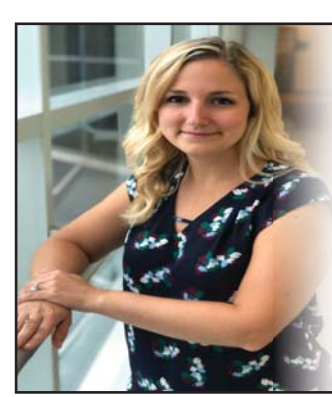




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Officials express concern over proposal to change Mountain Parkway route

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Since its inception, the 46-mile Mountain Parkway Expansion Project has been geared to expand the parkway for 16 miles from Salyersville to Prestonsburg.

Now, however, local officials acknowledge there is a "push" to take it out of Floyd County and move it, instead, to Johnson County.

Funding has not yet been appropriated for this 16-mile section of

the project, and it is not yet in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's six-year road plan.

Over the past several years, officials have studied two proposed routes for that 16-mile expansion, one that would widen Ky. 114 from the Magoffin County line to the U.S. 23 intersection in Prestonsburg, and another less expensive route that would expand the parkway via a ridgeline.

Officials report that

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Work is underway on Magoffin County portion of Mountain Parkway project near the intersection of Ky. 460, which leads to Paintsville.

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Hundreds participate in Easter egg hunt



By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

The City of Prestonsburg and the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park joined together to host an Easter egg hunt Saturday, with more than 20,000 eggs

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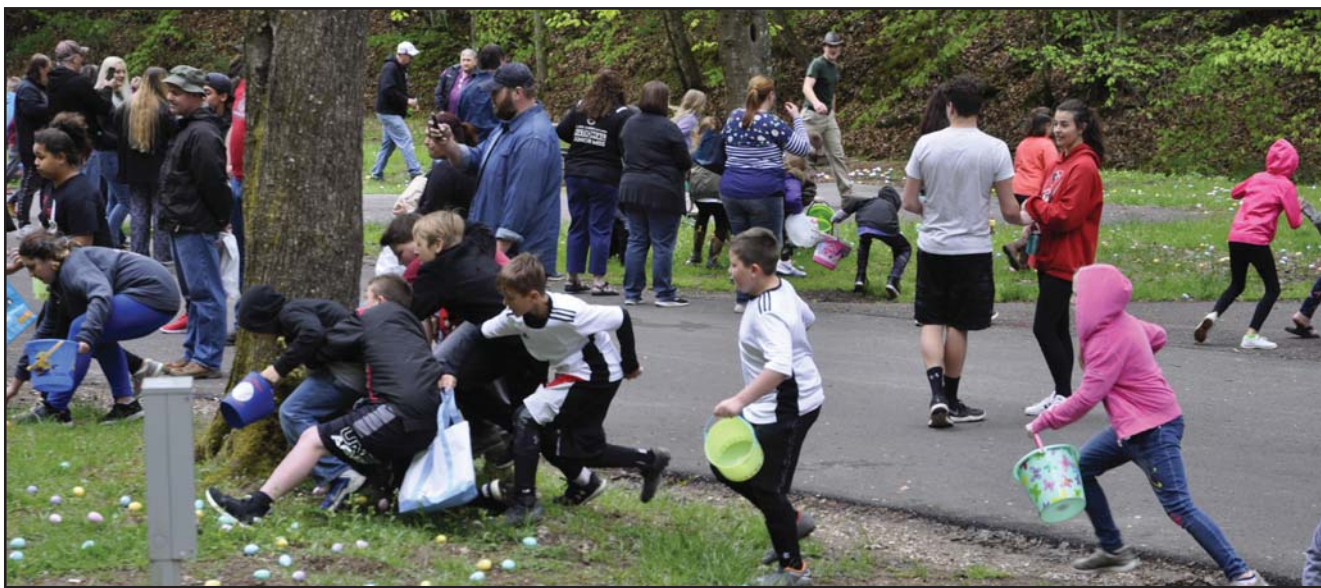


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Prestonsburg and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosted an Easter egg hunt Saturday, featuring 20,000 eggs and numerous prizes.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Elaine Belcher



Southern seeks rate increase

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Southern Water & Sewer District filed an application for an alternative rate adjustment, seeking a 32.3 percent increase in its rates.

Southern Water & Sewer District Chairperson Jeff Prater filed the 363-page application with the Kentucky Public Service Commission and the Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention on April 19.

He reported that the

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Floyd man sentenced to 12 years in sodomy case

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man was sentenced to 12 years in prison Friday in connection with his guilty plea to sodomizing a child.

Floyd County Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris sentenced Austin Tackett, 33, to serve 12 years on one count of second-degree sodomy.

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Just Save opens with a new concept

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A grocery store that pledges to charge customers only 10 percent above the cost of bringing food to the shelves opened in grand fashion on Good Friday.

Just Save Foods opened its doors at 8 a.m. on April 19 at 525 Village Drive, the former location of Save A Lot.

Store officials said customers started lining up outside the store shortly after 7 a.m. on Friday, and they decided to open early to let them in out of the rain. The business offered special sale prices and door prizes during its grand opening, which included a ribbon-cutting on Friday morning.

"This is a what's called a cost plus 10 concept, and we have been seeing it in various markets. We've seen other retailers that have been very successful with this. It not only gives the customer a good value, but we have stores that have variety and are not out



The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for Just Save Foods, which opened Friday in the former location of Save A Lot.

of stock," said Larry Noe, president of the store's parent company Saver Group.

He said Just Save will carry a "great variety" of goods, including national brands and "good quality meats at a good price."

"I think customers will find it's a better value overall in the shopping experience," Noe said. "It's not just value, but it's value plus vari-

ety. The old cliché in the grocery business is if all else fails, sell them what they want, and we think what we have here, we can sell them what they want, plus give them a really good value."

He continued, "Customers will find that our meat and produce are top quality and at a very, very good price. There is a similar concept to this where I live in Camp-

bellsville, and the reputation of the store is what great meats they have. That's what I told the team here last night. I expect that anybody that wants to buy good quality meats at a good price, we'll have it."

Noe, of Campbellsville, has been in the grocery store business for nearly 30 years. His partners, Wendell Combs, Dale Combs, and other

company officials attended the ribbon cutting.

The store was closed for nine days during the remodeling, which included painting and new decor throughout the store.

"They did an awesome job, I mean, to do it in nine days," Noe said. "That's phenomenal. We've got good people, who do great work. We're blessed."

Betsy Layne man killed in crash

Kentucky State Police reported that a Betsy Layne resident died in a crash in Martin County Tuesday morning.

Timothy Rice, 59, of Betsy Layne, was killed in a wreck that occurred just before 8 a.m. on April 23, on Ky. 3 near USP Big Sandy in Martin County.

Rice was pronounced dead at the scene by Martin County coroner's office, KSP Post 9 reported in a statement.

When KSP troopers arrived on the scene, they discovered a passenger vehicle had rear-ended a commercial vehicle on the roadway, the statement said.

Neither alcohol nor drugs are suspected as a factor at this time, but toxicology reports are pending. Detective Caudill from Post 13 is reconstructing the crash.

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Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the crimes took place between May and June 2017 and they involved a child under the age of 12 who was a family member of Tackett.

Tackett was indicted in 2017 for one count of

first-degree sodomy, and the charge was amended under a sentencing recommendation from Turner's office.

As part of that plea deal, Tackett agreed to serve at 85 percent of the sentence.

Turner said he would not be eligible for parole unless he completes a three-year sex offender treatment program. He must also register as

a sex offender for life, Turner said, and he will be subjected to a five-year period of conditional discharge after he serves his sentence.

Turner said that conditional discharge "is essentially an additional five years of prison time that's tacked on to the end when he's released, and they hold that over him for five years after he gets out."

"So, if he has any issues during the five years after he is released, they can send him back and make him serve five more years," Turner said.

He said a family member reported the crime to the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, and the Kentucky State Police completed the investigation. Law enforcement officials and Turner's of-

lice worked with the Big Sandy Child Advocacy Center, also known as Judi's Place for Kids, during the investigation.

He said he is satisfied with how this case ended, knowing that the child was not further traumatized by having to testify in court.

"We're happy with the sentence that the judge imposed today and

felt like it was very fair in light of the serious of the charge," Turner said. "And the victim and the victim's guardians and the family are all pleased with the outcome, and they're obviously glad that the victim doesn't have to be put through a trial to get the result we got. That's always a positive."



Financial Focus

with
Sarah Lange Hyden

Who Can You Trust to Reduce Stress of Estate Planning?

When it's time to do your estate planning – and it's actually never too soon to begin – you may find the process, at first, to be somewhat bewildering. You'll have many questions: *What sort of arrangements should I make? Who should get what? And when? How can you address these and other issues?*

You'll need to get some help. In drawing up your estate plan, you will need to work with an attorney. And for guidance on the investments that can help fund your estate planning arrangements, such as a living trust, you can draw on the help of a financial advisor. You also may want to connect with a trust company, which can help facilitate your estate plans and coordinate the activities of your legal and financial professionals.

Of course, you might think that only the very wealthy need a trust company. But that's not really the case – people of many income levels have long used these companies. As long as you have a reasonable amount of financial assets, you likely can benefit from the various services provided by a trust organization.

And these services can range from administration of a variety of trusts (such as living trusts and charitable trusts) to asset-management services (bill-paying, check-writing, etc.) to safekeeping services (such as providing secure vaults for jewelry and collectibles).

In short, using a trust company can make things a lot easier when it's time to plan and execute your estate. A trust company can help you in the following ways:

- **Avoiding family squabbles** – It's unfortunate, but true: Dividing the assets of an estate can cause ill will and turmoil among family members. But a trust company can act as a neutral third party, thus minimizing any feelings of unfairness.
- **Providing greater control** – When you establish an arrangement such as a living trust, administered by the trust company, you can give yourself great control over how you want your assets distributed. For example, you can specify that a certain child receive portions of your estate spaced out over several years – a move that may appeal to you if you think this child might not be ready to handle large sums all at once.
- **Saving time and effort** – As mentioned above, when you work with a trust company, you can let it do all the "legwork" of coordinating your plans with your financial professional, tax advisor and attorney. And these professionals are used to dealing with trust companies.
- **Gaining protection** – Trust companies assume fiduciary responsibility for your financial well-being – which means that your best interests will always be considered in each service and transaction performed.

You can choose from among a variety of trust companies, large and small. Before choosing one, you may want to check out the services and fees of a few different firms. In any case, as you move toward that time of your life when estate planning becomes more essential, talk to your attorney, tax advisor and financial professional about whether using the services of a trust company might be right for you.

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there is now a third proposal on the table, one that would expand the parkway via U.S. 460 to Johnson County. A public meeting was held on the proposed widening of U.S. 460 in 2014, but that plan was promoted as “part of a larger project recently announced to widen the entire Mountain Parkway corridor between Campton and Prestonsburg.”

Press releases from the project office still note that the parkway will expand into Prestonsburg. Concerns about the new proposed route, however, are growing.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court expressed concerns about it during a meeting last week, with Judge-Executive Robbie Williams reporting that the county received its information “from a pretty reliable source.”

He said the county is going to “push back as much as possible.”

“There’s actually been some budgets, some budgetary information put in place,” Williams said. “I think the governor has told some folks that from an economic standpoint, it’s more feasible for the road to go into Paintsville than it is to go into Floyd County. That’s the basis for their determination, but that’s not good for Floyd County or Pike County. This is the Mountain Parkway. We don’t need (U.S.) 23 coming into Paintsville, and then you have I64, 35 miles north coming from Lexington. It makes, it doesn’t make any sense to me.”

County Attorney Keith Bartley called it “nonsensical.”

Williams said, “What they’re saying is it’s going to cost so much money to come up Middle Creek. That’s their excuse. Excuses, excuses, you know how that works.”

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 Information Officer Sara George wasn’t aware of a proposal to shift the path of the Ky. 114 portion of the project until she was questioned by newspaper last week. After seeking more information, she reported via email that there is, in fact, a “push” to move it out of Prestonsburg.

“Apparently there is a push by some people to shift the alignment of the section from Salyersville to Prestonsburg to an alignment that would take the Parkway from Salyersville toward Paintsville,” she wrote. “However, this part of the Parkway is not even in the current State Highway Plan. The Transportation Cabinet is now working on the new State Highway Plan, which will be presented to the legislature in January 2020 for approval and funding.”

She continued, “In other words, nothing is approved, finalized or funded at the present time, for either alignment, from Salyersville to Prestonsburg or Salyersville to Paintsville. To my knowledge, there is no formal proposal to change the alignment to

go through Paintsville.”

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, said Rep. Bobby McCool, R-Paintsville, was “making a push” to change the alignment during this year’s legislative session, but he “didn’t put a lot of credence” into McCool’s efforts.

He said legislators would work on the budget next year, as George mentioned.

“There’s nothing in place now for the Mountain Parkway to go either direction,” Turner said. “There still has to be funding appropriated for that and there’s a lot of plans. Before that section of the Mountain Parkway will be completed, it’s years down the road.”

Turner said he supports bringing the Mountain Parkway to Prestonsburg instead of Paintsville, but he said he would also support two four-lane roads leading both to Prestonsburg and Paintsville.

“I think it would be fine to take a four-lane road to Paintsville and a four lane road to Prestonsburg both. I think it would help the area tremendously if they would four-lane both of them,” Turner said. “I would be for four-laning to Johnson County if they did the road to Floyd County first.”

McCool would not confirm whether he is working to have the route changed. He said his focus is just to get the project completed.

“I’m not going to get into the weeds and act as though I’m an engineer and tell you it’s going to be cheaper or quicker or better to go on one route, over the other one. I don’t have the expertise to do that,” McCool said. “That would be up to those engineers who have the ability to do the studies and funding. That’s another key piece. But if we don’t have this on the six-year road plan, the completion of the Mountain Parkway, then it doesn’t matter which way you want to argue for it. We don’t have the money for whatever happens.”

He said he wants the Mountain Parkway to be completed “from four

lane to four lane.”

“Right now, it goes to this side of Salyersville, and from that point on it needs to connect to highway 23,” McCool said. “There’s three options to take it, so let them determine what’s the best options to go there. If it’s 114, then that’s where they need to go. If it’s cross country then that’s where it needs to go. If it’s 460, then that’s the way it needs to go. But that needs to be determined by the engineering studies and safety. We’re not there yet to determine which way we need to go. We’re just at the point that we need to make sure that we get this on the plan so then we can start deciding, well not we, but they can start deciding which way to take it and why.”

He said everyone he’s discussed the project with agrees that it needs to be completed.

“Everybody agrees that its just got to be completed,” he said. “We don’t need to be arguing about which way it’s going to go right now. It’s too critical. If we start arguing about where it’s going to go to, then it doesn’t get on the six-year plan and none of us are successful.”

In April 2018, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet awarded a \$2.4 million bid to Mountain Enterprises to pave more than nine miles from the Magoffin County line to the entrance of Prestonsburg Elementary.

That work began in October, the cabinet reported, and is 96 percent complete.

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scattered throughout the campground for 350 children to find.

“We are proud to be a part of such an outstanding event,” Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said. “While not our normal event, due to the weather last weekend, this was a fantastic alternative. I’m pleased to see so many kids and families out here having a great time.”

According to Trinity Shepherd, JWSRP natural resource officer, when the city’s egg hunt was rained out April 13, and the park offered the location for the rescheduled hunt.

“We hid about 8,000 eggs last year

and bumped that up to 10,000 this year,” he said. “When Mayor Stapleton approached us, that brought the grand total up to 20,000 eggs for everyone to find.”

Shepherd said that both the park and the city hid 25 special “prize” eggs offering the lucky finder an additional reward.

“The city donated baskets of candy, chips and more and the park had prizes like fishing poles, kites and toys for kids who found our special golden eggs,” he said.

“For those of us who work here, this is one of our favorite annual traditions. It’s a great day for the community and for the whole family to come out and have a good time.”



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Wayland resident pleads not guilty to child porn charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Wayland resident accused of possessing child pornography is denying the charges against him.

In Floyd District Court on Thursday, Kyle McKay McFaddin, 25, of Wayland, entered a not guilty plea to 50 felony counts of possessing matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

He was arrested on April 18 by the Kentucky State Police's Electronic Crime Branch as the result of an undercover Internet Crimes against Children investigation.

The Electronic Crime

Branch began the investigation after discovering that McFaddin allegedly uploaded images of child sexual exploitation online, the KSP reported in a press release.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, the KSP executed a search warrant at McFaddin's home in Wayland and seized electronic devices on which 50 images containing child sexual exploitation were allegedly found.

"An interview was conducted with (McFaddin) and he admitted to possessing and viewing the images," the citation said.

The KSP reported

that the investigation is ongoing. The items seized were taken to the KSP forensic laboratory for examination, the agency reported.

At his arraignment Thursday, District Judge Jimmy Marcum placed McFaddin on a \$20,000 partially-secured bond. He ordered him to undergo full pre-trial monitoring if he is released and ordered that he have no electronics if he is released.

Each count of possession of matter portraying a minor in a sexual performance carries a penalty of between one and five years in prison.

Charges dismissed against woman accused of endangering child

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Misdemeanor charges were dismissed last week against an Allen resident who was accused of endangering the welfare of a child.

Floyd County District Judge Jimmy Marcum dismissed the case against Maronda Hamilton, 43, of Allen, on Thursday.

Marcum reported on the citation that the charges were dismissed because the deputy failed to turn in the cita-

tion prior to Hamilton's court date.

Hamilton was scheduled to be arraigned on charges of endangering the welfare of a minor, second-degree wanton endangerment and public intoxication that day.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Johnson reported in documents filed in Floyd District Court last week that he was called to Highlands Regional Medical Center on March 12 to help social services in reference to a call about a two-year

old child who ingested one or more Valium.

"Upon my arrival, (Hamilton) stated that the child may have took one of her Valiums that she dropped on her floor," Johnson wrote in the citation. "She advised that she obtained them from a friend and then had watched the kids later on."

In dismissing the case, Marcum ordered Hamilton to follow all orders issued by family court.

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application is filed on an emergency basis, an effort by the district to speed up the approval process.

The district seeks a 32.3 percent rate increase to generate \$942,600 in additional revenues annually. The application provides several reasons that the increase is needed: to pay debt, provide enough revenue to address the district's high water loss rate, "restore the District to a sound financial condition" and enable the district to continue to operate in compliance with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

Southern Water reports that the new rates, if approved, would increase the average monthly bill for customers that use about 4,000 gallons of water per month from \$42.60 to \$56.36, or around 32.3 percent.

If approved, Southern Water's retail and wholesale rates would increase by between 32.2 percent and 32.5 percent. Retail rates would increase from \$25.20 to \$33.34 per 1,000 gallons for the first 2,000 gallons used, and wholesale rates would increase in Hindman, Knott County and Wheelwright.

Wheelwright's monthly bill will increase from \$302 to \$400 for each 100,000 gallons purchased, the district

reported.

Southern Water requires about \$943,000 in additional revenues from this increase, and, if it is approved, the district's total revenues from service rates would be nearly \$3.9 million, the application states.

The application is based on a rate study that was provided at no cost by the Kentucky Rural Water Association.

It included reports of the district's financial standing, showing that the district received about \$2.9 million in revenues last year and spent about \$2.8 million, but total operating expenses, which included depreciation calculations, totaled more than \$3.8 million, leaving the district with an operating loss of more than \$800,000.

The application deducted more than \$474,000 from the district's revenue require-

ments because of its high water loss rate.

Its water loss was 62.52 percent last year, the application states, and since the PSC only permits a 15 percent water loss rate, expenses for purchased water, chemicals and power related to water produced, bought and pumped over the 15 percent limit must be deducted.

The Southern Water and Sewer District Commission discussed the application briefly at its meeting on Monday. At the meeting, the district received its second — and final — loan of \$75,000 from the Floyd County Fiscal Court and commissioners learned that the district ended the month of March with a deficit of more than \$40,000.

The case may be found on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov, under case number 2019-00131.



Photo submitted by Pete Camparoni, University of Kentucky. The City of Martin was awarded the "Smoke-free Indoor Air Excellence" award by the Kentucky Center for Smoke-Free Policy at its annual conference.

City of Martin honored

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Kentucky Center for Smoke-Free Policy the Kentucky Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program, Kentucky Department of Public Health and the University of Kentucky College of Nursing honored the City of Martin and others at the 2019 Kentucky Tobacco Conference, "Envisioning a Smoke-free Future."

The conference took place April 16 and 17 at the Embassy Suites in Lexington, featuring several national speakers.

"Our vision for a tobacco-free Kentucky has substantial support from the public, our community partners, and youth advocates," said Ellen Hahn, professor and director of BREATHE at the UK College of Nursing.

"We celebrate their commitment to making their

communities healthier places to live and work."

Elizabethtown received the Smoke-free Excellence in E-Cigarette Policy Award for its leadership in adding e-cigarettes to a smoke-free ordinance.

The Lee T. Todd, Jr. Smoke-free Hero Award recipient was Liz Burrows, health educator for Oldham County Health Department, for her commitment to smoke and tobacco free environments in the face of adversity.

The Timothy W. Mullett, MD Lung Cancer Prevention Award recipient was Ashley Gibson, research coordinator for St. Claire Healthcare for her devotion and passion for preventing lung cancer through education, advocacy and policy change.

David Nunery, JD received the Brian Early

Mattone, Esq. 2019 Legal Counsel Smoke-free Support award for outstanding smoke-free legal service.

The recipient of the David B. Stevens, MD Smoke-free Advocate of the Year for promoting the secondhand smoke education and smoke free policy was Rick Skinner, mayor of Williamstown.

The Smoke-free Indoor Air Excellence Award recipients were the cities of La Grange, Martin, Murray, Paducah, Stanford, Williamstown as well as Hardin and Oldham counties.

Martin approved its smoking ban in June 2018, prohibiting smoking and the use of vapor products in all enclosed public places, in places of employment and at all outdoor arenas, venues and stadiums.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Job Corps thanks career day partners

With more than 600 high school students attending and 40 employers, colleges and universities represented, the Carl D. Perkins' annual Spring College/Career Day has become one of the largest career and college fairs in the area.

This spring's event was held April 12 at the center.

The facilities maintenance, electrical, carpentry, security, advanced security, office adminis-

tration and culinary career technical training programs set up demonstrations to show aspects of their job training program.

These demonstrations attracted area students looking for quality job training programs as well as employers looking for highly skilled employees.

In addition to students enrolled at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, area high school stu-

dents from Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg High, Boyd County, Duff-Allen Central and Paintsville High schools visited with vendors to learn about exciting career opportunities available throughout Kentucky as well as in neighboring West Virginia.

Perkins would like to thank the following businesses and organizations for attending the College/Career Day: American National University, Ap-

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The public roundtable discussion was neither round, public nor a discussion



FIVE SMOOTH STONES KENTUCKY

By MARK WOHLANDER

Just when Kentuckians thought that Gov. Matt Bevin had gone far enough in his war on teachers, Kentuckians were treated to a public roundtable discussion on education that was neither public, at a roundtable, nor a discussion. To borrow from the words of Abraham Lincoln, "Teach the children so it will not be necessary to teach the adults." Apparently, Lincoln's words have fallen on deaf ears when it comes to those who have chosen to demonize Kentucky's teachers and educators.

Unfortunately, Bevin

and his handful of carefully picked puppets are more concerned at forcing charter schools on Kentuckians than fixing what is broken.

Instead of meeting with teachers, educators and others who have dedicated their lives to educate the next generation of Kentucky's children, these hand-picked puppets have joined Bevin and his war on teachers. How sad. No, not just sad, but rather, how pathetic.

This so-called public event once again exposed Bevin's disdain for public education in favor of

charter schools, schools which would only be available to the lucky few of Kentucky's students, students who might be fortunate enough to win the charter school lottery. In the words of Bevin, "Every single person who sat around this table cares about the children, not about funding, not about territory, not about power, not about politics. They care about parents. They care about students. It was a broad representation of people who care about those things."

One could only have hoped that those in attendance cared about parents and students, however, any suggestion that those carefully hand-picked to sit at the table with Bevin and Education Secretary Betsy Devos were not about power, politics or funding is pure nonsense.

If that were the case,

then Bevin would have invited teachers, educators, students, parents and teachers from a site-based council, state representatives, and yes, even someone from the Kentucky Education Association to attend. But as we all know, that did not happen and never will happen as long as Bevin's administration and his hand-picked puppets continue to wage an unrelentless war on Kentucky's teachers, and Kentucky's public schools. The truth of the matter is that Bevin doesn't want a constructive debate, he wants to continue to demonize Kentucky's teachers and educators to boost his fragile ego.

What Bevin really wants is for all Kentuckians to stand along an imaginary parade route and applaud him as he continues his attack on teachers. Bevin is like the

emperor in that famous children's classic written by Hans Christian Anderson, "The Emperor's New Clothes."

One can easily imagine Bevin sitting at his desk at the capitol as he listens to those who surround him, including the weavers at the Kentucky Department of Education, as they convince him that his plan for charter schools is like the emperor's new suit, a plan which is invisible like the emperor's new suit, a plan which doesn't exist.

If you listen carefully, and to borrow from the words from Anderson's story, you can almost hear the daily exchange between Bevin and those who surround him, which goes something, like the following:

Prime Minister: "The people are clamoring for you, Your Majesty."

The Emperor: "They're not clamoring

very loud."

Prime Minister: "But they're our best clamorers."

The Emperor: "Tell them I want more clamoring. I want more clamor!"

Although much more could be said about the future of public education in Kentucky, that discussion will have to await another day, a day when Kentucky has a leader who really does care about Kentucky's children, not someone who has spent the past years, months, weeks and days demonizing Kentucky's educators and teachers who are the greatest resource for the future of the education of Kentucky's children.

So, as I often do, I would invite all of Kentucky's teachers, educators, students, parents and teachers from a site-based council, state representatives, and yes, unlike Bevin, even representatives from the Kentucky Education Association to join me on my imaginary mountaintop, a place where all stakeholders in the future of the

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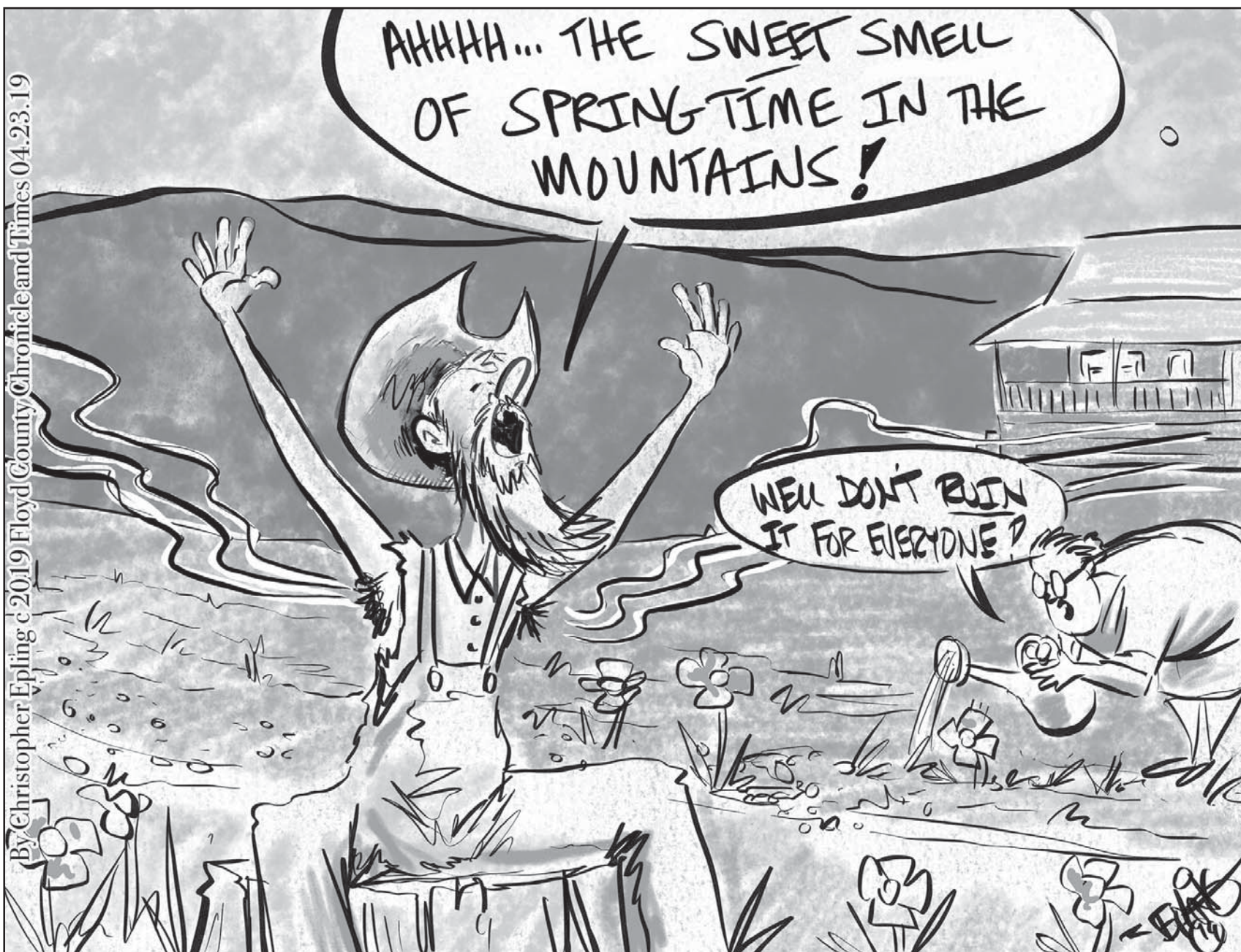
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Kentucky soldier dies in Iraq

By TOM LATEK
KENTUCKY TODAY

An investigation is underway into the death of a Kentucky soldier while he was serving in Iraq.

Spc. Ryan Dennis Orin Riley, 22, of Richmond, died April 20 in Ninawa Province, Iraq, from a non-combat related incident, according to the Department of Defense.

Riley was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell.

He was a fire control specialist on his first deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, Lt. Col. Martin L. O'Donnell, spokesman for the 101st Airborne, told The Army Times on Sunday.



Photo courtesy of the 101st Airborne Division
Spc. Ryan Dennis Orin Riley, 22, of Richmond, died in Iraq on April 20.

Riley enlisted in the service in October 2016, was promoted to the rank of specialist in October 2018 and arrived in Iraq in December, O'Donnell said.

"We are deeply saddened by Ryan's passing," Col. Derek Thomson, commander of 1st BCT, 101st Airborne, said in a statement. "Our

hearts go out to his family as together we mourn the loss of our brother-in-arms. As we grieve this tragic loss, we will also draw strength from his memory as his mates continue to build the capacity of the Iraqi Army and enable the defeat of ISIS."

Riley's awards and decorations include the

National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon and the Combat Action Badge.

There's no word yet on funeral arrangements or when his body will be returned to Kentucky.

"Our hearts are broken for the family of this young Kentucky soldier," said Gov. Matt Bevin. "May God bring peace and comfort to those grieving as only He can."

Service arrangements are pending. Bevin will direct flags at state facilities lowered to half-staff from sunrise to sunset on the day of Spc. Riley's interment, and he encourages individuals, businesses, organizations and government agencies to join in this tribute.

FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Brenda Bentley

Brenda A. Bentley, 77, of Harrodsburg, wife of Lawrence Bentley, (57 years), died Saturday, April 20, 2019, at the Ephraim McDowell Regional Medical Center, Danville. Born June 19, 1941, in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Ellis and Virgie (Frasure) Ratliff.

Other survivors include two daughters: Kim (Pete) DeGiovanni and Melissa (Joey Todvine) Webb of Harrodsburg; and one sister, Orpha Sue (Jack) Samons of Langley.

She also has seven grandchildren: Lyssa DeGiovanni, Joseph DeGiovanni, Michael DeGiovanni, Kyle Webb, Danielle Toadvine, Tony (Hollie) Burns and Jeanette Burns; nine great-grandchildren: Baeleigh DeGiovanni Wolfe, Atticus DeGiovanni Wolfe, Kasius DeGiovanni Wolfe, Braysen DeGiovanni, Paisleigh Todvine, Berkley Rose Webb, Christopher Burns, Makayla Burns and Alexander Reed Burns; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Judith Leasure, Sharon Burchett and Georgia Hyden.

She was predeceased by one brother, Adron (Delorse) Ratliff.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., Saturday, April 27, at Ransdell Funeral Chapel, Harrodsburg, with service to follow at 1 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to Heritage Hospice, American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.ransdellfuneralchapel.com.

This is a paid obituary.

Alberta Brown

Alberta Brown, 64, of McDowell, died Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 22, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Drift Cemetery, Drift.

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

Augustine Bryant

Augustine Bryant, 70, of Harold, died Friday, April 19, 2019.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 22, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

Samuel Davidson

Samuel Lee Davidson, 88, of Salyersville, died

Saturday, April 20, 2019.

A memorial service will be arranged by the family at a later date.

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

Pamela Howell

Pamela Carol Johnson Howell, 55, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, April 21, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, April 24, at Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, Melvin.

Burial will follow in the Tilton Johnson Family Cemetery, Melvin.

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

Scarlet L. Keathley

Scarlet L. Keathley, 77, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 20, 2019.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, April 23, at the Burchett Cemetery, Emma.

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

Edna Blanch Lewis

Edna Blanch Lewis, 75, of Banner, died Monday, April 22, 2019.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, April 26, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Lewis Family Cemetery, Daniels Creek, Banner.

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

Bonnie Lou Slone

Bonnie Lou Slone, 64, of Blue River, died Sunday, April 21, 2019.

Visitation will continue Wednesday, April 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Thursday, April 25, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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

Mary Wallen

Mary Wallen, 91, of Dana, died Sunday, April 21, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday, April 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Fred Conn Cemetery, Dana.

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

Martin tourism plans events

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Martin City Tourism Commission discussed plans for upcoming events during a meeting last week.

On April 16, the commission discussed events the city will host in July and October.

Members voted to seek a contract for a per-

formance by country music singer Aaron Tippin for the city's annual Red, White and Blue Days Festival, which will be held in October.

The commission also gave Tourism Director Kris Rudder permission to sign a contract with Tippin, pledging the city will pay \$12,500 for the concert. The commission approved paying a down

payment of half of that amount with the vote.

"I think he'd be good. I think he'd bring in a decent little crowd," Rudder said.

The commission also discussed plans for the city's July 4 activities, agreeing to host events on that day instead of prior to or after the holiday. Activities will start at 5 p.m., members decided.

They approved spending \$5,000 for fireworks and talked about having vendors, inflatables, face painting, live music and other activities.

Officials reported a good turnout for the city's Easter egg hunt, which was held April 13, and approved spending \$11,000 for liability insurance through Mann, Sutton & McGee.

UK receives grant for overdose research in Floyd, other counties

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The National Institutes of Health announced a multi-year grant for up to \$87 million for the University of Kentucky to implement a new initiative called "Kentucky CAN HEAL," (Communities and Networks Helping to End Addiction Long-term).

The project is part of a national effort with NIH's National Institute on Drug Abuse to reduce opioid overdose deaths by 40 percent over the next four years, through the new NIH HEAL (Helping to End Addiction Long-term) Initiative and HEALing Communities Study.

NIH is awarding \$350 million across four academic institutions including, UK, Boston Medical

Center, Columbia University and Ohio State University, in partnership with NIDA and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to speed scientific solutions to stem the national opioid crisis.

UK's work will extend to 16 counties, including three in Kentucky's Fifth Congressional District: Carter, Floyd and Knox counties. The grant is the largest single competitive award that UK has ever received.

"This partnership between the NIH, NIDA and UK was sparked several years ago during the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit, when I invited Dr. Eli Capilouto to share his vision for this project with Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the NIH and Dr. Nora Volkow, Director of NIDA,"

said Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, who provided a letter of support for UK's grant application and helped secure federal funding for NIH. "I applaud UK for raising the bar and presenting an evidence-based strategic plan toward making marked improvements in our battle to save lives from the scourge of addiction. We are in a race against time to provide successful intervention and treatment options for individuals who are at-risk of overdosing."

More than 70,000 Americans died of a drug overdose in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In response to the nation's opioid crisis, the "Kentucky CAN HEAL Initiative" is a large-scale, community intervention project that will collabo-

rate with treatment providers, criminal justice partners, harm-reduction providers, community coalitions and key government officials, a statement from Rogers' office said.

The first year of the study will focus on collecting data, assessing local needs and determining the best prevention and treatment interventions to implement in each community through healthcare, behavioral health and justice systems. The HEALing Communities Study will generate important information to help communities enhance their strategic response to the opioid crisis and decrease overdoses.

The four-year grant will allow UK to earn full funding each year as benchmarks are achieved.

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education of Kentucky's children can shout loudly that it is time to end the war on public education; it is time to end the war on Kentucky's teachers;

it is time support Kentucky's public schools, not destroy them.

Oh, and by the way, maybe, just maybe, Bevin and Devos should take a moment to publicly apologize to student journalists Olivia Doyle and Abigail Wheatley who at-

tempted to cover this so-called public roundtable discussion on education but were locked out of the event because they did not RSVP the invitation they never received.

Mark Wohlander, a former FBI agent, feder-

al prosecutor and advocate for public education, practices law in Lexington and Eastern Kentucky. Other of Mark's columns and Liberty prints are available at his website, fivesmoothstonesky.com.

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Southern Water & Sewer to give 15-day amnesty for theft of service

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Southern Water & Sewer District is giving people who are illegally getting water a chance to stop it before they face

finances and potential criminal penalties.

From May 1 to May 15, the district is allowing any person who is getting water but not paying a bill to come in and sign up for services at the district's

office in McDowell.

No questions will be asked if the person signs up for service by the end of the working day on May 15, officials report, but after that day, the district will start filing criminal

charges against people

for theft of service if they have meters that have been tampered with, are getting services by deception or if they reconnected their service after a disconnection without

authority to do so.

The district's water loss rate is higher than 60 percent, and officials blame part of that problem on theft of services.

The district is asking residents to call and

report if they suspect someone is receiving water illegally and to call if they know about or suspect a leak in the system.

For more information, call the district at, (606) 377-9296.

Painting, striping planned in Floyd, other counties

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Even as a contract to stripe roads is awarded in Frankfort, motorists complain that the painted lines on the highways are difficult to see in the dark, especially in fog or rain. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet hopes to answer these complaints in Highway District 12 over the next three months.

Oglesby Construction, Inc. of Norwalk, Ohio, was awarded a \$744,800 contract March 4, for waterborne paint striping on more than 847 roadway miles in District 12.

The work will be done this summer, with a completion date of Aug.15.

While there is no definite start date, Adam Reichert, an official with Oglesby, said work will begin sometime next month. The plan is to complete the work county by county; in other words, the routes included in this year's contract in one county will be

striped and then the contractor will move to the next county.

"You may not see this work underway where you live until June, July, even August," District 12 Information Officer Sara George said. "That just means the crew hasn't worked its way to your county yet."

The contractor creates what is called a "moving work zone," as George explained the work. "There is a broom truck in front of the striping truck," she said. "The broom truck actually sweeps the highway before the paint is applied. Then for safety reasons, there is another vehicle behind the paint truck, to caution motorists not to pass or interfere with the vehicles as they slowly move along the roadway."

If a driver believes that this moving work zone has somehow caused striping paint to get on his/her vehicle, other than the tires (where it will wear off), the person to contact

is Lisa Gillen at Oglesby Construction, 419-668-8204, or via email at lisag@oglesby.net.

In addition to striping, a separate contract calls for pavement markers to be installed on the following routes: US 23 in Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd, Pike, and Letcher; KY 80 in Floyd and Knott; US 460 in Johnson; KY 321 in Johnson; KY 645 in Lawrence; KY 15 in Letcher; and KY 1426 and KY 3496 in Pike.

George said that freshly painted striping will not necessarily resolve the visibility issues, particularly if the area experiences the same amount of rainfall this year as it did last year.

"There are glass beads embedded in the striping paint," she explained. "When your headlights hit the beads, they reflect the light back to you. This is called retro-reflectivity. When those glass beads are wet, the light bounces off the water on the beads in all different directions rather than back to the

driver, so you cannot see the striping."

In the 416 days from January 1, 2018 through February 20, 2019, the area had 213 days of rain (52.2 percent).

"For more than a year, we have had rain more days than not," George said. "The ground is soaked, the roads are wet more often than not, and the glass beads in the paint used to stripe the roads is wet most of the time."

George is optimistic that dry weather will prevail during the coming year. "Most reliable weather forecasters anticipate that 2019-2020 will be drier than 2018, and we are counting on that."

Eventually, George said, all roads in the state's Primary System will revert to thermoplastic striping, which was used in the early 2000s. Starting with this year's June 21 bid-letting, resurfacing and pavement rehabilitation projects will be upgraded to ther-

moplastic or Type I Tape. Meanwhile, however, unless a road is completely resurfaced or rehabilitated, the striping will continue to be waterborne paint. "Thermoplastic and waterborne don't play well together," George explained. "So unless you are putting down brand new pavement, it is not wise use of taxpayers' money to try to apply thermoplastic over waterborne paint. This means it will take a while to get all the primary roads in District 12 back to thermoplastic, which does not have the reflectivity issues inherent in waterborne paint infused with glass beads."

Routes to be striped under the contract with Oglesby Construction in Floyd County include Ky. 3, Ky. 7, Ky. 80, Ky. 114, Ky. 302, Ky. 306, Ky. 404, Ky. 550, Ky. 680, Ky. 777, Ky. 979, Ky. 1426, Ky. 1427, Ky. 1428, Ky. 2555, Ky. 3024, Ky. 3051, Ky. 3190, Ky. 3382, Ky. 3384, Ky. 3385 and Ky. 3386.

Ball to speak at banquet

Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball, a Prestonsburg native, will be the guest speaker at the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet next week.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet and Officer Installation will be held at 6:30 p.m., May 2 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

At the event, Chamber officials will recognize businesses and individuals with several awards and install new officers of the organization.

Entertainment will include performances by Neighborhood Watch.

For more information or for tickets, call, (606) 886-0364, or email, floydchamber@setel.com.

Presidential disaster declared

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Gov. Matt Bevin received notification that President Donald Trump authorized assistance for Floyd and other counties that suffered damage caused by flooding from Feb. 6 through March 10.

"We are grateful to President Trump for issuing an official disaster declaration to assist Kentucky counties impacted by widespread severe weather and flooding earlier this year," said Bevin. "This federal assistance will provide nearly one half of our counties with important resources as they continue recovery efforts."

The declaration grants public assistance to impacted counties to repair roads, bridges and other infrastructure and provides mitigation funding. This system produced extended episodes of strong winds, torrential rain that caused flooding, flash flooding, landslides and mudslides. The ma-

majority of damages were to highways, bridges and local and electrical infrastructure.

"We are truly grateful to all the emergency and first responders and law enforcement who assisted during this event," said Michael Dossett, director of Kentucky Emergency Management. "The team effort between our local,

state and federal partners was key in receiving federal assistance for Kentucky. We can now begin the important process of moving recovery assistance into the declared areas."

The declaration includes Floyd, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Perry, Pike and other counties.

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2. Obtaining services by deception or by false token or any means to avoid payment of services.
3. Any metered service, after it has been disconnected by the District that has been reconnected without authorization of the District.

Starting May 1, 2019, any person or persons who is not paying a bill and is using Southern Water's service will have 15 days to come and sign up for services at the McDowell office. No questions will be asked if the person signs up for service by the end of the working day May 15, 2019. After May 15, we will prosecute for theft of service or illegally connected service that could lead to class C felony that could carry the consequences of fines and/or imprisonment.

Southern Water & Sewer District is going through some tough financial and operational issues. The unaccounted-for water and theft of service has been a part of the issues in which the District intends to correct.

Due to the leaks throughout the system, we are asking for anyone who knows of a leak or suspects a leak, please call the office. The district will document every report and someone will check for the leak. If you suspect that someone is illegally connected, we are asking you to report them and your name will remain anonymous.

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Swing into Spring

5 ideas for updating your space

FAMILY FEATURES

While spring naturally means it's time for a refresh for many homeowners, it doesn't mean you're limited only to a cleaning party. Take advantage of the season by using it as an opportunity to

upgrade different areas of your home for reasons ranging from energy efficiency and convenience to ease of living and safety.

With increasing technology for smart home devices and ever-evolving design styles, upgrading your home can be nearly anything you

make of it. These ideas include ways that you can add organization, revolutionize your home tech, increase energy efficiency, enhance security and more.

Find more ways to enhance your space this spring at eLivingToday.com.



Elegant, Functional Shelving

Open shelving can add character, design and attractive storage to your home. For example, ClosetMaid's Ventilated Shelving exhibits simple elegance and is both an aesthetically pleasing way to showcase your favorite things and functional enough to keep linens fresh in the closet or hold clutter at bay by the front door. Made from solid wood and epoxy-coated steel, these shelves are easy to install, durable and can complement nearly any room. Learn more at closetmaid.com.



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A Front Door Fixer Upper

Anytime is a good time to make sure your home is safe, particularly at what's often the main point of entry – your front door. This spring is an ideal time to keep out unwanted guests with a door that's sturdy and draft-resistant while also providing an aesthetic touch for enhanced curb appeal. When choosing a door that's right for your home, focus on options that include a strong deadbolt and thick frame for peace of mind.



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Smart Home Safety

With safety typically representing a top priority for most homeowners, taking advantage of smart technology can be one way to improve your feelings of safety and comfort in your home. A solution like a smart lock on the main entryway to your house can add security while also ensuring you're never locked out of your own home. With options that can pair with apps on your smartphone or feature keyless entry via unique numerical passwords, you can marry convenience with safety.

Award-winning bluegrass band to perform Friday

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

An award-winning bluegrass band will perform in concert in Prestonsburg this weekend.

Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers will take the stage at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 26, at the Gearheart Auditorium of Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The band is no stranger to accolades, having earned six International Bluegrass Music Association Awards, including the 2018 IBMA "Song of the Year Award" for "If I'd Have Wrote that Song," and four awards from the Society for the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America.

Mullins is humble about those honors, attributing them to the quality of his band and saying that they've been "blessed" over the years.

A banjo player, Mullins has spent decades in the music business. He said he's looking forward to performing in Prestonsburg this week.

His dad started his music career in Eastern

Kentucky, playing the fiddle and broadcasting to radio audiences in the Ashland and Grayson area, while his mother was raised in Lawrence County.

He said coming to Eastern Kentucky "feels like home."

He said his band performs a variety of music, and attendees can expect a large variety at Friday's concert.

"We really like music with a message, and sometimes the message is fun and sometimes it's a little more sincere," Mullins said.

He said "people get the same show whether there's 20 people or 20,000 people."

"We will have great fiddle playing and banjo playing. We will have a lot of good gospel songs for everybody. We've got a brand new album. It's got a patriotic song that will be tribute to all of the veterans that are in the audience. I believe whether they want something sacred or something silly, they're going to enjoy the Radio Ramblers because we try



Submitted photo

The award-winning Joe Mullins & The Radio Ramblers will perform Friday at the Gearheart Auditorium.

to entertain everybody in the audience from the time we start until the time we finish."

A native of Ohio, Mullins was a founding member of the band The Traditional Grass until 1995, when he bought a radio station in Ohio. He recorded and performed with the band Longview,

earning Song of the Year and Recorded Event of the Year from the International Bluegrass Music Association in the 1990s.

He's been racking up music awards since that time, and he now owns a network of radio stations in Ohio that also garnered him several awards, including the IB-

MA's Broadcaster of the Year honor in 2016.

Mullins performs alongside Jason Barie on fiddle, Mike Terry on mandolin and vocals, Duane Sparks on guitar and vocals and Randy Barnes on bass and vocals. All bands members have been performing for decades.

The band signed to Nashville's Billy Blue Records in November 2018 and it released its new album "For the Record" in March.

Tickets are \$22, general admission. For tickets, visit, macarts.com.

For information about the band, visit, radiatoramblers.com.



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An Ashland area customer receives free tree seedlings and planting advice from Kentucky Power Forestry Supervisor Dusty Roll. The tree giveaway is April 27.

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'Remake Learning' events held throughout region



Local illustrator Chris Epling participated in the Remake Learning event by offering a watercolor class to inspiring artist and their families. Participants learned about perspective, the color wheel and how to manipulate the paint to make a variety of colors.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Elaine Belcher

By **ELAINE BELCHER**
 STAFF WRITER

Schools, organizations and businesses participated in "Remake Learning" week from April 12 through April 20, offering a wide variety of experiences and opportunities for children and families to learn and work together.



nator and director of digital literacy at Bit Source. Acknowledging the significance of this shift, she said, the founding members of the Remake Learning Network in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, sought to help educators connect with youth and develop learning experiences that engage them and equip them with knowledge and skills that are relevant to the world in which they live.

Remake Learning, established in 2007, originated in response to the emerging reality that youth in the digital age are pursuing knowledge, developing their identities and seeking support differently, according to Tracy Tackett, Big Sandy Remake Learning coordi-

"The movement has just grown from there," she said. "Although this is the first year the Big Sandy region has participated, we were able to work with more than 250 partners to open their doors

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More than a dozen pre-schoolers and toddlers took part in a "Easter Story and Egg Hunt" at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg Thursday as part of Remake Learning week. Children and families listened to stories, sang songs and made arts and crafts before completing an Easter Egg hunt in the children's section of the library.

The East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium hosted families Wednesday to learn about animals, snap circuits, erosion, robot programming and fossils. They also got to learn about the solar system with NASA's Science on a Sphere in the Hubble Exhibit as well as experience a show at the planetarium.

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Jennifer Kopecky, owner of City Perk in Prestonsburg, displays the Business of the Month award she received from the Prestonsburg Woman's Club. Kopecky said that she was awarded "for our celebration of the seasons and cultivating a warm and welcoming environment."

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher

City Perk honored as 'Business of the Month'

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Prestonsburg Woman's Club recently honored City Perk as its "Business of the Month." Woman's club representative Shirley Thomas said City Perk was selected for this honor because of its "absolutely charming" atmosphere.

"We were looking for just an overall, we might say, a wonderful atmosphere or aura to the place, incorporating around a particular holiday, a theme or observance," Thomas said.

Located at 225 East

Graham Street in Prestonsburg, City Perk regularly welcomes singers and artists to perform and showcase their work in the business, as well as a Bible study group for women and various activities.

Owner Jennifer Kopecky, a Prestonsburg Tourism Commission member, is one of the organizers for the Prestonsburg Merchants Network, a group of Prestonsburg businesses that collaborate on events and activities geared to attract customers to the downtown area and collect donations for various causes

and programs. Kopecky said she was honored to receive the award for, "our celebration of the seasons and cultivating a warm and welcoming environment."

"It was so sweet to have such well-known influential women in the community to say such positive things about us," Kopecky said. "It tells me that we are on the right track."

In addition to recognizing the Business of the Month and Yard of the Month, the Prestonsburg Woman's Club, an affiliate of the national General Federation

of Women's Clubs and Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, also hosts and participates in numerous events, including the annual Christmas in the Park, the Prestonsburg Arbor Day Celebration, a scholarship program for Big Sandy Community and Technical College and programs that help local veterans.

For more information about the club, email Sabra Jacobs at, sabra.jacobs@kctcs.edu. For more information about City Perk, visit its Facebook page or call, (606) 506-5056.

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for 72 official learning events from Somerset to Elkhorn City as well as other Remake Learning events taking place that forgot to register as part of our network."

From "Science Night" at the East Kentucky Science Center in Prestonsburg, painting with local artist Chris Epling at the Mountain Arts Center and an Easter Story and Egg Hunt at the Floyd County Public Library, Floyd County children and families took part in the opportunities pre-

sented at no cost, thanks to a grant from Kentucky Educational Television.

"The future of work in Appalachia must continue to evolve and grow. My Bit Source work in digital literacy and computational thinking is focused toward increasing opportunities for students, schools and educational organizations in the area," said Tackett. "Working with Verizon Innovative Learning, Remake Learning Days and higher education organizations such as MIT and CMU has shown me what is possible for our region. I'm super excited about the future."

Community Events

- April 24, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.: "Poetry, Prose and Lyrics Under the Stars" in the Varia Planetarium of the East Kentucky Science Center
- April 25, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- April 25, 6-8 p.m.: Weird Appalachia Presents: Art from the Holler, free and open to the public, light refreshments served, Mountain Arts Center.
- April 26, 6:30 p.m.: Prestonsburg to host a public forum for Suddenlink customers, Mountain Arts Center
- April 26, 5:30 p.m. - April 27, 9 p.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Camper Appreciation Weekend, campground Performers include Montgomery & The Phoenix Holding Co., Mirrored Image, Rachel Messer, Troy Burchett, Tim Brown, Zach McGlone, Colby O'Bryan and Seth Ferg
- April 26, 6:30 p.m.: Prestonsburg to host a public forum for Suddenlink customers, Mountain Arts Center
- April 26, 7 p.m.: Joe Mullins & the Radio Ramblers, Gearheart auditorium. macarts.com
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Jaguars knock off Blackcats

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd Central shook a slow start to pull away to beat host Prestonsburg

18-6 in a 58th District baseball game at Stone-Crest on Monday.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 9-8 overall and 3-2 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 2-10 overall and 0-3 in the district with the loss.

Floyd Central dealt Prestonsburg its sixth straight setback.

Finishing strong, Prestonsburg plated six runs in the top half of the seventh inning.

Matt Combs earned the pitching win for the Jaguars. Working out of

a starting role, Combs surrendered six runs on nine hits over five and a third innings, striking out seven.

Brayden Hamilton and Caleb Hager entered

the game from the bullpen and helped to close out the matchup in relief.

Prestonsburg starting pitcher Collin Ousley

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Floyd Central baserunner William Slone makes it back safely to first base as Prestonsburg attempted to pick him off.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Bobcats knock off Hornets

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN — Betsy Layne moved ahead early and ultimately managed to pull away to beat visiting Phelps 10-4 in a high school baseball game at Stumbo Park on Thursday.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 6-9.

Phelps slipped to 8-11 with the loss.

The Bobcats and Hornets are longtime 15th Region rivals.

Jordan Frazier col-

lected four RBIs as Betsy Layne claimed the victory. Frazier drove in runs on a double in the first inning, a single in the second and a groundout in the fifth. The productive Frazier doubled on a 0-1 count to score one run in the bottom half of the first inning as Betsy Layne moved ahead early and never trailed.

Betsy Layne erupted for five runs in the second inning. Frazier, Sam Boyd, Chase Ham-

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Betsy Layne third baseman Matthew Dudleson attempts to field a Phelps grounder bare handed in action from last Thursday. The Bobcats picked up a 10-4 win over the Hornets, but fell to Magoffin County 14-3 Monday. After Monday's loss, the Bobcats record falls to 6-10 on the season. Betsy Layne will visit Shelby Valley at 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening.

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Lady Blackcats drop home game to Pike Central

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg fell behind early and couldn't battle its way back as visiting Pike Central.

The Lady Hawks pulled away to win 13-1 in five innings in a high school softball game on Thursday.

Pike Central, which outit Prestonsburg 12-2, thrived late, scoring eight runs in its final plate appearance during the top half of the fifth inning.

Maddie Vaughn led Pike Central to the victo-

ry in the pitcher's circle. Vaughn surrendered one run on two hits over five innings, striking out 11 as she claimed the win.

Prestonsburg pitcher Haleigh Jefferson suffered the loss. Jefferson allowed 10 hits and 10 runs over four innings, striking out one and walking one.

Pike Central set the tone early, plating one run in the top half of the first inning. The Lady Hawks led 5-0 before Prestonsburg plated its lone run in the bottom half of the third frame.

Sydney Lowe, Skylar

Stumbo, Summer Marcum and Chloe Neece each collected multiple hits for the Lady Hawks. Lowe led Pike Central at the plate, finishing four for four. Marcum collected three RBIs while Lowe and Bailey Birchfield drove in two runs apiece.

Defensively, Pike Central finished error-free.

Katelyn Bingham went two for three at the plate to lead Prestonsburg in the hits column.

The Lady Blackcats committed four errors in the loss.



ABOVE: Matt Combs eyes a Prestonsburg baserunner (not pictured) during a 58th District baseball game at StoneCrest on Monday.

Jags shut out Leslie County

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Sophomore pitcher Caleb Hager shut down visiting Leslie County in a high school baseball game on Thursday, throwing a complete game shutout to lead Floyd Central to a 12-0 win in five innings.

Rivals from neighboring regions, Floyd Central and Leslie County met for the first time in the 2019 high school baseball season.

Floyd Central plated its first run in the opening inning. Matt Combs delivered a sacrifice sac fly to score Floyd Central's ini-

tial run.

Floyd Central pushed across six runs in the fourth inning. Combs, Logan Conley, Noah Marcum and Braxton Turner each sent runners across the plate with RBIs for Floyd Central during the fourth frame.

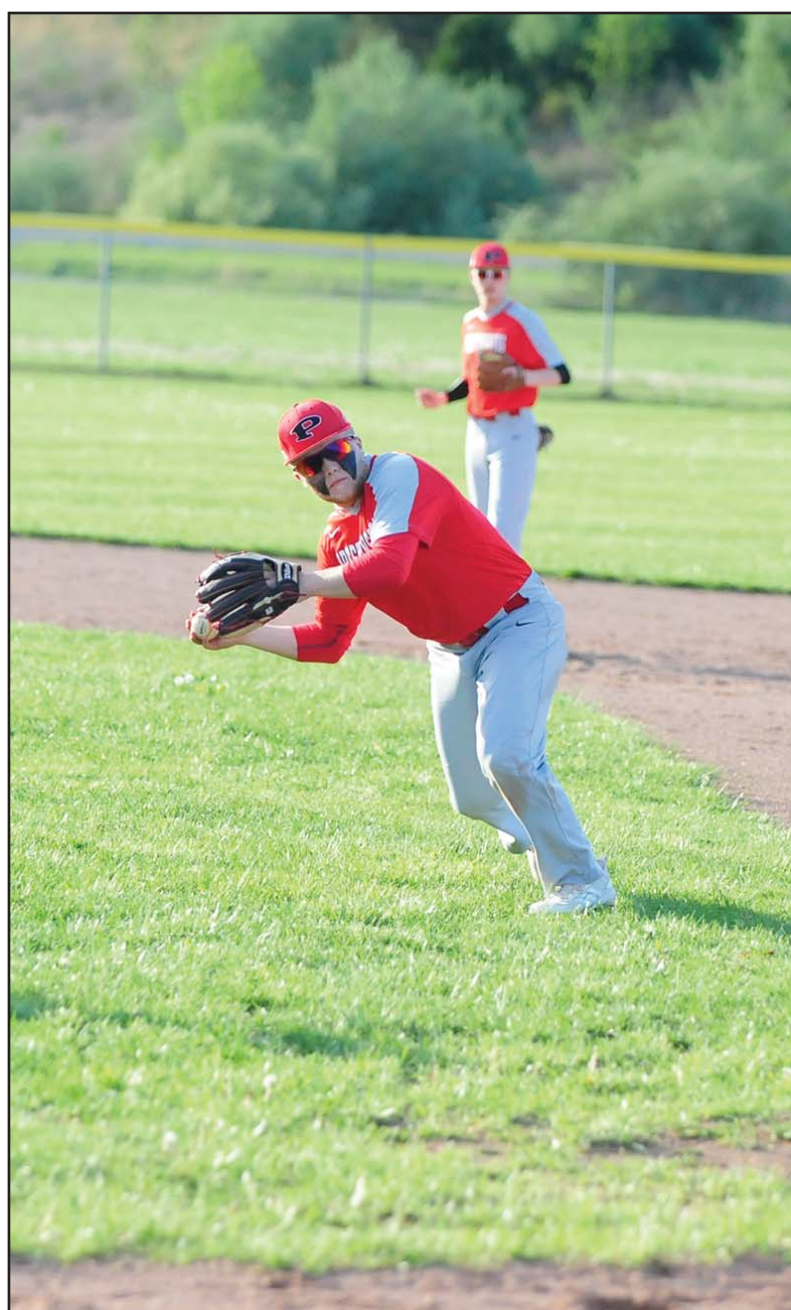
Hager allowed two hits and zero runs while striking out 11 and walking one over five innings as he claimed the pitching win.

Leslie County pitcher Derek Baker suffered the loss. Baker pitched three and two-thirds innings, allowing 13 hits and 12 runs while striking out one.

Floyd Central connected for 13 hits in the matchup. Hager, Conley, Turner, Brayden Hamilton and Blake Slone each provided multiple hits for the Jaguars. Hamilton went three for three at the plate to lead Floyd Central in the hits column.

Floyd Central finished error-free in the field. Defensively for Floyd Central, Marcum had the most chances in the field with 11.

Eighth-grader Wyatt Hensley led Leslie County at the plate, finishing two for two.



RIGHT: Prestonsburg second baseman Cameron Blackburn made a throws to first base.

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suffered the loss. Ousley pitched four and two-thirds innings, allowing seven hits and 10 runs while striking out four.

Prestonsburg scored first, pushing across one run in the bottom half of the first inning. But the Blackcats' lead proved to be short-lived. Floyd Central answered with four runs in the top half of the second inning. The Jag-

uars moved ahead and never trailed again.

Floyd Central outit Prestonsburg 14-10. Combs, William Slone, Noah Marcum and Chase Conley each collected multiple hits for the Jaguars. The versatile Combs, Marcum and Slone paced Floyd Central with three hits apiece.

Floyd Central thrived on the basepaths as two players stole at least two bases. Leading the Jaguars in another key offensive category, Slone recorded three steals.

Payton Burke, Cameron Blackburn, Brayden Slone, Ryan Meade and Graham Burchett each provided multiple hits for the Blackcats in the loss.

The two 58th District rivals combined to commit five errors.

Floyd Central was hosting Prestonsburg in another 58th District baseball game on Tuesday. Results from the latest Floyd Central-Prestonsburg baseball matchup were unavailable at press time.

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Betsy Layne starting pitcher Byron Tackett picked up the win on the mound as the Bobcats beat 15th Region rival Phelps.

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HORNETS

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ilton and Brady Robinson each drove in runs for Betsy Layne during the Bobcats' second plate appearance.

With Betsy Layne leading 7-0, Phelps answered with two runs in the top half of the third inning but couldn't get any closer. The Bobcats owned a 10-2 lead when Phelps pushed across two runs in the top half of the seventh inning and took the loss.

Byron Tackett started on the mound for the Bobcats. Tackett allowed three hits and three runs over six and a third innings, striking out eight and notching the win.

Garrett Clevenger was on the hill for the Hornets. Clevenger worked four innings,

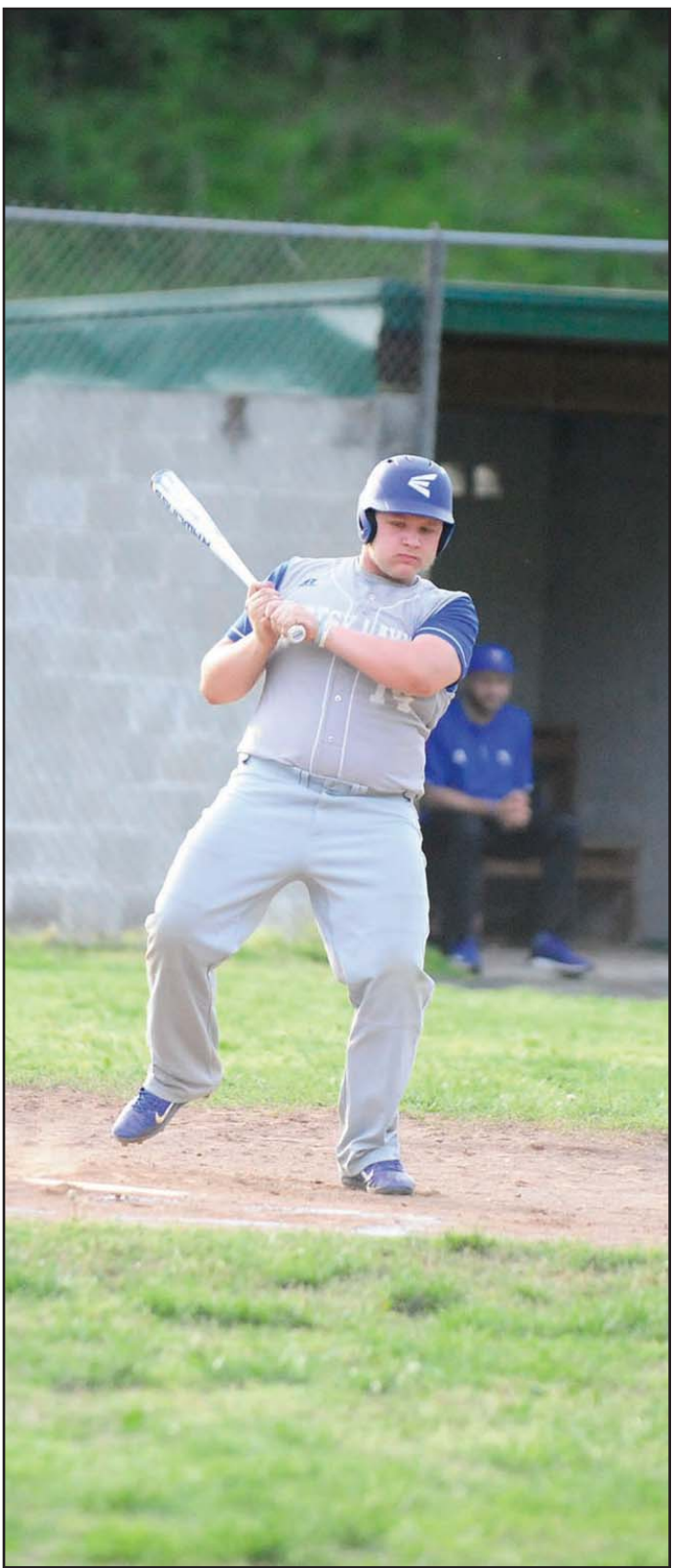
allowing six hits and eight runs while striking out six. He suffered the loss.

Another Phelps pitcher, Ryan Charles, threw two innings in relief out of the bullpen for the Hornets.

Betsy Layne banged out nine hits. Frazier, Hamilton and Paul Hall each collected multiple hits for the Bobcats. Hamilton led Betsy Layne in the hits column, finishing three for four.

Phelps was limited to five hits. Jordan Blankenship went three for four at the plate to lead Phelps in the hits column. Following Blankenship, Clevenger and Riley Dotson added one hit apiece for the Hornets.

Each 15th Region baseball team committed three errors.



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A Phelps pitch brushes back Betsy Layne's Sam Boyd. The Bobcats picked up a 10-4 win over the Hornets. Betsy Layne is scheduled to visit Shelby Valley Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

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I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before OCTOBER 31ST, 2018 at 10:00 am.

SETTLEMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF:	FIDUCIARY	DATE FILED
FINAL	12-P-00053	THELMA JONES	CHRISTOPHER JONES	2/6/12
FINAL	16-P-381	WILLIAM D. BRANHAM	HATTIE WELLS BRANHAM	10/4/16
FINAL	17-P-235	WILLIAM L. WELLS	JOHN WELLS	6/8/17
FINAL	18-P-97	MANIS OUSLEY	ALVA MAE OUSLEY	3/6/18
FINAL	18-P-214	ABEL PARSONS	BARBARA PARSONS	5/21/18
FINAL	18-P-238	WANDA TUSSEY	BALLARD TUSSEY JR	6/11/18
FINAL	18-P-335	CURTIS OUSLEY	DEBORAH OUSLEY	8/23/18
FINAL	18-P-393	RANDALL EVANS	CHERYL EVANS	10/15/18

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of Floyd District Court, Do hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All person indebted to an Estate should settle with the Fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF:	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY
3/29/19	19-P-107	BERT LEE CORDER	DWAYNE LEE MEADE	
3/21/19	19-P-112	JOHN K. BURCHETT	LUCILLE BURCHETT	
3/25/19	19-P-114	SHIRLEY DUFF LAFFERTY	ANGELA LAFFERTY HAGER	
3/27/19	19-P-117	POLLY GREENBERGER VICARS	JANICE MITCHELL	ROBIN SMITH
3/25/19	19-P-119	MADGE PARSONS	MIKE PARSONS	
3/27/19	19-P-121	ARTHUR FANNIN	GAYLENA FANNIN	
3/27/19	19-P-123	TERRY WAYNE EPLIN	BEVERLY EPLIN	
3/29/19	19-P-124	MARVIN TYLER	LYDA TYLER	
4/1/19	19-P-128	DALLAS CALHOUN	FREDA CALHOUN	
4/2/19	19-P-130	BRANDON LEE BOLING	PAMELA BOLING	
4/2/19	19-P-131	TRAVIS BOYD	CHRISTOPHER TODD BOYD	
4/2/19	19-P-133	RORY KEITH PATTON	SHARON PATTON	
4/8/19	19-P-137	WANETA PRIDE NEWSOME	NORMAN NEWSOME	
4/8/19	19-P-138	GARY DONALD COMPTON	BEULAH L. COMPTON	
4/8/19	19-P-139	ROE DONALD BOYD	LOUISE BOYD	
4/12/19	19-P-143	CALVIN SHEPHERD	TANIA S. HOLBROOK & DEITRA HOLBROOK	
4/12/19	19-P-146	PHYLLIS AMBURY	LAURA JOHNSON	
4/15/19	19-P-147	JERRY LEE MCGAREY	VIVIAN MCGAREY	
4/15/19	19-P-148	DAVID N. CLIFTON	DELLA CLIFTON	
4/16/19	19-P-150	TRENA LYNN HOLBROOK	DONALD D. HOLBROOK	
4/15/19	19-P-151	LEO HAMILTON	LEO HAMILTON JR.	
4/15/19	19-P-153	JANIE HAMILTON	LEO HAMILTON JR.	
4/17/19	19-P-154	SHIRLEY D. RICE	RONNIE D. RICE	

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-4138, Renewal No. 7
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Landmark Mining Company, Inc., P.O. Box 460, Shelbiana, Kentucky 41562 has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 4.0 miles west of Robinson Creek and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 14-76 surface acres and will underlie 1,743.87 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 1,758.63 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 2.0 miles west from Bear Fork Road's junction with KY 610 and located 10 feet west of Bear Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Pikeville/McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Thomas B. Ratliff Trust. The operation will underlie land owned by Thomas B. Ratliff Trust, Alma Land Company, Andy Hamilton, Appalachian Land Company, Sylvia Newsome Corey, Walker Lee Newsome, Arzella Newsome Henson, Keith Roberson, Lynn Roberson Kytte, Cheryl Marshall, Rosie Gardner, Tiger Resources, LLC, Ray and Kelly Slone, Hubert Hall, Walter and Oma Keathley, Elmer Hall, Alexander Hall, Millard and Mary Johnson, Rusty Hamilton, Bobby Hall, Scotty Hamilton, Josh Tackett, Barry Tackett, Louise Spears, Melda Martin, Verniece H. Akers, Edward Hall, Ansel Hall, Russell and Joyce Brewer, James W. and Madge Keathley, Bennie and Sola Tackett, Dewey L. and Fay

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Birth Announcements

All birth announcements for babies under 3 months are **FREE**.

Celebrating Birthdays



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

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

All Senior Citizen Centers may announce their birthdays for **FREE**.



Celebrating 55 years

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

Wedding Anniversaries

All wedding anniversaries over 40 years, in addition to 10th and 25th anniversaries, are **FREE**.

Dotson-Simpkins



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

Engagement

Announce your engagement in the Floyd County Chronicle for **FREE**.

Wedding

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Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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