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## Jenny Wiley Theatre group ordered out of Pikeville facility



### Shows to continue in P'burg, Pikeville

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The City of Pikeville ordered the Jenny Wiley Drama Association to vacate its facility in that city this week, citing alleged mismanagement by previous association staff.

Jenny Wiley Drama Association has been presenting arts and entertainment to the community for more than five decades, but "in recent years had become increasingly mismanaged and over-extended," according to a statement issued by Pikeville.

"The notice comes as alleged mismanagement by previous JWDA



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo  
**Jenny Wiley Theatre Board of Directors President Phillip Hunt speaks to members of the Floyd County Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission at a recent meeting.**

staff has been shared with the appropriate authorities," the statement said. "The JWDA, even with substantial investment from the City of Pikeville, the City of Prestonsburg and local businesses and philan-

thropists, had incurred substantial debt over the last several years."

Effective immediately, the Pikeville theatre will operate under the management of the

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
**A \$2 million construction project geared to remove a hillside on Ky. 122 is progressing. The construction impedes traffic, as fill removed from the hillside is transported off site.**

## Work continues on Ky. 122

BY MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

122 is currently ahead of schedule.

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 Spokesperson Sara George reports that a \$2.4 million curve revision project geared to improve safety on Ky.

Bizzack was awarded the \$2.4 million contract for the highway safety improvement project.

"It's a curve revision to improve sight distance

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## River access project planned

BY MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

a title search on property the agency wants to buy from a private landowner.

The Floyd County Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission is continuing its efforts to construct a boat access on the river on U.S. 23 in the Allen/Banner area.

The commission has been planning the project since last year. In December, commission members voted to give Treasurer David Tackett the authority to conduct

Members also gave him authority to "possibly" have a survey conducted and get an appraisal of the property, pending discussions with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Tackett said the commission is interested in buying about an acre of property in the area to provide parking and river

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## Floyd County Spring Cleanup next week

County offers community cookouts for volunteers at all fire departments

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County is gearing up for its annual spring cleanup next week.

During the annual spring cleanup, Floyd County residents may dispose of garbage at no cost at the transfer station at Garth from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on April 8-12. The transfer station will also accept free drop-offs

from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 13, when the county will also host the "Floyd County Wide Community Clean-Up."

The community cleanup is set to be held from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on April 13, and at 3 p.m., all county fire departments will host cookouts for volunteers.

The county is providing garbage bags to

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
**Floyd County Code Enforcement Officer Joe Reynolds uses a McDonald's to-go bag to demonstrate littering while addressing Prestonsburg Elementary students on Wednesday.**

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# Former Conn clients optimistic about latest court ruling

In the past three years, former clients have lost homes, cars, marriages

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

Some of the former clients of disbarred attorney Eric C. Conn have plenty to say about how his fraudulent practices have changed their lives over the past year.

More than 50 of his former clients turned out at a meeting on Tuesday to learn about a recent Court of Appeals decision that may help them get their disability benefits reinstated. The meeting, hosted by Prestonsburg Attorney Ned Pillersdorf, also featured information provided by attorney Evan Smith.

On Nov. 21, three U.S. Circuit judges issued what 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 by tossing out medical evidence that was used in their disability cases when Conn represented them.

Pillersdorf and other attorneys representing those clients asked that the court reinstate the benefits that were revoked from 800 people in 2015, but the Social Security Administration asked for a stay of that decision until the full Court of Appeals could consider the case. Last Friday, the Court of Appeals issued its ruling, turning down the SSA's request for a rehearing.

Pillersdorf told former Conn clients who turned out for the meeting on Tuesday that the decision was a win for their cases.

He also reported that U.S. Rep. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers has requested meeting with SSA officials in Washington D.C. about the case.

"We got really good news Friday. I think the SSA is about out of moves, except with the U.S. Supreme Court," Pillersdorf said, explaining that if the SSA appeals the decision, the process could take time.

Smith told the group that they're "very much in uncharted waters" with a lot of the legal issues raised in these cases.

"I can't answer every single question you all are going to have because for a lot of your questions, there simply isn't an answer right now, but, as Ned said, we are in better shape now than we've been at any point over the past four years, legally speaking," Smith said. "Now, I know for a lot of you all, when you look at your checking account, if you even still have a checking account, you don't feel better off now than you did four years ago. We feel your pain, and our number one priority is to figure out how to get benefits back to everyone that we can as quickly as we can, but also want to do it in a way that ends this, that means that this doesn't drag out for years more."

He asked meeting attendees to "be patient."

That was a tough request for Hindman resident Cheryl Johnson.

"I'm just tired of it," she said. "I'm just fed up with everything."

She initially received disability benefits in 2008 and she and her husband have been living off his monthly disability check since she lost her benefits in 2015. She said they had a truck repossessed and struggle to buy food and make house payments.

"You can't get what you need, half the time, and it's just awful," she said. "You lose things. You get things repossessed ... It's hard. It's just hard. They was so wrong. They get paid big money and they were so wrong and if they had to go through this, they'd see what it's like."

Knott County resident Ronald Dyer, 36, said losing his disability has nearly ruined his life.

"It's pretty hurtful. I've lost everything I own," he said. "Everything. My car, my home. I've been jailed several times because I couldn't pay my child support. It's over nothing, you know, something that wasn't my fault."



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

More than 50 former clients of disbarred attorney Eric C. Conn turned out at a meeting on Tuesday to learn about a recent Court of Appeals decision that may help them get their disability benefits reinstated.

Dyer was put on disability a year after being involved in an ATV wreck that killed his brother-in-law in 2006. Dyer was hospitalized for a month after that wreck and underwent numerous surgeries in which metal rods, wires and plates were used to reconstruct his face, leg and other areas.

He now lives with his parents in Knott County and caught a ride from a friend to attend the meeting.

"I have no other choice unless it's under a bridge," he said. "It's depressing. It's took everything in me out. It's hard getting something saying you owe \$78,000, you know, or they're going to sue you for it, and they're going to take everything. I've even tried to go back to work. I couldn't do it. It wasn't possible. So now, I'm struggling, living day to day trying to make ends meet."

Salyersville resident Jimmy Lemaster, 42, also lost his home and vehicle after losing his benefits in May 2015. He said the stress led to his divorce, and, after the divorce, he lost his home because he couldn't pay the mortgage. He said he was awarded custody of his son in the divorce, but lost that custody after he lost his home.

"I was just living from here to there," he said.

He moved in with his father until he was awarded disability benefits again.

Lemaster said re-

ceived disability because of Type 1 diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis, and he tried to return to work after his benefits were cut off, but the work caused him to have more surgery.

Lemaster said he went through the rehearing process and was awarded disability again, but this time, they gave him SSI benefits, which was less than the Social Security disability he previously received.

Before his benefits were revoked, he said his check totaled \$1,760, now, it's about \$733 a month.

"For the last year, I've been living off \$733 a month, so I rent a place



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf explains a recent Court of Appeals order that was favorable for former clients of Eric C. Conn during a meeting on Tuesday, April 2.

now," he said.

At the meeting, several former Conn clients asked if there's a possibility of suing the SSA. The attorneys told them the government has immuni-

ty and can't be sued.

Pillersdorf explained, however, that a case is pending in Floyd Circuit Court against Conn's malpractice insurance company.

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**PROJECT**

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access for non-motorized boats like canoes and kayaks.

Tackett revisited the project during the agency's March 28 meeting, seeking approval to spend up to \$10,000 for the survey, design and appraisal needed for the project.

Tackett said before the access could be built, the commission would need to get approval from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"We're not going to get approval until we spend money. Bottom line," Tackett said. "For us to get approval from Fish and Wildlife, they want to see a detailed plan of what we're going to do, if we're going to be disrupting any trees. We can't disrupt any bats. So, we're going to have to hire an engineer to survey the property and actual draw our plans out of what we want to do before Fish and Wildlife will even attempt to approve the application. Before the Corps will ap-

prove it, they've got to have Fish and Wildlife."

Commissioner Jeremiah Parsons and Mickey McKinney voiced concerns about funding the survey, appraisal and design work, asking what happens if the agency spends those funds and the property deal or the approval process falls through.

Tackett encouraged them to move forward, however. He said that's "the risk of doing business."

"My recommendation is we do it, we go for it," he said. "We can't sit here and do nothing."

The vote to spend up to \$10,000 was unanimous. Tackett said if the agency buys the property for this project, it will become an asset of the Floyd County Fiscal Court, which created the commission.

The commission's 2018-19 budget allots \$100,000 for the project.

During the meeting, the commission tabled a request from the Mountain Arts Center for \$10,000 in funding, with Tackett suggesting the request be considered during the commission's

budgeting cycle for the upcoming fiscal year.

MAC Interim Director Joe Campbell and Assistant Director Shelly Crisp made the request, reporting the funds would pay for advertising, they said.

Campbell reported that the MAC drew 150,000 people from 24 different states last year. Commissioners also appointed Parsons, Tackett and Dawn Slone to a budget committee, and discussed the need for a sign advertising the Allen golf course on U.S. 23 in the Allen area.

McKinney said the golf course is "number one" tourism asset in Floyd County that is not split with Prestonsburg.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
David Tackett, treasurer of the Floyd County tourism commission, talks about a boat access ramp project the agency is planning during a March 28 meeting.

The commission approved the financial report, showing the agency had \$188,000 in the bank at the end of March. The commission has spent \$26,600, the report says. To date, the tourism

**KY 122**

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and will also add a left turn lane at the Ky. 122, Ky. 680 intersection in McDowell," George said.

She said Bizzack started working on the project in December, but the Cabinet doesn't start counting working days on contracts until its construction season begins on April 1.

"Our construction season coincides with when the asphalt plants are open," she said. "So, our construction season, where we actually chart contractor's days, is from April 1 to Nov. 1. So, if they start earlier than that, they're ahead of their schedule."

She said the contract calls for Bizzack to complete the project in 160 days.

"The curve revision includes shaving off part of that hillside to improve sight vision," George said. "It's just a dangerous curve and that's about the only way to make it any better."

Bizzack is transporting fill material about a mile away from the site.

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Project, worked with former House Speaker Greg Stumbo to place this project in the state highway project years ago.

George said the cabinet could of spent years obtaining easements and

relocating utility lines without the public knowing the work was underway. The project also required an archaeological survey on the curve revision and associated excess fill material site near McDowell. The survey, which was completed by Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc. in 2014, included the review of about 12.5 acres of property in the area.

The survey led to the discovery of a small coal mine portal at the excess fill site that dated back to the 1950s, as well as a 1994 burial site for a dog named Duke, but the it reported that no archaeological sites were found.

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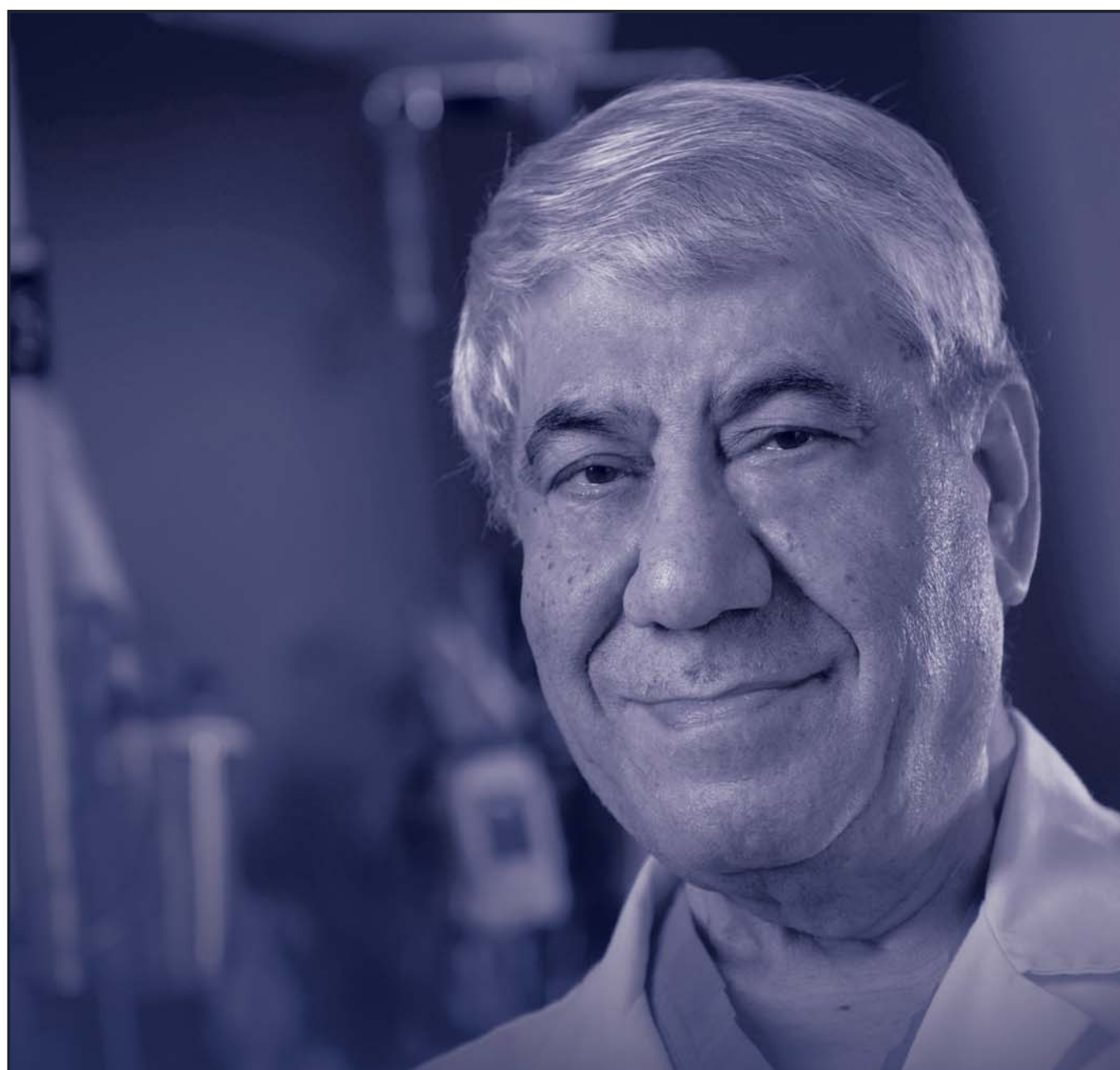
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**GUEST COLUMNS**

**Pulp Fiction**



**By JK COLEMAN**  
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A television actor that I'd never heard of before hired two pumped-up Nigerian pool boys to beat him up in Chicago. Turns out Jussie Smollett's goal was to gain sympathy from his fellow elite Hollywood liberals by blaming the concocted hoax on white Trump supporters. He paid \$3,500 for a deluxe fake assault, but by the time the guys subtracted travel expenses and a trip to Ace Hardware for miscellaneous butt whipping gadgets, Smollett was barely left with his mascara smudged. The economy package he wound up with consisted of a classic Three Stooges eye poking and a feet tickling to where he laughed so hard he almost couldn't breathe. A far cry from beaten to a pulp I'll say, and all just made up fiction.

have become the masters of illusion these days when it comes to hoaxes, to the point where if you didn't know any better you'd think it was April Fools Day all year round. The sham Mueller investigation, the mack daddy of all hoaxes, sucked three years from our lives, not to mention \$30 million from our wallets. And it's looking more and more like Obama had his hand in this failed plot to overthrow the current President of the United States. I may never retrieve the three years, but I want my damn money back. There's already enough hoaxes coming out of my paycheck to begin with.

Michael Avenatti, the creepy porn lawyer who CNN thought to be presidential material, is going to prison. Turns out, as if we didn't already know, he's simply another one of those bloviating Democrat scam artists who think they can get on TV and condemn other people's actions while having far more skeletons in their own closet. In his case, skeletons that go by the names of extortion, embezzlement and fraud. Avenatti once claimed that Donald Trump was "not my president." Well, where

Seems Democrats

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**Senate Week in Review**



**By SENATOR JOHNNY**  
RAY TURNER

Legislators worked late into the night on Thursday, March 28, the 30th and final day of the 153rd regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly, giving final passage to some important public policy changes before adjourning sine die.

Also before the last day, the governor signed legislation I sponsored to strengthen safety precautions for firefighters. Senate Bill 140 will expand its hepatitis B continuing inoculation voucher program to include hepatitis A vaccinations. The bill will become law in June.

Sending SB18 for the governor's signature was a victory for working women and Kentucky families. Known as the Kentucky Pregnant Workers' Act, SB 18 will make Kentucky the 25th state to guarantee pregnant workers a clear right to "reasonable accommodations" in the workplace. The intent is to keep

pregnant women healthy and safe on the job. This long overdue bill would outline the employer's responsibilities when making these reasonable accommodations. This bi-partisan legislation ensures that no business undergoes hardships while making it easier for pregnant women to continue to work.

SB 18 passed the Senate in late February on a 25-7 vote. It cleared the House 87-5 Thursday. The bill has been delivered to the governor. With 58 percent of the women in Kentucky's labor force being of child-bearing age, this is a positive step forward.

Also on the last day of session, a free conference committee, made up of Senate and House members, worked out an agreement on House Bill 358. This measure was intended to provide pension relief for the regional state universities, community colleges and "quasi-governmental" agencies such as health departments and mental health boards by allowing them to leave the Kentucky Employees Retirement System as of June 30, 2020, by paying their actuarial required contribution to the system in a lump sum or installments. Postsecondary institutions and quasi agencies that decide to stay in KERS will have to pay the full retirement contribution rate to the system

starting in July 2020.

Unfortunately, I could not support this bill – even with the changes made by the free conference committee. I voted no to HB 358 because it seems to dismantle the defined contribution plan and digs an even deeper hole in the already struggling unfunded liability.

The bill also included a new provision, which affects any group that leaves the current pension plan. If that group is ever more than 30 days late in making an installment payment – all employees of the group would stop accruing benefits under their current pension plan and begin accruing future benefits in a new 401(k)-like plan. Benefit checks to all members of the group will also be suspended until payments are current. The new provision could penalize retirees who have nothing to do with these payments. I believe giving agencies another year with a freeze would give the legislature time to make the right decision. We need to better vet the long-term impacts of this new plan before making such a rash decision. The bill passed Senate 26-11.

On a vote of 28-10, the Senate passed HB 11, which will ban students, employees and volunteers from using any tobacco product, including e-cigarettes, on school property or during

school events. School districts will be allowed to "opt out" of the ban within three years after implementation of the law. The growing usage of electronic cigarettes, especially among Kentucky's youth, was a push for passage of a tobacco-free school.

The Senate also came together to override a couple of the governor's vetoes. The Senate voted 20-17 to override the veto in HB 268 that deals with the flexibility of how the state's Area Development Districts spend money.

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# Federal disaster assistance available to homeowners in Floyd, other counties

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On April 4, Gov. Matt Bevin reported that the U.S. Small Business Administration has approved disaster assistance loans for the severe storms and heavy flooding that affected the state on Feb.

6 through March 10. SBA will make low-interest disaster loans available to homeowners, renters and businesses that sustained damage during the approved time period.

"We are grateful to the U.S. Small Business Administration for mak-

ing low-interest loans available to Kentuckians who are dealing with property damage caused by the severe weather earlier this year," said Bevin. "Kentucky's business owners, homeowners and renters are the cornerstones of our communities, and this pro-

gram provides important aid during the recovery process."

Kentucky Emergency Management Director Michael Dossett said the loans would help residents.

"We are appreciative of the SBA declaration in that these loans will

help citizens and small businesses with replacing personal property, real property and equipment lost or damaged during the severe storms," he said. "SBA has several types of low interest loans that can assist with a variety of situations."

Primary counties in-

cluded in the SBA declaration are Johnson and Magoffin, along with the contiguous counties of Breathitt, Floyd, Knott, Lawrence, Martin, Morgan and Wolfe.

For more information, visit, [sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance](http://sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance).

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The Senate also voted to override the veto to HB 4, which gives the legislature more oversight of executive branch administrative regulations.

Other bills that passed the Senate and have been delivered to the governor:

- HB 256 would allow alcohol to be consumed at private events in communities that are "dry," a term meaning alcohol sales are prohibited, or "moist," a term meaning it can only be distributed by authorized retailers, if originally purchased in "wet" communities. The Senate gave the measure final passage with a 26-12 vote.

- SB162 is designed to increase the pool of qualified applicants to be school resource officers. This is a policy in accord with SB 1, the School Safety and Resiliency Act. SB 162 will do this, in part, by creating the Kentucky State Police school resource officer program. The Senate gave the measure final passage with a 37-0 vote.

- HB 458 addresses changes in Kentucky's tax code that were embodied in HB 354 that was signed by the governor earlier this week. The Senate gave the measure final passage

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he's going his new president goes by the name Ronald Thump, and he's in the business of beating hot shot big mouths to a pulp. And that's no lie.

Jussie Smollett's case was dropped by a crooked prosecutor, though she did force him to do valuable "community service" by hanging out in Jesse Jackson's office for a few days. I take it Al Sharpton must have been too busy with his own hoax workload and wasn't available. I know one thing, Smollett better be glad he didn't get him a dose of white privilege from the Chicago legal system. If the situation would have been reversed, if the hoaxer had been white and blaming two black guys, his life would be ruined. In other words, it's a good thing Jussie Smollett doesn't have a mullet.

The pulpy plot is obvious when it comes to today's Democrat fiction. And I find it pleasantly ironic that liberals feel they must pay for fake butt whippings when all the while real ones are readily available for free.

with a 33-0 vote. It addresses deferred tax deductions and net operating losses incurred under the unitary reporting requirements that were passed last session. It also makes sure financial organizations established as "thrifts" in Kentucky get the same tax relief banks will receive under HB 354, a measure that passed earlier in the session. And, HB 458 clarifies that local deposit taxes on banks can continue to be levied.

All the bills passed by both chambers have been delivered to the governor's office, where most will be signed into law. However, he may veto some or parts of some of the bills. Once the veto period is over and the dust has settled, I will share with you highlights of bills that passed this session. In the meantime, I urge you to stay in touch. You can leave a message at, (800) 372-7181. You can e-mail me at, [johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov).



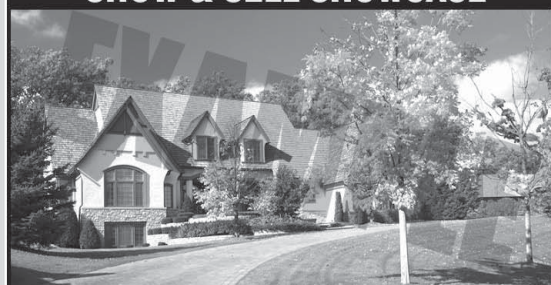
Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, speaks with fifth grade students from Prestonsburg Elementary to discuss state government and his role in the legislature at the old state Capitol in Frankfort. Turner represents the 29th Senate District in Floyd, Harlan, Knott and Letcher Counties.

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# Inmate arrested for allegedly punching deputy

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County Detention Center inmate is facing felony charges after allegedly punching a deputy jailer.

Darrell Lee Hill, 34, of Melvin, was arrested on Monday, April 1, at the Floyd County Jail following an alleged incident that occurred on March 27. He is charged with one count of third-degree

assault of a corrections officer and menacing.

According to the citation filed in Floyd District Court, Sgt. Bradley Fields removed Hill from video court for "being disruptive." Hill allegedly threatened Fields with profanity and when he was being taken back to his cell, he "turned around for a third time and squared up for a fight."

He was pepper-sprayed by the dep-

uty, the citation reports. Hill allegedly punched Sgt. William Henegar four times, the citation says.

Hill "refused court" that day in another case in which he was arrested on charges first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and giving an officer false identifying information. That court file identifies him as a resident of Lon-

don, not Melvin, and it alleges he falsely identified himself to officers. In that arrest, he is accused of allegedly possessing methamphetamine and several counterfeit \$100 bills.

Hill was arraigned on the new charges filed against him on Tuesday, April 2. He pleaded not guilty to the crimes. District Judge Jimmy Marcum scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for April 5.

## FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES



**Belinda G. Wilson**

Belinda Goble Wilson passed away on Saturday, March 16, 2019, in upstate New York. She was 65.

Belinda was born in Prestonsburg and raised in Allen. Fiercely independent and ever the adventurous spirit, she lived in Arizona, Florida twice, Alabama and New York with stints in Kentucky in between. Belinda was a registered nurse who did missionary work in Costa Rica and particularly enjoyed the fast pace of the emergency room.

Anyone who knew Belinda knew she was passionate about her dogs Slinky, Rachel, Luke and Ramsey, to name a few. She was multi-talented with a keen eye for color and aesthetics. Belinda was creative and artistic and incredibly skillful with her hands, whether it was sewing, ceramics, gardening or playing the piano. Her favorite places in the world were the mountains of Kentucky, where she grew up, and beaches of Florida.

Belinda was preceded in death by her parents Fannie and James Goble and her son Stephen M. Wilson.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Adam M. and Vivian and Vivian Wilson-Hwang; her grandson Beckett M. Wilson-Hwang; her siblings: James Goble, Sheila Griffith and Sharon G. Neeley; and her nieces and nephews: Angelia Neeley, Richard Neeley, Matthew Goble, Sarah McCoy, Andrew Griffith and Andrea Griffith.

A celebration of Belinda's life will be held at 171 Cemetery Loop

Road, Allen, on Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m. A picnic will follow at Dewey Dam, Shelter #4, Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg, Ky.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the ASPCA.

This is a paid obituary.

### **Bonnie Baldrige**

Bonnie Baldrige, 65, of Sadieville, died Monday, April 1, 2019.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 4, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, April 5, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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

### **Margaret Gail Brown**

Margaret Gail Brown, 40, of Hueysville, died Monday, April 1, 2019.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 4, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, April 5, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Brown Cemetery, Royalton.

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

### **Rebecca Sue Ousley Hammonds**

Rebecca Sue "Becky" Ousley Hammonds, 64, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 1, 2019.

Visitation will continue Friday, April 5, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 6, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

## CLEANUP

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volunteer groups, and they will be distributed by fire departments throughout the county prior to the community cleanup day. Trash bags are also available by contacting Reynolds at the county courthouse.

Code Enforcement Officer Joe Reynolds, who has spoken of the county's litter problem being an "epidemic," hosted a presentation for students at Prestonsburg Elementary School on Wednesday — one of several presentations he said he will offer to county schools this year.

As part of the presentation, he threw trash from a local restaurant on the floor and asked students why they'd throw trash out a car window if they wouldn't throw it on their school gym floor. Reynolds encouraged the kids to tell their parents to use bags from local stores to collect trash in their vehicles instead of throwing it out the window. He also encouraged them to recruit family members to participate in the community cleanup on April 13.

"We're just asking each person to clean up their yard and the ditch line in front of their home, and to help their

neighbors and friends, if they can't get out and do it themselves," Reynolds said.

He said residents can leave bags of trash collected on April 13 next to the stop sign on the main road in their communities. The county will start collecting those bags of trash on April 15, but Reynolds said workers won't be able to travel up hollows.

Local cities are working with the county to clean up their communities. The City of Allen is expected to host its annual spring cleanup on April 12. In Wheelwright, officials and volunteers started the cleanup last

week, and already have a pile of trash ready to be picked up near city hall.

"We really cant, no matter what we do in terms of tourism and trying to attract businesses, if we don't clean the community up and the town up, we're wasting our time. That's got to come first," Wheelwright Fire Chief Daniel Gullett said.

County officials are planning to host an appliance pick-up event several weeks after this community cleanup and a tire pickup as well. Details about those cleanups will be released at a later date.

## THEATRE

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City of Pikeville as a division of the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center. Robin Irwin — who previously worked for the drama association — has been hired by the City of Pikeville as executive director of the theatre, Pikeville reported.

Pikeville Mayor Jimmy Carter said the decision to order the drama association to vacate the premises came to protect taxpayer funds.

"As mayor, it is my job to make sure taxpayer funds are being used wisely; as a citizen, it is my goal to make Pikeville a great place to live and visit," he said in the statement. "As soon as I heard about the issues surrounding the Jenny Wiley Drama Association, we took action to protect taxpayer dollars and preserve the arts for our region. While it is regrettable that the JWDA has reached such a precarious position, the city was left with no choice but to issue this notice to protect taxpayers and to ensure that live theatre would continue in downtown Pikeville."

Pikeville City Manager Phillip Elswick told the Appalachian News-Express that the drama association's debts approached \$1 million to all third-party entities.

"There is substantial debt that Jenny Wiley Drama Association incurred on their own that is not with the city," he told the News-Express, adding that the debt is "so excessive that there

is no legitimate way a producing theater can ever pay that debt off."

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said the association owes the city about \$3,000. The city leased the amphitheater from the Kentucky State Parks last year after it had fallen in disrepair and it was temporarily closed by the state because of safety reasons. Prestonsburg made the repairs, with funding from the city, Prestonsburg Tourism and Floyd County tourism, and the theater reopened in time for productions last year.

Prestonsburg secured a sublease with the drama association last year, and the agreement called for the organization to pay Prestonsburg two percent of the gross ticket sales, as well as meet other requirements.

Stapleton said Prestonsburg has asked the association to renegotiate the lease, but the organization has not yet responded to that request.

Productions will continue to be offered at both facilities, Pikeville officials reported in the statement.

"Despite the unfortunate circumstances surrounding JWDA, the cities of Pikeville and Prestonsburg say theatre goers will continue to have access to productions at both Jenny Wiley facilities," the press release said.

Stapleton pledged to ensure that the amphitheater's future in Prestonsburg is "vibrant."

"The City of Prestonsburg took on the Jenny Wiley Amphitheater last year in an effort

to secure good arts and performances here in the Prestonsburg area. We will continue to make sure that there is performances at the amphitheater with the addition of concerts and other activities," Stapleton said.

He said Prestonsburg plans to improve the amphitheater.

"It's going to be beautiful," he said. "I'm looking forward to showcasing the amphitheater as one of the best outdoor venues in the state, by late spring."

The recently-appointed president of the theater's board of directors, Phillip Hunt, sought financial help for the theater and received \$10,000 from the Floyd County Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission recently. He submitted an application seeking \$50,000, calling 2019 a "critical year" for the theater.

At that meeting, he detailed issues that left the organization struggling financially.

"We've made no bones about it. We had some management problems, and, last August, we finally had to lay off all of the employees," he said.

"The board had to take over the management of the whole organization and we had financial problems, as you know, we had to cancel shows. And then, we got to a point to where we were able to put shows back on for Christmas, and now we have seen our way to be able to hire a top-notch management team."

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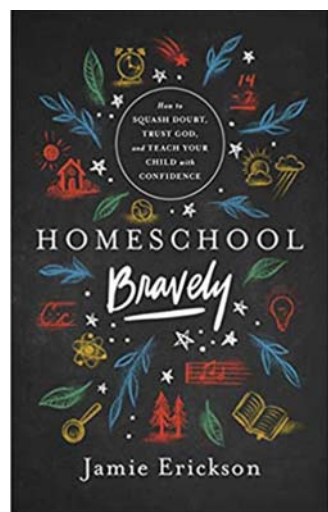




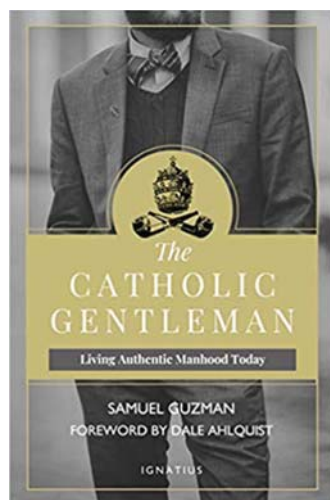


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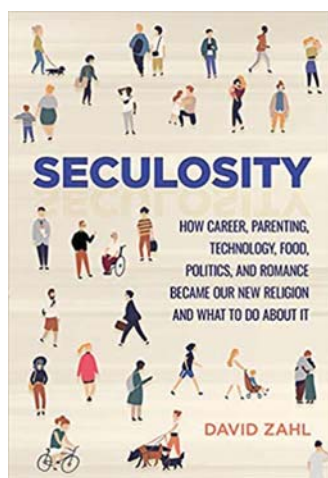
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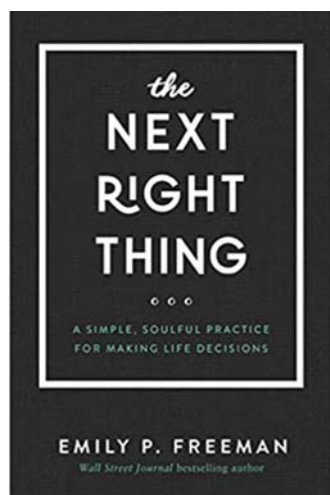
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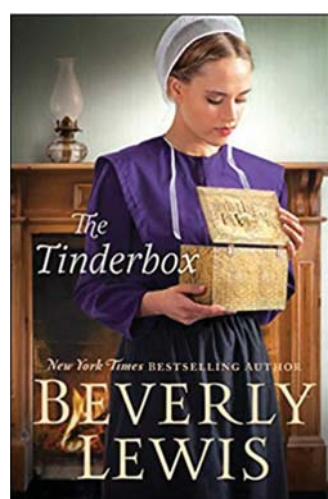
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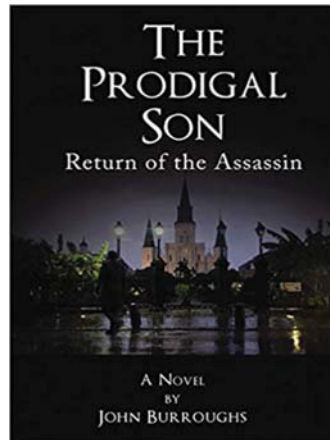
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All societies incorporate moral instruction into the education of children. In earlier times it was common for schoolchildren to learn to read using the Bible, and a close reading of the Book of Proverbs makes evident that scripture was intended to be used for moral instruction. Modern secular education has in many ways been tied to the economic engine of capitalism, and thus we see the importance of the STEM disciplines (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Teaching those disciplines is important for our economy, but if it neglects the moral education of children, then arguably our children will be missing a very important part—perhaps the most important part—of their education, that is, the part which helps them develop into good and decent

people. This is not to say that a "secular" education cannot inculcate values, but many parents feel that the moral part of their children's education has been so neglected by the public-school system that they prefer to put their children into religious-affiliated schools or homeschool them. All teachers have an opportunity to lead by example, and thus public schools can play a vital role in the moral education of our children. We do well to consider carefully how best to raise our children to be both productive and morally upstanding members of society. And remember that your moral education doesn't stop when you graduate from high school.  
—Christopher Simon

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## Sometimes we just have to let it go



By JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Sometimes we just have to let it go.

We carry around unnecessary baggage. Anger. Hurt. Resentment. In the moment we are wronged, we have the right to be all of those things. If someone has deceived us, we have a right to be angry. If our loved one says or does something mean, we have the right to be hurt. If someone sabotages us, we have the right to be resentful. We're human and there is nothing wrong with experiencing these emotions.

However, sometimes, we just have to let it go. It's not easy. It's not part of our human nature.

In the past, someone deceived our congregation. Operating under completely false pretenses, this individual stole from the church. They had no intention of delivering on the obligation they agreed upon. When I found out what happened, I was

mad. I was livid. I wanted justice. I wanted retribution. I wanted back what had been wrongfully taken from us. However, that simply wasn't happening.

I'll admit, it took me awhile to let it go. I didn't just wake up one morning and boom! my anger had disappeared. It was a gradual process over the course of time. It was so gradual, in fact, that I couldn't even see it happening. But now, my anger is gone. I have come to the realization that the situation is in God's hands. This individual may have deceived us, but ultimately it was God they stole from. Therefore, it is God's to deal with.

I know forgiveness isn't always easy to do. However, it's what God wants us to do. In the Old Testament, Joseph was the favorite child of Jacob. Because of this, his brothers hated him. They plotted to kill him, but instead sold him to the Ishmaelites. Joseph's own brothers sold him into slavery! If anyone had the right to be upset, it was Joseph. However, anger is not the route Joseph takes. Instead, he relies on his faith and calmly faces each hand he's dealt. Jacob is sold again in Egypt to Potiphar. While there, he was falsely accused and imprisoned. However, even

while jailed, Jacob continues faithfully and God blesses him for it. Joseph was put "in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the Lord was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did (Genesis 40:22-23)."

Joseph, who faced many hardships because of his brothers' resentment, let it all go.

Joseph had the right to be bitter and angry more than anyone. Yet, we never see Joseph respond in such a manner. Instead, he simply continues diligently in the work he was given. Finally, after some time, Joseph is brought before Pharaoh to interpret his dreams. God reveals to Joseph the meaning of Pharaoh's dreams. Pha-

raoh then makes Joseph his second-in-command (Genesis 41:41-43)! While in this position, there is a great famine in the land. Joseph's brothers come to Egypt in search of food. They appear before Joseph, requesting to buy grain, not knowing who he is. Joseph could have easily not given them anything. But Joseph was a faithful man of God. He gave them food, moved his family to Egypt and was reconciled with them.

Joseph, who faced many hardships because of his brothers' resentment, let it all go. He forgave them. He moved on. Even after their father died, Joseph assured his brothers, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children (Genesis 50:19-21)."

If Joseph can forgive his own brothers for selling him into slavery, surely we can forgive the wrong done unto us. It doesn't mean we forget what happened. But we can reconcile with one another and move on in faith. We simply have to open our hearts and be willing to let it go.

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# Floyd BOE approves district plan

By **ELAINE BELCHER**  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education approved the 2018/2019 Floyd County Schools Comprehensive District Improvement plan during the regular board meeting on March 25 at Prestonsburg Elementary School.

While the plan passed without comment during the meeting, it shares information on the status of the district academically.

According to the district plan shared on the Floyd County Board of Education website, areas of concern for the county are Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress (KPREP) elementary math scores, which fell 10.4 points, and KPREP high school math scores, which are down 11.5 points. KPREP writing scores fell in all areas with elementary down 20.8 points, middle school was down 5.4 points, and high school was down 12.9 points.

Additionally, attendance for teachers and students has dropped from 95.5 in 2015/2016 to 94.2 last year.

"Elementary KPREP percentages of proficient/distinguished last year was 71.9 percent, down slightly from 2016/2017 of 75 percent. Middle School KPREP of proficient/distinguished as 68.2, again down from 2016/2017 scores of 69.2 percent," said the plan. "High School KPREP proficient/distinguished in reading went from 50.7 percent in 2016/2017 to 37.4 percent, however, this was from two different exams as the 2016/2017 exam was from English II EOC while last year's score was from the reading portion of the ACT exam."

The plan details that elementary KPREP math scores dropped to 58.7 percent from 69.1 percent, while middle school KPREP proficient/distinguished dropped from 53.4 in 2016/2017 percent to 52.3 percent last year. High school profi-

cient/distinguished rates in math dropped from 38 percent to 26.5 percent, however, these scores may be the result of two different exams from Algebra II EOC to the math portion of the ACT exam. Additionally, the plan states that middle school scores went from 71.4 percent in 2016/2017 to 50.6 percent last year.

A reason for the gap between current scores and those in 2016 might be attributed to past issues with testing within the district in 2016, according to Superintendent Danny Adkins.

"As I was not here during the previous year of which the test scores are actually for, I can't directly pinpoint the reason but I would think of differing testing groups and a period of administrative transition as being possible causes," said Adkins. "I have not looked at those scores as they are from the previous administration, actually three years prior to my being hired."

As previously report-

ed, the Floyd County Schools District earned numerous accolades for achievements on state tests, including multiple "District of Distinction" honors, and in 2016, a ranking of sixth statewide, but an audit, with its results released to the district in June 2018, brought out numerous issues with the district's testing.

The audit covered the review of data and documents from 2014 through 2016, when the district was under the leadership of former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb, who resigned last June. The audit also looks at the 2017-2018 school year, when the district came under the leadership of former Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble.

The Kentucky Department of Education required the school district to implement a corrective action plan this year, following an audit of the district's services for children with special needs.

Adkins previously

said that the corrective plan was written by Larry Begley, the new director overseeing special needs services, in conjunction with a KDE official. He was sent a copy of this audit shortly after he began his employment in the school district, and none of the findings took place under his watch.

Adkins told the Chronicle and Times he pledges to follow the corrective action plan "to the letter" and work closely with the KDE to resolve issues.

"My statement to the public is, I can't speak to what has happened in the past, but I can speak to what's going to happen in the future," Adkins said. "We will follow our corrective action plan, and we will follow the laws that govern special education, and there are laws that govern everything that they mention in there. We will follow those laws to the letter."

Those corrective actions have already started taking place, but according to Adkins, it is a

work in progress. Current work in TSI areas as well as professional development and training for staff is ensuring that attention is paid to where it is needed the most — the students.

"We are continuously putting our focus back on instruction. We're using the math data to put the focus back on the students and better utilizing a program called 'Measuring Academic Progress' and identifying the needs of the students," he said. "Teachers are going back to the professional development academy again this summer to offer the teachers exactly what they need to help students. We don't tell them what they need, we let them tell us."

Adkins said, "The most important thing is that we focus on the students as individuals rather than just what the test scores say. There is more to life than test scores and the future of each of our students is more than a number."

## Women arrested for allegedly lying about rape, kidnapping

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE**  
AND **TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Two Pike County women were recently arrested in Floyd County for allegedly lying about being raped, stalked and kidnapped.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Emily Quaine, 19, of Pikeville, and April Scott, 25, of Pikev-

ille, were arrested and charged with one count each of falsely reporting an incident.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Michelle Waller arrested Quaine on March 29 at the Floyd County Justice Center.

The warrant, filed by Toby Gardner of the Kentucky State Police, alleges that on March 25, Quaine told KSP that three depu-

ty jailers handcuffed her and forcibly raped her.

"Video surveillance at the jail clearly reveals these allegations are untrue," Gardner wrote in the warrant.

Prestonsburg Police Sgt. Ross Shurtleff arrested Scott on March 31, reporting that the police department has been repeatedly called to investigate crimes she reported.

Shurtleff wrote in the citation, "Over the previous five days, I (twice) and other officers have responded to Super 8 motel and the area of Shop-

pers Path for complaints called in by (Scott) such as two males stalking her that were just patrons of the businesses, to kidnapping complaints and the most recent resulting in this arrest being

a complaint that Super 8 motel workers stole her food stamp card."

He alleged that Scott "will not make any attempt to help herself." He reported Scott was dropped off at the hotel by the Pike County Sheriff's Department and had been released from hospitals after not meeting the criteria for mental hospitalization.

"(Scott) is constantly tying patrol units up on false complaints," Shurtleff wrote.

Both Quaine and Scott pleaded not guilty to one count each of falsely reporting an incident on April 1. Floyd County District Judge Jimmy Marcum scheduled court trials to be held on May 16 in both cases.

## Martin resident allegedly tried to burn down house

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE**  
AND **TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Martin resident is facing felony charges for allegedly trying to burn down a residence on Caney Fork in Martin last week.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Gregory K. Arnett, 36, of Martin, was arrested on March 29 and charged with first-degree wanton endangerment and second-degree crim-

inal mischief.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Darvin Marsillett alleges in the citation that he was called to investigate a call from a female who said her son was attempting to burn down the residence and had set it on fire.

Marsillett reported that when he arrived at the home, he made contact with Arnett and he told him, "he had went off and that was why he was trying to burn the

house."

"Greg Arnett had set fire in the front room of the residence when a neighbor had come over and made Greg put the fire out," Marsillett wrote.

Arnett pleaded not guilty to the charges during an arraignment in Floyd District Court on Monday, April 1. District Judge Jimmy Marcum scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for April 5.

## Floyd resident faces assault charge

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE**  
AND **TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County man was arrested last weekend for allegedly beating a woman with a stick.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, James Ryan Hall, 37, of Grethel, was arrested on one felony count of second-degree following an incident that allegedly occurred on Saturday, March 30.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Matthew Barger reports in the citation that he and Trooper Darvin Marsillett were called to a home in Grethel to investigate reports of a man hitting a woman with a stick in the middle of the road.

Barger reported that the victim was lying on the couch inside the home

with an ice pack on her ankle. She was crying, he wrote in the citation.

"I observed she had several ... marks on her upper left thigh," Barger reported. "She has on camo ball shorts and a white T-shirt. I observed her hair was wet and her wrist was extremely swollen."

He said the female reported that she was afraid of the man and his family and that she allegedly "tried to leave the residence because he was back using drugs again."

The woman claimed that Hall hit her with a stick when she tried to leave and he "chased her down."

"She advised that when he caught her, he had a stick in his hand and struck her multiple

times before picking her up and bringing her back to the residence," Barger wrote. He reported the woman said Hall forced her to take a shower and change clothes "so the mud and dirt would not be on her if the cops showed up."

Barger also interviewed an anonymous witness, the citation says, who saw the woman walking down the road asking for help and saw Hall beating her with the stick.

The woman was transported to McDowell ARH for treatment.

Hall was released for medical reasons, court documents say. He was ordered to return to the jail upon release from the hospital and to stay 500 feet away from the woman.

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# Work continues on slide at Ivel

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 in Pikeville reported this week that the boxcars stored alongside the work zone on U.S. 23 at Ivel were moved into barrier formation on Thursday, April 4.

"We will stack them two deep and two high along the outside northbound lane," said Engineering Branch Manager Darold Slone. "The goal is to open one northbound lane to traffic and protect all three open lanes once we start to move material off the hill."

Slone said the work has been underway for weeks on top of the hill above the slide area. Last Friday, March 29, the first of two huge boulders was blasted into smaller pieces. This week, the second big boulder was broken apart using a hoe-ram, a percussion hammer fitted to an excavator.

The boxcar barrier work is expected to last through most of the day on Friday, and once it is finished, one northbound

lane will reopen and both southbound lanes will be dedicated only to southbound traffic, the Cabinet reported.

Starting Monday, April 8, workers will use dump trucks to remove the smaller rocks, tree limbs, dirt, debris and other material that rests in the slide area, said Slone.

"It all has to come off the mountain," he said.

Slone pointed out that some material could escape during the loading and hauling process.

"No matter how careful we are, excavation will cause dirt and rocks to bounce down the hillside and onto US 23. That is why we have spotters on the highway," he said. "We can radio them if we see that material might come down. If that happens, they will stop traffic until we give them an 'all clear' notice."

Slone said he does not expect many traffic stops and none of them should last very long, a few minutes at the most.

"We won't stop traffic any more often or any longer than necessary. We just want people to have a heads up that



Submitted photo James Young of Jigsaw Enterprises, the state's contractor on the Ivel slide, works the hoe ram attached to an excavator to break up a boulder on the hillside above US 23 at Ivel.

there could be some brief delays next week while we are hauling rocks and trees off the mountain," he said.

Cabinet officials urge drivers to observe the 45-mile per hour speed limit in the work zone.

"Not only could

speeding get you a ticket with a double fine," Slone pointed out, "If the flaggers have to direct you to stop immediately, you

might not be able to — you might even end up causing a wreck because you are speeding through the work zone."

# Car wash for sale in Wheelwright

**By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER**

The Wheelwright City Commission is trying to sell the city's car wash.

During a special meeting on April 3, the commission voted unanimously to declare the car wash as surplus property and to seek bids for the sale.

The car wash, located near the gas station on Ky. 306, offers facilities to wash two cars at a time as well as vacuum stations on the property.

City officials report

that the car wash is currently closed. A leak was also reported there during the meeting.

Mayor Don Hall said, "That would bring us another business here in town. Whoever buys it, it's going to be another business, and they'll keep it up. We don't have the manpower to run it. I mean, we don't."

The city will accept sealed bids for the car wash through April 24.

The commission also voted to allow Hall to hire a person to convert an old fire truck that the

city previously declared as surplus by removing a leaking tank and replacing it with a flat bed with rails on it.

Officials talked about the need to hire a police officer, reporting that no applications have been filed for the position.

**Wheelwright is seeking bids on this car wash, located on Ky. 306 near the gas station and a park area in Wheelwright.**

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows



# PSC: Southern Water could save nearly \$650K a year if it fixes its water loss

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Kentucky Public Service Commission reported this week that the Southern Water & Sewer District could save nearly \$650,000 that it spends to produce and purchase water if it fixed its water loss problems.

In an April 2 fil-

ing, the PSC approved a purchased water adjustment for Southern Water, based on a rate increase imposed on water that Southern buys from Pikeville. In that filing, the PSC reports that if Southern fixed its unaccounted-for water loss of nearly 63 percent, it would result in an approximate \$648,952 de-

crease in the district's cost to produce and buy water every year.

In the filing, the PSC approved a purchased water adjustment for Southern Water. Southern filed an application for the adjustment last month, reporting that Pikeville increased its wholesale water rates from \$1.72 per 1,000 gal-

lons to \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons, effective last October.

Southern Water proposed increasing its rates by 30 cents per 1,000 gallons, effective March 1, to reflect the increased cost of buying water from Pikeville.

The PSC reports that Southern bought more than 149.5 million gal-

lons of water from Pikeville last year, as well as nearly 21.5 million from Prestonsburg and nearly 18.2 million gallons from Knott County. The district also produced more than 568.3 million gallons of water and it sold about 264.5 gallons, the PSC reported.

The PSC reported that the Pikeville's whole-

sale rate increase raised Southern's cost to buy water by about \$79,000, resulting in a purchased water adjustment factor of 30 cents per 1,000 gallons.

The PSC found that rate to be "fair, just, and reasonable," ordering the new rate to be effective retroactive to March 1.

# Couple arrested for allegedly endangering a child

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County couple was arrested recently for allegedly endangering a child.

According to documents filed in Floyd

District Court, Matthew Howard, 40, and Vanessa Vanderpool, 40, both of Martin, were both charged with second-degree wanton endangerment.

Oliver Little of the Floyd County Sheriff's

Department and John Holbrooks of the Martin Police Department

report in the citations that they were called to a home in Martin alongside and child protective services to investigate a report that a two-month

old child was home with parents who were using drugs.

Little and Holbrooks alleged in the citations that Howard and Vanderpool appeared to be under the influence and syringes were laying in

plain view in the residence.

The officers reported that child protective services had an open case regarding this child and Vanderpool could not have the child at her residence unsupervised.

Vanderpool and Howard pleaded not guilty during arraignment hearings in district court last week. They are scheduled for court trials in their cases on June 20.

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## BSCTC, AES partner for career education

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD  
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Big Sandy Community and Technical College and Allen Elementary middle school students are partnering for a "My Future Fridays" program.

"My Future Fridays" is a collaboration that began with teacher Mike Bell and BSCTC faculty Melissa Skeens to provide hands-on activities and discussions/trainings so that students gain a better understanding of the ins and outs of certain professions.

"This is far more than a program where we

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Submitted photos  
Big Sandy Community and Technical College dental hygiene program students work with Allen Elementary students during "My Future Fridays."



Big Sandy Community and Technical College respiratory program students, Brittany Little, Corey Little and Sarah Birchwell pose with eighth graders at Allen Elementary School for "My Future Fridays."

Submitted photo

## ATV trail ride this weekend

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A trail ride for ATV and UTV riders will be held Saturday, April 6, at the Knott County Mine-Made Adventure Park in Leburn.

The cost for the ride is \$25 for the first rider and \$5 for each additional rider. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with the ride getting underway at 11 a.m.

The event will feature a free dinner, as well as a raffle, prizes and other activities.

The event is a benefit for the East Kentucky Dream Center.

The faith-based nonprofit organization finds and fills the needs of people who are struggling across Eastern Kentucky. The center, based in Pikeville, provides hot meals to people in need and it also offers a clothing and hygiene outreach program in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Letcher counties.

For more information, contact Rachel Dotson at, (606) 454-3532, or by email at, rachel.ekdc@gmail.com.

More information is also available on the center's website at, ekdc.info

## BSCTC student earns scholarship

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD  
CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Brooke Fields was bleeding brakes when she was just six years old. Her grandfather, a mechanic in Pike County, told her, "I'm going to raise you to be independent so you don't have to depend on anybody else." He succeeded.

Fields is currently finishing her first year in the automotive technology program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and she has plans to move on to diesel repair when she completes this degree. Before she left high school she had already obtained an oil change certification.

Fields currently works two jobs and attends college in the evenings. She made the Dean's list last semester, BSCTC reported.

"I have to go about things my own way, because it's even better when you come up with your own method of



Submitted photo  
Brooke Fields shares a "Shake and Bake" fist bump with Gina Rose, chair of the Kent Rose Foundation, Inc. The foundation presented her with the Kent Rose Automotive Technology Foundation Scholarship.

doing something," she said. She plans to one day own her own mechanic shop.

Fields is a recipient of the Kent Rose Automotive Technology Foundation scholarship. "We are pleased that Brooke is our scholarship re-

ipient. She has the intellect and the courage to lead the industry. She also has the heart for eastern Kentucky and the love of children that captured the Foundation's focus," said Gina Rose, Chairperson of the Kent Rose Foundation.

For more information about the program at BSCTC, contact Heath Keathley at, hkeathley0002@kctcs.edu. For more information about the foundation, visit kentrose-foundation.com.



# 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 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, 9 a.m.: Registration begins at the Knott County Mine-Made Adventure Park for a trail ride for ATV and UTV riders that benefits the East Kentucky Dream Center. Ride begins at 11 a.m. \$25 per person and \$5 for additional rider. The event will feature a dinner, as well as a raffle, prizes and more. It will benefit the East Kentucky Dream Center. For more information, contact Rachel Dotson at, (606) 454-3532, or by email at, rachel.ekdc@gmail.com.
- 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
- April 9, 12 p.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism meets, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-1341
- April 9; 7 p.m.: 2019 Floyd County Schools All County Band Performance & Art Show, Mountain Arts Center. Free admission
- April 9, 6 p.m.: Wayland City Commission meets, community center
- April 10, 2 p.m.: Grand opening of the new library, Adams Middle School
- April 10, 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meeting is canceled. (606) 452-4202
- April 11, 5:30 p.m.: Free Bornlearning Academy for children age birth to five and their parents, May Valley Elementary. Free meal. (606) 285-0883
- 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.

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come into a school and just talk, talk, talk. This is about middle school students learning and growing together with a professor in a specific academic field," said Melissa Skeens, a coordinator for the program.

In these two-hour Friday sessions, students investigate a career field with an expert. Then, they teach the sixth and seventh graders what they learned.

BSCTC Academic Dean Myra Elliott said, "We know that this career education has a much higher impact when students are teaching other students, and we are so pleased that this knowledge is being absorbed by the eighth graders who, in turn, are teaching sixth and seventh grade students. These are the

moments when we know the partnership is most effective. We are changing futures — together."

The program has focused on respiratory therapy, dental hygiene, nursing, economics and information technology. Future plans include criminal justice, biology, chemistry and human services.

The future of "Future Fridays" will include "take-aways" or projects created during the instructional sessions. For now, faculty of BSCTC is focused on providing portable laboratories with machines, mannequins and equipment in the respective field for students to experience firsthand. BSCTC plans to hold an end-of-the-year celebration of this program.

For more information, contact Skeens at, melissa.skeens@kctcs.edu

## Treating the Addictions



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Professor Sabra Jacobs recently participated in a course at Harvard Medical School entitled, "Treating the Addictions," regarding research about drug chemistry, brain circuits and recovery. The course included information about the motivations behind substance abuse, as well as other topics, including treatments for HIV and Hepatitis C, which are commonly caused by intravenous drug use. For details, contact Jacobs at, sabra.jacobs@kctcs.edu

# Family Hope Project

Approximately 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year. When violence occurs in a family, there is help - **and HOPE.**


The Family Hope Project provides evidence-based behavioral health treatment and wraparound community support for children, youth, and their families who have witnessed or experienced domestic violence. A team of Child & Family Therapists and Peer/Community Support Associates will work to develop a plan for the entire family to meet their needs and offer recovery and hope.

**To learn more about the Family Hope Project, contact Mountain Comprehensive Care Center at any of the following locations:**

<b>Prestonsburg Clinic</b> (606) 886-4350 104 S Front Ave Prestonsburg, KY	<b>Pikeville Clinic</b> (606) 432-3143 18 River Road Pikeville, KY	<b>Paintsville Clinic</b> (606) 789-3518 1110 South Mayo Trail Paintsville, KY	 <a href="http://www.mtcomp.org">www.mtcomp.org</a> <b>24 Hour Helpline</b> <b>1-800-422-1060</b>
<b>Martin City Clinic</b> (606) 285-3142 112065 Main Street Martin, KY	<b>Belfry Clinic</b> (606) 353-1287 26229 US 119 N Belfry, KY	<b>Salyersville Clinic</b> (606) 349-3115 1410 Royalton Road Salyersville, KY	




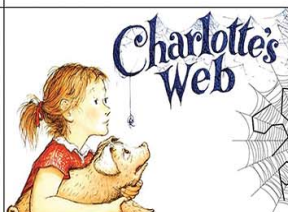
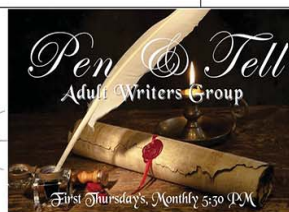
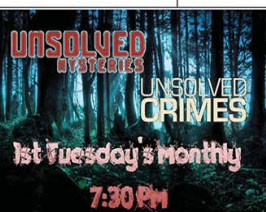
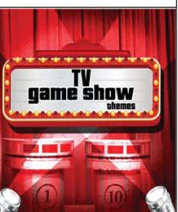
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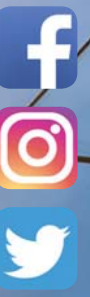
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## PMC FIRST HOSPITAL IN EAST KY WITH NEW BIOPSY TECHNOLOGY

By: Amy Charles

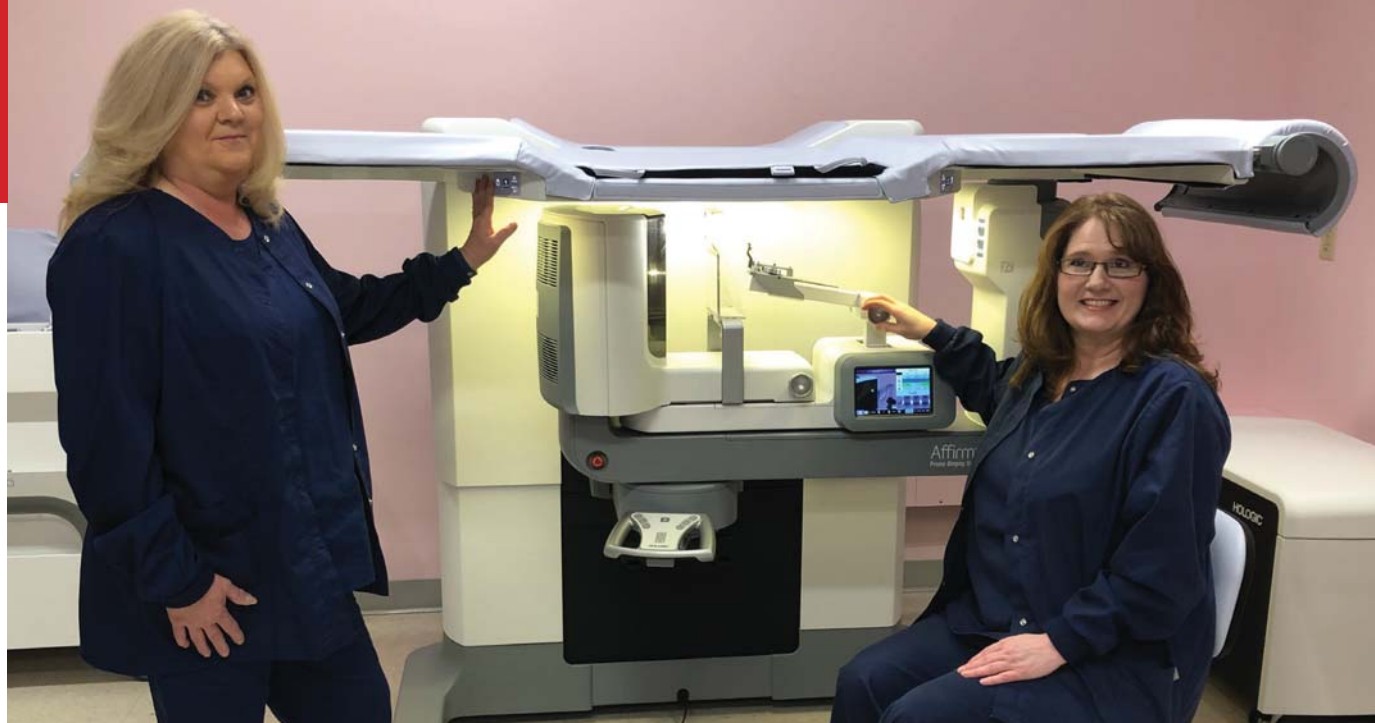
Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is the only hospital in eastern Ky. to acquire the latest system available in stereotactic surgical techniques. The ATEC Stereotactic Biopsy from Hologic incorporates imaging, local anesthesia and tissue extraction, all in one system.

Stereotactic breast biopsy is a non-surgical method of extracting a test-sample of a breast abnormality and is performed by specially trained technicians on an outpatient basis. A stereotactic breast biopsy is an option when a mammogram shows breast abnormalities, no matter how small.

"PMC still performs traditional needle biopsies when needed, but there are advantages for the patient in getting a stereotactic biopsy instead," said Assistant Vice President of Surgical Services Andrea Akers.

With a needle biopsy, the patient must be put to sleep for the procedure. Only a local anesthetic is administered to perform the stereotactic breast biopsy. It is also much quicker and less invasive. The whole process takes less than one hour.

"With this system, a small incision is made into the skin and the device goes in and cores out a section of tissue for testing," explained Director of Surgical Services Jessica Scott. "There is very minimal scarring and usually leaves only a place the size of a pin head."



A patient is scheduled for a stereotactic breast biopsy after a mammogram has revealed a suspicious area that needs to be investigated. A surgeon then makes the referral for this outpatient procedure. This system is so advanced it can biopsy two different areas in one visit. The samples are sent to the Pathology Department of the newly expanded PMC Lab to be processed in-house.

Akers says she hopes the service is widely utilized, because that means patients are getting more specialized care and detecting breast cancer in earlier stages.

The service was previously offered at PMC on a mobile unit that came to the hospital twice a month. Administration decided to purchase the equipment so that patients did not have to wait on testing for such an important issue. Stereo-

tactic breast biopsy is now offered in a dedicated surgical suite so patients have the comfort and privacy needed for this type of diagnostic procedure.

"Having our very own stereotactic breast biopsy machine is wonderful for patients, because having to wait longer than a week on such an important test to get answers about your cancer status can be a very anxious time for a patient," stated Akers. "Now this advanced procedure is readily available to patients without having to wait on an outside company to come to us."

Hologic has trained all surgery techs to use the machine, as well as necessary radiology techs.

For more information about the service offered at PMC visit [www.pikevillehospital.org](http://www.pikevillehospital.org) or call 606-218-4673.

## PMC IS THE OFFICIAL FIRST AID STATION FOR HILLBILLY DAYS

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is sponsoring the official first aid station at the 43rd annual Hillbilly Days Festival April, 11th - 13th. It will be located on Main Street in front of Pikeville United Methodist Church and will be open Thursday through Friday, from 9am to 5pm and Saturday from 9am to 12pm. It is free and open to the public.

PMC will have providers on-site to discuss services they offer, answer questions anyone may have and get to know the people in the region.

"This year, we wanted to offer people the opportunity to get to know our physicians and be able to talk to them about their health," said PMC Director of Public Relations Carol Casebolt.

She says this provides an occasion for people not only to see the quality care they provide, but it is also a way to allow people to see how much they care for this area and the well-being of all patients.

"Thousands of people are expected to attend this annual tradition. I am looking forward to being a part of the festival and being available to educate potential patients regarding services," said PMC Infectious Disease physician Fadi Al Akhrass, MD. "I look forward to the opportunity to meet everyone."

PMC will be offering screenings for glucose and will be checking blood pressure for any person who visits the booth. PMC Nursing Staff will be

available to educate and answer any questions regarding screening results. They will be providing educational material explaining glucose and blood pressure levels.

"I look forward to Hillbilly Days to provide care and educate those who visit our first aid station, said PMC Director of Cardiac Nursing Services Amanda Whitt. "It is a wonderful job as a nurse to have the opportunity to help someone outside of the medical center who may not realize they have a health issue."

She says it is a rewarding experience each year helping people identify health problems and educate them on prevention.

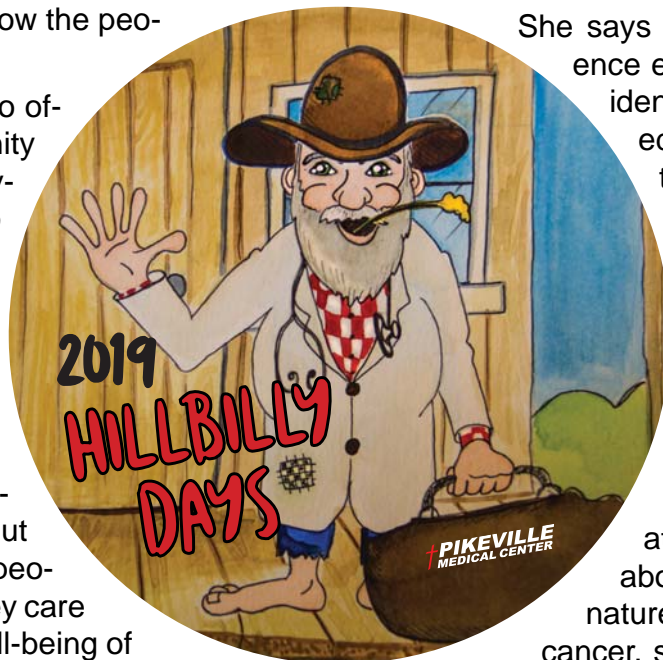
PMC representatives from the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center will be present with a demonstration about colon cancer.

"The demonstration will effectively and creatively help teach people about the risks, symptoms, nature, and causes of colon cancer, said PMC Oncology Outreach Coordinator Melissa Bentley.

A PMC hillbilly button keepsake will be given out for those visiting the booth.

"If you have a health question, need a screening, have a concern or just want to learn more about a service, this is the perfect opportunity," said Casebolt.

She encourages everyone to stop by and visit PMC's Hillbilly Days 2019 official first aid station.



## NEW TECHNOLOGY HELPS DETECT BREAST CANCER FASTER AT PMC

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) recently announced the addition of the BK Flex Focus 400, a high-resolution ultrasound imaging machine.

The specialized piece of equipment offers excellent image quality for locating vessels, nerves, joints and focal tissue abnormalities. This ultrasound allows PMC patients to have an additional suitable option to test for breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that about 268,600 men and women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year.

"Early detection is key to preventing death associated with breast cancer," said PMC Clinic Manager Amber Epling. "This technology allows PMC to do an immediate biopsy in the clinic."

PMC now offers an in-office breast biopsy. This biopsy provides patients unique imaging capabilities. The portable machine allows PMC physicians to perform the procedure in a patient's exam room.

"PMC patients who decide to have this procedure will have an ultrasound in the clinic," said Epling. "If our physician recognizes a mass while performing the ultrasound they can get the biopsy performed at that time."

The ACS estimates that 26,400 people will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Kentucky this year.

"Getting regular screening tests is the most reliable way to detect early signs of cancer," added Epling.

She says breast cancer that is found early, when it is small and has not spread, is easier to treat successfully.

For more information about the in-office breast biopsy, call 606-218-2202 or visit [www.pikevillehospital.org](http://www.pikevillehospital.org).

Source: American Cancer Society

**Early detection is key  
for**  
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## Bobcats fall to Wildcats

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

ROBINSON CREEK — Betsy Layne fell behind early and couldn't recover from its slow start as host Shelby

Valley pulled away to win 11-1 in five innings in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Tuesday.

Familiar high school baseball rivals, Betsy Layne and Shelby Valley met for the sec-

ond time in less than three two weeks. Betsy Layne edged Shelby Valley 7-6 in Robinson Creek in a game played on March 22.

Jackson Wierwille, a senior pitcher, earned

the win on the mound for the Wildcats. Wierwille allowed two hits and one run while striking out five and walking one over five innings.

Betsy Layne sophomore pitcher Cameron

Kimbler absorbed the loss. Kimbler pitched three and two-thirds innings, allowing three hits and eight runs while striking out three.

Shelby Valley outhit Betsy Layne 6-2 and

won convincingly despite committing three errors.

Wierwille and Logan Billiter led the Shelby Valley offensive effort, providing two hits

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

Betsy Layne's Zach Bentley connects with a pitch against Shelby Valley in the first inning Tuesday evening in the 15th Region All "A" Classic. Bentley singled on the play. The Bobcats fell to the Wildcats 11-1.

## Castle signs with UPike



Betsy Layne High School senior Nicole Castle signed with the University of Pikeville softball program during a ceremony at BLHS on Wednesday afternoon.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster



# Jaguars pick up two wins

By **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**EASTERN** — Floyd Central opened the month of April with back-to-back wins, defeating both Pike Central and Tolsia (W.Va.).

The Jaguars outlasted host Pike Central 7-5 in nine innings in a high school baseball matchup between 15th Region rivals on Monday.

Remaining in the win column and claiming its third straight victory on Tuesday, Floyd Central blanked visiting Tolsia (W.Va.) 15-0 in four innings.

More on each high school baseball game featuring Floyd Central follows.

## Floyd Central 15, Tolsia (W.Va.) 0 (Four innings)

Floyd Central rolled to a win at home on Tuesday, shutting out Tolsia (W.Va.) 15-0 in four innings.

Brayden Hamilton was credited with the pitching win for the Jaguars. Hamilton allowed two hits and zero runs while striking out three and walking zero over four innings.

Ross Lycans took the loss for the Rebels. Lycans surrendered six runs on eight hits over one and one-third innings, striking out two and walking one.

Floyd Central banged out 14 hits in the home game. Hamilton, Caleb Hager, Chase Conley and Blake Slone each provided multiple hits for the Jaguars. Hamilton led Floyd Central Jaguars at the plate, finishing with three hits in four at-bats.

Floyd Central thrived in the field, exiting the matchup without an error.

## Floyd Central 7, Pike Central 5 (Nine innings)

Determined Floyd Central managed to up-end homestanding Pike Central 7-5 in nine innings in a high school baseball game on Monday.

Floyd Central pitcher Chase Conley earned the win. 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 went two innings, allowing two runs on three hits and striking out six.

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

Conley and Caleb Hager led Floyd Central at the plate, connecting for two hits apiece.

Pike Central lost despite out-hitting Floyd Central 9-7.

Coleman and Cadan Coleman each managed multiple hits for the Hawks. Coleman went 3-for-5 at the plate to lead Pike Central in the hits column.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White  
**Betsy Layne pitcher Cameron Kimbler delivers a pitch to home plate against Shelby Valley Tuesday evening during the 15th Region All "A" Classic. The Bobcats fell to the Wildcats 11-1.**

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apiece in the Wildcats' victory.

One player accounted for both of Betsy Layne's hits in the

setback. Zack Bentley went two for three at the plate to lead Betsy Layne in the hits column.

Betsy Layne stumbled in the regional small-school baseball tournament after shut-

ting out Jenkins 10-0 in five innings one day earlier.

The Bobcats are scheduled to host Shelby Valley in a regular-season matchup on April 17.

Betsy Layne is slat-

ed to visit Floyd Central for a 58th District baseball game on Monday.

First pitch for the Betsy Layne-Floyd Central baseball game is set for 6:00 p.m.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White  
**Betsy Layne's Chase Hamilton walks back to the dugout after the inning Tuesday night at Shelby Valley. The Bobcats fell in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic 11-1 to Shelby Valley.**



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# Prestonsburg sweeps Menifee County

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg swept visiting Menifee County in a high school softball double-header on Wednesday, winning 6-5 and 11-9.

More on the Prestonsburg-Menifee County softball double-header follows.

## Prestonsburg 11, Menifee County 9

Host Prestonsburg held on to defeat visiting Menifee County, an opponent from the bordering 16th Region, 11-9 in five innings in the opening game of a high school softball doubleheader at StoneCrest Sports Park on Wednesday.

Prestonsburg pitcher Megan Music earned the win. Music surrendered nine runs on five hits over two and a third innings, striking out two. Katelyn Bingham threw two and two-thirds innings in relief out of the bullpen for the Lady Blackcats. Bingham recorded the last eight outs to earn the save.

Menifee County pitcher Kirsten Harris suffered the loss. Harris surrendered 11 runs on eight hits over four innings, striking out three.

Prestonsburg outhit Menifee County 8-6. Music and Shae Robinson provided two hits apiece for the Lady Blackcats. Brittany McElroy led Menifee County at the plate, connecting for two hits of her own.

## Prestonsburg 6, Menifee County 5

Jada Slone singled on a one-and-one count in the bottom half of the fifth inning to lift Prestonsburg past Menifee County 6-5 in the second game of a high school softball doubleheader at StoneCrest Sports Park on Wednesday.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 5-6.

Menifee County dropped to 3-10 with the loss.

# Lady Jags fall to Jackson County

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central couldn't limit a 14th Region title contender as visiting Jackson City pulled away to win 15-5 in five innings in a high school softball game on Tuesday.

With the loss, Floyd Central slipped to 0-7.

Jackson City improved to 8-2 with the win.

Pitcher Halley Turner helped to lead Jackson City to the victory from her position in the circle. Turner allowed seven hits and four runs over five innings, striking out four and walking zero as she notched the win.

Floyd Central pitcher Ashley Bellamy suffered the loss. Bellamy allowed 17 hits and 15 runs over five innings, walking zero.

BreAnna Tincher led Jackson City offensively, driving in eight runs on three hits. Tincher belted two home runs for the Lady Tigers.

In a dominant offensive showing, Jackson City outhit Floyd Central 17-7.

Helping her pitching cause at the plate, Turner finished 4-for-4.

Brook Stumbo and Katie Moore each delivered multiple hits for the Lady Jaguars in the loss. Stumbo went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead host Floyd Central.

The Lady Jaguars excelled in the field, finishing error-free. Stumbo made the most plays with seven, thriving defensively.

Floyd Central is slated to visit 15th Region counterpart Jenkins on Monday, April 8.

# Blackcats win one, lose one

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg returned to the win column on Wednesday, outlasting visiting Breathitt County 12-11 in an early-season high school baseball game.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 2-4.

Breathitt County dropped to 5-6 with the loss.

Aaron Shepherd was on the pitcher's mound for the Trey Stapleton-coached Blackcats. Shepherd lasted five innings, allowing six hits and six runs while striking out four.

Skylar Haddix was on the hill for the Bobcats. Haddix allowed two hits and three runs over five innings, striking out three.

He was one of three pitchers to work for Breathitt County in the contest.

Shepherd, Payton Burke, Wesley Depoy, Brayden Slone and Collin Ousley each collected one hit to lead the Blackcats at the plate. Slone added two stolen bases as Prestonsburg prevailed.

The Blackcats survived committing seven errors to claim the victory.

Breathitt County managed to outhit Prestonsburg 9-5 but committed 12 errors.

Haddix and Jake Combs each collected multiple hits for the Bobcats in the setback.

Prestonsburg returned to the win column following a loss to Pikeville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic

one day earlier. Pikeville pulled away to beat Prestonsburg 11-3 in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Tuesday.

## Pikeville 11, Prestonsburg 3

Host Pikeville, under the direction of first-year head coach Shane Simpkins, pulled away to defeat Prestonsburg 11-3 in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Tuesday.

Earlier in his coaching career, Simpkins guided Prestonsburg to a 15th Region title. The Blackcats' last region title team featured Coach Trey Stapleton as a player.

Freshman Brady Clark pitched Pikeville to the victory. Clark pitched six innings, allowing three runs on four hits while striking

out six and walking one as he claimed the win.

Another pitcher, Nate Brown, threw one inning in relief out of the bullpen for the Panthers.

Prestonsburg pitcher Graham Burchett took the loss. Burchett tossed three innings, allowing two hits and three runs while striking out three.

Pikeville outhit Prestonsburg 7-4 and overcame four errors.

Nate Collins and Drake Potter each provided multiple hits for the Panthers. Collins led Pikeville at the plate, delivering three hits in four at-bats.

Brayden Slone went two for four at the plate to lead Prestonsburg offensively.

The Blackcats committed three errors in the loss.



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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) – A reserved attitude will serve you well, especially when dealing with government agencies, financial or medical institutions, or legal matters. Stick to facts, and offer as little personal information as possible.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) – Don't let someone from your past disrupt your day. An exaggerated opinion will lead you in the wrong direction. Make adjustments that will benefit you, not someone else.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) – Put greater emphasis on how you earn your living and handle your money. A decision should be made based on facts and figures, not on what someone is trying to sell you.

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**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Don't get angry; take the necessary action to counter any negative thing in your life. Controlling a situation is better than ignoring what's going on around you. Romance is in the stars.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Do your due

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by Eugenia Last



diligence before you make a decision. Don't expect everyone to like the choice you make. Follow what feels right, not what someone else wants you to do.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – A change at home will add to your comfort and enhance your relationship with someone special. If you are creative in how you approach whatever you do, success will be yours.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Listen to someone, but don't be gullible. When in doubt, gather the facts and act only when you are certain that what you are doing is right. Someone you least expect will withhold the truth.

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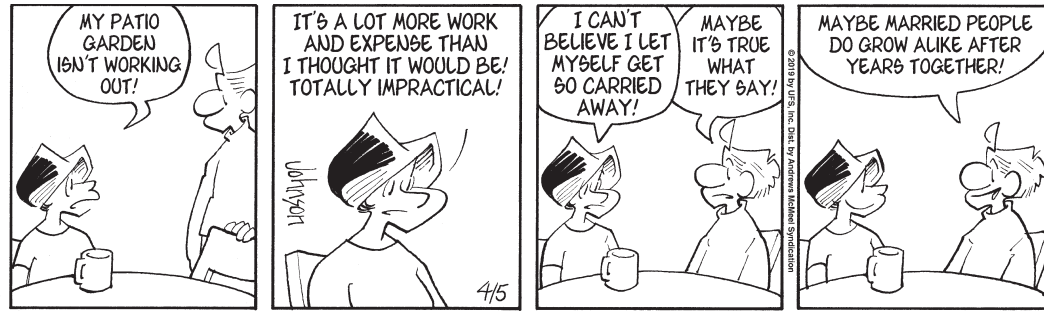
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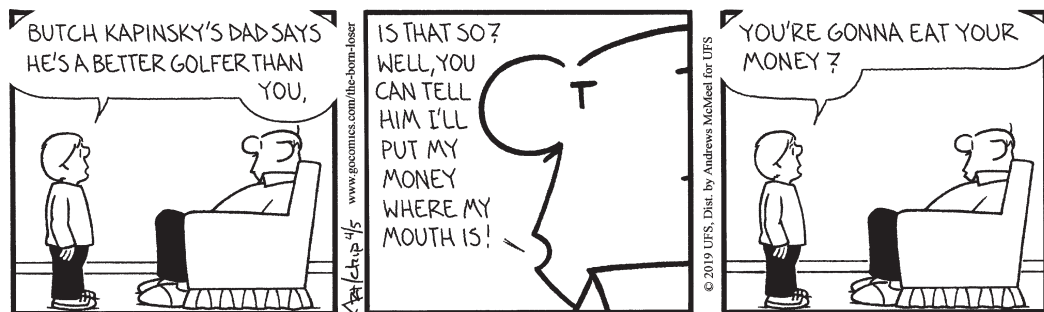
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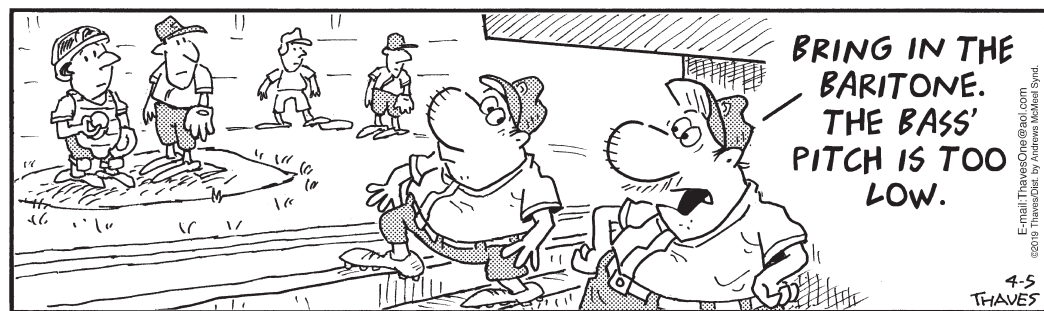
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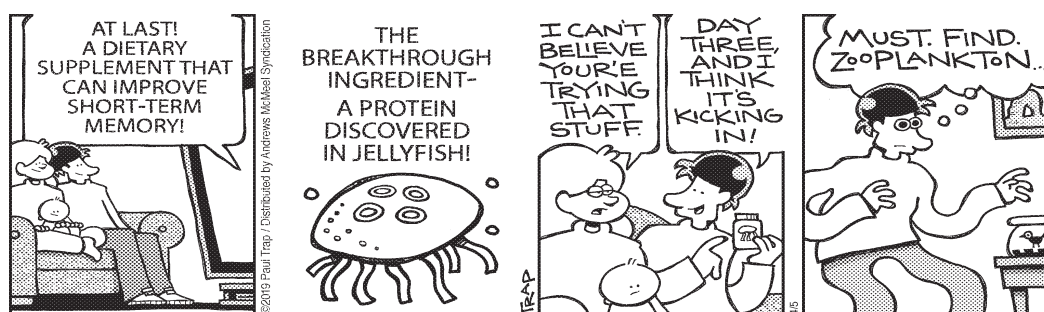
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**LEGALS**

Branch Creek. The proposed facility is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Chris Click. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of public road Ky. Rt. 1210. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road.

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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, P.O. Box 851, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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