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Martin moves forward with annexation

City eyes P'burg sewage treatment plant, officials say

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Martin City Council approved an ordinance declaring the city's intent to annex more than 600 acres of property in outlying communities during a special meeting on April 10.

Council members James Reynolds and Charles Justice voted

against the ordinance, while council members Bonita Compton and Harold Case voted against it. Council members Gary Akers and April Gayheart were absent. Mayor Sam Howell broke the tie, voting to approve the ordinance.

Talking about her history with Martin and saying she loves the city,

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Ricky Harlow of the Allen Volunteer Fire Department asks the Martin City Council not to move forward with a proposed annexation during a special meeting on April 10.



Submitted photo
Flat Gap Elementary student Maddie Pridemore is in Ohio awaiting a heart transplant.

'Donations sought for Maddie'

Local child needs heart transplant

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, April 10, David Pridemore had to make a decision.

He had to decide whether to go to the Cincinnati Children's Hospital to be with his 10-year-old daughter, Maddie, who is waiting for a heart transplant, or go to work so he can pay the family's bills.

Pridemore works for the U.S. Marshal Service, providing security at the U.S. District Courthouse in Pikeville. He worked as a police officer in Wheelwright last year and resigned that position after he was elected to serve as a constable in Johnson County.

He worked this week in Pikeville because he's used up nearly all of his vacation time since his daughter became ill.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Floyd County School District staff, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, and members of the Varia family cut the ribbon on the new library media center at Adams Middle School. The Varia family donated \$15,000 to renovate the library, and a portion of it is named after two-year-old Laila Rani Slone, second from right.

New library media center opens at Adams Middle

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Schools staff, community members and stu-

dents celebrated the reopening of the Adams Middle School library

media center on April 10.

Principal Tommy Poe

said the remodeling began last fall.

"They totally redid everything," he said.

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Floyd man indicted on murder charge

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury indicted a Wayland resident accused of allegedly murdering 26-year-old Jordan Christopher Tackett.



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The indictment, issued on April 10, charges Wesley G. Martin, 43, of Clearwater Road in Wayland, with one count of murder and for being a persistent felony offender in the second degree.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner and Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Officer

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Wreck in Harold

KSP Public Affairs Officer Trooper William Petry said this wreck occurred when a vehicle pulled out in front of another near Double Kwik at Harold on the evening of April 10. Details about whether there were any injuries were not available prior to press deadline. The names of the drivers involved were not released.

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Compton said, "But Martin is Martin. Maytown is Maytown. McDowell is McDowell, and that's how I feel."

She suggested the city map its current boundaries before annexing outlying areas.

She also commended Howell for working out in the city, saying she's seen him working on the city sewage system "early in the morning and late at night." Talking about reports that Martin has a high water loss rate, she said, "We need to get our house in order before we come to you're all's."

She suggested outsourcing water and sewer services, saying it could "take a major burden off" of the city and "Martin could be Purple Flash, and no offense, Wildcats could be Wildcats, and Daredevils; Daredevils. And leave us alone."

"That's all we want is to be left alone," said Terry Thornsberry, one of the founders of the We the People group which is opposing the annexation.

Prior to the vote, the council permitted public comment — marking the first time since the council started hosting meetings on the proposed annexation that public comment was permitted to be part of the meeting record.

And commenters had plenty to say.

Most voiced concerns how future annexations will impact them financially. Some of them also questioned the city's financial stability and whether officials have been good stewards of taxpayer dollars, citing transparency issues with open records requests that have been filed. The Kentucky Attorney General ruled against Martin in at least two open records requests, deciding that the city failed to appropriately respond to the requests, among other things.

Every person who spoke voiced opposition to the proposed annexation, while some of them criticized city officials and the services the city currently provides, alleging that it is inadequate, and other sought answers to questions about the city's plans.

Council member James Reynolds apologized for the city's lack of

transparency.

"As far as I know, they tried, they absolutely tried. We've just had so many people in the office for the City of Martin, and she has tried her best, or they have tried their best, to respond to everyone, and we apologize if you didn't get the response," Reynolds said.

Rita Daniels, one of the founders of We the People, asked a question that has repeatedly been unanswered by city officials.

"If the citizens are not for it, if left and right Beaver are not for it, who's behind you and why are you doing it?" she asked.

Howell told her, "We're doing this because we're trying to better the town and better the surrounding areas. In my eyes, that's what we're doing. That's how I feel about it. We're trying to better everybody, and in the long term, this will better everybody."

Melvin and Debra Hoover were among those who voiced their concerns.

"I don't think there's anybody here that's against the City of Martin," Melvin Hoover said. "But we're against the city trying to overbear us to pay for it. Now, you talk about being built up. These people here are the ones that built Martin. They've shopped here, they traded here. They could have went other places ... If this goes through, you've lost a lot more than you'll ever gain."

Debra Hoover suggested the annexation would be placed on the ballot.

"They's a lot of us poor old senior citizens that lives in Floyd County. I'm here to tell you, we can take a vote, and we will vote this fall and we will all vote against it," she said. "Not because I have anything against Martin. I have nothing against Martin, nothing whatsoever. I'd like to see Martin be as big as Pikeville. And if you was growing and you had money coming in here and you needed room to stretch out, then nobody would be against you. They'd probably say, yeah, come on, you know. We want our city to grow. We want us to grow."

She continued, "But you have nothing for us. Nothing. You're not offering us nothing ... Look at what Martin is. It's not-



Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, asks the Martin City Council to consider the burden they're placing on taxpayers if they annex outlying communities. She said she lives a "stone's throw" from city hall and is not annexed into the city.

ing. And you've lost all the businesses, is gone. There's nothing down in here, and then you want to stretch out to spread your wings and fly? What are you going to fly with? You have nothing."

Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, asked the council to "consider the burden" they are "putting on our neighbors."

"Of course I would love to see the legitimate expansion of the city of Martin. I am a supporter of this town," she said.

She said she lives within "a stone's throw" of city hall, but is not annexed into the city.

"These small communities have their own identities. They are their own little communities, and at this point, I would just like to express that our little town can't afford taxes without a return benefit."

Joe Owens asked the council about city's strategy for this annexation and asked for clarification on the proposed annexed area, noting the ordinance has changed several times.

"This here's just the roadway," Howell told him.

Owens responded, "I understand that. But I think ... in order for you to be successful to get to the businesses, to get further on in to residents, you have to first have the roadways."

Justice told him the city "can't take residents" into the annexation.

Owens asked what the city's plans are in relation to the services that will be provided.

Howell told him that he believes the annexation, if finalized, would benefit all areas.

"Well, that's part of it," he said. "We'd like to

increase our police services. We'd like to possibly — it'd take some time — to extend sewer lines up that way, just kind of try to make it better for everybody," Howell said.

Howell could not answer a question from Daniels on the projected cost to provide sewer to outlying communities. He did, however, mention proposals related to sewer service and said the city is "still studying on other areas."

After the meeting, Howell and City Attorney Doug Adams reported that Martin has been discussing the possibility of acquiring a sewage treatment plant in Eastern from the City of Prestonsburg for about two months.

"That's part of the plan. We have, and I won't say negotiating dollars, for that plant, but we've been discussing, we've been in discussions with Prestonsburg about

potentially acquiring that the roadway, the city doesn't gain a dime out of this, but it also opens up that door to go get businesses and all of that afterwards," he said.

When asked if that is the city's plan, he said, "I would like to say, in the future, yeah, but it may not happen. It may be a long while in the future, who knows? But right now, the main thing is just getting the roadways, and, like I said, told him about the talks with the treatment plant."

Howell said more information about the city's plans will be released in the future.

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ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR DETECTING BREAST CANCER AT PMC

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) advances care to detect breast cancer with the addition of the Hologic 3 Dimensions Mammography System. The new state-of-the-art equipment is a revolutionary screening and diagnostic breast imaging tool designed to improve the early detection of breast cancer.

The American Cancer Society estimates there will be 1,762,450 new cancer cases diagnosed and 606,880 cancer deaths in the United States this year.

“The growing number of patients faced with potential breast cancer in the region highlights an urgent need for us to provide this new technology for our patients,” said PMC Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, Kansas Justice. “We will be able to offer patients quality care and advanced technology for breast cancer detection.”

A recent study by the Journal of American Medical Association found that more than 170,000 examinations using 3D mammography find significantly more invasive cancers. The researchers also found that 3D mammography reduces the number of women called back for unnecessary testing due to false alarms.

Justice says PMC’s addition of the three dimension mammography system keeps PMC on the cutting edge of technology.



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The system is designed to detect 20-65 percent more invasive breast cancers. This addition will provide higher quality 3D images for the radiologist while providing a more comfortable mammogram experience for patients and enhanced workflow for technologists. The system’s sharper images and smarter technology can find invasive cancers regardless of age or breast density.

“The 3D mammography uses X-rays to produce images of breast tissue to detect lumps, tumors or other abnormalities,” said PMC’s Assistant Vice President of Imaging Services, Joni Fields. “3D captures multiple slices of the breast, all at different angles. The images are brought together to create crystal clear 3D reconstruction of the breast.

She says the exam takes multiple images in

seconds and offers more visualization. This technology provides a more precise view allowing the radiologist to see more of the breast than ever before.

Fields said the advanced technology transforms a patient’s experience without compromising speed or accuracy of the mammography.

“The addition of this technology is a big step forward to all our patients,” said Fields. “It is wonderful to be able to provide the best equipment on the market to the region.”

For more information about the services offered at PMC, call 606-218-2210 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

Source: American Cancer Society; 3Dimension Mammography System; Journal of the American Medical Association

PMC REHAB PATIENT MAKES MIRACULOUS RECOVERY



PMC Rehab Patient, Sharon Damron

By: Amy Charles

Sharon Damron, of Pikeville, was left unable to walk after a serious illness nearly ended her life last Christmas. She made a miraculous recovery thanks to the Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital.

Damron was transferred to the PMC inpatient rehab floor for physical therapy and to regain her mobility, after being treated at a long-term care facility in Lexington.

Damron had been feeling ill for some time, but the busyness of Christmas shopping, holiday baking and visiting her family over the Christmas season, somehow took priority over getting checked out. It wasn’t until her mother brought her some soup one evening that she finally felt bad enough and agreed to go to the doctor the next day. Damron sat down in a chair and that is the last thing she remembers.

“Before my mother left, I passed out,” said Damron. “Mom called for help to get me in the vehicle to be transported to the emergency room at PMC.”

Damron was so much sicker than she believed. After a few tests, she was diagnosed with flu, pneumonia and septic shock. She remained unconscious for 14 days in PMC intensive care unit (ICU).

“My condition was so very critical that I coded in ICU and they brought me back,” stated Damron.

“Those ICU nurses refused to give up on me and they worked on me until I was stable again.”

Because PMC is not a long-term care facility, Damron was transferred to a facility in Lexington to continue her recovery. However, she wanted to return to PMC for physical therapy to make it easier on her 90 year-old mother. The constant travel to Lexington to visit her was taking its toll on the family.

When Damron was admitted to PMC for physical therapy, Sankar Chirumamilla, MD, was the physician in charge of her care.

“Ms. Damron was very weak when she came in. She was walking about 30 feet with a lot of help. She was hardworking and determined to go home with little to no assistance,” explained Dr. Chirumamilla. “With the help of our rehabilitation team including physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech language pathologists, staff nurses, respiratory therapists, social workers and case managers we were able to systematically get her where she could function with no physical help. She has great family support and, over all, she is the prime example of what an acute rehabilitation program can do.”

Damron is so appreciative of all the staff who cared for her and very pleased with the service she received.

“The PMC staff tried in every way to do what I needed,” stated Damron. “The people here care enough to try and they don’t give up on you. This place has every advancement, but still has that family feel.”

Within two weeks of physical therapy, Damron was able to leave PMC on her own feet, after being carried in months earlier.

“I can walk again!” Damron exclaimed. “The difference here is care shown by the employees. They try so hard to keep you encouraged and they do a great job!”

Damron was released with instructions to continue her exercises at home to keep up her strength and maintain her progress.

“You will get the best care at PMC. A friend said I would be better off in Lexington, but I wasn’t,” said Damron. “I couldn’t have gotten better care anywhere.”

For more information about the PMC Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital, please visit www.pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-1050.

PMC PLASTIC SURGERY MOVING TO NEW LOCATION

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Plastic Surgery Center has moved into a new private, spacious suite at PMC’s Grace Call Building located at 1098 South Mayo Trail in Pikeville.

PMC Plastic Surgery Center outgrew its current location. The new office will allow PMC to meet the needs of patients while offering the same quality care they have grown to expect.

“This location allows our patients to have a private atmosphere,” said PMC Manager, Amber Epling. “The convenience will better suit our patients who are seeking treatment.”

She says people often prefer privacy when attending these appointments and the new location will offer patients just that.

PMC Plastic Surgeon, Dimitrios Danikas, MD, is Board Certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He provides patients a wealth of experience and the opportunity to look and feel their best.

Dr. Danikas is a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons®, the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery and Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

PMC uses state-of-the-art surgical technology and techniques that can shorten procedure times, minimize downtime and help accelerate the healing process.

Dr. Danikas has received many professional awards including a listing in “Guide to America’s Top Plastic Surgeons” and has published articles in scientific journals.

The staff is looking forward to providing care to patients in the new location.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 606-218-2210 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

Volunteers build changing station at Sugarcamp

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

The nonprofit organization "Friends of Jenny Wiley" teamed up with the Sugarcamp Trail Committee last Saturday to begin construction of a changing station for the Sugarcamp Mountain Trails, located at the trailhead on top of Stonecrest Mountain.

The facility will allow for hikers and bikers to change into or out of their activity apparel, according to Friends of Jenny Wiley President Brit-

tainy Branham. "This is especially accommodating for those traveling to the trails," she said.

Branham said a lot of efforts have gone into the planning of this changing station.

"We want to thank the City of Prestonsburg, Randall Burchett Architects, Gary Ousley with Alchemy Engineering, Lowe's of Paintsville, Justice Ground Solutions and the community for their contributions and partnership in this project," she said.



Submitted photo

City to hold public meeting on Suddenlink

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton announced Thursday that the city will hold a public hearing concerning Suddenlink services at 6:30 p.m., April 26, at the Mountain Arts Center.

"The city has been in negotiation with Suddenlink for a while, and we are asking them to make some changes to their customer service," said Stapleton. "As a result, we are holding an open forum to allow Suddenlink customers the opportunity to air their grievances and discuss other issues with the

services the company provides."

Notice about the meeting has been published in the Floyd County Chronicle and Times and on the City of Prestonsburg Facebook page to ensure that the invitation to attend the meeting has reached Prestonsburg Suddenlink customers.

Additionally, Stapleton said that he will be accepting written statements and comments. Suddenlink customers may send their comments to Mayor Les Stapleton at, 200 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY. 41653.

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Collaboration breeds success

We commend Kentucky Power and all of its partners and volunteers who assisted with the "Power Up the Pantry" donation drive.

The event, held in Prestonsburg and Hazard, raised \$17,000 and 7.5 tons of food for God's Pantry, the company reported.

A spokesperson said that equals about

152,000 meals for people in need.

The impressive list of donations also includes a Sprinter van that was donated by Anthem Medicaid.

The company also donated the majority of the cash donations provided during this event.

These donations will greatly impact people in need in Eastern Ken-

tucky, and we should all be thankful for that.

For those who want to reach out and say thank you, this donation drive hosted by Kentucky Power was also made possible with contributions from Anthem Medicaid, Appalachian Regional Healthcare, the cities of Prestonsburg and Hazard, Big Sandy Community & Technical

College, Hazard Community and Technical College, God's Pantry Food Bank, New Hope Church in Hazard and WYMT.

Officials told us that this idea came from similar events that Kentucky Power has held in other areas, and we were told that it came together "easily and quickly" because people here kept "wanting to sign on to

help."

That willingness shows one of the greatest qualities in Eastern Kentucky: We're lucky enough to live in a place where residents want reach out and help their neighbors.

The collaboration that made this donation drive a reality is just what Eastern Kentucky needs to dig itself out of the

hole it's been in for so long.

There is a possibility for success in this region, and it'll come when people start working and collaborating together, as a team, as a region.

We should all celebrate successes like these and use them as an example for how we move forward in the future.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Our children deserve better

THE WINCHESTER SUN

Kentucky ranks first in the nation in a terrible way according to a recent report.

The most recent Child Maltreatment Report, issued in late March by the Children's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, reveals Kentucky has the highest rates of child abuse in the nation.

According to the report, Kentucky had 22,410 child abuse victims in 2017, the last year for which data is available. That equates to a rate of about 22 victims per 1,000 children in the Commonwealth, which is more than twice the national average rate of nine.

There were also 10 child fatalities attributed to abuse in Kentucky in 2017.

Data for the "Child Maltreatment" report has been collected every year since 1991 from child welfare agencies in all 50 states along with Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C.

Data is provided through the National Child Abuse and Neglect

Data System, which clarifies that child victims are counted if a state is able to determine a "substantiated case" of abuse or neglect.

Kentucky's rate has increased annually from 2013 (17.3 percent), with a more than 27 percent increase over the four-year period. In 2013, there were 17,591 cases of abuse reported in the state. In 2016, when the rate was 19.8, and 20,010 cases were reported.

More than 15,000 of the victims in 2017 were first-time victims, meaning more than 7,000 children were repeat victims of child abuse that year.

Of the cases reported in Kentucky, most (21,313) were attributed to neglect. There were 487 cases of medical neglect, 1,533 cases of physical abuse, 44 cases of psychological maltreatment and 852 cases of sexual abuse — and many of these cases involved more than one of these serious issues simultaneously.

More than 3,000 of Kentucky's cases of child abuse involved alcohol abuse by their caretak-

er and nearly 12,000 involved drug abuse.

Also according to the report:

— Nationally, evidence indicates children are most likely to be abused by their parents.

— Children in their first year of life have the highest rate of victimization at 25.3 per 1,000 children of the same age in the national population. In Kentucky, 3,090 cases were reported in children younger than 1 year in 2017.

— "Child fatalities are the most tragic consequence of maltreatment," according to the report. "For 2017, 50 states reported 1,688 fatalities."

This deplorable rating really comes as no surprise as even in Clark County there is an evident problem related to child abuse.

"Clark parents arrested for child's 'filthy' living conditions," "Father pleads guilty to shaking infant," "Mother charged after children ingest cocaine," and "Clark man arrested for sexual abuse" are just a few of the headlines from this newspaper

in the first four months of 2019.

While many die each year, and others are treated, there are likely thousands more cases in our state where the abuse goes unreported.

These children survive, but are destined to deal with the negative ramifications of their childhood abuse for the rest of their lives — often prohibiting them from becoming well-functioning, healthy, productive adult citizens.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month, a time dedicated to honoring and remembering the lives lost too soon to abuse and neglect. The month also serves as an opportunity for the community to band together to raise awareness, educate about risk factors and indicators and advocate for children.

It's a problem that has no easy solution, but one that must be addressed from multiple angles and quickly.

We can all take part in reversing this negative trend and helping survivors.

The most important

things we can do are advocate and educate.

Learn about the indicators of abuse. There are many, including unexplained bruises, cuts, welts, scars, fractures and burns.

There are also behavioral indicators, like aggressiveness or withdrawal.

Other obvious signs are children who are frightened of their parents or say they are afraid to go home. Be mindful of children who report being extremely hungry, who exhibit bad hygiene or dress inappropriately for the season.

Watch for children in your community who are often unsupervised, especially for long periods of time or in potentially dangerous scenarios.

Report potential abuse to the police or by calling the Child Help National Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-4ACHILD.

Encourage your legislators to support laws that protect children and strengthen punishments for abusers.

Additionally, our state must continue fighting

against addiction, including drugs and alcohol.

They play a huge role in the quality of life for our families and children, and as this research indicates, contribute to child abuse and neglect in our state.

Our state needs to also allot more funding for DCBS and other child welfare programs. There are shortages of qualified social workers and foster parents to help these children find their way out of abusive homes and into loving, safe places.

Finally, we need to improve access and funding for programs for parents, including parenting classes, HANDS programs, educational programs and other assistance programs to reduce the burden of stress many parents, especially first-time, young or low-income parents feel, which might result in abuse or neglect.

Childhood should be fun. It should be a time of growth and learning. It's a time to be nurtured and loved.

Our children are our future and they deserve better.

Be mindful. Speak up. Stop abuse. Report it. Be an advocate. Help make the world a better place for children.



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He said project included the addition of new tiles, paint, lighting, a cyber café area with high-top tables that offer charging stations and a "little bistro bar area" with a cappuccino machine. He said the school's library media center now has two Wifi nodes, "two state-of-the-art projectors, a definite state-of-the-art document camera and surround sound."

He praised the district's maintenance staff for doing all of the work. They converted old metal columns into decorative pillars and, among other things, converted the school's old circulation desk into a mobile cart that can be used for various activities.

The work was completed, he said, with funding from the school district, a \$7,300 GEAR UP grant and a \$15,000 donation from Floyd County Board of Education Member Dr. Chandra Varia and her family.

"The library should be the center of a school, in my opinion. Students are coming together. Teachers are bringing classes into the library. It needs to be a warm and inviting place, and the technology in here now is second-to-none, very high-tech," Poe said. "Every student has their own device at Adams Middle School, so when they come in, they bring their device, they're able to connect to wifi and get their classwork done

He praised the school district and its staff, including Assistant Principal Karen DeRossett, who he said made the project possible, and commended Dr. Varia and her family, saying the project could not have been completed without her.

"Dr. Varia, as Mr. Adkins said earlier, is a very supportive board member and individual of our community," Poe said. "She's really



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Board of Education Member Dr. Chandra Varia embraces her great-granddaughter Laila Rani Slone, the name sake of a new "fun corner" in the Adams Middle School media center. The Varia family donated \$15,000 for the renovation at the school.

helped us see this vision of our library along and we couldn't have done it without her."

An area of the library media center, Laila Rani Slone Fun Corner, is named after Varia's two-year-old great-granddaughter. It's fitted with couches, ottomans and a fireplace — a setting that officials said will make students feel "at home" when they come to the library.

Superintendent Danny Adkins said it's his favorite part of the new media center because it reminds him of his living room.

He said the new library is "something to behold."

He praised Dr. Varia for her contributions.

"When you're talking about Dr. Chandra and her love for this school system and her love for the kids of this county, I don't have to tell you anything," Adkins said. "I've been here for a year now, and I see it. I see it every day. I see kids going to the science center because Dr. Chandra has made that possible. I see speaker systems. I see new libraries ... but again, I can't say enough about what Dr. Chandra does for our school system."

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, who helped cut the rib-

bon to open the new media center, made similar remarks.

"It's great to see people as involved as Dr. Varia is," Turner said. "She's a board member, but to be able to donate her time and money and resources to make sure the Floyd County Schools are the best they can be. She's been a champion as long as I've known her for Floyd County Schools and I think Floyd countians are lucky to have her as a board member."

Adams student Kassy Blackburn thanked Varia for her "love and commitment to our district."

"For months, we have anticipated what it would look like. I can honestly say we are all in awe and so happy to have such a cool place to work, study and relax with a cappuccino," she said.

Dr. Varia's granddaughter, Sheel Mehta Slone, said she is thankful that the center's fun corner is named in honor of her daughter.

"I spent many, many hours in the library when I was growing up and in school, and I know firsthand just how important and how fundamental a library can be to a school and the children's education in the future," Slone said. "Today's students need to be good readers and lifelong learners who

can gather, and evaluate and use information to create new knowledge. And, I'm so happy that this library can provide that information for children to do that."

Addressing the crowd, Dr. Varia talked about the importance of reading, telling students that books are her "elixir."

She said books "open the door to everything."

She said she and her family donate to various causes because education is important to them and her religion, Jainism, emphasizes non-possessiveness and sharing.

Talking about poverty in the county, she said she became a board member after a pregnant teenager who could not read came to her former medical office years ago.

Adams Middle School is not in her district as a board member, but Varia said, "it doesn't matter."

"Every child, every board member needs to feel that every child is their children ... I think everybody should work for the children because without children, there's no future," she said.

Poe invites the public to stop by and visit the library.

"The school is a community hub and we want to welcome everyone to come see it," he said.

Pam Caudill Tackett, a friend of the family, set up a gofundme account for Maddie called "Taking Donations for Maddie Pridemore."

Pridemore said staff at Maddie's School, Flat Gap Elementary, have also been hosting fundraisers to help the family. She is a Dance Pup member at the school, he said, and was very active before she became ill.

"It completely flips your world upside down," Pridemore said. "It's something you're not even prepared for. The worst thing about it is you didn't see it coming. It just hit you."

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FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Dallas Bates
Dallas "Buck" Bates, 76, of Banner, died Tuesday, April 9, 2019.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m., Friday, April 12, and continue all day Saturday, April 13, at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, Jacks Creek.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Sunday, April 14, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Burke Family Cemetery, Frozen, Jacks Creek.

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

Gwinda Hughes
Gwinda "Sue" Hughes, 69, of Bevinsville, died Monday, April 8, 2019.

Visitation was held Wednesday and Thursday, April 10-11, at Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, Bevinsville.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, April 12, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Burke Family Cemetery, Blue Branch, Bevinsville.

Arrangements are under the direction of

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Jerry Lee McGarey
Jerry Lee McGarey, 71, of Martin, died Thursday, April 11, 2019.

Visitation will be after 6 p.m., Friday, April 12, and continue all day Saturday, April 13, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 14, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Dingus Family Cemetery, Martin.

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

Calvin Shepherd
Calvin "Rod" Shepherd, 73, of David, died Monday, April 8, 2019.

Visitation was held Wednesday and Thursday, April 10-11, at Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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

MURDER

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Trooper William Petry reported that the investigation is ongoing and additional charges could be filed.

"On murder cases, especially, you want to be sure you get every ounce of evidence collected," Petry said.

The indictment alleges that Martin killed Tackett by shooting him, but it does not disclose a date of the alleged murder. Turner said the autopsy did not provide a definitive time of death.

"The autopsy indicated he was shot once in the head," Turner said.

Tackett's body was

discovered in a shallow grave on April 4, after a search warrant was executed at Martin's property. The grave was in the yard of the residence, officials reported.

KSP officials had been searching for Tackett since he was reported missing on Feb. 20.

Documents filed in Floyd County District Court said KSP officials retrieved several items from Martin's residence, including two guns, a bullet casing, suspected methamphetamine, electronic devices, a burned shoe and other items.

Martin is scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd County Circuit Court next week.

Community Events

- Through April 30: Applications accepted for the crisis component of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. (606) 874-4350
- Through April 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. (606) 886-9193
- April 12, 1 p.m.: City of Prestonsburg Arbor Day Celebration, tree planting and free sapling giveaway, Star City Park.
- April 12; 5 p.m.: Youth Open Mic Night, City Perk Coffeehouse, Prestonsburg
- April 13; 8 a.m.: MCCC Green Dot Sexual Assault Awareness 5K, Prestonsburg City Stage, \$20 to register at 173 N. Lake Drive.
- April 13, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Floyd County Wide Community Cleanup. Residents encouraged to cleanup roads near their homes. All county fire departments will provide trash bags. County-wide cookout for volunteers offered at all county fire departments at 3 p.m. (606) 886-9193.

DONATIONS

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"I've burned up all of my time," he said, explaining why he wasn't at the hospital Wednesday with his daughter. "I've got a little bit of time left at my job, but I don't have but maybe two days left and I'm not coming to work tomorrow or Friday. I'll be up there with her then."

When asked how difficult it is to have to work when his daughter is so ill, Pridemore said, "I would rather be there with her. It's a big adjustment, because you've got to juggle, you know, you want to be there with her, but at the same time, you have to pay the bills, too. Maddie has to have a house to come home to, when she gets well. That's what I keep telling myself."

The past few weeks have been a whirlwind for the family.

A little over two weeks ago, Maddie was diagnosed with strep throat.

She was given antibiotics and was told to rest. Pridemore and his wife Nicki, however, wanted a second opinion, so they took their daughter to the emergency room at Highlands Health.

They learned Maddie was in heart failure.

"She was born with a genetic heart defect that nobody ever caught. The way the doctors described it, her heart has been really overworked all her life, and it took this virus bringing it to the surface for the heart to say, okay I'm done. I can't do no more," Pridemore said.

Maddie was transported to the University of Kentucky Medical Center and later airlifted to Cincinnati's Children's Hospital, where she's been hospitalized ever since.

"It has completely changed everything, a complete 360 turnaround," Pridemore said. "You go from a child that is able to ride a bicycle four or five miles, and her (being) 10 years old,

to ride a skateboard — until now, she can't even walk a half a foot without having to stop to take a break. She has to be assisted in going to the bathroom. She has to be assisted in taking a bath. It's a big game changer for all of us."

He said his daughter "still has a very long road ahead of her." On Thursday, April 11, doctors were scheduled to give Maddie an external ventricular assistance device to help her heart continue pumping.

"They're putting a pump on her and the pump only lasts a year. They have to find her a heart before the pump, I guess you would say, expires within a year. They have to find a heart before then, and if not, she won't make it."

When asked how people can help Maddie and his family, Pridemore asked for prayers.

"Right now, our main concern is Maddie. She's just slowly going downhill. She's getting worse," he said.

Everyday ways to love others

1. Take food to your neighbors.

It doesn't have to be anything fancy – perhaps a plate of cookies or a batch of fudge. (We have ladies in our church who are always handing out fudge.) If they're open to it, talk to them for a few minutes. Don't invite yourself in. Just be friendly.

2. Love the person right in front of you.

There's a broken heart in every pew, a preacher once said. There's also hurt, pain and loneliness around us, maybe the person next to us at the grocery store or our waitress. Perhaps they could use a kind word, smile or a helping hand. Ask them how their day is going... and mean it. Remember their name.

3. Have neighbors over for dinner or dessert.

Prepare (or buy) something simple – pizza, spaghetti, apple pie and ice cream. Laugh, tell stories and listen.

4. Hand out bags to the homeless or those in need.

Fill it with simple things – a pair of socks, deodorant, non-perishable food, water, sunglasses, hand wipes, maybe even some money.

5. Babysit for someone.

Maybe it's a single mom who needs a break, or maybe a couple who needs a date night. Help them lighten the load and get a breather for a few hours.

6. Sit with the elderly.

Caregivers are often under more stress than we realize. Step in and allow them a break. They deserve it!

7. Put the cell phones away.

Invest into your children, your spouse and your friends. Real connections happen when we're talking with one another. Enjoy one another's company. Listen to each other. Laugh. It's those moments that will be remembered.

8. Donate to a missionary.

Most of us can't travel and be missionaries in foreign lands. But we can lend aid where it's needed.

9. Smile at or compliment someone – or do both!

Smiles are contagious and everyone loves a compliment.

10. Send a handwritten letter or card to someone.

There can be many reasons to send a note. Perhaps to wish them "get well," "thank you" for something they've



done, or "just because." Let them know you're thinking of them and appreciate them – even if they did something for you years ago.

11. Give a hug.

Someone you know probably needs a hug today. Whether it's to uplift their spirits or just say "hi," we can all use a hug.

12. Share encouraging words.

Lift up someone who may be discouraged. Steer conversations away from negativity, racism and prejudice – encouraging a more positive topic.

13. Offer to help a neighbor with yard work.

Yard work can be difficult, especially when the temperature rises. Offer to help someone out, you might even save someone's life in the process.

14. Anonymously leave a bag on groceries for someone.

Economically, times are tough right now. If you know someone in need, perhaps leave them a bag of groceries with a scripture attached.

15. Pray.

We can ask God to bring us into contact with someone whom we can impact their day. We can pray for situations regarding our neighbors, friends or co-workers where they need God's help.

Sources: Redeeming God, Project Inspired and Core Christianity

Meditations on spring

"All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord endures forever."

1 Peter 1:24-25 NIV



Spring is the time of year when God's creative hand is perhaps most evident. Buds sprouting from tree limbs and new growth everywhere seems almost miraculous after a long cold winter. The great American poet Robert Frost reminds us, in his poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay," that everything in nature is temporary:

*Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.*

Nothing gold can stay.

We are right to praise God for the beauty of Spring, but at the same time we should realize that everything on this earth is temporary. The brief and fleeting life of the mayfly should remind us that in the cosmic scheme of things, we are the mayfly, here today and gone tomorrow. Enjoy nature's Springtime show of vibrant color, but realize that this earth is not your final home.

– Christopher Simon

Local church directory

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

214 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg
Phone: 606-506-5101
Rev. Sr. Judy Yunker
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SATURDAY

Services – 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

Fish & Loaves Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen – 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg
606-874-9526
Fr. Brandon Bigam

SATURDAY

Services – 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Services – 11:15 a.m.

TRIMBLE CHAPEL CHURCH

79 Trimble Chapel Square, Prestonsburg
Pastor David Bowling

SUNDAY

Sunday School – 10 a.m.

Services – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Services and Youth Group – 6 p.m.

VOGEL DAY METHODIST

US 23, Harold
Pastor Dennis Love
SUNDAY
Sunday School – 10 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m.
Healing Service – 7 p.m. on last Sunday of month
WEDNESDAYS
Prayer Meeting & Youth Fellowship – 6:30 p.m.
AA Meeting – 8 p.m.

ALLEN BAPTIST CHURCH

354 US HWY 23 South, Prestonsburg, At junction of HWY 23 and RT 80
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Worship – 10:45 a.m. & 7 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Evening Worship – 7 p.m.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BETSY LAYNE

80 Pike Floyd Hollow, Betsy Layne
Phone: (606) 478-5369
Pastor Bro. Tim McClanahan
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Prayer Meeting – 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

147 Burke Ave, Prestonsburg
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Pastor John Carwell
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SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 10 a.m.
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When Christians love, it's remembered



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I'm standing in the living room with one hand on my hip and the other with my index finger sticking up at shoulder height, my other fingers fisted, as if I'm declaring I'm number one or some sort. I think I'm probably about five in the photo with my blond hair in a one-sided, twisted pigtail. There's a smile on my face. It was before my cheerleading days, so I don't think I'm declaring anyone as being number one. Instead, I think I'm showing off, reciting the song "This Little Light of Mine."

"This Little Light of Mine" was just one of the songs I learned attending Sunday school at a church not far from our home. I loved my teacher Mary Kay Taylor and can still remember faces of members, though not always their names. The people were always kind, even after stints of absence. We (a

friend and I) would sometimes show up in time to participate in the children's choir during morning worship and for bigger events such as the yearly Christmas play. Even though we weren't regular attendees, they still gave us a part. I have a photo of that too, dressed in our white robes with Christmas tinsel lining the garment and the halo on our heads.

Sometimes, I visited church with my grandmother and her sister's family. Again, throughout the years there were certain people whom I always remembered, such as the O'Bryans (three sisters who look so much alike, I was unable to keep them straight), Clinton Layne, Renae Abshire and of course, the minister Bob Wertz. Despite the years of absence, it was always welcoming to walk back through the doors and see the faces I remembered from times before.

What both of these congregations had in common was the love I received from them. There was never any judgment. Never any interrogating questions such as, "Where have you been?" But instead, "We missed you." Warm greetings with smiles were all around. Hugs of open arms and open doors. Words of

kindness and encouragement. And an open invitation to come back.

Then in the difficult times of life, it was the church that answered the call. When my grandparents passed away, it was Bob who preached the funeral, the choir who sang the songs, and the congregation who prepared food

There was never
any judgment...
but instead
"We missed you."

for the family. At that point, neither I nor my parents were Christians. But that didn't matter to the church. They were Christlike in their actions, helping where they could, offering comfort and support. It was seeing a need and meeting it. It was their light penetrating into those dark moments. It was those actions of the church, those memories of love that drew us into the fold.

Now here I am, a born-again Christian, washed in the blood, forgiven and

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Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony cases filed

Michael R. Gayheart, 25, of Wellington; rear license not illuminated, failure to wear seatbelts, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, license to be in possession, driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Brad Hall, 42, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, giving officer false information

Gregory Arnett, 36, of Martin; first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree criminal mischief

Jamie Lee Garrett, 41, of Beaver; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Jesse James Keathley, 32, of Harold; first-degree possession of a controlled substance; giving officer false information

Nancy Conn Alley, 52, of Raccoon; two counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree pos-

session of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, receiving stolen property

James Ryan Hall, 37, of Grethel; second-degree assault

Darrell Lee Hill, 34, of Melvin; third-degree assault on a corrections officer, menacing

Mark N. Tackett, 32, of Beaver; first-degree fleeing/evading police

Randa J. Hamilton, 26, of Harold; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Margaritta L. Boyd, 36, of Tram; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Wesley Martin, 43, of Wayland; possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a defaced firearm, murder

Jacob Slone, 21, of Wayland; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Matthew Johnson, 32, of Weeksbury; theft by failure to make required disposition of property

Clifton Jarrell, 54, of Dana; no registration plate, no registration receipt, failure to produce insurance card, second-degree assault

Misdemeanor cases filed

William Hanilton,

32, of Pikeville; driving on a suspended license, failure to produce insurance card, possession of license when privileges are revoked, failure to surrender revoked drivers license

Shelby Stacy, 41, of Garrett; receiving stolen property

Vanessa Vanderpool, 29, of Martin; second-degree wanton endangerment

Matthew Howard, 40, of Martin; second-degree wanton endangerment

April Scott, 24, of Pikeville; falsely reporting an incident

Justin Kidd, 36, of Harold; trafficking marijuana

Emily Quaine, 19, of Pikeville; falsely reporting an incident

Christopher Mackey, 32, of Garrett; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)

James Whitt Jr., 30, of Williamson, W.Va.; fishing without a license

Harry Grace Jr., 61, of Prestonsburg; fishing without a license

Todd Mollohan, 33, of Canton; fishing without a license

Shelby D. Stacy, 11, of West Garrett; theft by deception (cold checks), fraudulent use of a credit card

Lawsuits filed

Discover Bank vs.

Tracy K. Newsome; complaint concerning contract

John Marsillett vs. Merlin Martin, Allstate Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Anthony Hamilton vs. Stephanie Hamilton; divorce

Government Employers Insurance Company, Freda K. Watkins vs. Margaret S. Fox; personal injury complaint

Monica Lynn Carlson vs. David Neal Hall; petition for custody

American Express National Bank vs. Joseph Snyder; complaint concerning contract

Gregory Robert Dixon vs. Shaunda Marie Dixon; divorce

Branch Banking & Trust vs. Angela Sisco; complaint concerning contract

The Bank of New York Mellon, FKA The Bank of New York, as successor in interest to JP Morgan Chase Bank, as trustee for Bear Sterns Asset Backed Securities Trust 2006-2, Asset Backed Certificate Series 2006-2 vs. Betty Jo Hall, Kim Hall, Eddie Hall, unknown spouse of Walter Ray Jr., unknown spouse of Mary Alice Ray, Kentucky Department of Revenue; foreclosure

Amanda D. Harrington vs. Dustin Ken-

neth Hall; divorce

Carl David Brown, individually and as administrator for Linda Brown estate vs. Kentucky One Health, doing business as Saint Joseph Martin, Ronald D. Hamilton, MD; complaint alleging wrongful death

Emma Lackey, as guardian of a child vs. James J. Gillespie; personal injury complaint

Brenda West vs. Nathan West; divorce

Karen Baldwin vs. Jackson Latta, City of Prestonsburg; personal injury complaint

Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance vs. Douglas A. Harvey and his unknown spouse, Beverly Harvey and unknown spouse, Family Federal Savings & Loan, NKA, Family Federal Savings Bank, Floyd County; foreclosure

Jessica Russell vs. Mark Samons; divorce

Kayla Adkins vs. Big Sandy Area Development District, Appalachian Community Care; complaint concerning contract

Crystal A. Vanhooose vs. Randall Lee Vanhooose; divorce

Citizens Bank of Kentucky vs. Jimmy Hamilton, Helen Hamilton, Floyd County, Lendmark Financial Services; foreclosure

Crown Asset Manage-

ment vs. Kathy Parsons; complaint concerning contract

Curnie Hughes vs. Joshua A. Swiney, Geico General Insurance Company; complaint concerning contract

Alan Howell, Donna Howell vs. Thomas J. Allen, Henry Allen Jr., Emily Allen Gardner, Martha Allen, Patricia Rattan, Ronald Allen, Kathryn Malgreen and their unknown spouses and heirs, Floyd County; petition for sale of jointly-owned property for indivisibility

Sabrina Hall, Cody Hill vs. Soma Sundaram Vellaippan; personal injury complaint

Samantha Williams vs. Zachary C. Shepherd; personal injury complaint

David Seay vs. Lora Seay; divorce

One Main Financial Group vs. Tina Hill; complaint concerning contract

One Main Financial Group vs. Robert Griffith; complaint concerning contract

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

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Marriages

Courtney Lynn Wallace, 35, of Prestonsburg to Brandon Joey Maynard of Prestonsburg

Vanessa Marie Lester, 37 of Prestonsburg to Jeffrey Paul Johnson, 41, of Prestonsburg

Estill Leroy Dykes, 43, Prestonsburg to Jennifer Roseann Lowe, 41, of Prestonsburg

Malinda Sue Hunter, 45, of Honaker to Leland Patrick Kidd, 54, of Printer

Montana Lynn Porter, 23, of Prestonsburg to Brent Reece Dye, 21, of Prestonsburg

Valerie Gail Blankenship, 46 of Teaberry to Billy G. Hamilton, 52, of Harold

Nathan Alan Wright, 27, of Prestonsburg to Kaitlyn Elizabeth Campbell, 22 of Prestonsburg

Tunis Michael Slone, 46, Dana to Latonya Grace Bartley, 44 of Dana

Anna Sue Hall, 55, of Harold to Joseph Antho-

ny Barry, 66, of Galveston, Texas.

Joshua Morgan, 33, of Prestonsburg to Shayla T. Shepherd of Hueysville.

Tyra Hunter Nairn, 20, of Garrett to Jordan Darrell Pratt, 22, of Garrett

Property transfers

Master Commissioner Gregory A. Isaac, First Commonwealth Bank and Patrick Flanagan to New Penn Financial, LLC ad Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing (Deeds Book 644, pg. 245)

Ernestine Fraley to Herman Robert (Deeds Book 644, pg. 250)

Auderea Akers, Nicholas Akers, Lou Jean Gibson, Clara Hartgrove, Eddie Hartgrove, Loretta Ousley, Mary E. Ousley, Sean E. Ousley, Stacy Ousley, Ashley Ousley Roe and

Brent Roe to Aaron Chase Ousley (Deeds Book 644, pg. 253)

Auderea Akers, Nicholas Akers, Clara Hartgrove, Eddie Hartgrove, Loretta Ousley, Mary E. Ousley, Sean E. Ousley, Stacy Ousley, Ashley Ousley Roe and Brent Roe to Sean N. Ousley and Stacy Ousley (Deeds Book 644,

pg. 263)

Clay Ratliff and Kinsey Ratliff to Kentucky Power Company (Deeds Book 644, pg. 271)

Derick Shepherd and Jennifer Carol Shepherd to Kentucky Power Company (Deeds Book 644, pg. 273)

Samantha Stumbo and Jeremy Stumbo to Kentucky Power Company (Deeds Book 644, pg. 275)

Phyllis B. Honshell to Catherine Sorrell (Deeds Book 644, pg. 279)

Gary Music and Patricia Ann Music to Kentucky Power Company (Deeds Book 644, pg. 277)

Alexandra Prater, Douglas McCay Prater, Kim Prater, Paul Prater and Taundra Prater (Deeds Book 644, pg. 285)

Frasure Creek Properties, LLC to Anthony Mullins (Deeds Book 644, pg. 291)

Ed Roberts, Eddie Franklin Roberts, Estate of Garry Roberts, Executor of Gary Roberts to Angela Duncan and

Stephen Duncan (Deeds Book 644, pg. 295)

Darbin R. Flannery to Brittany Dawn Bailey and Gregory Allen Morris (Deeds Boon 644, pg. 305)

Master Commissioner Gregory A. Isaac, First Commonwealth Bank, Arnold Wheeler, Unknown Spouse of Arnold Wheeler, Jeremy Wheeler and Lisa Wheeler to David Layne and Martha Layne (Deeds Book 644, pg. 313)

Master Commissioner Gregory A. Isaac, Penymac Loan Services, LLC, Angela Waddles and Ricky Waddles to Penymac Loan Services, LLC (Deeds Book 644, pg. 318)

Herman Roberts and Judy Roberts to Hubert James Shell (Deeds Book 644, pg. 302)

Jack and John, LLC to The Extra Mile, LLC (Deeds Book 644, pg. 308)

Tina Lee Reynolds Kane and Arthura Reynolds (Deeds Book 644, pg. 324)

Sarah Allen to Sally Coleman (Deeds Book 644, pg. 328)

Cleveland Dye and Mabel Dye to The Elk Horn Coal Company (Deeds Book 644, pg. 331)

Elizabeth Ann Dameron and Jeffrey Dameron to Casey R. Adkins and Kimberly D. Adkins (Deeds Book 644, pg. 337)

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On April 26, 2019 at 6:30 PM, the City of Prestonsburg will conduct a public hearing regarding the cable television franchise held by Altice S.A. and/or its subsidiaries d/b/a Suddenlink Communications ("Suddenlink"). Pursuant to 47 USC 546, the hearing will afford the public in the City of Prestonsburg appropriate notice and participation for the purpose of (A) identifying the future cable-related community needs and interests, and (B) reviewing the performance of Suddenlink under its franchise during the franchise term.

The hearing will be held at the Mountain Arts Center, 50 Hal Rogers Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, All interested parties will be given an opportunity to speak. Additionally, written comments can be sent to Mayor Les Stapleton, 200 N Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

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2019 All-County Band and Art Festival held



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher
Floyd Central High School senior Gracie Thompson, named 2019 Floyd County Schools Musician of the Year, presents a plaque of appreciation to 2019 All-County High School Band Conductor Bruce Harkins.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher
The 2019 All-County High School Band, directed by Bruce Harkins, performed "Ayre and Dance," "Call of Courage" and "Project March" to close out the 2019 Floyd County All-Schools Band and Art Festival at the Mountain Arts Center Tuesday night.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher
Festival art entries from each Floyd County school will be displayed in the Mountain Arts Center reception area through the end of the month.

Students honored in music, art

BY ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

Parents, students and members of the community gathered at the Mountain Arts Center Tuesday night for the 2019 Floyd County All-Schools Band and Art Festival.

The festival opened with a short concert by the 2019 All-County Middle School Band conducted by David Jump performed "The Zombie Dance" written by Michael Story and "Ancient

Hunters" written by Sean O'Loughlin.

The All-County Middle School Band was composed of Alyssa Stewart, Madison Newsome, Aubrey Adkins, Makayla Kidd, Danielle Kidd, Owen Hall, Will Justice, Preston Kendrick, Michael Carter Akers, Peyton Akers, Alex Hinkle, Dylan West, Konor Kidd, Taylor Collins, Dakota Stumbo, Ethan Slone, David Adams, Tyler Newsome, Elijah Knight, Jacob Adkins, Alexis Faith Akers, Chris Hunter, Cade Boyd, Chase

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They found the egg while searching for mushrooms

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A lucky couple from Minnie located the prize egg in the Floyd County Chronicle and Times' Great Easter Egg Hunt this week.

Freda and Charlie Castle found the egg hidden in the root of a tree while they searching for wild mushrooms, or land-fish, at the Elkhorn Recreational and Educational Park in Minnie.

The couple said they visit the park regularly. They said they've searched for the news-

To find out what the clues meant, see Page 11A.

paper's prize egg every spring for years, but they weren't actually looking for it this year because they thought it was in Prestonsburg.

"I'm ticked to death," Freda Castle said when she received the check.

She said she was looking at flowers when

she spotted a root that was filled with rocks.

"There was a root sticking out and it was hollow on top of the ground and it was stuck back in there," Charlie Castle said. "We thought it was a snake. We didn't know what it was."

He used a stick to coax the egg out, thinking at first that it was fake.

They said the \$500 prize will come in handy. They are currently putting a roof on their home.

"It come right when we needed it," Freda Castle said.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Appalachian Newspaper Sales Manager Danny Coleman, right, presents a \$500 check to Freda and Charlie Castle, who found the 2019 prize egg in the Floyd County Chronicle and Times' Great Easter Egg Hunt.

Easter egg hunts to be held

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several cities and organizations are hosting Easter egg hunts this month.

Minnie
God's Appalachian Partner-

ship (GAP) Ministries is also hosting an Easter egg hunt at Minnie Park, near the junction of Ky. 122 and Ky. 680, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13.

The event will include crafts and activities for parents and children and free refreshments.

For more information, visit, remakelearningdays.org.

Martin

Martin City Tourism and the City of Martin will host an egg hunt at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, at the ballpark in Martin.

Activities include free snacks

and appearances by the Easter Bunny, inflatables and prizes that will be given away.

The hunt will be open to children in various age groups, from birth to three years old and up

See EASTER, Page 10A

Tree giveaway this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Conservation District will distribute free tree seedlings to county residents this weekend.

The district, located at 18 Mayo Branch in Brandykeg, near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, will host

its annual tree giveaway from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13.

The trees will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Available trees include paw-paw, redbud, hazelnut, pecan, persimmon and cypress trees.

For more information, call, (606) 886-9800.

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to 12 years old. It is also open to special needs children.

For more information, call Martin City Hall at, (606) 886-9791.

Prestonsburg

The City of Prestonsburg will host its annual Easter egg hunt at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, at the Prestonsburg Sports Park on Stonecrest.

The event is open to children age 12 and under as well as children with special needs.

It will feature a visit

from the Easter bunny, booths by various organizations, activities and prizes for children.

For more information, call Prestonsburg City Hall at, (606) 886-2336.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by East Kentucky Archery, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 20, at the campground.

It is open to children age 12 and under.

The event will feature a visit from the Easter bunny and more than

8,000 candy-filled and prize-filled eggs will be hidden. The park is also hosting its annual Easter buffet the following day.

For more information, call the park at, (606) 889-1790.

Wheelwright

The City of Wheelwright is hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt this month, featuring door prizes, including bicycles, and an egg hunt.

The date for this event, however, has not yet been set.

For more information, call City Hall at (606) 452-4202.

BAND

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Cody Clark, Mason Buck and Graydon Martin of Duff-Allen Central Elementary; and Caiden Harris, Ericka Tackett, Jacob Mullins, Jamaica Caudill, Johnathan Moore, Kailey Hunt, Keliee Mullins, Kinsey Sturgill, Lincoln Slone and Maggie Johnson of South Floyd Elementary.

Presenters Kevin Slone and Shannon Shepherd awarded certificates to honorable mentions and medals to second-place and best-in-show winners, including for the first time elementary school participants.

Elementary school honorable mentions are Sophie Hacker and Ally Hamilton of Prestonsburg Elementary, Addison Brown and Brooke Stumbo of Duff-Allen Central Elementary, J.B. Boyd and Lexi O'Bryan of South Floyd Elementary, Layla Johnson and Kinleigh Martin of Stumbo Elementary, Lance Lawson and Caleb Orsborne of Betsy Layne Elementary, Blayne Camron and Sierra Slone of Allen Elementary and Benny McCoy and Landon Ward of May Valley Elementary.

Middle school honorable mentions are Kaitlyn Hager and Sage Slone of Adams Middle School, Hailey Little of Duff-Allen Central Elementary, Hayden Barela and Ericka Tackett of South Floyd El-

ementary, Majaia Yates of Stumbo Elementary, Cayley Akers and Jayla Slone of Betsy Layne Elementary and Sidney Chaffins of Allen Elementary.

High school honorable mentions are Skylar Hamilton of Betsy Layne High School with Cheyenne McIntire of Prestonsburg High School and Andrew Moore of Floyd Central High School.

Winning Best of Show, second Place for middle school are Madison Wilcox and Kaylee Boyd from Adams Middle School, Todd Prater and Harley Fletch from Duff-Allen Central Elementary, Devin Slone from South Floyd Elementary, Rachael Helms, Victoria Paige Yount and Allyson Rogers from Betsy Layne Elementary and Breanna Carter and Heaven Kazmar from Allen Elementary. High School Best of Show, second place are Devin Martin, Brianna Pinion and Jaylen Young of Betsy Layne High School, Lauren Gearheart, Alexis Hall, Kiera Warrens and Kaitlyn Turner of Floyd Central High School and Andrea Condia, Hannah Ratliff and Clayton Smith of Prestonsburg High School.

Winning Best of Show for middle school are Gracie Rogers and Hannah Blankenship from Adams Elementary, Emma Dudleson and Mattie Boyd from Duff-Allen Central Elementary,

Chloe Hall from South Floyd Elementary, Sophie Slone and Kaylee Haden of Stumbo Elementary, Alyssa Steward from Betsy Layne Elementary and Natalie Hayden and Jasmie Maldonado from Allen Elementary. Winning Best of Show for high school are KayLee Evans, Sophia Ratliff and Mayson Young of Betsy Layne High School, Jacob Hall, Jhaughanessy Morris and Kate Mullins of Floyd Central High School, and Emily Hall, Gabe Hitchcock, Payton Martin and Makayla Ousley of Prestonsburg High School.

The 2019 Floyd County Schools Musician of the year was awarded to Gracie Thompson of Floyd Central High School, who performed "O Mio Babbino Caro," a soprano aria by Gianni Schicci. Thomas also wins a scholarship to the school of her choice, sponsored by Dr. Ryan Maynard Chiropractic

Closing out the festival, All-County High School Band, directed by Bruce Harkins, performed "Ayre and Dance" written by Bruce Pearson, "Call of Courage" written by Carmine Pastore and "Project March" written by Harold Bennett.

The All-County High School Band was composed of Christopher Adkins, Kegan Akers, Brandon Belcher, Maggie Bentley, Katelynn Collins, Toni Cook, Kobe Hughes, Brianna Johnson, Alexis

Keathley, Danielle Schindler, Andrew Stratton, Andrew Waddle, Damien Williams, Gracelyn Woods and Jaylen Young of Betsy Layne High School; Justin Akers, Ashleigh Allen, Autumn Bailey, Lindsay Banks, Bethany Bentley, Brandy Blevins, Shannon Rogers, Leanna Clouse, Joseph Derosett, Jasmine Edwards, Makenzie Hamilton, Savannah Hamilton, Whitney Hancock, Jade Howard, Hanah Jarrell, Haven Little, Sahara Little, Alyssa Meade, Abigail Paige Angeleigh Poling, Savannah Price, Tony Reynolds, Destiny Robinson, Zachary Rose, Chantal Sargent, Joley Scarberry,



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher
The 2019 Floyd County Schools Middle School Band, conducted by David Jump, perform.

Brittany Shepherd, Isabella Stewart, Rhoslyn Stumbo, Shania Stump, McKenzie Tackett, Kelli Thomas, Gracie Thompson, Ethan Wright and Megan Yonce of Floyd

Central High School; and Halie Blackburn, Logan McKenzie, Destiny Elliot, Chase Ross, Brian Agtucha, Makayla Padgett and Nadaleigh Lester of Prestonsburg High School.

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The 2019 Great Easter Egg Hunt

Want to know what those clues meant?

Clue 1: "Our paper delivers far and wide, this year we found an old place to hide. Look high and low and close at hand. The treasure you seek is on public land."

Last year, we hid the egg at Sugarcamp, a new trail system. This year, the egg was hidden at Elk Horn Recreational & Educational Park, which opened decades ago.

Clue 2: "Egg seekers beware, be cautious and safe. For the treasurer you seek, be guided by faith."

Clue 3: "You'll find a church with no steeple. You'll likely see lots of people."

These clues were a little tricky. The "church with no steeple" is actually an outdoor wedding chapel at the park. It has pews and an arbor, but no roof or steeple.

Clue 4: "A tree grows, thanks to its root. Birds sing like nature's flute."

The egg was hidden in the root of a tree.

Clue 5: "Three paths can lead you to your goal. The bones of this land were built by coal."

There are three walking trails near the entrance of the park, and the property was donated by coal and gas companies.

Clue 6: "Getting aggravated yet? Just a little bitty? It's in the rear-view of Prestonsburg city."

This clue shows that the egg is somewhere on the southern end of the county.

Clue 7: "If you add four roads that get you there. It's 2,804, that's where!"

Ky. 80, Ky. 680, Ky. 777 and Ky. 1267 are four roads that lead to the park.

Clue 8: "One & Two & Three & Four. You must divide by one more."

This clue asks the reader to add the first four numbers to get 10, then divide by "one more," or five. The answer is two, as in magisterial District 2.

Clue 9: "The creek will guide you all the time. Take a stroll near Virginia's Pine."

This clue references a creek at the park and the first tree that's named on one of the trails, a Virginia Pine tree.

The remaining clues would have taken readers up to the pond at the park, and then back down the hillside to find the egg. We want to thank our readers for participating this year. Please help us thank our business partners for making this contest possible.

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Floyd Central's Matt Combs

Combs no-hits Bobcats

By STEVE LEMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN —
 Floyd Central
 junior pitcher

Matt Combs was dominant on the mound on Wednesday, throwing a no-hitter to lead the Jaguars past visiting Betsy Layne 2-0 in a 58th District baseball game.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 6-5 overall and 1-0 in the 58th District.

Betsy Layne dropped to 5-6 overall and 0-3 in the district

with the loss.

Behind Combs' work on the mound, Floyd Central notched its fourth win in five games.

Combs earned the pitching win after tossing a complete game as he allowed zero hits and zero runs over seven innings while striking out 18.

Betsy Layne freshman pitcher Byron

Tackett took the loss. Tackett surrendered two runs on four hits over six innings, striking out one.

The game was scoreless until the bottom half of the fifth inning when host Floyd Central plated both of its runs.

Brayden Hamilton went two for three at the plate to lead the

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Floyd Central's Brayden Hamilton (11) looks to break up a Betsy Layne double-play attempt. Floyd Central cruised to an 11-0 win over Betsy Layne in 58th District action.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Lady Blackcats drop home game to Lady Cardinals

By STEVE LEMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg faltered midway through its latest home game as visiting Sheldon Clark pulled away to win 13-7 in a non-district high school baseball matchup at StoneCrest Sports Park on Tuesday.

With the loss, Prestonsburg slipped to 6-7.

Sheldon Clark improved to 8-7 with the win.

Gracie Presley earned the win in the circle for 57th District member Sheldon Clark. Presley pitched a complete game, allowing seven runs on 11 hits while striking out six over seven innings.

Prestonsburg pitcher Katelyn Bingham absorbed the loss. Bingham allowed 12 hits and 13 runs over seven innings, striking out seven.

Prestonsburg led 3-1 at the conclusion of the first inning and owned the

same advantage until the top half of the third frame when Sheldon Clark pushed across five runs.

However, Prestonsburg answered, scoring four runs in the bottom half of the third inning to move back ahead, 7-6.

But Sheldon Clark countered once again. The Lady Cardinals scored six runs over their next two plate appearances and regained momentum to finish strong and claim the victory.

Sheldon Clark edged Prestonsburg 12-11 in the hits column. Paige, Maynard, Terri Howard, Brittany Thompson and Savannah Young each collected multiple hits for the Lady Cardinals. Maynard went three for five at the plate to lead Sheldon Clark in the hits column.

Bingham, Shae Robinson and Alison Campbell led the Lady Blackcats at the plate, providing two hits apiece.



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Prestonsburg third baseman Haley Ratliff attempts to field a ball as it went foul down the third base line.



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Prestonsburg pitcher Katelyn Bingham delivers a pitch to the plate.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
Junior pitcher Matt Combs recorded 18 strikeouts in Floyd Central's victory over Betsy Layne on Wednesday. Combs threw a no-hitter against the Bobcats.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
Shortstop Chase Conley prepares to throw to first against district rival Betsy Layne. The Jaguars picked up an 11-0 win over the Bobcats.

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Jaguars in the hits column. Following Hamilton in the key offensive

category for the Jaguars, Caleb Hager and Blake Slone added one hit apiece. Hager, who doubled, drove in both of Floyd Central's runs.

Floyd Central excelled defensively, exiting the district game error-free.

Betsy Layne committed two errors in the shutout loss

Floyd Central was visiting Betsy Layne for another 58th District baseball game on Thursday. Results from the latest Floyd Central-Betsy Layne baseball matchup were unavailable at press time.

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Blackcats drop games to Shelby Valley, Pike Central

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg dropped back-to-back home games to 15th Region rivals from neighboring Pike County earlier in the week. Both Pike Central and Shelby Valley posted wins over the Blackcats.

Shelby Valley 9, Prestonsburg 6

Shelby Valley dealt Prestonsburg its third straight loss on Wednesday, beating the Blackcats 9-6 at StoneCrest Sports Park.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 2-7.

Shelby Valley improved to 6-5 with the win.

Grant Joyce started on the mound for the Wildcats. Joyce lasted

three innings, allowing three hits and two runs while striking out four.

Aaron Shepherd was on the mound for the Blackcats. Shepherd surrendered six runs on seven hits over four innings, striking out one.

Another Prestonsburg pitcher, Nick Garrett, threw three innings in relief out of the bullpen.

Shelby Valley out-hit Prestonsburg 12-7. Samuel Brown, Jeremiah Prater, Hunter Mullins, Jackson Wierwille and Jackson McPeck each connected for multiple hits in Shelby Valley's victory.

Owen Greene and Ryan Meade paced Prestonsburg at the plate, providing two hits apiece.

Shelby Valley won despite committing six errors.

Prestonsburg committed three errors in the short effort.

Pike Central 18, Prestonsburg 15

Prestonsburg fell short in an offensive-heavy high school baseball game as visiting Pike Central pulled away to win 18-15 at StoneCrest Sports Park on Tuesday.

Four different Pike Central pitchers worked from the mound during the contest.

D'Sean Prinkleton started on the mound for the Hawks. Prinkleton lasted one and two-thirds innings, allowing three hits and four runs.

Payton Burke started on the hill for the Blackcats. Burke lasted three and two-thirds innings, allowing eight hits and 14 runs. Graham Burchett threw

three and a third innings in relief for the Blackcats.

Each team collected a dozen hits.

Prinkleton, Peyton Campton, Jon Potter, Keegan Bentley and Jarrod Stanley each provided multiple hits for the Hawks. Helping his pitching cause at the plate, Prinkleton went 3-for-5.

Burke and Andrew Hale each managed multiple hits for the Blackcats. Aiding his pitching cause at the plate, Burke led Prestonsburg with four hits in five at bats.

Each team struggled defensively. The two squads combined to commit 16 errors. Prestonsburg committed nine errors in the losing effort.

Lady Jags fall to East Ridge

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central remained winless earlier in the week as visiting East Ridge pulled away to win 8-0 in a high school softball game on Tuesday.

Non-district rivals, Floyd Central and East Ridge are 15th Region foes.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 0-8.

East Ridge improved to 8-5 with the win.

Caitlyn Coleman was the winning pitcher for visiting East Ridge. Coleman pitched a complete game shutout, surrendering zero runs on two hits over seven innings,

while striking out 11.

Floyd Central pitcher Ashley Bellamy took the loss. Bellamy allowed 12 hits and eight runs over six innings, striking out two and walking one.

East Ridge out-hit Floyd Central 13-2 and overcame two errors to win handily. Courtney Standifur, Kyra Looney and Haley Parks all managed multiple hits for the Lady Warriors. Standifur led East Ridge at the plate, finishing three for three.

Carly Akers and Chelsea Johnson each connected for one hit in the Lady Jaguars' loss.

Defensively, Floyd Central committed four errors.

UPIke men's basketball announces 2019 summer camps

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Local youth basketball players will have plenty of opportunities to hone their skills this summer with four UPIke basketball camps throughout the summer.

Boys High School Varsity/JV Team Camp — June 17-20 / Boys Middle School Team Camp — June 21 (\$150/day, \$50 deposit required)

In these camps, teams are guaranteed three games per day to build and test themselves against other teams in the area. For the High School Camp, teams can register for each day individually as they please. Games will be played at UPIke Gym, Pikeville High School, Pike Central High School and Mullins Elementary.

Games will consist of two 16-minute halves and each team will receive 12 T-shirts. The games will be officiated by registered officials when available.

UPIke Youth Camp — June 24-27 (\$80 Tuition, Early Bird Special \$70 before June 5)

This camp, open to boys and girls ages 6-14, exposes athletes to the essential skills necessary to their development as players and ways to improve these skills. The camp combines hard work and learning with a lot of fun. Through drill stations, half court games, lectures, competitions and more, this camp is focused on development.

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For more information on the camps, call 606-205-8661 or 606-454-4542.



ABOVE: Prestonsburg pitcher Payton Burke prepares to make a throw to first base as the Blackcats hosted 15th Region rival Pike Central on Tuesday.



RIGHT: Prestonsburg right fielder Owen Greene fields a ball hit into the outfield during the Blackcats' home game versus Pike Central.

SUDOKU & CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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You are best off keeping your thoughts to yourself if you aren't sure what you are going to do. Uncertainty due to emotional situations that arise will need to be dealt with personally. A positive change will unfold if you handle matters in a timely and concise manner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Changes at home will be difficult if you let too many people get involved in what's going on. A secretive but focused approach to a move or personal change is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Live and learn. What you learn through conversation or from travel will leave you open to suggestions and willing to make a change that will encourage new opportunities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You don't have to take on other people's responsibilities. Don't leave yourself open to being taken for granted. Make it clear what you think and what you are willing to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Spend more time on your own projects and strive to enhance your life. A reliable partnership will support the change you want to see happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Don't set yourself up for disappointment. Walk away from anyone trying to coerce you into something you shouldn't do. Put your energy into personal gains, not into helping others get ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - If you participate in events that have a purpose or meaning for you, you will meet someone who will have an impact on the way you think and which changes you want to make.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Be careful what you sign up for. Find out exactly what's entailed before you get involved in someone else's plans. Personal physical improvements

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



and prioritizing a romantic relationship are encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Socialize more. Reach out to people who enrich your life. Take the road less traveled and explore what's available. Spiritual and emotional encounters will lead to new beginnings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Positive change will happen if you focus more on your needs and less on the demands that others are putting on you. An emotional and physical adjustment will do you good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - If you get together with someone from your past, you will be offered information that will help you make positive changes. Starting something new will be rejuvenating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Tidy up any unfinished business so that you can move on to new and exciting pastimes. Adjustments to your personal space will encourage self-improvement and a healthier lifestyle.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Set yourself up for stardom. Step into the spotlight and share your thoughts. Good things will happen if you follow your heart and put your energy into something that counts.

TODAY'S SUDOKU PUZZLE

HOW TO PLAY:

- Each column has to have numbers 1 to 9
- Each row has to have numbers 1 to 9
- Each 3x3 Box has to have numbers 1 to 9

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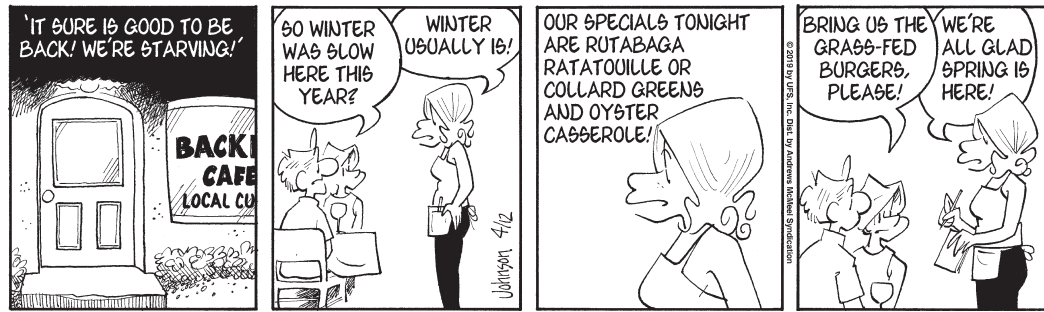
All answers are in today's edition

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- Henson or Croce
 - Former Marseilles moola
 - Dripping sound
 - Summer cooler
 - Not as common
 - Meat market buys
 - Least amt.
 - Sajak or Trebek
 - Rabbits
 - Juicy pears
 - Change the focus of
 - Kind of glass
 - Pale-green moth
 - Peace Prize name
 - Big buildup
 - End of the Earth
 - Political alliance
 - School of fish
 - Tempe inst.
 - Window ledges
 - Harvest moon mo.
 - Wooden horse saga
 - Cad's rebuke
 - Two-piece cookie
 - Bad bets
 - Munchies
 - Public disorder
 - Growled
 - Founder of Detroit
 - Relinquish a claim
 - On even terms
 - Romantic isle
 - Drone
 - Quiet spells
 - Mork's superior
 - Do the wrong thing
 - Puts
 - Primitive weapon
 - Strong soap
 - Sandwich shops
 - Relaxes
 - Less than fair
 - See-through fabric
 - Kind of sax
 - Water bucket
 - Fjord port
 - Tiant of baseball
 - Trolley sound
 - Bridge
 - TV receptors
 - Dental equipment
 - Gumbo veggie
 - Earth's star
 - Crows' noise
 - Mexican fare
 - Defame
 - All
 - Name in tractors
 - Friar's room
 - Swimming pool hue
 - Fittingly
 - Gustav Jung
 - Tire pressure meas.
 - Reagan nickname
- DOWN**
- Window frames
 - box
 - Brainy club
 - San Joaquin Valley city
 - Meadow grazer
 - Circle portion
 - "Faint heart -- won ..."
 - Fish basket
 - Mummy, maybe
 - Practical knowledge
 - Oil cartel
 - Furtive whisper
 - Slacks
 - Movie
 - "That's obvious!"
 - Flows back

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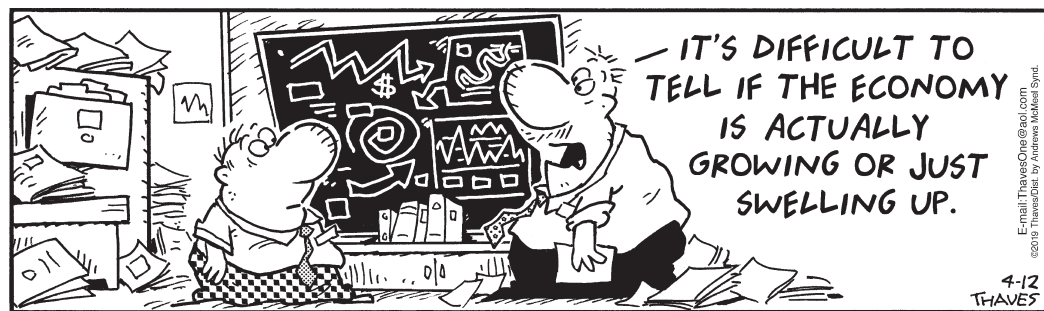
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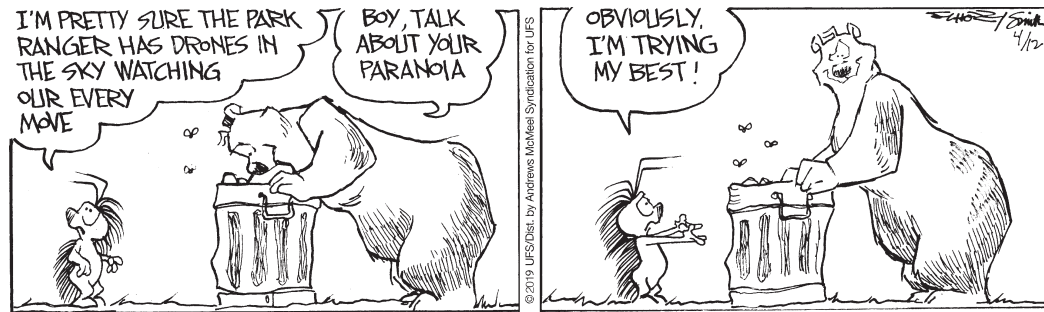
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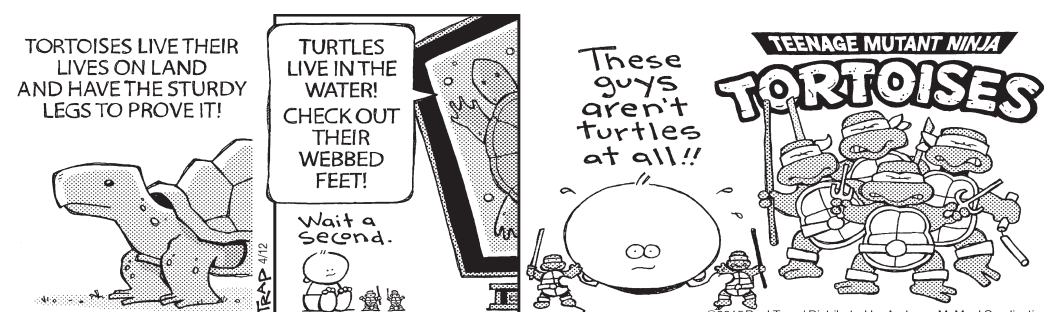
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County. The proposed facility is approximately 1.09 miles South West from Rt. 1210's junction with Ky. Rt. 80 and located 0.01 miles South of Stephens

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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 af-

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fect an area within 100 feet of public road Ky. Rt. 1210. The operation will not involve relocation or closure of the public road. The application has been filed for

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