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## Martin moving forward with annexation



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo  
Martin City Council member James Reynolds, pictured with Martin Mayor Sam Howell and Council Member Charles Justice, reads an ordinance declaring Martin's intent to annex 600 acres during a meeting on Feb. 20.

### Once, again, P'burg opposes

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Martin City Council is moving forward with its proposed annexation of property in several outlying communities, and, once again, the Prestonsburg City Council is taking steps to oppose it.

The Martin City Council has not publicly addressed its proposed annexation of 603 acres in several outlying communities since the first read-

ing of an intent to annex was held on Feb. 20. The city, however, recently sent out letters notifying property owners that the second reading of that ordinance will be held next week.

That March 23 letter, sent to the City of Prestonsburg and the Floyd County government, included a copy of the Martin's ordinance declaring the intent to annex

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## Oak Ridge Boys perform at the MAC

The Oak Ridge Boys performed to a sold-out crowd at the Mountain Arts Center on March 29. Joe Campbell, interim director of the MAC, said the tickets were sold out three weeks prior to the concert. It attracted visitors from five states, he said. For more photos and a review from MAC Board Member Steve Russo, see Page 11A.

Photos courtesy of Steve Russo



## COA rules in favor of Conn clients

Attorneys seek to reinstate benefits

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

After a Court of Appeals ruling issued last week, attorneys are continuing efforts to restore disability benefits to clients of former attorney Eric C. Conn.

Two years ago, a federal judge ruled that the redetermination hearings were unconstitutional in six cases filed for former Conn clients. Two other

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James Miller

## P'burg man pleads guilty to meth possession

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Prestonsburg man pleaded guilty last week to federal charges linked to methamphetamine possession.

Records in U.S. District Court in Pikeville show that James William

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# P'burg denies allegations in lawsuit filed by former officer

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The City of Prestonsburg and several city officials are denying allegations made in a lawsuit that was recently filed by former Prestonsburg Police Officer Adam Dixon.

The city is seeking dismissal of a lawsuit that the Getty Law Group in Lexington filed on behalf of Dixon, who claims he was wrongfully fired on March 1, 2018 — nearly three years after he was shot in the line of duty.

The City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg City Police Department, Mayor Les Stapleton, Chief Larry Woods, Prestonsburg City Council members Harry Adams, Don Willis, B.D. Nunnery, Charles E. "Shag" Bran-

ham, David A. Gearhart and Brittainy Branham, as well as former council members Mike Laferty and Roy Roberts each deny the allegations brought against them in the lawsuit.

The lawsuit alleges that, between Oct. 20, 2015, and March 2018, the defendants failed to follow policies for the "handling and treatment of employees injured in the line of duty," and it claims that failure made Dixon's injuries worse, leading to his alleged "wrongful termination."

Dixon, who had been employed for 10 years at the department, seeks compensatory and punitive damages for "Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress," as

well as compensatory and punitive damages for wrongful termination.

Dixon had been employed as an officer for nearly 10 years when he was shot in the line of duty on Oct. 20, 2015, by Robert Powers of Auxier, who was sentenced to 20 years for that shooting in December 2018.

Per department protocol, Dixon was placed on administrative leave after the shooting, the lawsuit said, and he was on leave for about three months. After he returned to work, his attorney claims the Prestonsburg officials failed to adhere to policies that would have helped Dixon with his Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and, after time passed, they

"demanded" his resignation.

Attorney Melissa Thompson Richardson of Lexington filed separate responses for three groups of defendants, asking that the lawsuit be dismissed.

She argued that the lawsuit fails to state a claim for which relief may be granted, fails to name all parties who could be named defendants and is barred by provisions of the Tort Reform Act and the statute of limitations. Prestonsburg also asserts governmental immunity on behalf of the police department, the city and all officials named in the lawsuit.

It goes on to say that any alleged damages "were avoidable consequences, since (Dixon)

failed to mitigate or reduce his alleged damages, if any."

It also alleges that any damages were the result of "superseding and/or intervening and/or unforeseeable causes" over which Prestonsburg and the city officials had no control, and that any damages were caused by "acts or omissions of others."

The defendants claim that Dixon waived his right to assert a claim against the city and these officials.

It states, "... these Defendants state legitimate reasons existed for any and all actions taken by the Defendants with respect to the terms, conditions, and privileges" of Dixon's employment.

It says all actions were "reasonable, proper, justified, legal and without wrongful intent, impact or effect."

It says they "acted in good faith, without malice, and within the scope of their duties as a public official."

Any damages were caused by Dixon's "own conduct or own negligence and failure to take advantage of the preventative and corrective opportunities available to him," Richardson wrote.

Addressing specific allegations that Stapleton "demanded" Dixon's resignation and fired him, Richardson wrote that Stapleton "does not have final authority concerning the hiring and/or firing personnel" at the police department.

## Man arrested for allegedly possessing counterfeit bills

A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A London, Kentucky resident is facing several felony charges following crimes that allegedly occurred in Floyd County last week.

According to documents filed in Floyd County District Court, the Prestonsburg Police Department charged Darrell (Hall) Hill, 34, of London,

with first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and giving an officer false identifying information last week.

According to the citation, Prestonsburg Police officers were directed to attempt to locate a vehicle at a local gas station in reference to "a male subject that had falsely identified himself to

officers on a prior complaint."

R. Frasure of the Prestonsburg Police alleges in the citation that Hill identified himself as Kevin Hall, and through prior contact with another office, he had been positively identified as Darrell Hill.

That officer found a driver's license and social media profile, however, in which he was identi-

fied as Darrell Hall.

Frasure alleges that he found a bag containing a crystal-like substance in one of Hill's pockets, as well as several \$100


bills "with matching serial numbers and uncentered printing."

Hill "refused court" when he was scheduled to be arraigned last

week. He was placed under a \$25,000 cash bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held this week in the case.



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### Financial Focus

with Sarah Lange Hyden

#### What Can You Do With Your Tax Refund?

We're getting close to the tax-filing deadline. For many of us, this means it's that time of year when we get our biggest financial windfall — a tax refund. If you have recently received a refund, or are expecting to get one in the next few weeks, what should you do with it?


Of course, you could just spend the money on something you want, but if you'd like to maximize the financial benefits from your refund, you might want to consider other options, including the following:

- **Invest the money.** In 2018, the average tax refund was about \$2,700. For this year, it might be somewhat lower, due to changes in the tax laws and the failure of taxpayers to adjust their withholdings in response. However, if you were to receive in the neighborhood of \$2,700, you'd be almost halfway to the annual IRA contribution limit, which, in 2019, is \$6,000. (If you're 50 or older, you can put in up to \$7,000). If you have already "maxed out" on your IRA, you could use your refund to fill in gaps you may have in other parts of your investment portfolio.
- **Pay insurance premiums.** Let's face it — nobody really likes paying insurance premiums. Yet, if you have anyone depending on you, you will certainly need life insurance, and possibly disability insurance as well. And if you want to help protect your financial resources later in life from threats such as an extended — and hugely expensive — stay in a nursing home, you also may want to consider long-term care insurance. Your tax refund could help pay for some of these premiums, boosting your cash flow during the months you would normally be making these payments.
- **Contribute to a college fund.** It's never too soon to begin saving for college, which has grown increasingly expensive over the last several years. So, if you have young children, you may want to think about investing some or all of your refund into a college-savings account, such as a tax-advantaged 529 plan.
- **Pay off debts.** You might be able to use your refund to pay down some debts — or perhaps even pay off some of your smaller ones. The lower your monthly debt load, the more money you will have available to invest for the future. Keep in mind, though, that you might not want to look at all debts in the same way. For example, putting extra money toward your mortgage might help you pay it off faster, but you'll also be funding an asset — namely, your house — that might not provide you with the same liquidity as you can get from investments such as stocks and bonds.
- **Help build an emergency fund.** By building an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you can help yourself avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for large, unplanned-for bills, such as a major car repair or an expensive dental procedure. Your tax refund could help build such a fund, with the money ideally being placed in low-risk, liquid vehicles.

Clearly, you can help yourself make progress toward a number of your financial goals with your tax refund — so put it to good use.

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# Court documents: Inmate tried to dig holes at jail

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County Detention Center inmate is facing additional charges for allegedly trying to dig holes at the jail.

According to citation filed last week in Floyd District Court, Randall James Miner, 47, of Martin, was allegedly videotaped at the jail "digging"

near a pipe in one of the cells.

The citation alleges that deputies found holes allegedly dug by Miner and had video footage of him allegedly hiding his tools in the bathroom at the jail.

"(Estimated) repair cost is about \$250 and we will be seeking restitution for said damage and repairs," the citation

said.

Miner pleaded guilty to third-degree criminal mischief, a misdemeanor, on March 27 and is scheduled to be sentenced in Floyd District Court on April 12.

According to citations filed in Floyd District Court, the jail is also seeking restitution in another case that involved alleged damages caused

by an inmate.

Randa Hamilton, 26, of Harold, was charged with one count of third-degree criminal mischief for allegedly clogging the toilet in one of the jail cells, causing the jail to flood. Jail officials report in the citation that the crime was also videotaped.

"The estimated cost to repair is \$250. We

are seeking restitution for damages and repair cost," the citation said.

Hamilton pleaded not guilty to the misdemeanor charge last week. He is scheduled for a court trial in the case on April 25.

Officials at the jail also recently arrested four female inmates, Nikki Spurlock, 29, of Martin, and Prestonsburg residents Brandy Hatfield,

38, Brooke Slone, 32, and Mary Case, 36, for allegedly trying to dig a hole under a window at the jail. They were each charged with attempted first-degree promoting contraband and third-degree criminal mischief.

In those cases, Spurlock, Hatfield and Slone are scheduled to undergo a court trial in district court on June 6.

# Man arrested for allegedly selling 'shrooms' and meth

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County man was arrested last week for allegedly trafficking in methamphetamine and "shrooms."

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Chris Blackburn, 39, of Banner, was

arrested on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia after Kentucky State Police officers arrived at his home to serve an indictment warrant against him.

KSP Trooper J. Rouse

reported in the citation that Blackburn consented to a search of the home and they found "a clear rock-type substance packaged in separate clear baggies suspected to be methamphetamine" and "a green and gray substance packaged in separate baggies that are suspected to be

shrooms."

The second-degree trafficking charge against Blackburn alleges he was trafficking less than 10 units of a hallucinogen and the first-degree trafficking charge alleges that he was selling less

than two grams of meth. A preliminary hearing was scheduled to be held this week in the case.

It marks the second time this year that Blackburn has been arrested. KSP also arrested him on Feb. 10 on a charge of

second-degree burglary after he was allegedly found lying on the couch of a homeowner in Betsy Layne. The homeowner allegedly held him at gunpoint until KSP arrived to investigate those allegations.

# Controlled blasting used to remove boulder above US 23

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

On Friday, March 29, one of the two boulders that threatened highway safety along US 23 at Ivel was eliminated using controlled blasting with explosives.

Traffic was stopped on the roadway at about noon for 15 minutes as blasting contractor Kentucky Powder detonated the explosives.

The boulder, a fissile rock larger than an SUV, shattered upon impact, covering the channel created by the earlier slide, the Kentucky Highway

District 12 Office in Pikeville reported.

After cleanup work, traffic resumed in the southbound lanes. The northbound lanes remain closed. The reduced speed limit of 45 miles per hour is still in effect, the district reported Friday.

According to Matt Moore, Section Engineer with Highway District 12, the second boulder, which is further up the hill, will be removed this week by mechanical means.

Mary Westfall-Holbrook, D12 Chief District Engineer, said that spotters in pickup trucks will

continue to monitor the hillside 24/7.

"If there is any movement on the hillside that threatens the roadway at any time, traffic will be immediately stopped," she said.

She said it is important to "thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we continue work to clear the dangers above the roadway."

"Please continue to obey the speed limit of 45 miles per hour, and keep your attention on the road as you travel through this work zone," she said.

# Floyd resident accused of allegedly possessing child porn

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A McDowell resident is facing a felony charge after the Kentucky State Police alleges he possessed child pornography.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, David L. Caudill, 38, of McDowell, was arrested last week on

one count of possession of matter that portrays a sexual performance by a minor.

Billy Ball of KSP Post 9 in Pikeville alleges in the complaint warrant that Caudill possessed digital pictures of a minor female child's breast and "requested that other female juveniles obtain more pictures and send

them to him."

The crime allegedly occurred on March 1, the citation says, and the child was 13.

Caudill appeared in Floyd District Court for an arraignment last week. He was placed under a \$2,000 cash bond. A preliminary hearing was scheduled to be held in the case this week.

# Printer man accused of endangering children

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County man is facing felony charges for allegedly stashing methamphetamine within reach of children.

According to the citation filed by Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Johnson, Derrick Newsome, 36, of Printer, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance and first-degree wanton endangerment in the case.

Johnson alleges in

the citation that he assisted Deputy Jacob Calhoun with a traffic stop on a vehicle in which Derrick Newsome was a passenger on March 23. Deputy Darin Lawson arrested the driver, Jennifer Newsome, for allegedly driving under the influence, Johnson reported, after the vehicle crossed the center line and "almost collided" with Calhoun's vehicle on Ky. 1428.

Johnson claims in the citation that officers found a small plastic bag containing a crystal-like

substance believed to be methamphetamine in the vehicle. It was allegedly located in the back door of the vehicle where two children were seated.

"This bag was within reach of both minors and was in the door along with candy," the citation said.

Newsome was released on March 26 after posting a \$1,000 bond, court documents show.

He is scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court on April 10.



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# PSC denies request to dismiss gas company investigations

Betsy Layne business owner revoked loans for more than \$1.8 million

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Kentucky Public Service Commission denied requests to dismiss investigations into B&H Gas and Johnson County Gas.

On March 21, attorney Joe F. Childers, representing Betsy Layne resident Bud Rife, who owns the two gas companies, asked the PSC to dismiss the cases. The filing included signed revocations of promissory notes, signed by Rife as both the debtor and the grantee, on \$148,230 in debt owed by Johnson County Gas and \$1.8 million in debt owed by B&H Gas.

Rife filed those promissory notes as part as a rate increase application

in December 2018.

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

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

the investigation.

On Feb. 27, the PSC issued four orders halting the rate increase applications filed by both companies and it opened two new cases to investigate the loans.

In filing documents revoking those loans, Childers asked the PSC to dismiss the investigation without assessing sanctions against Rife. The Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate

Intervention, however, filed a response on March 21, stating, "The revocation of these promissory notes calls into question the very nature of B&H's operations, and Mr. Rife's fiduciary duty to the utility."

The office ask the PSC to continue a "generalized investigation" into the finances of both companies before it allows the rate cases to proceed.

The PSC accepted that request in its latest filing last week, ordering that Rife "failed to establish good cause to dismiss" the cases.

Childers asked for additional time to file requested paperwork in both cases.

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

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## Floyd County jailer denies allegations in wrongful death suit

**By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER**

Floyd County Jailer Stuart Halbert is denying allegations that he was responsible for the death of inmate Adam Potter, who was killed while in custody at the jail in June 2018.

Johnson County Attorney Jonathan Shaw, representing Halbert and five unnamed defendants in a wrongful death lawsuit filed by Potter's family, recently filed a response to the allegations, asking that the lawsuit be dismissed.

The wrongful death lawsuit, filed by Julia Vanderpool, as the administratrix of the estate of Adam David Potter, seeks damages Halbert and the five unnamed defendants who are identified as deputy jailers and medical professionals at the jail.

The lawsuit alleges that Potter's death was a "consequence of" three factors, Halbert's alleged failure to train and supervise jail employees, the unnamed defendants' alleged violation of "statutory, regulatory and common law duties they owed Mr. Potter" and their alleged violations of the jail's policies and procedures, as well as the alleged failure of the unnamed defendants to exercise a degree of care that would be expected "of a reasonably prudent medical professional."

Potter, 29, of Prestonsburg, died on June 5, 2018, after an alleged altercation with another inmate, Scotty Gibson, who is now facing a murder charge. At the time, County Attorney Keith Bartley said Potter died because of "one nightmare punch."

The lawsuit claims Potter was awaiting transport to the courthouse and he was placed in a holding area with Gibson. It claims dep-

uties "knew or should have known" that Gibson should not have been housed with Potter and it alleges they "took no special precautions" for Potter's care, failed to monitor the holding area, failed to intervene in the alleged fight and "ignored concerns about the conflict expressed by other inmates."

Shaw argues that the lawsuit fails to state a claim for which relief can be granted and states that Vanderpool is barred from recovery because of her failure to mitigate damages.

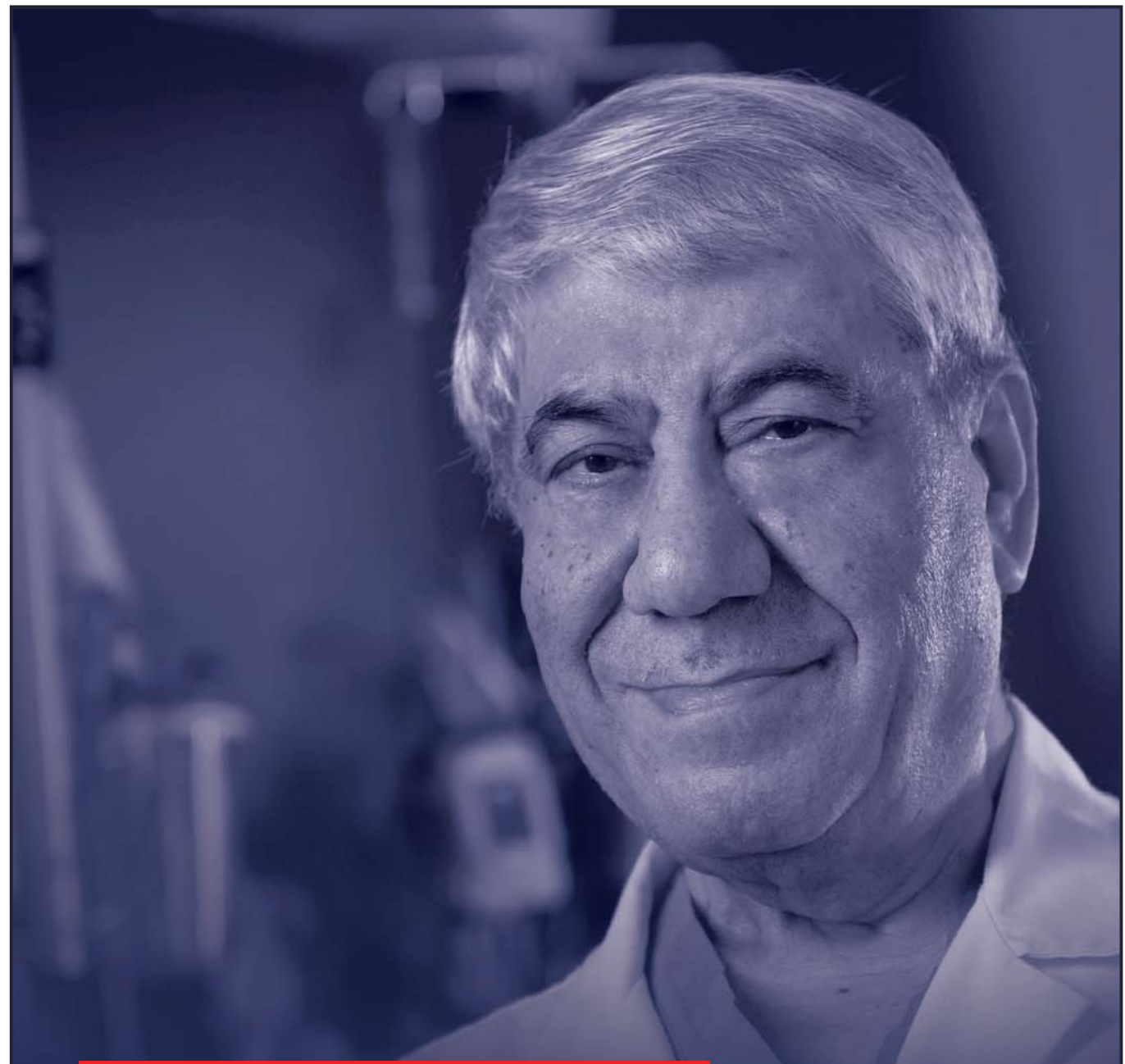
Halbert admitted that Potter was "involved in an incident with another inmate" on June 5, 2018, but he denied the allegations made in the lawsuit.

Halbert "denies all allegations of negligence and neglect," Shaw wrote in the response. He asserts that any damages suffered by Potter were "caused by the acts and/or omissions of a party or parties over which" Halbert has no control.

Shaw also argues that Vanderpool filed the lawsuit in violation of a state law that sets limitations on civil actions filed by inmates until other administrative remedies are exhausted. He argued that Vanderpool had not completed the grievance process and failure to do so bars her from filing the lawsuit.

The Kentucky Claims Against Local Governments Act also bars the lawsuit, Shaw argued.

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By  
MARK WOHLANDER

In the words of Harry S. Truman, "America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." Imagine those same simple words on a billboard on the road to rural America, or on a road to Eastern Kentucky which reads, "Welcome to Eastern Kentucky which was built on courage, on imagination and unbeatable determination to do the job at hand."

For anyone willing to take a moment to visit and understand the people of Eastern Kentucky, or for that matter, people of rural America, it would quickly become apparent that Eastern Kentucky, and the friendly, hardworking people of the mountains are a diamond in the rough, a diamond

loaded with skills, talents and an incredible desire to contribute to the growth and success of Kentucky and America.

Sadly, for the most part, it seems that the only time politicians consider Eastern Kentucky is when they want to pat themselves on their backs as they announce the next new project to give away tax dollars to attract some so-called business to Eastern Kentucky. Unfortunately, while most of these businesses promise hundreds of high-paying jobs, most of these jobs, or businesses, never materialize, and the tax dollars spent to attract these businesses and jobs disappear like a cloud on a windy day.

The one thing that is predictable about all of

these tax-funded businesses is that Kentucky politicians will always hold a press conference when they announce these tax giveaways, yet these same politicians will be nowhere to be found when these businesses quietly announce that the project has been abandoned.

One thing is certain; the very foundation of the success of America, the very foundation of the success of rural America and the very foundation of the success of Eastern Kentucky is the result of the thousands, no millions, of small businesses, which provide America's economic prosperity.

Consider for a moment that in 2018 the U.S. Small Business Administration reported that there were more than 30 million small businesses in America. Consider for a moment that in 2018, those 30 million small businesses employed nearly 59 million Americans. Finally, consider for a moment that the start-up costs for a small business in America, in rural America, and in

Eastern Kentucky, is just a fraction of the costs associated with the tax giveaways for businesses which for the most part will never create a single high paying job, or for that matter a business which will disappear into the sunset along with millions of Kentucky's tax dollars.

So, at the risk of offending Kentucky's politicians, maybe, just maybe, it is time for the people of Eastern Kentucky to take their future into their own hands. Maybe, just maybe, it is time to abandon the economic development programs controlled by the government. Maybe, just maybe, it is time to demand the end to the massive tax giveaways to businesses that make promises for high paying jobs, almost like the promises made by the Wizard of Oz, promises which will never be fulfilled, promises which never existed, promises which could never have been fulfilled in the first place.

Finding solutions for the economic prosper-

ity of rural America and Eastern Kentucky will not be easy. And although solutions will not be easy, one thing is certain, continuing on the same path of massive tax giveaways will end at the same destination, a destination littered with the names of businesses, businesses which never created a single job. It is time to find another path; it is time to abandon the old for the new; it is time for new ideas, not more tax giveaways.

In the end, for anyone willing to take a moment to visit and understand the people of Eastern Kentucky, or for that matter rural America, there will be little doubt that there is an American spirit which burns deeply, a spirit which has long contributed to the economic prosperity of America. To borrow from the words of W.C. Fields, "If there's a will, prosperity can't be far behind." In Eastern Kentucky, and in rural America, there is a will, and there is a certainty that prosperity can't be far behind.

So, as I often do,

I would invite each of you to join me on my imaginary mountaintop, a place where Eastern Kentucky's friendly and hardworking people can come together and find solutions which will fuel the economic prosperity of the region; a place where Eastern Kentucky's friendly and hardworking people can shout loudly that it is time to stop squandering our tax dollars on businesses which only promise, yet never deliver, a single high-paying job.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

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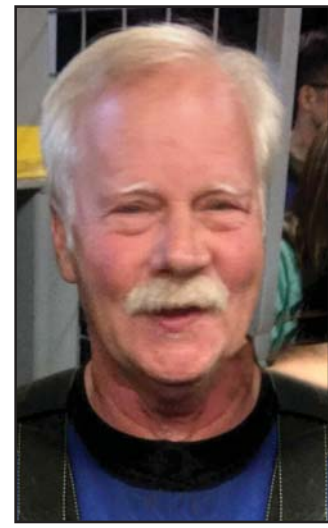
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# FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES



**Tavis Boyd**

Tavis Boyd, 66, of Dana, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2019, at his residence.

He was born May 14, 1952, a son of Lillian Jarrell Boyd Akers and the late Wilford Boyd. He was a retired electrician from Ford Motor Company and Scotts Branch Mining. He was also member of the UAW Local 862, Louisville, and the UMWA.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by one son, Christopher Todd Boyd of London, Ohio; one daughter, Heather Lea (Michael Lombardi) Boyd of Sheffield Lake, Ohio; two brothers: Billis (Diana) Boyd of Loraine, Ohio, and Randy Boyd of Dana and two granddaughters: Lauren and Natalie Boyd. He was preceded in death by his father, brother Sandy Boyd and sister Mary Jane Bailey.

Visitation will be held from 1 p.m. until 10 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, April 4, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will follow in the Wilford Boyd Cemetery, Dana.

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

This is a paid obituary.

**Elsie Helton Dotson**

Elsie Helton Dotson, 91, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 2, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial followed in the Dotson Family Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

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

**Town Frasure**

Town Frasure, 80, of Grethel, died Saturday,

March 30, 2019.

Visitation will continue Wednesday, April 3, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Thursday, April 4, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Kidd-Carroll Cemetery, Harold.

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

**Wilma Jane Johnson**

Wilma Jane Johnson, 60, of Melvin, died Saturday, March 30, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 3, at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin.

Burial will follow in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, Melvin.

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

**Gerald Dean Newsome**

Gerald Dean Newsome, 68, of Grethel, died Thursday, March 28, 2019.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 1, in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin.

Burial followed in the Newsome-Martin Cemetery, Grethel.

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

**Agnes Reed**

Agnes Reed, 74, of Martin, died Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

Funeral services were held Sunday, March 31, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Click Cemetery, Martin.

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

**Jim Waddles**

Jim Bee Bob Waddles, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 1, 2019.

Visitation will continue at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 4, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinville.

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

order, officially notifying Martin, again, that Prestonsburg objects to the proposed annexation. The order mirrors the other two orders issued by Prestonsburg on Jan. 29 and Feb. 25.

All of the municipal orders notify Martin that Prestonsburg objects to the annexation of properties in the Eastern area because the city has infrastructure there. Prestonsburg owns a sewage treatment plant in Eastern as well as utility lines that run along Ky. 550 and Ky. 80 — roads that are among those included Martin's latest proposed annexation.

The orders cite a state law that requires cities proposing annexation to notify other cities if the proposed annexation area includes infrastructure owned by the other city.

The municipal order also cites another part of

that law that gives any city owning utility infrastructure in an area proposed to be annexed the "right to object and prevent the annexation" by sending a certified copy of the municipal order.

"The city ... shall not annex any area that includes utility infrastructure owned by a city objecting ... provided, however, that the cities in interest may agree otherwise through an interlocal agreement established pursuant to (state law)," the statute states.

It notes that if the city proposing annexation does not receive a certified copy of the municipal order prior to the meeting in which the second reading is held, then the city that owns the utility infrastructure will "forfeit its right to object" and shall be deemed to have consented to the annexation.

Prestonsburg Mayor

Les Stapleton said Prestonsburg is trying to protect its rights under those laws.

"We have to object by law so we protect our rights of our infrastructure that we have there," said Stapleton, talking about the city's wastewater treatment plant near the old Allen Central High School and utility lines that run adjacent to several roads in the proposed annexation area.

"What it does, it puts them on notice that we do object," he said. "We will either have to come to some type of an agreement or they can purchase the system from us. I see that as probably the only two options we have."

When asked whether Prestonsburg would be willing to sell the system to Martin, Stapleton said, "We're open to all negotiations."

## Community Events

- Through April 5; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, 60 Court St., Allen, offers free garden seeds to low income families. Proof of income from prior month, social security numbers for all household members, utility bill for proof of address required. (606) 874-3595

- Through April 30: Applications accepted for the crisis component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. (606) 874-4350

- April 3, 5 p.m.: Wheelwright to hold special meeting, city hall.

- April 5: RSVPs request for "Sensitive Easter Bunny," a sensory-friendly event for children with autism or special needs, which will be hosted by ARH on April 20 at Graceway United Methodist Church in Langley. (606) 377-3431

- April 6, 10 a.m.: Volunteers sought for Park Day cleanup of the Middle Creek National Battlefield, Prestonsburg. Bring weed eaters, trash bags, gloves, lawn mowers. Park Day t-shirt will be provided, as supplies last.

- April 8, 9 a.m.: Big Sandy Regional Industrial Authority meets, Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374

- April 8-13: Floyd County Spring Cleanup. Free dumping at Garth transfer station from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on week days and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. All county fire departments will host a cookout for volunteers at 3 p.m. on April 13. (606) 886-9193

- April 8, 5:30 p.m. Final Tiny Eagle Academy for kids age birth to five, Allen Elementary. Free. (606) 874-2165

- 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.

- Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Moms Meet Moms in Recovery support group, offering free diapers, baby items, babysitting, food, refreshments, informational resources, at Destination Church. Qualifies as "parent education" and "peer support group" required by drug court. For information, call Kelly at, (606) 886-2788

**MARTIN**

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603.27 acres of property on Ky. 80, Ky. 2554, Ky. 777, "Old Ky. Rt. 80," Ky. 680, Ky. 122 and Ky. 550. City officials have said Martin is only annexing roadways with this proposed annexation.

The letter reports that Martin will hold the second reading of the ordinance on April 10 at 5 p.m. at the Martin City Hall.

Once again, Prestonsburg filed its opposition to the measure.

On March 23, as required by law, Martin sent a letter to Prestonsburg, notifying the city that Martin intends to annex "all or part of the property" through which the city has an easement or has utilities lines located.

At the special meeting on March 28, the Prestonsburg City Council issued its third municipal

**MILLER**

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Miller, 34, pleaded guilty to possession with the intent to distribute meth, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Court documents show that the charge of possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug crime could carry the most serious penalty at sentencing for Miller, with a maximum prison sentence of life.

According to an affidavit filed by FBI Special Agent Randolph Copley in connection with the case, Miller was initially charged in state court in August, just more than one year after he was sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court to serve one year in prison connection with a meth possession case.

KSP troopers, Copley wrote, received, "numerous anonymous tips stating that Miller was a methamphetamine dealer operating in Floyd County."

In July, Copley wrote, troopers seized approximately five grams of methamphetamine from a cooperating witness, who told the troopers they had purchased the

drug from "Will Miller" for \$300. The witness, the affidavit said, observed that Miller had "larger amounts of methamphetamine," as well as numerous firearms, including a handgun, shotguns and an AR-15 rifle in his residence. Miller, the affidavit said, has at least four felony convictions on his record.

Troopers, Copley wrote, conducted a traffic stop in August on Miller's vehicle and found him to be in possession of \$4,262 in cash, as well as two Suboxone strips and a .22 caliber revolver.

Copley wrote that troopers conducted a subsequent search of Miller's residence, during which they seized approximately 47 grams of suspected methamphetamine, \$914 in cash and a total of 10 firearms, as well as several items suspected to be used in drug trafficking.

As a part of the plea agreement, documents show, a charge of distributing meth on which Miller was indicted was dropped.

Miller will be sentenced July 8 in Pikeville. He remains lodged in the Pike County Detention Center, where he has been held since his arrest in October.

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federal judges, however, ruled the hearings were constitutional in other Conn client cases.

Attorneys on both sides appealed the decisions and the cases were consolidated into one case at the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

On Nov. 21, three U.S. Circuit judges issued what Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf refers to as the "Hicks decision," in a case in which Garrett resident Amy Hicks was the lead client.

In that case, the Court of Appeals decided that the Social Security Administration violated the constitutional right to due process for Hicks and other former Conn clients.

The decision noted that Conn bribed an administrative law judge who reassigned disability cases to himself so he could approve them

based on medical evidence of four doctors. The SSA, the decision said, then threw out medical evidence from those doctors before opening cases for re-determination hearings without giving the clients a chance to argue that the evidence could have been valid.

"It basically said that the hearings these people went through were unconstitutional," said Pillersdorf, who has been working with other lawyers and law students to represent former clients of Conn in Kentucky and other states.

Pillersdorf said it isn't fair that the SSA excluded the evidence in these cases.

"So, we said that's not fair. I mean, you're putting people through hearings, based on a secret finding of fraud," he said. "There's zero evidence that any of the clients were involved. In fact, none of the clients met Conn. And this whole idea that you're

going to exclude all of this evidence is unfair."

After the Nov. 21 opinion was issued, the attorneys asked the judges to reinstate the benefits for the former clients in the consolidated cases. The SSA, however, asked the court for a stay that blocked the request to reinstate benefits until the entire 6th Circuit reviewed the case and made a decision.

On Friday, the Sixth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals turned down the SSA's request for a re-hearing about the Nov. 21 decision. Pillersdorf said it was a 14-1 decision, with only one judge dissenting.

"Now, what happened Friday is we won again. The entire Sixth Circuit said no," Pillersdorf said. "There's was only dissent ... So, their only appeal now is to the U.S. Supreme Court, which is a 1,000-to-one shot."

He said the opinion impacts similar cases throughout the country.

"This is a significant opinion. It doesn't just affect people around here. I mean, they've got these types of hearings going on in New York and Puerto Rico and all over the country," he said. "So, some good came out of the Conn thing in that we got this terrible statute declared unconstitutional."

On Sunday, Pillersdorf and other attorneys associated with the former Conn clients' cases filed a motion asking federal judges at the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky to lift the stay that the SSA received to block the reinstatement of benefits for the former clients.

"In light of the Sixth Circuit's order, this Court should immediately lift the stay in this putative class action," the notice reads. "SSA previously argued that the stay should remain in place until the Sixth Circuit issues its mandate ... Even if SSA were to seek a

stay of the mandate, this court should nevertheless lift the stay in this litigation, because all of the reasons plaintiffs have previously given apply with even greater force now that the Sixth Circuit has denied re-hearing en banc."

Pillersdorf said he is cautiously optimistic that benefits will be restored to the former clients, but he expects that the SSA will appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

He said there are about 200 Conn cases pending in Kentucky, while hundreds of others are being heard in other states.

These former clients of Conn are struggling, he said.

"The worst part of all of this, and it continues to be a problem, is these people committing suicide, threatening to commit suicide, you know, this going without benefits for two or three years," Pillersdorf said. "One guy, I still can't get over it. He killed him-

self over Christmas. Just with two years of not being able to buy his kids Christmas presents, he killed himself."

Pillersdorf said he has confirmed that four people committed suicide after losing benefits, and he suspects another four people have done the same since their benefits were revoked.

Pillersdorf said there were 1,500 hearings, and attorneys helped 700 clients who won their re-determination hearings, while 800 people lost.

Last year, the SSA started another round of redetermination hearings for former Conn clients, but that effort got aborted, Pillersdorf said, because of the Nov. 21 Hicks decision and other factors.

Conn pleaded guilty in 2017 to federal charges and has been sentenced to serve 27 years, while and two doctors who also participated in the scheme were sentenced to four years and 25 years.

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# JCSO: Salyersville woman charged with attempted murder of deputy

By **WAYLON WHITSON**  
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A Salyersville woman was arrested on multiple drug charges and for allegedly attempting to murder a Johnson County deputy on March 20 after a multi-county pursuit, according to a statement from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

Jessica R. Minix, 29, of Salyersville, was arrested after a deputy attempted to conduct what he thought was a routine traffic stop due to excessive window tinting, according to Johnson County Sheriff Doug Saylor.

"We had a deputy attempt to make a traffic stop on a vehicle after

he noticed the window tint was excessive. (He) conducted a traffic stop at U.S. 23, and as soon as he opened the door and got one foot on the blacktop to approach the vehicle, the vehicle takes off, up Middle Fork, across Coleman Branch, to Ky. 1750, turns right on 1750 going toward Floyd County. He makes it to the end of that road, turns right, which is going in the direction of Ky. 114. Before he makes it to 114, he turns right," Saylor said.

"Toward the end of that road, they bail, two males, one female in the vehicle, and they run. We've got one deputy on scene, another probably

a mile behind him, probably a minute, a minute and a half. The female, Jessica Minix, makes her way back to the vehicle."

Minix entered the car, described as a 2007 Mitsubishi Galant, and "attempted to run over Deputy Michael Scott, who had to jump out of the way in order to keep from being run over, which could have resulted in the officer's death and/or serious injury," according to Deputy Jason Arms, who wrote in the citation that Minix also nearly struck his patrol vehicle head-on, causing him to "run into a ditch in order to keep from being struck."

Minix then drove onto

Ky. 114 before stopping, the citation said, and continuing into the woods on foot.

During this on-foot portion of the chase, one officer was placed into danger of falling off of an approximately 50-foot rock cliff, according to the citation.

According to the citation, Minix did not have a valid license and a search incident to arrest of her person led to the discovery of several "small baggies" containing approximately .2 grams of methamphetamine, an oxycodone pill of an unspecified amount, a "round white" buprenorphine (suboxone) pill, several hypodermic syringes,

a set of digital scales and numerous other "small baggies," such as those used to store the rest of what Arms suspected were narcotics.

Minix was charged with first-degree and first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), first-degree and first-offense possession of a controlled substance (opiates), second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree and first-offense trafficking in a controlled substance (less than two grams of methamphetamine), first-degree fleeing or evading police (on

foot), first-degree fleeing or evading police (motor vehicle), first-degree wanton endangerment (police officer), attempted murder (police officer) and traffic charges.

According to Saylor, the pursuit necessitated a multi-agency response wherein the Johnson County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Prestonsburg City Police, Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Magoffin County Sheriff's Office, Salyersville City Police and Kentucky State Police.

Saylor said the investigation was ongoing to track down the other two males involved in the alleged pursuit.

## GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.

AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT 15 MART MEADE BRANCH, PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a three bedroom home on public water and septic. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of three bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and two baths. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$18,760.00.

An open house will be held on April 23, 2019 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Paintsville Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 10:00 am., at the property site, at 15 Mart Meade Branch, Prestonsburg, KY in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the principal sum of \$33,597.06, with accrued interest of \$9,838.83 through January 12, 2016, with the total subsidy granted of \$9,482.55, escrow in the amount of \$313.90 and with fees assessed of \$13,473.03, for a total unpaid balance due of \$66,705.37. Interest is accruing on the unpaid balance at the rate of \$9.6882 per day after January 12, 2016, until the date of entry of the Judgment, together with interest on the Judgment amount at the rate of 1.17% per annum, until paid, plus costs, disbursements and expenses pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7:16 -cv-00018-KKC-EBA on the Pikeville Division of the United States District Court for Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on June 7, 2017, in the case of the United States of America vs estate of Kathy Thacker, et al, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located 15 Mart Meade Branch, Prestonsburg KY 41653, Floyd County KY Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated October 1, 1992, and in Deed Book 360, Page 678, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Cashiers Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 1.17% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquires should be directed to: Darwin E McGuire, Loan Specialist  
Rural Development  
Paintsville, Kentucky  
Telephone: 606/789-3766 Ext 4

## GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019 1:00 P.M.

AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT 2114 RIGHT FORK BULL CRK, PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 IN FLOYD COUNTY, KY



This is a three bedroom home on public water and septic. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of three bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and one bath. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$18,090.00.

An open house will be held on April 23, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

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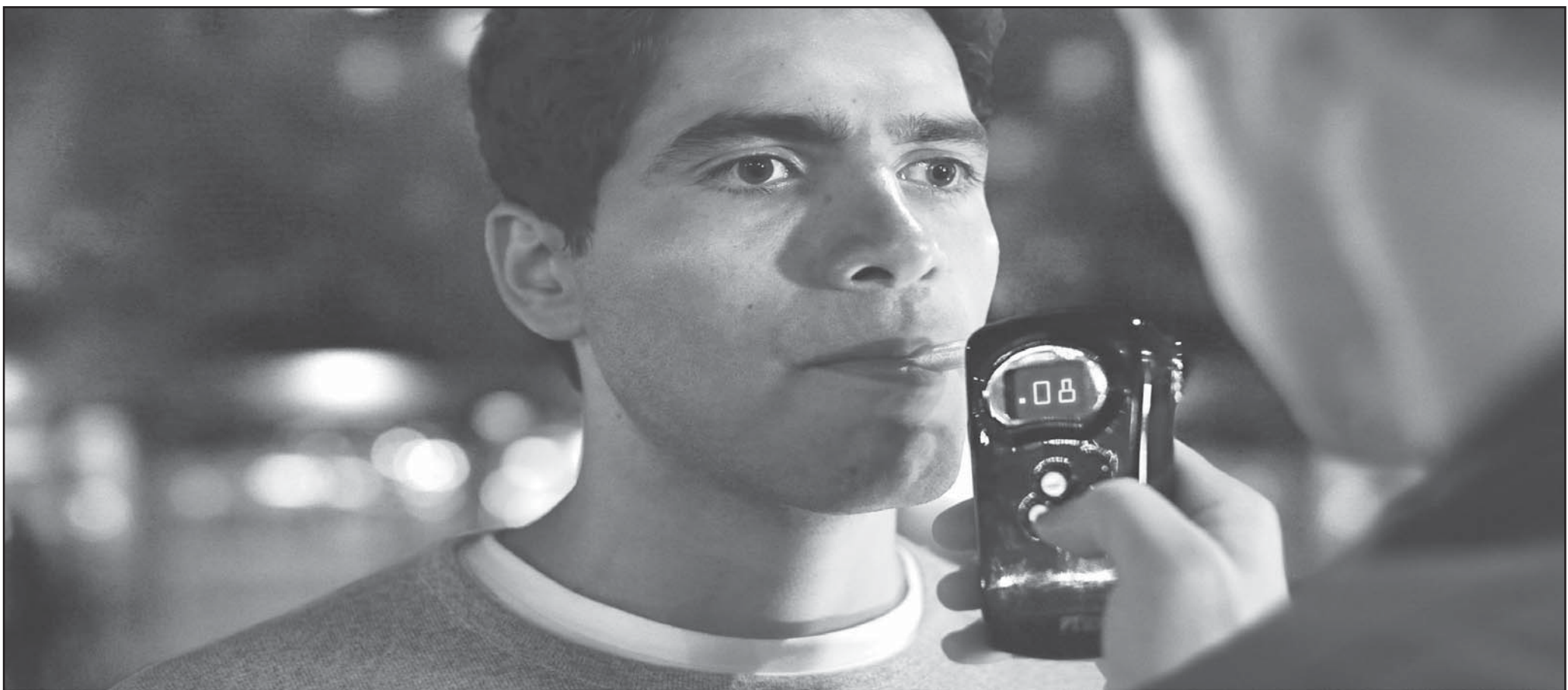
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 at 1:00 pm., at the property site, at 2114 Right Fork Bull Crk, Prestonsburg, KY in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the principal sum of 30,435.41, with accrued interest of \$2,072.11 through March 14, 2017, with the total subsidy granted of \$54,621.12, with late charges in the amount of \$0.00, and with fees assessed of \$1,460.19, for a total unpaid balance due of \$88,588.83. Interest is accruing on the unpaid balance at the rate of \$7.6254 per day after March 14, 2017, until the date of entry of the Judgment, together with interest on the Judgment amount at the rate of 1.21% per annum, until paid, plus costs, disbursements and expenses pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7:17 -cv-00071-KKC-EBA on the Southern Division at Pikeville of the United States District Court for Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on September 12, 2017, in the case of the United States of America vs Mary Rose, and Unknown Spouse of Mary Rose, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

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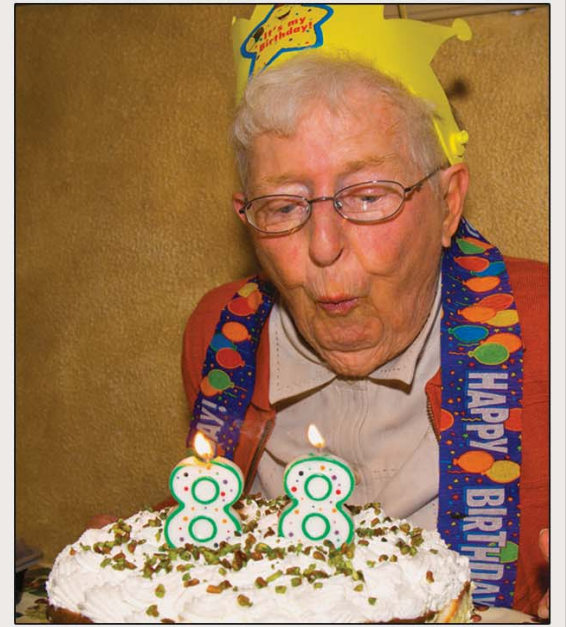


John Caleb Smith, the son of Aaron and Christy Smith of Allen was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Thelma Ratliff of Allen and John and Dorothy Smith of Wheelwright, Ky.

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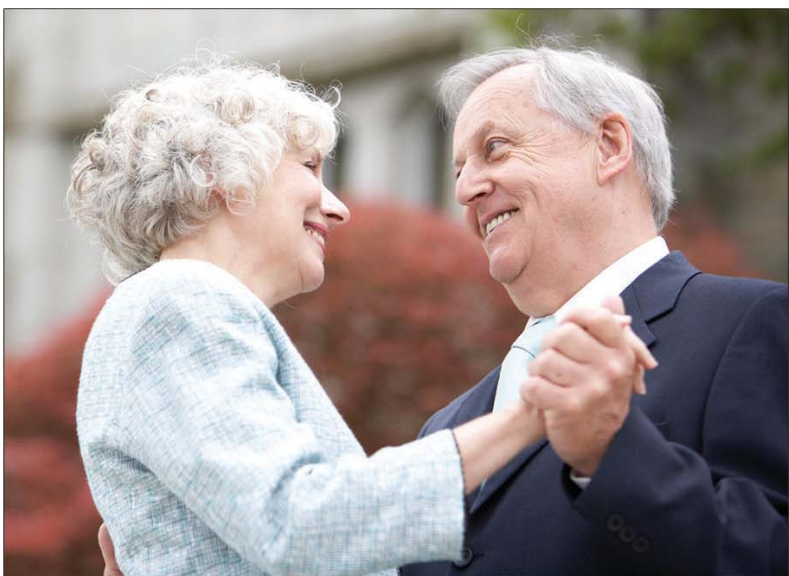
## Celebrating Birthdays



The Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center recently celebrated December birthdays. The guest of honor was Leslie Belcher. Belcher was celebrating her 88th birthday.

## Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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## Celebrating 55 years

Larry and Jane Marcum of Martin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2017 with a surprise party thrown by family and friends. The couple was married on June 23, 1962. Larry is a retired banker and Jane is retired from the Floyd County Board of Education. Mr. and Mrs. Marcum belong to the Martin Church of Christ where they are active members. They have four children, two sons and two daughters: Joe (Diane) Marcum of Martin, Frank (Judith) Marcum of Lexington, Anna (James) Richland of Archdale, NC, and Margaret (Joseph) Andrews of Lynchburg, Va. They have 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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Mike and Cathy Layne Dotson of Prestonsburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Renae, to Scott Michael Simpkins, son of Marvin and Lynn Robinette Simpkins of Williamson. The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Kentucky in 2015. Simpkins is a 2011 graduate of Pikeville High School and a 2015 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. A June wedding is planned in Prestonsburg.

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## Hatfield-McDaniel



Amy Michelle Hatfield and Chad McDaniel of Fort Bragg, NC, were united in marriage at six o'clock in the evening, Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Maple Lane Farm, Fayetteville, NC. The bride is a graduate of Allen Central High School and attended Morehead State University. McDaniel is a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School. He serves as a Sergeant in the US Army. Following the ceremony, the couple left for a honeymoon in the Bahamas. They are residing in Fort Bragg.

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Photo courtesy of Steve Russo

The Oak Ridge Boys perform on stage at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg. The concert was sold out weeks before the March 29 show.

## Review: Oak Ridge Boys can still 'wow' an audience

By **STEVEN LJ RUSSO**  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The Oak Ridge Boys have been playing to audiences for many decades, and last Friday evening they brought their music to a sold out crowd at The Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg.

They opened up their almost two-hour set with, "Come On In" and "Amer-

ican Made," closing out the evening with "Elvira" and "Bobbie Sue." In between, they thrilled the audience with a variety of their hits, and a few gospel tunes including, "Amazing Grace."

The Oak Ridge Boys started in the 1940s as the Oak Ridge Quartet and changed their name to the Oak Ridge Boys in the mid-1960s. In the mid-1970s, they changed

their singing style from mostly gospel to country music.

The group has undergone a few personnel changes over the years, with current members being William Lee Golden, Duane Allen, Richard Sterban and Joe Bonsall. Golden and Allen have been with the group since the 1960s (with Golden leaving in the mid-1980s and returning in 1995),

while Sterban and Bonsall have been with the group since the mid 1970s.

In the past five decades, they have received more than 20 awards and honors and were inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2015.

To their credit, they have produced 12 gold albums, three platinum albums, one double platinum album, one double platinum single and more

than a dozen number one singles and over 30 top ten hits.

They were last at the MAC around 2002, and one band member told the audience that they want to come back to Prestonsburg.

"But please don't wait another 17 years before you invite us back. We're getting a little too old to wait that long," he said. Age is definitely

catching up to this group, their ages ranging from 70 to 80, and their harmonies were just a tiny bit off from years ago.

But the Oak Ridge Boys, with their half-century of performing, can still wow an audience for a great evening.

Steve Russo is the director of the East Kentucky Science Center and board member of the Mountain Arts Center.

## BSCTC to host poetry, prose at planetarium

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD  
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Big Sandy Community and Technical College is hosting "Poetry, Prose and LYRICS Under the Stars" in the Varia Planetarium of the East Kentucky Science Center Wednesday, April 24, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Although it will be midday, the stars will be shining on the planetarium dome for the lyricism of singer/songwriter, Kevin Dalton, and poet Kalan Olivia.

A singer-songwriter from Somerset, Dalton started playing guitar at six years old and wrote his first song at 13. He has written over 300 songs and released two studio albums with his former band, Faubush



Submitted photo

See BSCTC, Page 12A Singer/songwriter Kevin Dalton has written more than 300 songs and released two albums.

## Volunteers sought for annual 'Park Day'

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD  
CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Middle Creek National Battlefield seeks volunteers for Park Day, which will be held April 6, at the historic site on Ky. 114 in Prestonsburg.

This year marks the 23rd year that the American Battlefield Trust has hosted the event. It's part of a national program geared to encourage volunteers to help clean up and preserve national parks. According to a

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# Job club seeks clients

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Job Club members

will learn how to build job leads, get job search advice, have access to job networking opportunities and build a professional resume.

The program is offered through a partnership between the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, the Kentucky Career Center Career Development office and Big Sandy Community Action Program.

The Floyd County Job Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 4, at the Prestonsburg Kentucky Career Center, located at 686 North Lake Drive.

All new members are encouraged to arrive 30 minutes prior to the meeting for orientation.

For more information, call, (606) 889-1772.

## PARK

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press release, the needs at the Middle Creek National Battlefield range from clearing brush and landscaping to trash removal.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring lawn tractors, weed eaters, trash bags and/or gloves.

Park Day t-shirts will be provided to volunteers after the cleanup, while supplies last.

The event will start at 10 a.m. on April 6. If inclement weather arises, it will be held, instead, on April 13.

For more information, contact Linda Layne at, (606) 886-1312.

## BSCTC

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Hill.

He describes his style as, "rooted in Appalachian history with influences like John Hartford, Doc Watson and New Grass Revival."

He is currently working on an album with his new band, Kevin Dalton and the Tuesday Blooms, which will be released this summer.

"This all-star crew features veteran musicians who have assembled to make a unique sound that doesn't quite fit into a specific genre. Owen Reynolds (upright bass) has played with both Zoe Speaks and Rising Appalachia. Tommy Cate (harmonica), and Kelly Caldwell (harmony, vocals, mandolin, and fiddle) bring their different styles to create a unique blend of instrumentation," a press release from the college said.

Olivia is an 18 year-old published author of a "A Priceless Christmas Gift" in the anthology "Many Times, Many Ways."

"Born and raised in Eastern Kentucky, she is actively writing novels and planning to further her education in the arts and pen many more stories filled with raw emotion and heartfelt redemption," the press release said.

This event is part of BSCTC's celebration of multiculturalism and inclusion entitled "Breaking Down Barriers: Heritage & Culture" that takes

place in April. As part of an initiative of the Communications & Writing Division, the East Kentucky Science Center and Campus Diversity, the event also includes coffeehouses, a student writing contest and student exhibits.

For more information about the event, contact English Professor Brandie Davis at, Bdavis0112@kctcs.edu. For information about the coffeehouses and student exhibits, contact Professor Judy Howell at, judy.howell@kctcs.edu.



Kalan Olivia, 18, poses with the first draft of her third book.

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## Lady Blackcats knock off Tolsia

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg was on a three-game winning streak heading into the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Clas-

sic on Tuesday.

After opening the season 0-5, Prestonsburg notched back-to-back wins over St. Patrick and Menifee County in Frenchburg on Saturday. Remaining in the win column on Monday, Pres-

tonsburg defeated visiting Tolsia (W.Va.) 17-2.

More on Prestonsburg's three-game winning streak follows.

**Prestonsburg 9,  
St. Patrick 1**

Winning on a neu-

tral field, Prestonsburg topped St. Patrick 9-1 in a high school softball game at Menifee County High School on Saturday.

Emily Salisbury went two for two with a triple and two RBIs to lead Prestonsburg to the vic-

tory over 10th Region member St. Patrick.

Jada Slone added two RBIs for the Lady Blackcats in the victory.

In the circle for Prestonsburg, pitcher Katelyn Bingham earned the win. Bingham surrendered

one run on two hits over seven innings, striking out seven.

**Prestonsburg 14,  
Menifee County 5**

Prestonsburg notched a win over an opponent

See BLACKCATS, Page 2B



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg batter Shae Robinson swings at a pitch during the Lady Blackcats' home game at the start of the week.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg second baseman Emily Salisbury delivers a throw to first base during the Lady Blackcats' home game against Tolsia (W.Va.) on Monday.

Prestonsburg's Jada Slone heads to first base after connecting on a pitch. Prestonsburg started the season 0-5, but has won three straight.



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Prestonsburg pitcher Katelyn Bingham sends a pitch to the plate while facing a Tolsia batter.

Floyd Chronicle and Times  
by Steve LeMaster



# Jaguars win two, drop three

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

Floyd Central came up with back-to-back wins over Breathitt County and Pike Central, but fell to Powell County, Perry Central and Hazard since last Thursday.

## Floyd Central 7, Pike Central 5

Floyd Central notched its second straight win on Monday, outlasting host Pike County Central 7-5 in nine innings.

With the win, Floyd Central evened its record to 4-4.

Pike Central dropped to 1-6 with the loss.

The Hawks lost despite outhitting the Jaguars 9-7.

Pike Central struggled defensively, committing six errors.

Chase Conley earned the win on the mound for the Jaguars. Conley surrendered zero runs on three hits over three innings, striking out three and walking zero.

Matt Combs started the game on the mound for the Jaguars. Combs pitched six innings, allowing five runs on six hits while striking out six and walking one.

Pike Central pitcher Ben Huffman took the loss. Huffman tossed two innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out six.

Evan Coleman started the game on the hill for the Hawks. Coleman worked seven innings, allowing four hits and five runs while striking out five.

Conley and Caleb Hager paced Floyd Central at the plate, providing two hits apiece.

Coleman went 3-for-5 at the plate to lead Pike County Central in the hits column.

## Floyd Central 6, Breathitt County 0

Host Floyd Central scored at least one run in each of the first four innings on its way to blanking visiting Breathitt County 6-0 in a high school baseball game on Friday.

Sophomore pitcher Caleb Hager earned the victory on the mound for the Jaguars. Hager surrendered zero runs on two hits over five innings, striking out six. Another pitcher, Dylan Mosley, threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen for the Jaguars. Mosley recorded the last six outs to earn the save.

Breathitt County pitcher Skylar Haddix suffered the loss. Haddix surrendered six

runs on three hits over three and a third innings, striking out four.

Hager, Mosley and Matt Combs each collected one hit to lead the Jaguars. Hager paced Floyd Central in another key offensive category, recording three stolen bases.

## Powell County 7, Floyd Central 4

Floyd Central doubled up its opponent 10-5 in the hits column but fell short on the scoreboard as host Powell County prevailed 7-4 in a high school baseball game on Saturday.

Nathan Skidmore was the winning pitcher for the Pirates. Skidmore, who is set to join the Eastern Kentucky University football program in the fall, lasted five innings, allowing eight hits and four runs while striking out six. Daniel Poe and Austin Begley entered the game out of the bullpen and helped to close out the matchup in relief roles for the Pirates. Begley recorded the last three outs to earn the save.

Floyd Central pitcher Caleb Hager took the loss. Hager pitched six innings, allowing seven runs on five hits and striking out eight.

Wyatt Clark drove in two of the Pirates' seven runs.

Hager, Logan Conley, and Matt Combs each managed multiple hits for the Jaguars. Hager went three for three at the plate to lead Floyd Central in the hits column.

## Perry Central 11, Floyd Central 1 (Five innings)

Floyd Central fell behind early and couldn't recover from its slow start as Perry Central pulled away to win 11-1 in five innings in a high school baseball game on Saturday.

Perry Central pitcher Mason McAlarnis earned the win. McAlarnis lasted four innings, allowing five hits and one run while striking out two and walking one. Dawson Kersey threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen for the Commodores.

Floyd Central pitcher Dylan Mosley took the loss. Mosley allowed seven hits and seven runs over four innings.

Perry Central doubled up Floyd Central 10-5 in the hits column.

Ryan Couch and Zack Gayheart led Perry Central with two hits apiece. Couch and Trevor Spurlock drove in

two runs each for the Commodores.

Logan Conley led Floyd Central at the plate, finishing two for two.

Floyd Central committed four errors in the setback.

## Hazard 10, Floyd Central 9

Floyd Central led visiting Hazard before for over six innings before eventually falling to the 14th Region frontrunner. Hazard managed to edge host Floyd Central 8-7 in a high school baseball game on Thursday.

The Jaguars led 6-1 at the conclusion of the first inning. Facing a two-run deficit, determined Hazard plated three runs in the top half of the seventh inning to move ahead.

Hazard edged Floyd Central 10-9 in the hits column and won despite committing four errors.

Floyd Central committed three errors in the heart-breaking loss.

Bailey Blair earned the victory on the pitcher's mound for the Bulldogs. Blair surrendered one run on five hits over five and a third innings, striking out five and walking one. Another pitcher, Kyle Johnson, threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen for the Bulldogs. Johnson recorded the last three outs to earn the save.

Garrett Miller started the game on the hill for 14th Region powerhouse Hazard. Miller went two-thirds of an inning, allowing six runs on three hits and striking out three.

Floyd Central hurler Matt Combs took the pitching loss. Combs surrendered three runs on three hits over one and one-third innings, striking out one and walking zero.

Chase Conley started the game on the mound for the Jaguars. Conley worked five and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on seven hits and striking out five.

Trajon Campbell and Andy Baker each delivered multiple hits for the Bulldogs. Campbell went three for three at the plate to lead Hazard in the hits column.

Combs and Dylan Mosley each collected multiple hits for the Jaguars. Combs led Floyd Central offensively, finishing with three hits in four at-bats. Floyd Central was hosting Hazard at press time on Thursday.

# Tackett throws no-hitter

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

Pitcher Byron Tackett threw a no-hitter to lead Betsy Layne past Jenkins 10-0 in six innings in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Monday.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 4-4 and advanced in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Jenkins slipped to 1-5 and was eliminated from the regional small-school baseball tournament with the loss.

Tackett allowed zero runs on zero hits, striking out 15 and walking zero.

John Addington was on the pitcher's mound for former 14th Region member Jenkins. Addington surrendered 10 runs on 11 hits over five innings, striking out six and walking one.

Betsy Layne banged out 11 hits in the tournament game. Tackett, Jordan Frazier, Chase Hamilton and Brady Robinson led the Bobcats offensively, providing two hits apiece.

Betsy Layne claimed its

third straight win. The Bobcats' current winning streak includes additional victories over East Ridge and Shelby Valley.

Betsy Layne was facing Shelby Valley in the second round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at press time on Tuesday.

## Betsy Layne 18, East Ridge 3 (Five innings)

In a dominant performance on the road, Betsy Layne pulled away to beat 15th Region counterpart East Ridge 18-3 in five innings in a high school baseball game on Friday.

Betsy Layne pitcher Byron Tackett worked one inning and earned the win. Tackett recorded three strikeouts while allowing only one hit.

East Ridge hurler Trey Blackburn suffered the loss. Blackburn lasted four innings, allowing seven hits and 10 runs while striking out five.

Betsy Layne connected for 13 hits in the contest. Brady Robinson, Jordan

Frazier, Zack Bentley and Josh Hall each collected multiple hits for the Bobcats. Robinson went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Betsy Layne in the hits column.

## Betsy Layne 7, Shelby Valley 6

Visiting Betsy Layne held on to edge Shelby Valley 7-6 in a high school baseball game on Thursday.

Cameron Kimbler started on the pitcher's mound for the Bobcats and earned the win. Kimbler allowed three hits and three runs over five innings, striking out three.

Logan Billiter started on the hill for the Wildcats. Billiter lasted one and one-third innings, allowing one hit and three runs while striking out two.

Jordan Frazier paced Betsy Layne at the plate, finishing with two hits in four at-bats.

Brown went two for two at the plate to lead Shelby Valley in the hits column.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg's Emily Salisbury put the bat on the ball during the Lady Blackcats' home game against Tolsia.

## BLACKCATS Continued From Page 1B

from the neighboring 16th Region on Saturday, defeating host Menifee County 14-5 in a high school softball game.

Katelyn Bingham went four for four with two RBIs and a home run for the Lady Blackcats. Bingham scored five runs.

Haylee Niece finished three for four with four

RBIs as Prestonsburg prevailed.

Aiding the Prestonsburg offensive attack, Alison Campbell and Jada Slone added two hits apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg plated 14 runs on four hits.

Haleigh Jefferson pitched five and 2/3 innings for Prestonsburg and posted the win. Jefferson registered five strikeouts.

## Prestonsburg 17, Tolsia (W.Va.) 2

Host Prestonsburg claimed its third straight win on Monday, rolling past visiting Tolsia 17-2 in four innings in a high school softball game at StoneCrest Sports Park.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 3-5.

Prestonsburg outhit Tolsia 10-7 and turned in an error-free performance in the field.

Jada Slone homered for Prestonsburg in the fourth inning. Slone and Shae Robinson paced Prestonsburg offensively, delivering two hits apiece.

The productive Slone provided three RBIs while Robinson, Alison Campbell and Abbey Poe drove in two runs apiece.

Prestonsburg pitcher Katelyn Bingham limited Tolsia to two runs on seven strikeouts. Bingham recorded six strikeouts and earned the pitching win.

Tolsia committed three errors in the lopsided loss.

Prestonsburg was facing rival Paintsville in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at press time on Tuesday.

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# WWE's Road to Wrestlemania



WWE's Seth Rollins crawls across the ring trying to make a tag during his match Friday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center.

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WWE Superstars Big E (left) and Elias (right).



Sports Editor's Note: To see more photos from the WWE's Road To Wrestlemania show from the East Kentucky Expo Center check out Appalachian Newspapers Inc. presents Bank On It podcast. To see the the photos on Episode 23 of the Bank On It podcast point your phone at the QR code to the left. Like, share, subscribe, comment and Bank On It.



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