating points as soon as they start 4-H and begin earning recognition in the sixth grade." The Gold Competitive Achievement award is only open to 10th grade students who have reached Level V in the achievement program.

Gold Competitive Achievement winners receive a full scholarship to the Teen Conference on the University of Kentucky Campus June 10-13, and an \$800 scholarship towards attending National 4-H Congress Conference, Coleman reported. Tackett, the son of Connie and Chris Tackett of Stanville, has been a member of the Floyd County 4-H for seven years. He attends Paintsville High School in Johnson County.

For more information, contact Coleman at, (606) 886-2668, or, hnelson@uky.edu.

High school students can train at Job Corps

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Carl D. Perkins Job Corps recently announced a partnership with Floyd County Schools to allow high school students to take half-day vocational classes at the center in Prestonsburg. The partnership was finalized

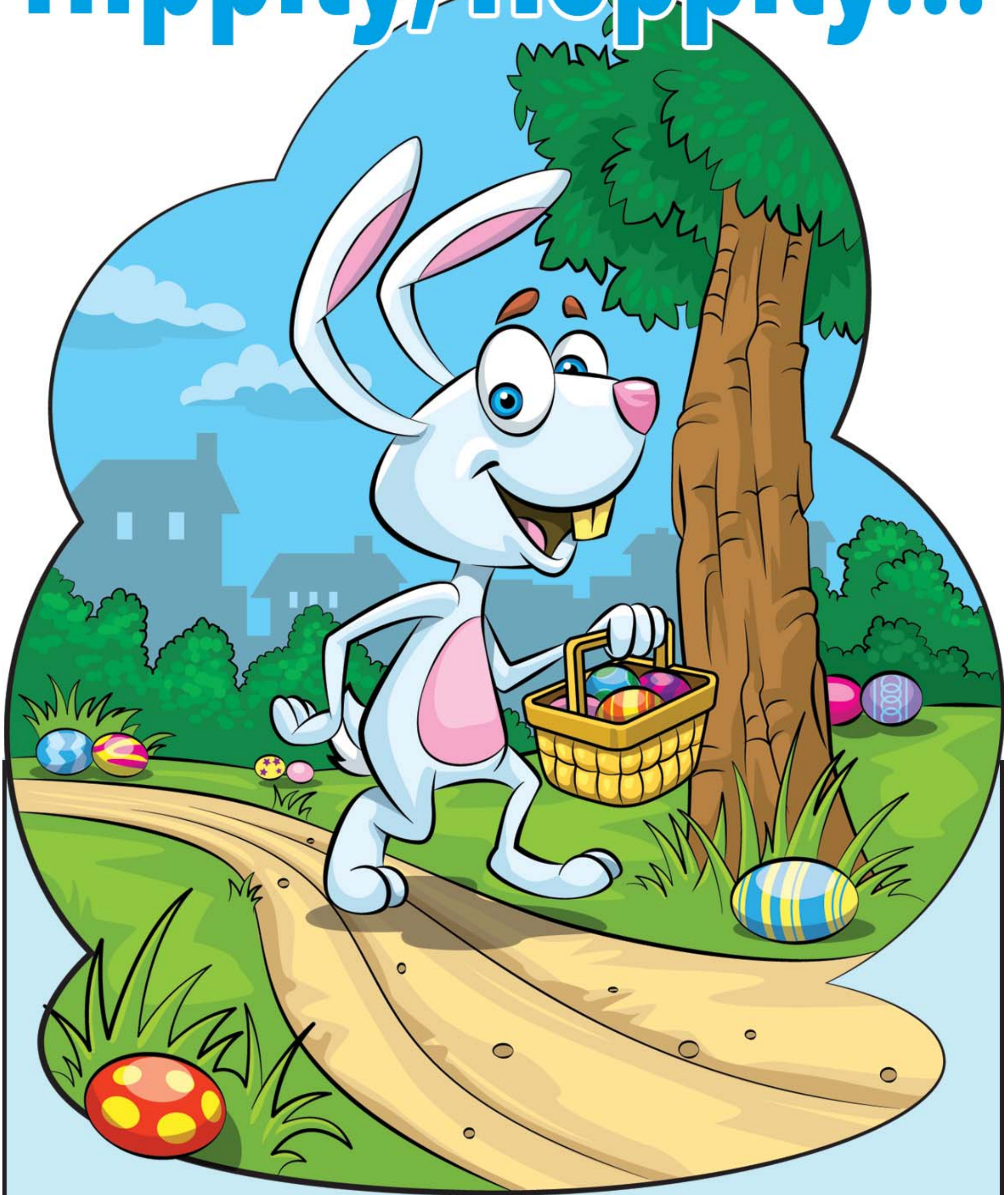
during the center's recent Community Relations Council meeting when Floyd County School Superintendent Danny Adkins and Job Corps Center Director Paula Davis signed a memorandum of understanding outlining the co-enrollment agreement.

As co-enrolled students, Floyd County high school students are

entitled to all the benefits of the Job Corps program, a statement from the center said.

Floyd County students initially will enroll in the facilities maintenance career technical training program at Job Corps, but additional training programs will be added beginning in August, the center reported.

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PMC CHOSEN AS THE FIRST HOSPITAL IN KY AND ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE COUNTRY TO DELIVER NEW TECHNOLOGY TO TREAT ARRHYTHMIA

By: Carol Casebolt

The Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Heart and Vascular Institute continues to be one of the state and national leaders in cardiac care.

On Monday, February 25, PMC conducted the Commonwealth's first ablation procedure using the newly FDA-approved TactiCath™ Contact Force Ablation Catheter, Sensor Enabled™, Abbott's TactiCath SE ablation catheter. This procedure is a major advancement for physicians, helping them to precisely model the heart and improve the lives of people living with complex arrhythmias.

On January 21, 2019, Abbott announced the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) approval of the new ablation catheter for use in the United States. The catheter is designed to help physicians accurately and effectively treat cardiac arrhythmias, including atrial fibrillation, supraventricular tachycardia, and ventricular tachycardia.

A cardiac arrhythmia is an abnormal heart rhythm that typically develops when disease or injury disrupts the heart's electrical signals, causing the heart to beat erratically.

AFib can affect how efficiently the heart pumps blood through the body, causing symptoms such as dizziness, shortness of breath or lightheadedness. The condition can also increase a person's risk of stroke.

An estimated 2.7-6.1 million Americans have AFib, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"We are proud to be the first hospital in Kentucky, and one of the first 25 in the country, to have access to this exciting new technology," said PMC Electrophysiologist Chase Reynolds, MD. "The fact that Abbott Medical chose PMC as one of the first hospitals to use this new catheter demonstrates the reputation that the electrophysiology program at PMC has established."

Dr. Reynolds says the new catheter allows him and PMC Electrophysiologist and Director of Cardiol-

ogy Services, Michael Antimisaris, MD, to perform ablations with increased efficacy and safety.

To treat these arrhythmias, physicians can use ablation catheters to scar tissue in the heart that is generating abnormal electrical signals and disrupting a patient's natural heartbeat. As the number of patients receiving cardiac ablation therapy worldwide has grown, Abbott has prioritized ablation technology that adds efficiency and accuracy to ablation procedures. Abbott cardiac ablation technology is currently used to treat patients in more than 84 countries worldwide.

"This is just another way that PMC is making sure that our patients have access to the best medical care available," said Dr. Reynolds.

Cardiac ablation has become a front-line therapy in the fight against cardiac arrhythmias, most notably



AFib. To find out more about this new procedure, cardiac arrhythmias or to make an appointment with Dr. Chase Reynolds or Dr. Michael Antimisaris call 606-218-2201 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

SOURCE: Abbott

PMC MEETS GROWING NEEDS OF OUTPATIENT PHARMACY WITH CONVENIENCE IN MIND

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Outpatient Pharmacy has played a vital role in making improvements to service the growing needs of patients. PMC's pharmacy is serving a more significant number of patients than ever before. The volume of prescriptions processed has increased considerably.



Recently, several procedures were implemented to efficiently provide quality service to patients.

"Our pharmacy is currently processing over one thousand prescriptions per day," said PMC Director of Outpatient Pharmacy, Lina Abdallah. "We recognize the prosperity of our growth and take pride in making convenience a priority for our patients."

PMC recently opened three drive-thru lanes at 231 Hibbard Street in Pikeville to service the needs of patients requiring medication. The addition was designed to effectively serve more patients quickly. As a result, they are now seeing three times more patients than ever before.

One lane is designated for patients to drop off medications while the two other lanes are for pick up. PMC also has a pharmacist available to discuss any questions patients may have to ensure they thoroughly understand their medications.

"We recognize that our patients want to get their medicine as quickly as possible," said Abdallah. "We installed the additional lanes to speed up service and allow patients the convenience of staying in their car to get their medication."

She says during rush hour, PMC is serving 60 patients per hour.

"It is an honor to be able to serve all these patients and help them," said Abdallah. "We want the community to know we are here to help in their time of need and we are making every improvement possible to keep convenience in mind."

PMC's Meds to Beds is an additional service designed for the suitability of our patients.

"Our Meds to Beds program offers prescription medication delivery to a patient's bedside before leaving the hospital," added Abdallah.

PMC hired a technician, specifically to prepare all medication and deliver to the hospital before the patient is discharged. This allows a patient to go straight home after being discharged from the hospital, eliminating a trip to the pharmacy for their medication.

"I am very proud of my pharmacy staff. They are hardworking, dedicated individuals. Every day they remain committed to serving our patients," said Abdallah.

She added that her staff makes sure all safety measures are in place from the time the prescription order is received until it has been delivered to the patient.

As an additional convenience, outpatient services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week including holidays.

For more information about Pikeville Medical Center's Pharmacy services, call 606-218-3576 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

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PMC BRINGS THE FIRST AND ONLY 4K ULTRA HIGH DEFINITION 4K IMAGING SYSTEM TO THE REGION

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is the only hospital in the region to offer patients the Visera 4K Ultra High-Definition System. PMC added this state-of-the-art technology to address unmet needs in medical imaging. The Visera 4K is recognized for improving visual elements such as resolution, light and color for laparoscopic and arthroscopic surgery.

The new surgery equipment optimizes 4K imaging to improve visibility for PMC's surgical team. This machine allows PMC surgeons to operate with increased precision and confidence.

"This is one of the latest advancements for health care in eastern Kentucky. Investments in new technology place PMC on the forefront of surgery," said Senior Vice President and Assistant Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer, Aaron Crum, MD. "PMC is the only hospital in the region with this capability. This advancement demonstrates PMC's commitment to providing high quality care to our patients."

The Visera 4K Ultra High Definition System is the

same technology used for filming Netflix 4K shows and other TV programs. This same technology provides four times the resolution, better light and twice the color as high-definition, for surgeons as they operate.

The system presents more vivid shades of red and yellow. It enables observation of subtle patterns and structures with high precision while delivering higher contrast levels. The system gives surgeons more detail and greater accuracy.

"This will help us improve the quality of care we can provide our surgery patients," said Assistant Vice President of Surgical Services, Andrea Akers. "Knowing PMC is providing patients the best surgical equipment in the region makes me feel confident that our patients and my own family will receive advanced care."

"The color and contrast provide more clarity, better than we've seen before, during an operation," says PMC General Surgeon, Grady Stephens. "The clear image allows an improved dissection of tissue and an enhanced evaluation of tissue perfusion."

This technology provides additional light to illuminate bleeding in surgical fields and visualizes deep surgical cavities. This is beneficial as it allows surgeons to see the surgical field more clearly and visualize detail in ways they were not able to before.

"This technology is the best on the market. I am proud to work at a facility that takes pride in providing the best possible equipment for the patients," said Dr. Stephens. "This improves the care I can provide patients."

He says being able to offer this advanced system to surgery patients is a tremendous feeling.

At this time, Visera 4K Ultra High Definition System has been implemented for general surgery, orthopedic surgery, bariatric surgery and gynecological surgery.

For more information about the Visera 4K Ultra High Definition System, call 606-218-2203 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.



Wesley Christian archery team focuses on county event

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
 SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN - The Wesley Christian archery program is preparing to compete in the annual Floyd County tournament while one of its members is also headed to state competition.

Wesley Christian eighth-grader Morgan Harmon is poised to compete in the state archery tournament in Louisville March 15-16. Harmon has been competing in archery since fourth grade. She qualified for the state tournament earlier in the season.

Harmon and her teammates

will compete in the county tournament on March 23.

The Wesley Christian archery program features 20-plus male and female student-athletes in grades 4-12. Only three members of the Wesley Christian archery program are high school student-athletes.

In February, Wesley Christian competed in its first 3D tournament at nearby DACE. Faring well in the tournament, Wesley Christian placed second in the elementary division and third on the middle school level. The Wesley Christian elementary archery team has advanced to state competition on

five separate occasions. Individually, three females from the young Wesley Christian team have advanced to state tournaments.

Coaches Craig Harmon, Johnny O'Brien and Roger Barnette guide the Wesley Christian archery team.

"Archery is a great sport that allows everyone to get involved," said Craig Harmon. "Male, female, it doesn't matter. Children with special needs can also shoot."

Craig Harmon has seen the Wesley Christian archery

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Morgan Harmon



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Steve LeMaster

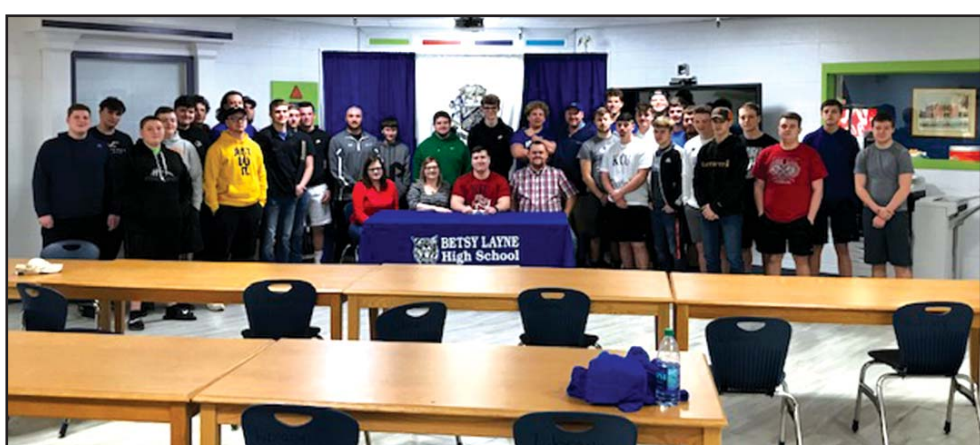
The Wesley Christian archery program features male and female student-athletes in grades 4-12. Members of the Wesley Christian archery team practiced after school on Wednesday. Wesley Christian eighth-grader Morgan Harmon will compete in the state archery tournament in Louisville March 15-16. Morgan Harmon, an eighth-grader at Wesley Christian, prepared to shoot during an archery practice on Wednesday.

Keathley signs with Kentucky Christian



photos courtesy of BLHS

Betsy Layne High School senior lineman Jeremiah Keathley signed with the Kentucky Christian University football program during a ceremony held in February.



Allen Central wins 15th Region middle school volleyball title

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
 SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE - The tradition-rich Allen Central volleyball program is still thriving in Floyd County. On Saturday, Allen Central captured the inaugural 15th Region middle school volleyball title in neighboring Johnson County.

The tournament was held at John-

son County Middle School. In addition to Allen Central, the 15th Region Middle School Volleyball Tournament included host Johnson County, Martin County, Millard, Elkhorn City, Betsy Layne, Pikeville, Phelps, Millard and Johns Creek.

The Rebels knocked off three opponents from Pike County to claim the

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photo courtesy of Allen Central Volleyball

Allen Central won the inaugural 15th Region Middle School Volleyball Tournament in Johnson County on Saturday. Allen Central defeated Millard to win the 15th Region Middle School Volleyball Championship.

BLES competes in volleyball tournament



photo courtesy of BLES Volleyball
 Betsy Layne Elementary School competed in the inaugural 15th Region Middle School Volleyball Tournament at Johnson County Middle School on Saturday.

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region title. Allen Central beat Elkhorn City in the opening round of the region volleyball tournament. Continuing to win in the semifinals of the

region volleyball tournament, Allen Central topped Pikeville. Finishing strong, Allen Central defeated Millard in the region tournament title match. Allen Central Coach Darlene Moore was quick to compliment her team

on its region title winning performance. "We played very well as a team," said Moore. "Not one girl really stood out, they played focused with consistent energy. I'm blessed with a great group of young ladies."



photo courtesy of Allen Central Volleyball

Moore named to All-15th Region Tournament Team

BY STEVE LEMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

PIKEVILLE - Floyd Central sophomore guard Katie Moore and senior forward Kaylee Moore were among the players named to the All-15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament Team at the East

Kentucky Expo Center on Tuesday night. In two games in the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament, Katie Moore scored 20 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. During the same stretch, Kaylee Moore posted 15 points and eight rebounds. Floyd Central reached the

15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament Semifinals. Kaylee Moore was saddled with early foul trouble during Floyd Central's matchup versus eventual champion Pikeville in the second round of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament. The 2019 All-15th Region

Girls' Basketball Tournament Team was as follows: Ashlee Belcher (Johnson Central), Alaina Castle (Johnson Central), Kirsten Cole-Williamson (Pikeville, MVP), Alyssa Elswick (Shelby Valley), Hannah Fitch (Johnson Central), Alivia Gearheart (Pikeville), Kenzie Maynard (Belfry), Kylie

Maynard (Lawrence County), Katie Moore (Floyd Central), Kaylee Moore (Floyd Central), Cassidy Mullins (Pike County Central), Alyssa Newsom (Shelby Valley), Trinity Rowe (Pikeville), Leslie Stewart (Pikeville), Kelsey Jo Tackett (Pikeville).

Burchett, Conn named to All-15th Region Tournament Team

BY STEVE LEMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

PIKEVILLE - Prestonsburg junior Graham Burchett and Floyd Central senior Brady Conn were among the players named to the All-15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament Team at the East Kentucky

Expo Center on Saturday night. Burchett scored a team-high 14 points for Prestonsburg in the Blackcats' season-ending loss to eventual champion Johnson Central in the opening round of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament.

Conn netted 16 points as Floyd Central fell to Paintsville in another opening round matchup in the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. After leading Johnson Central to a title, senior Jacob Rice was named the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament MVP.

The All-15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament Team is as follows: Christian Billiter (Pikeville), Graham Burchett (Prestonsburg), Brady Conn (Floyd Central), Gabe Ferrell (Johnson Central), Trey Francis (Phelps), Nick Keaton (Paintsville), John King (Johnson Central), Isaiah May

(Johnson Central), Dasean Penn (Pike County Central), Jacob Rice (Johnson Central, MVP), Connor Roberts (Pikeville), Rylee Samons (Pikeville), Braxton Tharp (Paintsville), Cory VanHoose (Johnson Central), Cameron Worrix (Shelby Valley), Keian Worrix (Shelby Valley).

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15th Region semifinals: Rowe returns, Pikeville advances

By Trevor Thacker
and Steve LeMaster

Johnson Central did it to Shelby Valley again.

The Lady Golden Eagles picked up a close 47-46 win over Shelby Valley Monday night in the 15th Region semifinals at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

Last season, Johnson Central edged Shelby Valley 43-42 in overtime in the 15th Region semifinals.

The Lady Wildcats jumped out to an early lead on a big first three minutes from Alyssa Newsome as she scored five points along with an Alyssa Elswick bucket to give Shelby Valley an early 7-3 lead. However, it was a face rarely seen on the floor to Lady Wildcat fans this season as freshman and University of Kentucky commit Cassidy Rowe checked into the game minutes into the first quarter. She, along with back-to-back baskets from Elswick propelled Shelby Valley to an 11-8 lead at the end of one period.

Rowe has missed most of the season with a knee injury.

Johnson Central would retake the lead early in the second on a pair of Hannah Fitch three pointers with 7:08 to play at 14-11. Newsome scored nine first half points for Shelby Valley however as they took a two-point lead at 20-18 into the locker room.

The Lady Wildcats did a good job of keeping Johnson Central's Ashlee Belcher in check in the first half and most of the game. She scored an unusual five points in the first half.

Coming out of the locker room, Johnson Central found themselves down six late in the third quarter at 38-32.

It started to look gloomy for the defending region champs. Johnson Central didn't give up until the buzzer and it paid off. Belcher scored a bucket with 5:49 to play to cut the Shelby Valley lead to four at 38-34.

Johnson Central's Alaina Castle tied the game at 40-40 with 3:07 left in the game. The game was tied three more times before the ending.

Johnson Central's Sammi Sites three pointer with 2:26 to play gave the Lady Golden Eagles the lead at

45-44.

Belcher went one for two at the line with 44.8 to play, but Elswick quickly tied the game at 46-46 with 32 ticks on the clock. Belcher made one of her two bonus attempts with 14.5 seconds to play to give the Lady Eagles a one point advantage.

Shelby Valley had one final opportunity to win or tie the game, but Cassidy Rowe's runner in the lane found only glass. Johnson Central would go on to victory and earn a spot in Tuesday night's championship.

Johnson Central was led in scoring by Hannah Fitch with 13 points and two rebounds. Alaina Castle finished with 11 points and seven rebounds. Sammi Sites chipped in 10 points and two steals. Ashlee Belcher scored nine points. Katelyn Fitch scored four points.

Shelby Valley was led in scoring by Alyssa Newsome with 16 points and two rebounds. Alyssa Elswick scored 13 points and seven rebounds. Cassidy Rowe scored seven points and eight assists. Alex Hampton and Tori Hampton each scored four points. Shelby Valley ends their season at 18-15.

Shelby Valley finished the season with an 18-16 record.

Johnson Central advanced to last night's 15th Region championship game against Pikeville. The game ended too late to be included in this edition of the Paintsville Herald. For complete coverage, see the Weekend Edition of the Paintsville Herald.

**Pikeville 61,
Floyd Central 46**

Pikeville punched its ticket to a second straight region title game while denying upstart Floyd Central a trip to its first regional finale. Productive Pikeville pulled away to defeat Floyd Central 61-46 in the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament Semifinals at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Monday night.

The victory pushed Pikeville into the 15th Region girls' basketball title game versus reigning champion Johnson Central on Tuesday night. Johnson Central topped Pikeville 56-51 in the 2018 15th Region girls' basketball title game.



Pikeville's Kirsten Cole-Williamson goes up for a shot over Johnson Central's Katelyn Fitch Tuesday night in the 15th Region championship. Cole-Williamson was named the tournament MVP.

With the loss, Floyd Central ended its season with a 28-3 record.

Pikeville improved to 26-7 with the win.

The Lady Panthers set the tone early. Pikeville was out in front 9-0 before Floyd Central scored its first field goal. The Lady Tigers led at the conclusion of the opening quarter.

Pikeville forced Floyd Central to play from behind throughout the matchup, packing a 29-15 lead into halftime. The Lady Panthers led 40-27 at the end of the third quarter.

Pikeville shot 53.5 percent (23 of 43) from the field. The Lady Panthers were missed both of their attempts from three-point range.

Pikeville shot 78.9 percent (15 of 19) from the free-throw line.

Dominating inside, Pikeville outrebounded Floyd Central 43-25.

The Lady Panthers led 40-27 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

Kirsten Cole-Williamson paced Pikeville with a game-high 18 points, netting 15 points in the first half. Three Pikeville players reached double figures in the scoring column as Alivia Gearheart added 14 points and Trinity Rowe, playing out of a reserve role, netted 10 points.

Leslie Stewart, who chipped in six points, led Pikeville on the backboards, pulling down a game-high 17 rebounds.

Kelsey Jo Tackett (six points), Grace Bartley (five points) and Rylee Theiss (two points) accounted for the rest of the Lady Panthers' scoring in the impressive win.

Struggling offensively, Floyd Central shot 28.8 percent (15 of 52) from the field. The Lady Jaguars were three of 13 from three-point range.

Floyd Central managed to shoot 76.5 percent (13 of 17) from the free-throw line.

Abby Maggard and Lauren Preston combined to score nearly half of Floyd Central's points in the season-ending setback. Maggard scored 12 points while Preston netted 10 points.

Narrowly missing double figures for the Lady Jaguars, Katie Moore chipped in nine points.

The other scorers for 15th Region 2A champion Floyd Central were Brook

Stumbo (six points) Kaylee Moore (three points), Kennedy Harvell (three points) and Grace Martin (three points).

Sports Editor's Note: For complete highlights and interviews of both the Boys' and Girls' 15th Region Tournaments check out the Appalachian News-Express presents Bank On It. Episode 19 of Bank On It will feature full highlights from the boys' and girls' tournaments and also UPike highlights from the Mid-South Conference Tournament.



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program show improvement throughout the 2018-19 school year.

"This team is much-improved and there's still room for improvement," the coach added.



Flesh out ideas you've been contemplating and find people who can help you achieve your goals this year. Emotional energy should be put to good use. Fitness, proper diet and self-improvement will lead to physical benefits, compliments and a positive attitude.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Take a positive step forward and strive for a healthier lifestyle. The changes you make will help you get rid of any bad habits or negative influences in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Use emotional energy to conquer your dreams, not to argue with someone who doesn't share your opinion. Make today about self-improvement and expanding your awareness and knowledge.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Look at every angle of a situation before you take action. Protect yourself against injury or bad results. If you bite off too much, you will fall short.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Charm, attention and promises will help you win favors. A personal gain is within reach, as long as you don't underestimate the skills or experience of a competitor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Refuse to let your emotions take the reins. Set your sights on what needs to get done. Refuse to let anyone unnerve or upset you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – If you express your feelings and deal with matters honestly, you will end up realizing what you want and whom you want to spend more time with. Romance should be a priority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Taking a short trip, going on a shopping spree or

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ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



attending an event that offers information about something that interests you will be gratifying. Evaluate your close relationships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Get together with someone who enjoys the same things as you. Refuse to let anyone bully you into taking on his or her responsibilities. Check your finances before making an unnecessary purchase.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Don't take on the impossible. Consider your attributes and put them to good use. What you accomplish will open a window of opportunity. Don't expect everyone to agree with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Keep your life simple. Don't allow others to put words in your mouth, and don't count on someone fulfilling a promise. Do your best.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Someone will have a change of heart. Don't let others' actions upset you. What unfolds will be a blessing in disguise. Do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Avoid distress and anger, and focus on personal improvements and gains. Keeping a positive attitude, saying less and doing more will help ward off trouble.

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All answers are in today's edition

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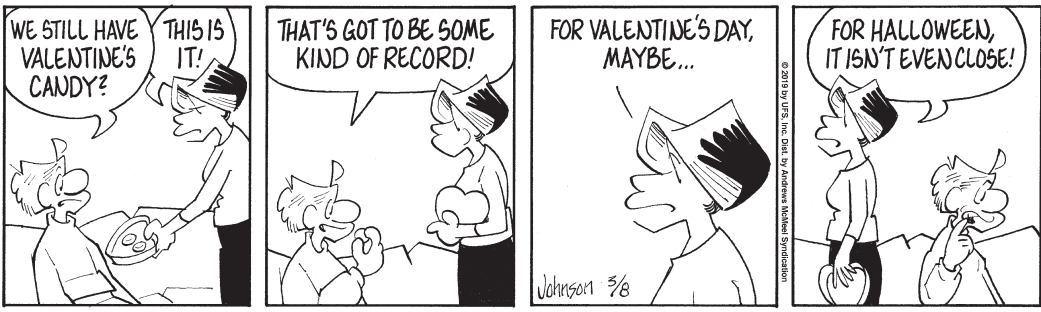
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- "La Traviata" composer
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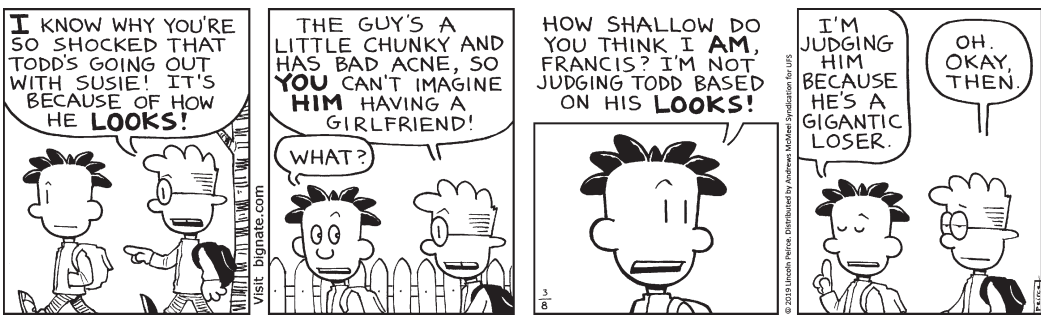
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- Looked at impertinently
- Rhyme makers
- Take fright
- "Pulp Fiction" name
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- Fictional captain
- Math course
- Wrinkled
- Bone below the elbow
- Banned bug spray
- Telegram
- Make indistinct
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- Bouquet
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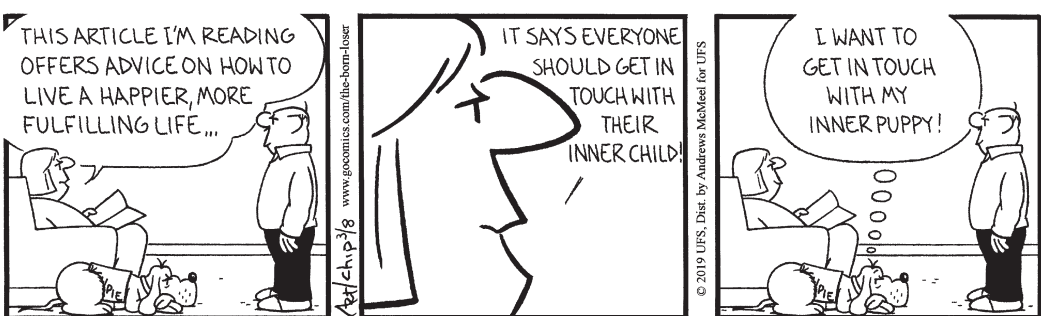
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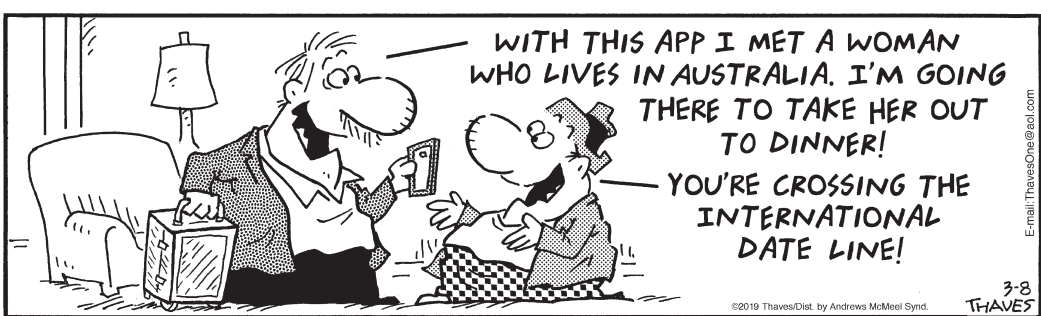
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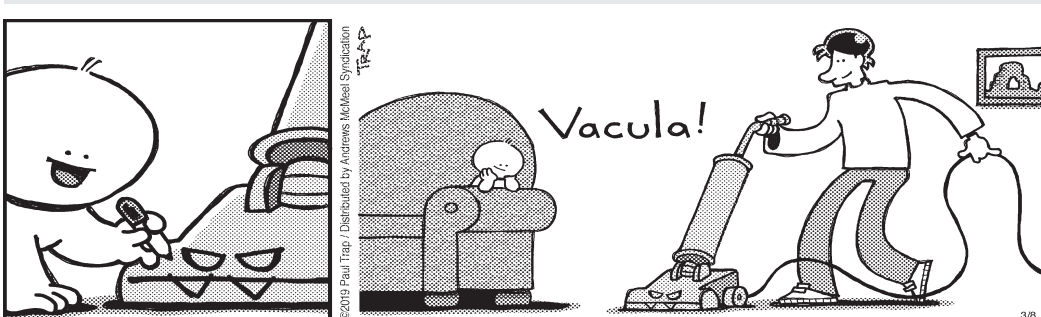
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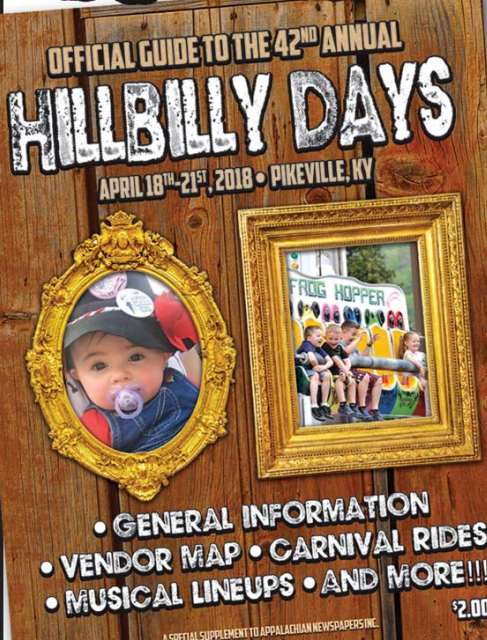


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