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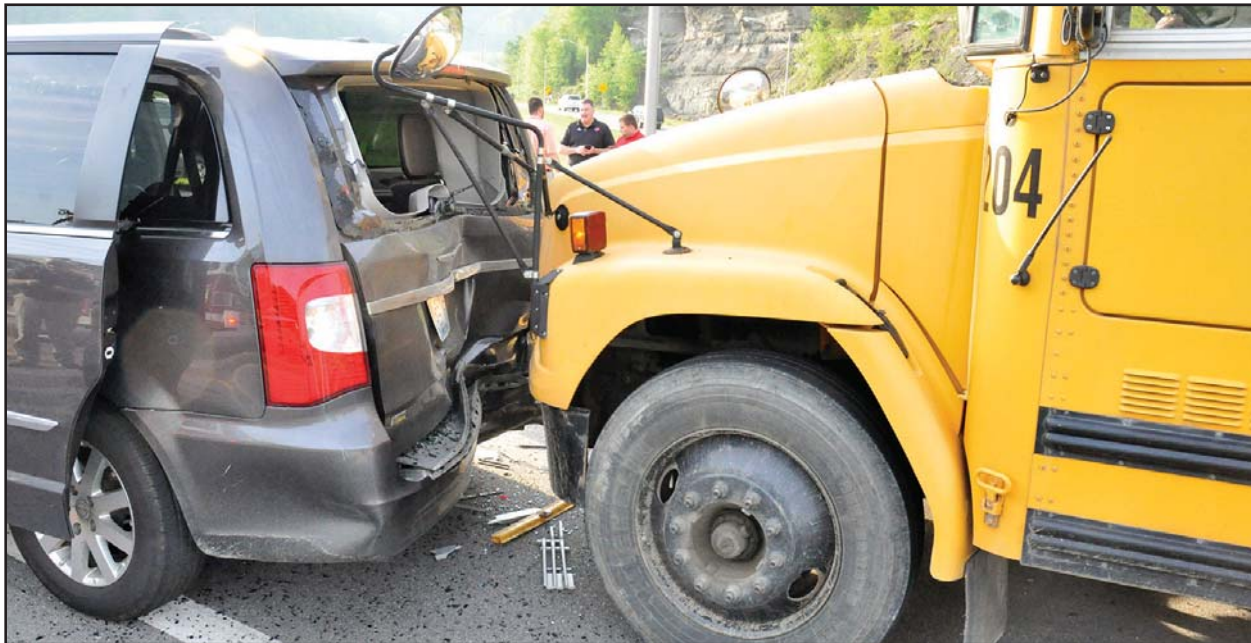
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A Floyd County School District Bus was involved in a three-vehicle collision Tuesday morning causing a partial lane closure of Ky. Rt. 114 near Glynview Plaza.

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Floyd bus involved in wreck

BY ELAINE BELCHER
 STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg Fire Department and Prestonsburg Police responded to calls Tuesday morning of a Floyd County Schools District bus involved in a three-vehicle collision causing a partial lane closure of Ky. 114 near Glynview Plaza.

The bus, driven by Kindra Bailey of Martin, was transporting seven students

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P'burg eyes independent school district

BY MARY MEADOWS
 STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council is considering the development of an independent school district.

During a town hall meeting on April 26, Mayor Les Stapleton reported that the city is seeking members for a committee that will explore the possibility of opening a school district.

"We're going to be looking for individuals that are interested in helping the city of Prestonsburg explore a possible opportunity to have an independent school system," Stapleton said. "So if you know of anybody, if the council knows of anybody, we're going to need some people to step forward and try to help us with that endeavor."

Stapleton said the exploratory committee will work to determine if it's feasible for Prestonsburg to open an independent school system, like those available in Paintsville and Pikeville. The district, he said, would be open to kids in Prestonsburg and surrounding areas.

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School year extended to June

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
 AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins announced Monday that the last day of school for students has changed for all Floyd County Schools.

The school year was originally scheduled to end on May 13 for all Floyd County students, but because of school closures caused by inclement weather and other reasons, county schools will remain in session through the first of June.

"We wanted to thank Commissioner (Dr. Wayne) Lewis for approving our request for emergency days. We received three days for all schools with one additional day for Allen Elementary," Adkins said. "These emergency days mean that the last day for our students in most of our schools is June 3, and it's June 4 for

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Submitted photo

The Floyd County Firefighters Association and the Kentucky Fire Commission hosted a fire school this weekend in Prestonsburg. In one exercise, firefighters drafted water from Dewey Lake at a rate of 5,000 gallons a minute.

Firefighters train in P'burg

BY MARY MEADOWS
 STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Firefighters Association hosted a regional fire school in Prestonsburg over the weekend, attracting 160 firefighters from throughout the region.

Grady Allen, president of the association, said firefighters

came from Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Knott, Magoffin, Lawrence, Greenup and other counties, and many of them took multiple classes.

It marks the second time the association worked with the Kentucky Fire Commission to host a regional fire school in Floyd County.

"We had everything from

basic firefighting to the hard-to-get hours," Allen said.

The class list included instruction on leadership, hazardous materials, advanced auto extrication, water supply and pumper operations and other types of training.

"This auto extrication class

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He and Council Member B.D. Nunnery answered questions about the proposal after the meeting on Friday.

Stapleton voiced concerns about the number of children who live in or near the city boundaries and are traveling to other counties for school.

"You know, our attendance is declining. It has been declining for quite some time," Stapleton said. "We have students going to different counties, and they're able to take their state money with them. ... When I watch two minivans load up with kids and leave the City of Prestonsburg to go to other school districts, it hurts me. It hurts me."

He said the city provides a golf course, soccer field and a practice soccer field, baseball field and softball field at no cost to the county school system.

"We furnish all of these currently at no cost to the school district, yet other schools, you know, keep getting more and more, and we don't get any help with it," Stapleton said. "It's just, you know, I have to do what's best for the citizens of Prestonsburg, and again, 41653 area code. That's a large area."

Stapleton said these sports fields and the school resource officers that Prestonsburg provides the county school district will continue. He



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton talks to the crowd during a town hall meeting at the Mountain Arts Center on April 26.

emphasized that Prestonsburg is not "trying to compete" with the county school district.

"I'm not saying anything bad about the Floyd County School System. Let me make that real clear," Stapleton said. "It's not that. But, I feel like some of the decisions that are being made are to the detriment to the district."

When asked what decisions he was talking about, Stapleton pointed to reciprocating agreements that Floyd County Schools have with other counties for the transfer of students — the same kind of agreement that all school districts have, even the independent districts in Pikeville and Paintsville.

Stapleton said, "We're not mad at anybody. We're not upset at anybody. We've just got to look at what's best,

and again, it's not just the City of Prestonsburg. It's probably anybody in the 41653 area code," he said.

Nunnery said Prestonsburg wants to "offer another option" to residents and people who move to the area for work.

"We're just trying to offer another option," he said. "We have several families that are living in Prestonsburg that are traveling to Paintsville and Pikeville to take their kids to school. We would rather they stay here, so we want to try to give them that local option to do that."

Nunnery believes having an independent school district could be a boon for the city's economy.

"The other issue is on the economic development side of it," he said. "For years, we've

dealt with, you know, we have Highlands Regional Hospital and a few other businesses that attract people here. Well, the first thing they do when they're coming in from out of the area is research the school systems. And they tend to locate and live in the school district that they have been told or they perceive as a better school district."

Nunnery and Stapleton agree that establishing an independent school district would be difficult and require research.

"It's not insurmountable. It's hard. It's expensive. And that's probably why it hasn't been done to this point," Nunnery said.

Stapleton is seeking previous administrators, teachers, principals, concerned citizens and others to be part of the exploratory committee.


"We're looking for people who are concerned," he said. "We've got to have a draw to keep our youth here because the youth that are staying here, they're coming back. A lot of people don't realize that in this area — and when I say the City of Prestonsburg, I say everybody in the 41653 area code — we got young adults coming back. Now, if I get infrastructure, just like the Internet. We get them good gigabyte service and stuff, that gives them that many more reasons to come back home. And that's what I'm working for."

Stapleton reported the city has been negotiating a franchise with Suddenlink for two years. The forum gave most council members and about 60 residents who turned out a chance to talk about problems they have with Internet, television and telephone services they receive from Suddenlink, and it gave company representatives an opportunity to address those concerns. Stapleton said the open forum will remain open as the city collects more comments from the public as part of the negotiation.

He said the committee would research several areas, including the tax base from Prestonsburg that benefits Floyd County Schools.

During the meeting, the city council also held the second reading of an ordinance establishing job classifications and pay scales for employees, as well as an open forum on Suddenlink, which has the a franchise with the

In public comments, Prestonsburg attorney Mickey McGuire pointed out that Prestonsburg residents are paying eight or nine times higher for Internet services than residents in Lexington, who pay \$14.95 per month. McGuire said that there has to be reasonable and affordable access for low-income residents to live in today's society.



Financial Focus

with
Sarah Lange Hyden

Your Financial Advisor Can Do Some "Life Coaching"

Life coaches – not surprisingly – strive to improve the quality of life of their clients. And financial professionals essentially embrace the same mission. So, if you decide to hire a financial advisor, you should expect to receive some "coaching" as you work toward all your important objectives, such as sending your kids to college, enjoying a comfortable retirement and leaving a legacy that can benefit the next generation.


What tips from life coaches might you also get from your financial advisor? Here are a few:

- **Create a plan.** A life coach can help you create a plan for your future, taking into account your career aspirations, relationships, hobbies, charitable activities and so on. And a financial advisor will also take a "holistic" approach by looking at many elements – including your age, income, family responsibilities and desired retirement lifestyle – to create a long-term investment strategy. Of course, you may need to adjust this strategy in response to changes in your life, but it can still serve as an overall map on your journey toward your financial objectives.
- **Identify and prioritize goals.** A life coach will help you identify and prioritize your life goals, whether they are personal or professional. And your financial advisor can help you do the same with your financial goals. For example, your goal of retiring comfortably at age 65 may take precedence over your wish to purchase a vacation home. As such, you will need to focus your efforts first on the retirement goal, and then, if it appears likely that you will meet that goal, you can devote the resources necessary for your vacation home by the mountains or the sea. You may even be willing to accept a lesser goal, such as renting, rather than owning, your vacation residence.
- **Move beyond your comfort zone.** A trained and experienced life coach can help you recognize your perceived limitations – and move beyond them. For instance, if your new job requires that you make many presentations, but you are nervous about public speaking, your life coach may offer techniques to help you get past this fear – to move you out of your "comfort zone," so to speak. This same scenario could play out in your interactions with your financial advisor. If you happen to be a cautious and risk-averse person by nature, you might be inclined to bring those same traits into the investment arena. But a competent financial advisor – one who truly has your best interests in mind – will likely warn you that you will have trouble achieving your financial objectives if you try to avoid all risk by sticking exclusively with so-called "safe" investments, which do not offer much growth potential. Instead, your advisor will help you incorporate your risk tolerance, along with your time horizon and your short- and long-term goals, to help shape an investment mix appropriate for you. Such a mix may well include those "safe" investments, but it would also contain a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented ones.

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Child killed in ATV wreck

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — A child was killed over the weekend in a crash in Pike County involving an all-terrain vehicle.

According to a statement from Kentucky State Police, the crash occurred just after 1 p.m. Sunday in the Hurricane community. The KSP statement said the preliminary investigation into the crash indicated that two juveniles were traveling north on Porter Lane on an ATV when it overturned during an attempted U-turn. Both of the occupants were ejected from the vehicle, the statement said.

According to the statement, the 6-year-old passenger was transported from the scene by ambulance to Pikeville Medical Center where he was pronounced dead. The driver of the ATV was not injured, the statement said.

As of presstime, the crash remained under investigation by Kentucky State Police Det. Jason Merlo. KSP spokesperson Trooper William Petry said no new information was available on the incident as of presstime, and the identity of the child killed in the crash had not yet been released.

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was a more advanced auto extrication," Allen said. "They actually put vehicles on top of other vehicles and made the students stabilize the vehicle on top and go in to get the person out of the vehicle underneath it. They also did a scenario where they had to go on air, like if it was a hazardous environment. That was something new to this area that we've never really trained on before."

That course was taught in the classroom at Big Sandy Community and Technical College and on the grounds of Adams Auto Parts, a wrecker service and junkyard, in Prestonsburg.

During the water supply and pumper operations class, firefighters drafted water out of Dewey Lake through several fire trucks.

"At one point in time, they were flowing over 5,000 gallons a minute through three trucks," Allen said. "A rough estimation in that class, we flowed over 100,000 gallons yesterday alone, out of Dewey Lake. We put the water back into the lake, you know."

He said the hoses were filtered so that fish were not impacted.

"No fish were harmed during this exercise," Allen said.

He said the state fire commission brought a high-tech simulator to Prestonsburg for the pumper operations course — technology that local firefighters had not yet had the opportunity to train with, according to Allen.

He said one of the largest classes was hosted by the Floyd County Health Department on Friday. The course taught firefighters how to respond to incidents that



Submitted photos

The Floyd County Fire School included advanced auto extrication classes and basic firefighting skills classes.

involve adults and children with special needs such as autism, dementia or other disabilities.

For the second year, Air Evac hosted a barbecue for firefighters and a cornhole tournament near its base station on StoneCrest. Last year, the Prestonsburg Fire Department won the cornhole tournament trophy. This year, that trophy was passed on to the new winners at the Auxier Fire Department.

"The main reason that we are doing this is because that — it's sad to say — but you have fire schools throughout the state and it's a good thing, but our people always have to go away from here," Allen said. "This is getting another school in this area. We have a couple that's been in the area for several years, Pikeville and Hazard, Louisa,

which is actually coming up next month ... But it was always the same-old, same-old whenever you went to it. Now, these schools are starting to kind of revamp and look at getting other things that we might not have ever seen in this area, or had the access to have in this area. This is bringing training to us instead of us going to training."

He said the training provides "another tool for the toolbox" when firefighters respond to emergencies.



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students enrolled in the Prestonsburg attendance area."

Betsy Layne Elementary, Betsy Layne High School, Duff-Allen Central Elementary, Floyd Central High School, John M. Stumbo Elementary, May Valley Elementary and South Floyd Elementary will have June 3 as their final day of school. Adams Middle School, Allen Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary and Prestonsburg High School will have their final school day on June 4. The last day for county Head Start students is May 30.

"We hope this gives our graduating seniors enough time to notify their guests for graduation ceremonies and that our students will now have more opportunities this summer as a result of the emergency days being granted," Adkins said.

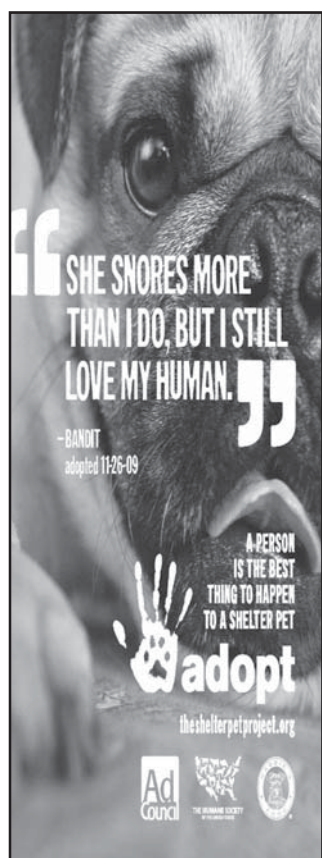
Floyd County students will get about a month off for summer break.

The Floyd County Board of Education approved the calendar for

the 2019-2020 school year in December 2018. That calendar calls for students to return to school on August 7 and establishes the last day for students to be May 8, 2020. The calendar banks seven days for inclement weather, as the school district has done for years. The issue paper issued with that calendar states, "We could miss 20 days and still get out in May. Our ten year average is 19.3."

During its meeting on April 22, the board of ed-

ucation approved seeking permission from the Kentucky Department of Education to create a "Non-Traditional Instruction Program," through which instruction could continue if schools are closed. If the program is approved, the KDE can waive up to 10 Non-Traditional Instruction days to count toward student attendance if schools are closed.



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FIVE SMOOTH STONES KENTUCKY

By
MARK WOHLANDER

In the words of Mark Twain, "Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you, too, can become great." Those words echo and define how our governor has spent the past several years, months, weeks and even days mocking Kentuckians from every walk of life like an abusive partner in a marriage.

Instead of lifting up all that is good about all Kentuckians, each day Kentuckians are bombarded with nasty one-liners from Frankfort that belittle Kentuckians from all walks of life. At the risk of deflating our governor's super-sized ego, let's take a moment to consider the accomplishments of those who live, work, play and dream in Eastern Kentucky; especially those who live, work, play and

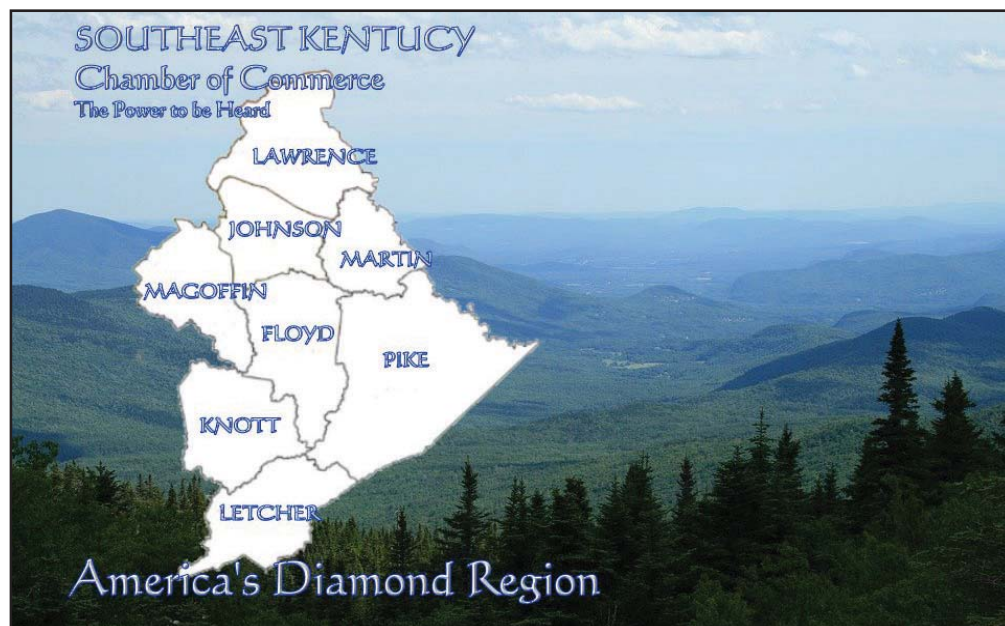
dream in the diamond region of Eastern Kentucky in Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties.

Take a moment, close your eyes and dream about all that the diamond region already offers, and then dream about what the region will offer as the next generation of the diamond region roll up their sleeves, dig in and create the opportunities of the future. Dream about the jobs which are being created in the diamond region, jobs which would be impossible without the partnerships which are being created because of those who want to build-up, not tear-down the diamond region; partnerships with other Kentuckians and Americans, not partnerships with those who want to build businesses with public dollars in partnership with for-

eign governments.

Now, take a moment, close your eyes and dream about all that the diamond region already offers with the unending beauty of the mountains, culture and history of the diamond region. Simply said, it would be impossible to list every opportunity which already exists in the diamond region as a result of the people and culture of the mountains, the people of the diamond region. With the incredible resilience and entrepreneurship of those who live in the diamond region of Eastern Kentucky, the day will arrive when it will be Eastern Kentucky, not Eastern Tennessee, which will be the vacation destination for thousands of families who want to enjoy the lakes, rivers, and mountain beauty of the diamond region.

Now, take a moment, close your eyes and dream about what the future of the diamond region will look like a year from now, five years from now or in the future. To borrow from the words of Vince Lombardi, "It is time for us all to stand and cheer for the doer, the achiever – the one who recognizes the chal-



lenges and does something about it." When Vince Lombardi spoke those words, it is almost like his words were intended for the people of Eastern Kentucky, for the people of the diamond region of Kentucky, a region which contributes to the greatness of America.

Now, take one final moment, close your eyes and dream about all that the diamond region of Eastern Kentucky has already accomplished, countless accomplishments which for others might have been impossible to achieve but for the friendly, hardworking people of the diamond region; people loaded with skills, talents and an incredible desire to

dream and contribute to the growth and success of the diamond region of Eastern Kentucky, all of Kentucky, and of course the greatest country on earth, America.

So, as I often do, I would invite everyone to join me on my imaginary mountaintop, especially all of the friendly, hardworking people of the diamond region of Eastern Kentucky, a mountaintop known as Pine Mountain which lies between Shelby Gap and Elkhorn City, a place where we can all look out across the beauty of the diamond region and dream about the future of a region, a future which will be built on the dreams and ambitions the people of the

diamond region.

Oh, and by the way, maybe, just maybe, it is time to send a message that it is time to end the nasty one-liners which are only intended to belittle the ambitions of Kentuckians; it is time to join the people, not belittle the people, as they dream the dreams which will define the future the diamond region, of Kentucky and the future of America.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Floyd County Senior Citizens program seeks volunteers

Each year, more and more older adults are making a positive impact in and around Floyd County.

As volunteers, employees, employers, educators, mentors, advocates and more, they

offer insight and experience that benefit the entire community.

That's why Older Americans Month has been recognizing the contributions of this growing population for over 56 years.

Led by the Administration for Community Living each May, Older Americans Month provides resources to help older Americans stay healthy and independent and resources to help communities support and

celebrate their diversity.

This year's theme, "Connect, Create, Contribute," encourages older adults and their communities to connect with friends, family and local services and resources, create through activi-

ties that promote learning, health and personal enrichment, contribute time, talent and life experiences to benefit others.

Floyd County Senior Citizens Centers will celebrate Older Americans Month by promoting

ways that community members of all ages can take part in helping Floyd County thrive.

Communities that support and recognize older adults are stronger. Join us in strengthening our community this May and throughout the year.

If anyone would like to volunteer your time for Floyd County Senior Citizens, please contact Trudy Gabbard at, (606) 886-9193.

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'Legal proceedings' delay reopening of Ky. 1428

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According to Sara George, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet District 12 information officer, there is no change in the status to Ky. 1428 in Floyd County — it is still shut down until further notice.

George said that she has received calls and

emails from people who ask for updates on Ky. 1428 in Floyd County near Goble Roberts Bridge, between mile points 11 and 12, as it is the site of a recurring mudslide.

"Ky. 1428 remains closed," she said. "The source of problem on private property."

George said that the legal proceedings to get permission to access the

property where the slide is starting are still ongoing.

"We want to fix the problem as much as people want us to re-open the road. But we cannot until we get access to the source of the slide, which is on private property. There is a legal process we must follow to acquire access to the property. In Kentucky, that process

is not a matter of public record, so we cannot report on its progress."

George pointed out that the most recent time that material came off the hill, one lane was still open to traffic.

"The force of the falling rocks and dirt moved a concrete barrier blocking the closed lane all the way across the open lane. If a vehicle had been go-

ing through at that time, it could have been tragic," she said.

KYTC Chief District Engineer Mary Westfall-Holbrook made the decision then to shut down the road.

"She is not willing, nor is the Transportation Cabinet willing, to risk people's safety, period," George said. "We want to fix the road. We certainly

would not leave it closed if it were safe to open even one lane. We know from our own employees and their family members who use this road why people may be upset and impatient. The bottom line is that we have a duty to put safety first and also a duty to follow the law."

Southern Water officials asked to testify in Frankfort

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission wants to learn more about the financial condition of the Southern Water & Sewer District.

On Friday, the PSC issued an order in a case in which the district filed an application for a rate increase of 32.3 percent.

The PSC ordered Southern District Chairman Jeff Prater, Utilities Management Group Project Manager Donald Compton, UMG Special Projects Manager Grondall Potter, CPA Michael Spears and CPA Jeff Reed to testify in Frankfort during a hearing on May 9.

The hearing will be streamed live on the PSC website, beginning at 9 a.m.

Southern Water filed a 363-page application for an alternative rate adjustment on April 19, seeking an expedited review by the PSC to keep the district financially afloat.

If the 32.3 percent rate adjustment is approved, it will generate \$942,600 in additional revenues for the district, which has been struggling financially.

The district's commission recently hired Utilities Management Group to help its correct issues that have caused a revenue shortfall there.

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 sent to the PSC deducted more than \$474,000 from the district's revenue requirements because of its high water loss rate. It's 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 Floyd County Fiscal Court approved providing \$150,000 to help the district through its financial issues. The final \$75,000 of that loan was delivered by Judge-Executive Robbie Williams on April 22. On that day, Reed told the commission that the district ended March with a deficit of

\$40,000.

If the PSC approves the application for new rates, Southern Water's retail rates would increase from \$25.20 to \$33.34 per 1,000 gallons used, and wholesale rates would increase in Hindman, Knott County and Wheelwright.

Southern Water reports that the new rates 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.

This application isn't the only pending PSC case related to Southern Water. The PSC also launched a case this year to investigate whether former manager Dean Hall violated state laws.

In that case, South-

ern attorney Steven Bailey answered questions posed by PSC last week, reporting that Southern Water bought five vehicles in 2017. On Monday,

the PSC issued a subpoena to Brian Nelson, owner of Pop's Chevrolet, asking him to provide the bill of sale for all vehicles sold to Southern Water

between Jan. 2017 and this year for the purpose of documenting vehicle sales to or on behalf of the district.



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The Honorable Robert Williams, Floyd County Judge/Executive
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Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Excess Fees - Regulatory Basis of the County Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky, for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Audit Guide for County Fee Officials* issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Floyd County Clerk on the basis of the accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of the Floyd County Clerk, as of December 31, 2016, or changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and excess fees of the Floyd County Clerk for the year ended December 31, 2016, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 20, 2018, on our consideration of the Floyd County Clerk's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Harmon

Mike Harmon
Auditor of Public Accounts

November 20, 2018

State law requires the Auditor of Public Accounts to annually audit fiscal courts, county clerks, and sheriffs; and print the results in a newspaper having general circulation in the county. The complete audit and any other audit of state agencies, fiscal courts, county clerks, sheriffs, and property valuation administrators may be viewed in the reports section of the Auditor of Public Accounts' website at www.auditor.ky.gov or upon request by calling 1-800-247-9126.

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Town of Martin, Kentucky

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The proposed water main installation would include approximately 1,000 linear feet of 8-inch water main. Approximately 70 linear feet of 8-inch water main would be constructed within Beaver Creek. The water main would be constructed via open cut trench excavation and then back-filled once completed.

As stated above, installation of the water main would occur in the Town of Martin, Kentucky and a portion of the water main would be constructed within Beaver Creek underneath the New Bridge.

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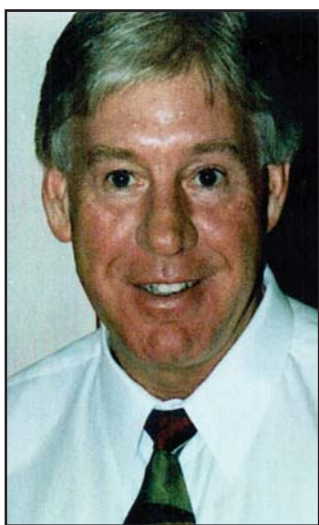
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Amos John Gray Jr.,

Amos John Gray Jr., 73, of Lexington, passed away on April 25, at St. Joe East Hospital.

Born April 9, 1946, in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late Amos John Gray Sr. and Jody and Marguerite White Fannin.

Mr. Gray was in the Army Reserve and the owner of John Gray Chevy Buick and GMC Dealership. Survivors include two children, Lesley (Martin) Kinney and John H. (Kim) Gray; a grandson, John L. Gray; three granddaughters: Maisy, Emma and Hannah Gray; a brother, Huey Gray and a sister, Elizabeth (Don) Chaffin.

A private service will be conducted by the family at a later date.

Kerr Brothers-Main Street of Lexington is entrusted with the arrangements.

This is a paid obituary.

Mary Akers

Mary Evelyn Akers, 94, of Dana, died Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Akers Cemetery, Dana.

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

Ezra Amburgey

Ezra Amburgey, 87, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, April 29, 2019.

Visitation will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, May 2, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in

Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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

Naomi (Vicars) Armstrong

Naomi (Vicars) Armstrong, 93, of Martin, died Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, in the Concord Cemetery, Grove City, Ohio.

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

Clayton Holland Sr.

Clayton Eugene Holland Sr., 86, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday April 28, 2019.

Visitation will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 2, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 3, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Middle Creek, Prestonsburg.

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

Charles Hoover

Charles Hoover, 62, of Hueysville, died Monday, April 29, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Corn Fork Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

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

Paul Elden Kendrick

Paul Elden Kendrick, 86, of Dwale, died Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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

Regina Miller

Regina Miller, 58, of Martin, died Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

Funeral services were held Sunday, April 28, at Prestonsburg Church of Christ, Prestonsburg.

Burial followed in the Jeff Hunter Cemetery, Printer.

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

Sharon Kay Patton

Sharon Kay (Pack) Patton, 66, of McDowell, died Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

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

Sharon Roberts

Sharon Kaye Hall Roberts, 70, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 30, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Newman Cemetery, Hi Hat.

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

Brenda Settles

Brenda Joyce Settles, 76, of Georgetown, formerly of Floyd County, died Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 30, at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Prestonsburg.

Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

Arrangements were under the direction of

Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

James Slone, 46, of Topmost, died Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 28, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Caudill Family Cemetery, Topmost.

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

Michelle Renee Swiger

Michelle Renee Swiger, 47, of Betsy Layne, died Monday, April 29, 2019.

Visitation will begin at 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, at Betsy Layne Free-will Baptist Church, Betsy Layne.

Funeral services will

be at 12 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at the church.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

Keagan Ryan Thacker-Music

Keagan Ryan Thacker-Music, 6, of Pikeville, died Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Visitation will begin at 5 p.m., Thursday, May 2, at Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, Grethel.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, May 4, at the church. Burial will follow in the Roberts Cemetery, Grethel.

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

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UMG outlines progress, needs at Southern Water

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Officials with Utilities Management Group highlighted during Southern Water & Sewer District's meeting last week the progress made and things that Southern Water needs to stay financially afloat.

Don Compton, special project manager for UMG, reported that the district's water loss in February was about 59 percent, a decrease from 66 percent the prior month.

"I would like to be under 45 by the time the UMG agreement is done," Compton said. "That's a goal. I don't know if it's attainable or not, but we'll put it out there and we'll shoot for it. Things are — knock on wood — right now, things are going pretty good, so I'm expecting the water loss to come on down unless we have anything catastrophic."

Compton said employees repaired 36 leaks on Southern's system between March 25 and April 25 on the left and right forks of Beaver Creek, Big Mud and Little Mud.

Compton said employees repaired a large leak on Toler Creek, but officials suspect another large leak is located there.

"There's another one that's probably in the magnitude of 50 gallons a minute," said Grondall Potter, a special projects manager with UMG. "We've narrowed it down to about a two-and-one-half mile stretch and they inserted a valve to isolate

that sector until we determine it."

Potter reported that a leak of 26 gallons a minute would equal a water loss of about one million gallons. He and others reported that this Toler Creek leak has "been out there for a while."

Potter said officials have not calculated the water loss rate for the 36 leaks that were re-paired because they have not been trained to do that.

"We've not calculated the water loss to those because, to put it bluntly, they don't know how, and I'm going to teach them how to calculate water loss on leak repair," Potter said.

Compton said employees checked more than 320 water meters associated with inactive accounts in the district in April.

"We're continuing to investigate those," Compton said.

He said some of them are "true inactive accounts" and employees have found "a couple of illegal hookups" on the inactive accounts list. Employees are also continuing to investigate more than 700 "zero read" meters on Southern's system, Compton reported.

"There is a difference in a minimum bill and a zero usage. I think that got misinterpreted last meeting," Compton said. "The 700 zero reads, some of them are reading no usage, and others don't register enough to get a minimum bill."

Southern attorney Steven Bailey answered questions posed by PSC



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Southern Water & Sewer District commissioners review a leak report presented by Don Compton, far left, during an April 22 meeting. Also pictured, left to right, are commissioners Donnie Daniels and Steve Dawson, Chairman Jeff Prater and Commissioner Rick Roberts.

last week, reporting that UMG has discovered between 15-25 illegal hookups on the Southern Water system, and there are between 700 and 750 meters showing zero usage and are "therefore being issued a water bill for the minimum usage."

Compton said all fire departments have been provided forms to report their water usage, as required.

Compton detailed three projects he believes Southern Water should undertake in the future.

He is collecting quotes to replace old meters in the district, a project he said will cost more than \$1 million. He described this project as the district's first priority, reporting that the district is losing between 15 and 20 percent of the water it produces and purchases through old meters that are running slowly.

The PSC requires

testing of meters every 10 years, and some of the district's meters that are decades old have not been tested.

Officials believe that replacing those old meters will radio-read meters will save Southern Water between 12 and 15 percent.

Judge-Executive Robbie Williams reported that the Big Sandy Area Development District has resubmitted a grant request to fund the replacement of 1,300 meters, but the district need to replace meters for more than 5,000 customers in its district.

The district's second priority should be the replacement of its master meters, Compton said, its third priority should be a long-term line replacement project.

Potter said UMG is

building a database that will help Southern Water identify the water-lines that are in most need of repair. He said once the database is complete, Southern Water can seek grant funding for repairs.

Water loss is believed to be one reason for Southern Water's financial issues.

CPA Jeff Reed reported that in March, the district's gross profit was nearly \$321,900 and its expenses were about \$347,799, showing an operating loss of about \$26,000 for that month. The district's net income before depreciation was a loss of \$44,000, Reed reported, and after depreciation is deducted, the loss was \$116,300. He said having three payrolls in March was one of the largest reasons for the district's revenue loss

that month.

The commission has been making payments to correct some of its financial delinquencies. Last week, it voted to provide a \$5,000 payment toward a \$41,000 bill owed to Boca for emergency work completed this winter. That marked the first payment on the bill since it was sent in January, officials said.

The district filed an application for an alternative rate adjustment this month, seeking a rate increase of 32.3 percent.

Correction:

An April 10 edition of the Floyd County Chronicle and Times incorrectly identified Utility Management Group Special Projects Manager Donald Compton.

No issues found in clerk's audit

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE**
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Kentucky State Auditor Mike Harmon issued the audit of the 2016 financial statement of Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh, reporting that auditors found no instances of noncompliance and no matters related to internal controls over financial reporting.

The audit, covering

the year ending on Dec. 31, 2016, included a review of the clerk's offices statement of receipts, disbursements and excess fees.

It showed that revenues of more than \$12.9 million, most of which is derived from tax collections.

The clerk's office reported receiving \$4.9 million in usage taxes, \$4.3 million in property taxes,

\$1.5 million in licenses and transfers, as well as other revenues.

Total disbursements totaled nearly \$12.7 million, and the remaining \$197,000 was paid as excess fees to the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

The report shows that the clerk's largest expense is personnel, listed at \$509,000, and election costs totaled more than \$85,000 that year.

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to Adams Middle School and Prestonsburg High School when it collided with a black mini-van driven by Rogetta Lyons of Prestonsburg, which, in turn, hit the rear of a Dodge pickup truck driven by Jackie Sammons, according to Prestonsburg Police Department Lt. George Tussey.

Tussey said the cause of the collision was "inattention."

While Tussey reported that there were no injuries on scene, he said Sammons was transported via ambulance to Highlands Regional Medical Center to be assessed and Lyons was transported via personal vehicle, as were the three other people in Lyons' van.

According to Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins, students involved in the crash were loaded onto

another bus and transported to Highlands to be medically cleared prior to returning to either school or to be picked up by parents as decided on a case-by-case basis.

Tussey said no charges are being filed at this time, however the incident is under investigation.

Anyone who witnessed the crash and wishes to share information can call, (606) 886-1010.

PUBLIC NOTICE Statement from Southern Water & Sewer District

Southern Water & Sewer District shall start immediately enforcing the theft of service as identified in KRS 514.060. Theft of service by:

1. Meters that have been tampered with, or bypassed in a manner so as to prevent accurate meter readings.
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.

We are asking help from you to help protect the customers of the Southern Water & Sewer District.

Southern Water & Sewer Board of Directors



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UPIke graduations announced

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The University of Pikeville will honor the academic achievements of students in the College of Arts and Sciences, the Coleman College of Business, Elizabeth Akers Elliott School of Nursing, Patton College of Education and the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine on Saturday, May 4.

The medical school commencement will begin at 9:30 a.m., at the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center in Pikeville. The commencement for the College of Arts and Sciences, the Coleman



Jean R. Hale

College of Business, the Elliott School of Nursing and the Patton College of Education will be held at 2 p.m., also at the Eastern Kentucky Expo Center. A pinning ceremony for the Elliott School of Nursing will be held Thursday, May 2, at 7 p.m., in Booth



Ronald R. Blanck, D.O.

Auditorium, located in Record Memorial Building. Graduates of the social work program will be recognized during a pinning ceremony on Friday, May 3, at 6 p.m., in Booth Auditorium.

Ronald R. Blanck, D.O., will be the keynote

speaker for the KYCOM commencement ceremony. Lieutenant General Blanck, (U.S. Army, retired) is a partner and chairman of the board for Martin, Blanck & Associates, a healthcare consulting firm. As a graduate of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Blanck is board certified in internal medicine.

Jean R. Hale, a UPIke graduate, will be the keynote speaker for graduates of the College of Arts and Science, Coleman College of Business, Elizabeth Akers Elliott School of Nursing and Patton College of Education.

Hale has been with

Community Trust Bancorp, Inc. for 49 years and has participated in the growth of the Corporation from \$18 million in assets to \$4.3 billion in assets. Hale assumed her current position as chairman of the board in 2005 after becoming president of Community Trust Bancorp, Inc., in 1999. She is also the chairman of the board of the Corporation's two subsidiaries, Community Trust Bank, Inc., and Community Trust and Investment Company.

She is currently chairman of the Kentucky Economic Development and Finance Authority Board, a member of the Ken-

tucky Economic Development Partnership Board and serves on the boards of Commonwealth Seed Capital, SOAR (Shaping Our Appalachian Region), ARH Foundation and UPIke. She also serves as a member of the Community Depository Institutions Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland.

During the commencement ceremony, Blanck and Hale will receive honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

For more information about commencement week events at the University of Pikeville, call (606) 218-5273.

Funding program announced for 'aggressive' economic development plans

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, in partnership with the Kentucky Association for Economic Development, initiated an effort to encourage companies to move to Kentucky and "begin construction immediately."

Kentucky's new Product Development Initiative (PDI) is an investment program through which up to \$6 million may be available to Kentucky economic development organizations and local governments via grant awards to supplement their site or building improvement projects.

Additional funding may be available in the future, depending on the availability of state funds, a statement from the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development said.

"PDI will supplement local investment to address a shortage of top quality locations in the commonwealth," the press release said. "Grants may be awarded for utility infrastructure upgrades, property acquisition, facility enhancement or the diligence necessary to prepare sites and buildings for investment."

"As Kentucky's record-breaking economic momentum accelerates, the commonwealth must continually develop A+ inventory to best leverage our advantages in an increasingly competitive global marketplace. The Product Development Initiative will perpetuate a timely, risk free experience for companies locating or expanding in Kentucky," Kentucky Association for Economic Development President and CEO Matt Tackett said.

Communities that present an "aggressive plan to develop and attract new business have the best opportunity to benefit from PDI," the press release said.

The KAED Foundation will facilitate the identification of potential sites and buildings within the initiative, with full assessments and recommendations provided by

a third-party consultant.

The Kentucky Cabinet may provide grant funds for Economic Development for recommended projects.

"The Product Development Initiative is a perfect opportunity for the state to work closely with local officials and economic development leaders to find sites and buildings that are ready to make the leap to the next level," said Erran Persley, commissioner of business development at the Cabinet for Economic Development. "This program is about identifying locations that just need a slight push to reach their full potential as the type of A+ locations for which companies consistently search."

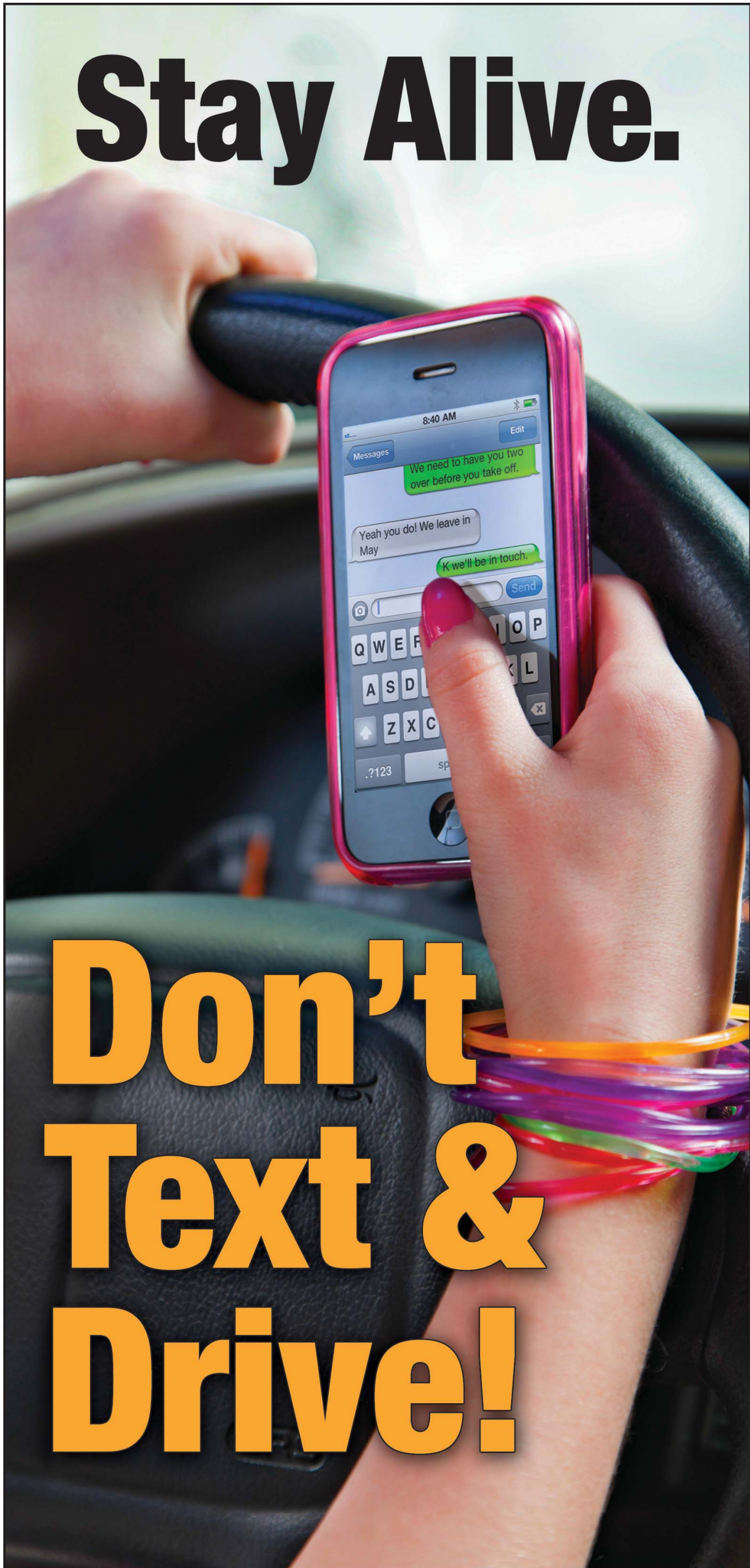
Projects seeking assistance of up to \$500,000 may be considered for an award via a competitive application process and scored according to marketability. Dallas-based Site Selection Group will perform the assessments for the PDI.

Funding for the procurement of consultant services was provided by a coalition of KAED members, anchored by Kentucky's utility companies.

Communities not selected for awards will receive an analytical report provided by Site Selection Group and will receive feedback on how to better prepare for future funding opportunities.

"This initiative, while designed to enhance Kentucky's product, is also an educational program. Communities not awarded funds will receive their evaluation on the metrics site selection consultants consider every day when locating projects. PDI feedback will provide a roadmap to inform applications for future grant rounds, and more importantly will serve as a tool to enhance competitive positioning for economic development," said Tackett.

Site Selection Group officials will discuss PDI and the application process during the KAED Collaboration Conference on May 20-21 in Somerset. For more information, visit, KAEDonline.org.



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Grimes honors DACE student for winning contest

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

On April 25, Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes traveled to Floyd County to recognize one of the winners of her office's Annual Slogan Contest.

Brock Horne, a sixth grader at Duff-Allen Central Elementary School, won second place with his slogan "Educate, participate, legislate - make it count, rock the vote!"

Grimes also visited a student in Harlan County who tied for third place in the contest.

The contest is geared to inspire students to be active and informed citizens by creating slogans to encourage Kentuckians to go vote on Election Day. Kentucky students in grades sixth through eighth were encouraged to enter their Election Day slogan. Entries were judged based on use of attention-grabbing words

or phrase that expresses the importance of eligible Kentuckians participating in local, state and national elections by registering and going to the polls, or the democratic freedom of participating in elections.

"I'm counting on young people to be the change makers that the Commonwealth needs," said Grimes, the Commonwealth's Chief Advocate for Civic Engagement. "On May 21, Kentucky has a Primary Election where our constitutional officers are on the ballot and I'm proud to see young people encouraging every eligible Kentuckian to go vote!"

Horne received a \$600 cash award and the third place winner received a \$200 cash award due to a tie.

The awards were made possible by the Office of Secretary of State and its partners, KEA and KEA Retired,



Duff-Allen Central Middle School student Brock Horne, center, earned second place in the Kentucky Secretary of State's annual slogan contest. Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes, second from left, presented him a \$600 check.

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Local organization continues to 'Run with Courage'

BY AUSTIN BLANKENSHIP APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — On Saturday, Judi's Place for Kids held its annual "Run with Courage" 5k event at the Pikeville City Park, in hopes of raising awareness and funds for the ongoing battle against child abuse.

"This event got started 12 years ago," Judi's Place Executive Director Laura Kretzer said. "We had a young mom in the community reach out to me who had seen a lot of coverage of child abuse cases in the news and she wanted to do something locally to make a difference."

According to Kretzer, the organization had no clue what they were getting into when they first started the 5k event, but the run has turned into a great event for raising awareness for child abuse prevention, as well as helping the organization raise funds to help the work at Judi's Place.

"I'd say we had well over 200 people at the event," Kretzer said. "It showed we had 174 people complete the 5k, and, of course, we also had some walk the one-mile course, so we're really excited about the turnout

"We're still doing the final calculations but it looks like we were able to raise around \$15,000," she added. Kretzer said she's pleased with the number, especially with the fact that the 5K's date was moved around this year with the way Easter fell, as well as Hillbilly

Days coming earlier than past years. Although many people who normally participate in the 5k were unable to attend this year's event, she said the organization is thankful for the ones that were able to come out and join in.

"A lot of people don't realize how common child abuse is, or they think that it's someone else's problem, or it's someone else's problem to solve. This event just gives everyone a simple way to get involved and learn," Kretzer said.

One of the unique things they do at these 5k events, she said, is recognizing "community heroes for children."

"We want to really draw attention to people who are getting involved with children and making a positive difference in the community," Kretzer said. "We try to recognize the people who are overlooked in society, even though they are making a great contribution to children."

According to Kretzer, the organization recognized four "One with Courage" winners with four different categories, for which Judi's Place takes nominations from the community.

Those winners include:

- Help Winner: Donna Holbrook
- Healing Winner: Megan Donovan
- Hope Individual Winner: Michael Marcum
- Hope Organization Winner: Kids World

"We like to do this and recognize those peo-

ple or groups because it highlights that everyone has a role to play," Kretzer said. "It's really just about the community working together to make sure kids have the childhood they deserve, one that's free of child abuse."

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer and getting involved with Judi's Place may call, (606) 886-8520, for more information.



On Saturday Judi's Place for Kids held its 12th annual "Run with Courage" 5k event, which saw participants come out to Pikeville City Park to help raise awareness about child abuse.

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'Talk Derby to Me' fundraiser to be held



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JENNY WILEY

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Friends of Jenny Wiley is hosting a fundraising party this weekend in celebration of the Kentucky Derby.

The nonprofit, volunteer-based organization will host its second "Talk Derby to Me" fundraiser, beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge.

"It's food and games and we'll have two big projector screens with the Derby on it," said Charly Sholty, one of the event organizers.

Sholty reported that Floyd County musician Troy Burchett and the Postmen will provide live entertainment after the Derby is finished.

Sholty said the menu will include a variety of items, including Derby Pie, and she said mint juleps will be available at the cash bar.

Activities include games, raffles, a contest for the Best Derby Hat and other activities.

"Everybody likes Derby

parties, but nobody really hosts many anymore," Sholty said. "It's building that community spirit and celebrating Kentucky."

She said all proceeds will be used by the Friends of Jenny Wiley to improve the state park. The volunteer-based group hosts regular trail work days, undertakes various improvement projects like the one recently launched to build a changing station at SugarCamp Mountain Trails and sponsors events held at the park, including the annual Operation Clean Sweep. It's mission is to act as a "Citizens Support Organization" to identify and promote activities to "conserve, enhance and interpret the natural, scenic, historic, educational and recreational resources" at the park.

"All the money that we raise goes back into the park," Sholty said. "We all need to support and recognize that we are just so fortunate to have a state park in our backyard. The state seems to forget about Eastern Kentucky,

and we've got to take care of ourselves."

Tickets are \$30 per person, \$50 per couple or \$200 per table of eight. Tickets are available online and they will be available at the door. For more information, visit the Friends of Jenny Wiley on Facebook.



Submitted photos

The Friends of Jenny Wiley's "Talk Derby to Me" fundraiser includes a competition for the best Derby hat.



Floyd County students named Rogers Explorers

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Superintendent Danny Adkins recently announced Reece Hamilton and Chloe Reynolds of Adams Middle School, Alex Begley and Hailey N. Little of Duff-Allen Central Elementary, Jada Johnson and Jayla Little of South Floyd Elementary were selected as 2019 Rogers Explorers.

Hamilton is the son of Danny and Susan Hamilton of Prestonsburg.

Reynolds is the daughter of C.V. and Kimberly Reynolds of Prestonsburg.

Begley is the son of Larry Begley of Eastern and Rhonda Begley of Lackey.

Hailey N. Little is the daughter of Shawn and Lisa Little of Wayland.

Johnson is the daughter

of Brian and Jessica Johnson of Melvin.

Jayla Little is the daughter of John Little of Sarasota, Florida and Stacy Hall of Harold.

"Congratulations Reece and Chloe from Adams, Alex and Hailey from Duff-Allen Central and Jada and Jayla from South Floyd on being selected Rogers Explorers. We're very proud of these students," Adkins said in

a statement. "They will have the opportunity to work on math, science and technology skills in addition to developing their leadership skills all while being on a college campus."

Students can apply to be a Rogers Explorer during the eighth grade year if they live in the service area of The Center for Rural Development. The program is a

three-day experience at one of six Kentucky colleges/universities where students are engaged in educational and fun activities.

According to Adkins, the committee typically selects the top two students from each county in the Center for Rural Development service area to be Rogers Explorers followed by the next highest 120 scoring appli-

cants are chosen.

"Having six students representing Floyd County Schools shows how competitive our students are with others in the forty-five county area," he said.

"Our Floyd County team is very proud of these students. We hope they return and share what they've learned with other students and adults as well."



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Floyd students earn state STLP honors

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins congratulated the students who excelled in the Kentucky Student Technology Leadership Program competition, held at Rupp Arena in Lexington on April 18.

"Congratulations Allen Elementary 'Forget Me Not' team and Coach Mike Bell for being back-to-back state Middle School Champions," Adkins said. "This purpose of this outstanding project, 'Forget Me Not,' is to remind parents that their child is still buckled in the car seat. Their goal was to save lives. The device can sound an alarm when the temperature inside a vehicle gets too hot or too cold and can notify parents on their phone if they are ten or more feet away from the car seat."

The Allen Elementary team, composed of Tanner Skeens, Bradley Jervis, Lexi Blair, Ethan McIntosh, Peyton Senters, Justin Akers, Reese Music, Keegan Farley and Timothy Mahan, will travel to Pennsylvania to present and in June.

"Our Floyd County team is very proud of this team's state champion title, but we are more proud of this group of kids wanting to save lives," said Adkins.

He also announced that two other Allen Elementary teams were in the top 27 in the state — "AES Cares" and "Eagle Radio 92.7. Both made it to level three.

"We also want to say how proud we are of two other teams for making it to Level 3, which means these teams were in the top eighteen in the state," said Adkins. "Congratulations Betsy Layne High School '3-D Hologram' team and Coach Sandy Mims, and Floyd Central

High School 'Broaden Your Horizons' team and Coach CaSandra Fulks. We are so excited to have three of the top 18 teams in Kentucky come from Floyd County."

The BLHS "3-D Hologram" team, composed of Landon Howard, Bretton Jervis, Chris Brashear and Jonah Bell, used a television/computer monitor and computer to project a replica of an image into a container built from Plexiglas. Teachers can use 3-D hologram to project an image to augment a lesson. According to Adkins, as an example, a teacher may project an image of a heart as the lobes of the heart are discussed.

The FCHS "Broaden Your Horizons" team, composed of Belle Stewart, Savanna Price, Chloe Watson, Sahara Little, Reece Terry, Kelli Thomas and Alyssa Tackett, informed the community about job opportunities. The focus of the project is to help students who are entering the workforce, adults who need jobs due to the closing of the coal industry and adults moving to the community, find suitable employment.

The "AES Cares" team, with Coresha Smith, Courtney Meadows, Ruthie Dillion and Natalie Garrett, has four components. The students gather donations to provide care cases for children in foster care, maintain a blessing box outside the gates at the school for the community members to pick up supplies and food if they are in need, "Homework Helps," an in-school and after-school tutoring program lead by students and "Family Resource Center and Youth Services Assistants," students helping the resource center.

Allen Elementary's



Submitted photo
The Allen Elementary STLP Team, composed of Tanner Skeens, Bradley Jervis, Lexi Blair, Ethan McIntosh, Peyton Senters, Justin Akers, Reese Music, Keegan Farley and Timothy Mahan, took home first place at the state STLP middle school division and will travel to Pennsylvania to present their project in June.

"Eagle Radio 92.7" team, with members Shian Crum, Sidney Chaffins, Areica Salisbury and Alyson Kilburn, started an on-campus radio station that broadcasts school announcements. This year, Eagle Radio was able to construct its own server to stream on the Internet.

Adkins also congratulated the Duff-Allen Central Elementary team, made up of Brody Buck, Grant Hall and Grant Wright with Coach Ceci Prater for winning first place in Game Design; Laci O'Quinn for first place in on-demand photo and in technical writing; Todd Prater for first place in documentary and in feature video; Alexa Morris for placing second in original photo. He also commended Madison Lawson for serving in the STLP State Blogger Corps and Hailey B. Little for serving on the Media Arts Team for Kentucky.

"We're very proud of our students who competed at state and made Floyd County Schools a standout," Adkins said. "We're excited about providing opportunities like this for all students to find their passion and excel."



Submitted photo
Betsy Layne High School '3-D Hologram' team, with Landon Howard, Bretton Jervis, Chris Brashear and Jonah Bell, made it to the top 18 schools in the state during STLP state competition.

Floyd Central High School's 'Broaden Your Horizons' team, with Belle Stewart, Savanna Price, Chloe Watson, Sahara Little, Reece Terry, Kelli Thomas and Alyssa Tackett, made it to the top 18 schools in the state during STLP state competition.

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- May 4, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Prestonsburg Night Market, downtown Prestonsburg
- May, 4 p.m.: Talk Derby to Me, fundraiser for Friends of Jenny Wiley, May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. fojw.org
- May 5, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: The Art Gallery in Langley is hosting its Spring Exhibit, featuring the artwork of Corey Heintzleman, Jeff Carpenter Crane, Leila H. Smith and DV Combs, as well as music by Waylon Nelson. (606) 478-3325
- May 5, 3 p.m.: Fundraising concert for the Animal Alliance of East Kentucky, City Perk Coffeehouse, Prestonsburg. Admission is a monetary donation for the nonprofit. Funds will be used for its spay and neuter program.
- May 6, 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets, city hall. (606) 874-2953
- May 6, 6 p.m.: Grow Appalachia Gardening Series, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- May 7, 6 p.m.: Not Your Average Joe, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com
- May 7, 6 p.m.: Floyd County Beekeepers meet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- May 8, 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meets, city hall. (606) 452-4202
- May 9, 12 p.m.: Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets, Prestonsburg First Presbyterian Church
- May 10, 6 p.m.: Floyd CEC Annual Recognition Banquet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- May 11, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Admission is free at the East Kentucky Science Center for National Astronomy Day activities. Door prizes, activities planned.
- May 11; 3:30 p.m.: Music Rules Fest begins at Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. macarts.com
- May 14, 12 p.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism meets, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-1341
- May 14, 6 p.m.: Wayland City Commission meets, community center
- May 16, 10 a.m.: The Big Sandy Elder Abuse Council meets, the Big Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374
- May 16, 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmers Market Senior Voucher Training, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- May 16, 6 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market meeting, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- May 16, 7 p.m.: Big Sandy Trail Riders meet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
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Lady Jaguars fall to Perry Central

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Despite showing improvement, Floyd Central was forced to play from behind and couldn't catch up to the visiting team as Perry Central pulled away to win 11-4 in a high school softball game on Monday.

With the loss, Floyd

Central dropped to 3-14. Perry Central improved to 10-9 with the win.

Following a scoreless first inning, Perry Central plated one run during its second plate appearance. The Lady Commodores moved out in front and never trailed. Perry Central led 5-0 before Floyd Central answered.

The Lady Jaguars

manufactured four runs in the bottom half of the sixth inning. Still, Perry Central eventually pulled away to win. Excelling late, Perry Central plated six runs in the top half of the seventh inning.

Kim Hughes was the winning pitcher for the Lady Commodores. Hughes pitched a complete game, allowing eight hits and four runs

while striking out seven and walking zero over seven innings.

Ashley Bellamy took the pitching loss for the Lady Jaguars. Bellamy allowed 12 hits and seven runs while striking out six over six innings.

Perry Central outthit the Lady Jaguars 13-8. Hughes, Jamie Pollard, Rylie Feltner and Crystiana Couch each managed

multiple hits for the Lady Commodores. Pollard led Perry Central at the plate, providing three hits in four at-bats.

Perry Central used a balanced offensive attack to pull out the win. Couch and Emilee Eversole drove in three runs apiece for the Lady Commodores. Active on the base paths, the Perry Central Lady Commo-

dores stole nine bases in the winning effort.

Kayci Stumbo went two for three at the plate to lead Floyd Central in the hits column. Chelsea Johnson, one of six Floyd Central players to connect for one hit, drove in two runs.



Floyd Central catcher Emma Dudleson eyes a Perry Central baserunner (not pictured) returning to third base.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central pitcher Ashley Bellamy delivers a pitch to the plate as the Lady Jaguars hosted Perry Central on Monday.



Floyd Central leadoff batter Brook Stumbo connects with a Perry Central pitch. Perry Central picked up an 11-4 win over the Lady Jaguars Monday evening. Floyd Central fell to 3-14 with the loss. The Lady Jaguars are scheduled to host 58th District rival Prestonsburg this evening at 6:00 p.m. Floyd Central will visit Prestonsburg next Tuesday in another 58th District matchup.

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Jaguars held scoreless in loss to Knott Central

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

Floyd Central was held scoreless as host Knott Central pulled away to win 4-0 in a non-district high school baseball game on Monday.

The Jaguars also fell to Belfry 9-5 last Thursday.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 10-10.

Knott Central improved to 12-8 with the win.

The Patriots moved ahead early. Knott County Central took a 1-0 lead when Luke Combs singled in a run in the second inning.

Kent Damron pitched Knott Central to the victory. Damron worked a complete game, allowing six hits and zero runs while striking out four as he claimed the pitching win.

Matt Combs took the pitching loss for the Jaguars. Combs pitched six innings, allowing four runs on seven hits and striking out five.

Knott Central, a team out of the 14th Region, finished error-free in the field. Defensively for the Patriots, Kyle Hofsess made the most plays with seven.

Knott Central, a former 14th Region baseball powerhouse, edged Floyd Central 7-6 in the

hit column. Seven different Knott County Central players provided one hit apiece. Hofsess provided one hit and drove in two runs for the Patriots.

Floyd Central finished with six hits. Logan Conley and Brayden Hamilton led Floyd Central's offensive attack, delivering two hits apiece.

Floyd Central was charged with the game's only error.

The Jaguars were hosting 15th Region counterpart Sheldon Clark on Tuesday. Results from the Floyd Central-Sheldon Clark baseball game were unavailable at press time.

Belfry 9, Floyd Central 5

Visiting Floyd Central faced a four-run deficit at the conclusion of the opening inning and was unable to overcome its slow start as 15th Region nemesis Belfry pulled away to win 9-5 in a high school baseball game on Thursday.

Working out of a starting role, Brett Coleman earned the pitching win for the Pirates. Coleman pitched five and two-thirds innings, allowing five runs on five hits and striking out three. Two other pitchers, Kevin Browning and Wyatt Webb, entered the game out of the bullpen and

helped to close the contest for the Pirates.

Brayden Hamilton suffered the pitching loss for the Jaguars. Hamilton allowed seven hits and nine runs over four and two-thirds innings, striking out seven.

Belfry led 6-0 at the conclusion of the third inning. Floyd Central plated its first run in the top half of the fourth frame.

Leading 6-1, host Belfry pushed across three more runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to take a commanding 9-1 lead.

Floyd Central countered with four runs in the top half of the sixth inning but couldn't get any closer.

Belfry outhit Floyd Central 7-5 and overcame four errors to notch the win.

Kevin Browning led Belfry at the plate, connecting for two hits in three at-bats.

Chase Conley went two for three at the plate while driving in one run to lead Floyd Central in the hits column. Aiding the Jaguars offensively, Logan Conley and Matt Combs added one hit and two RBIs apiece.



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Betsy Layne pitcher Byron Tackett delivers a pitch to home plate against Shelby Valley in action earlier this season.

Prestonsburg knocks off Betsy Layne

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN — Prestonsburg halted an eight-game losing skid on the road on Monday, defeating Floyd County foe Betsy Layne 6-1 in a 58th District baseball game at Stumbo Park.

The Blackcats fell to With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 3-12 overall and 1-4 in the 58th District.

Betsy Layne dropped to 6-13 overall and 0-5 in the district with the loss.

Prestonsburg pitcher Collin Ousley threw a complete game and earned the win. Ousley allowed one run

on four hits over seven innings, striking out 15 and walking one.

Betsy Layne pitcher Cameron Kimbler suffered the loss. Kimbler pitched three and 2/3 innings, allowing eight hits and six runs while striking out three.

Visiting Prestonsburg scored first and never trailed. The Blackcats blew open a scoreless district game in the top half of the sixth inning, erupting for six runs.

Prestonsburg, under the direction of second-year head coach Trey Stapleton, outhit Betsy Layne 10-4. Brayden Slone, Blake Sizemore and Ryan

Meade each managed multiple hits for the Blackcats. Slone paced Prestonsburg at the plate, providing three hits in four at-bats.

Paul Hall went two for three at the plate to lead Betsy Layne in the hits column.

The Bobcats committed two errors in the setback.

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

Prestonsburg edges Fairview

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

SANDY HOOK — Prevailing on a neutral field, Prestonsburg managed to edge Fairview 10-9 at the Battle In The Hook at Elliott County High School on Saturday.

Megan Music claimed the pitching win for the Lady Blackcats. Music allowed three hits and six runs over three innings, striking out one. Another pitcher, Haleigh Jefferson, threw four innings in relief out of the bullpen for the Lady Blackcats.

Alexis Claar started in the circle for 16th

Region member Fairview. Claar worked one inning, allowing zero hits and two runs while striking out one. Another pitcher, Madison Canterbury, threw five innings in relief for the Lady Eagles.

Haylee Niece led Prestonsburg at the plate, producing two hits in four at-bats. Prestonsburg thrived on the base paths. Four Prestonsburg players stole at least two bases. Alison Campbell recorded a team-high four steals for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg overcame three errors to claim the victory.

Fairview lost de-

spite outitting Prestonsburg 10-8 and committing only one error. Canterbury, Samantha Ruggles and Taylor Hamilton each recorded multiple hits for the Lady Eagles. Canterbury went 3-for-5 at the plate to lead Fairview in the hits column.

Prestonsburg dropped two games on Saturday. Sheldon Clark edged Prestonsburg 7-6. In another high school softball matchup, host Elliott County pulled away to beat the Lady Blackcats 12-5.

Prestonsburg is less than one month from entering the postseason.



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New rules produce first Chevy win



Racin'
Steve Mickey

This is the season that NASCAR unrolled its new rules package that was intended to put on a better show for the fans at every track regardless of its size or configuration. Side by side racing and passing has been a common sight through the first nine races of the season but just like it has always been the giant 2.66 mile high banked track at Talladega required its own set of rules.

The sanctioning body for years has required the use of the horsepower robbing restrictor plates at Talladega and its sister track at Daytona which has produced a bag of mixed results. Every car on the track had the speed to win but the aero package being used made it extremely tough to make a pass.

The season opened at Daytona with a rules package that was to be used for only that race so when the series rolled into 'Dega it was the first time for the package that would be used moving forward at all the superspeedway races. The new package uses a

0.922-inch tapered spacer instead of the restrictor plate, a 9-inch rear spoiler and a 1-inch bolt-on track bar mount which raises the rear car by an inch.

When the cars went out to practice on Friday, two potential problems immediately surfaced as crew chiefs became concerned with engine rev and it was very apparent that the closing speeds produced with the new package could lead to problems. NASCAR reacted immediately to the new set of concerns and tweaked the package by adding a 1-inch wicker to the car's spoiler to increase the drag on the car's rear end.

The addition of the wicker did what it was intended but with so little practice when race day came on Sunday there were still as many questions about what to expect as there was just not enough practice time to allow drivers to get comfortable with what they had to work with. When the green flag waved, it was racing as usual as a large pack of cars formed and ran three and four wide with each lane of cars taking turns making runs to take over the lead.

Unlike what we saw in February at Daytona, the line of cars were being made up of one manufacturer as word got out before the race that each manufacturer had expressed their desire that if a driver was going to help another driver they needed to make sure it

was in the same make of car. The Chevrolet camp has not been as unified as the Ford teams when racing at a superspeedway in the past but on Sunday the sight of Camaros running bumper to bumper was a common sight.

The 2019 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series had not been kind to Chevrolet as it had yet to make a trip to a victory lane in the first nine races of the season with that winless streak actually reaching 13 when you add in the end of last season. The manufacturer also had posted a seven race winless streak at Talladega during which Ford became the dominant make at the Alabama track.

All of that changed on Sunday when Hendrick Motorsports' Chase Elliott crossed the finish line first followed by Alex Bowman and Ryan Preece in Chevys. Chevrolet took five of the top-6 finishing spots with Joey Logano's Ford the only car able to break the stranglehold of the bowtie brigade. Elliott now becomes not only the first Chevrolet driver to post a win this season but the only driver other than one from Joe Gibbs Racing or Penske Racing to win a race this season. He now becomes the sixth driver to win a race and secures his spot in the playoff round of ten races that will eventually crown this year's champion.

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INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Floyd County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 6 through May 20, 2019. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2019, assessment on which state, county and school taxes for 2019 will be due about September 15, 2019.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his or her assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) He or she must list under protest (for certification) what is believed to be the fair cash value of the property.
- (2) A written protest must be filed directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Claims Commission.

Connie Hancock
Property Valuation Administrator

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Notice is hereby given that Robbie Johnson of Teaberry has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, to construct a new bridge, within the floodplain of Mud Creek near the community of Teaberry, KY. The site is located on the west side of Route 979 in Floyd County, Kentucky. More specifically at latitude 37°26'03.04" N and longitude 82°38'40.31" W. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 300 Sower Boulevard, Third Floor, Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410

BIDS FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

The City of Wayland will be accepting sealed bids for the sale of surplus property. House Lots 1115-1116 located in Wayland, KY 41666. This is the same property as recorded in the Office of the Floyd County Clerk Deed Book 594 page 556. Sealed bids will be accepted by the City of Wayland by mail only. All bids should be clearly marked "Sealed Bid" and mailed to City of Wayland PO Box 293 Wayland, KY 41666. Deadline for receipt of bids is Friday May 14th, 2019. The city reserves the right to reject any and or all bids. Awarding of the bid will be made on the basis of best value for the City.

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, Shelbyana, 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

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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 Kytyle, 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 Hall, Paul Rogers, Teresa Rogers, Patricia Justus, Ruby G. Toler, Larry Rogers, Orlando and Betty Rogers, John Moore, Kay Rose, Angela Basiden, William Rogers, William Moore, Patrick Ellis, Terry Toler, Terry Eugene Toler, Misty Dawn Browning, Robert Rogers, Tammy Harry, Isaac Ellis, Linda Simpson, Bernadina Rogers, Kimberly Ellis, Tonya Cosner, Billy Joe Ellis, Aaron Ellis, Jenny R. Clark, Ricky Rogers, Rebecca J. Tackett Daulton, Ella Diana Sampson, Oneita Smith, Helen Reed, Donna Rogers, Shelby Jean Hill, Maggie Evans, Ida Rogers, Pauline Hill, David Rogers, Jason Rogers, Casey Rogers, Estill Hall, Carl Mitchell, Jan M. Hamilton, Virble Brown, Rexal Hamilton, Rosie Brown, Ray and Kelly Stone, Laura M. Johnson Hamilton, Delmer Kiser, Timmy Cook, Green Howell, Rosie Akers, Steve Hamilton, Sylvia Howell, Wellmore Coal Corporation, Harvey G. Tackett, and Eva Voshell. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation

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All entries must be received by Friday, May 23, 2019.

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- After Hours Clinic
- ATV Sales
- Automobile Dealership
- Auto Repair
- Bank
- Barber Shop
- Body Shop
- Bridal/Prom Shop
- Cable Provider
- Cellular Phone Service
- Construction Company
- Daycare
- Department Store
- Dental Office.....
- Drug Store.....
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- Pest Control
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- Shoe Store
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- Telephone Company ..
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- Vapor Shop
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Best Food

- Atmosphere
- Bakery
- Best Food for the \$
- Biscuits
- Breakfast
- Chicken
- Chicken Nuggets
- Chili
- Chinese Restaurant ..
- Coffee
- Delivery
- Dessert
- Drive-Thru
- Hamburgers
- Home Cooking
- Hot Dogs
- Mexican Restaurant ..
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- Pizza
- Sandwiches
- Seafood
- Service
- Steaks
- Soft Drink (Brand).....

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- Bank.....
- Beautician
- Salon.....
- Boss.....
- Company.....
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- Real Estate Agent.....
- Agency.....
- School Teacher.....
- School.....
- School Teacher Aide..
- School.....
- Secretary
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- Waiter
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- Waitress
- Restaurant

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- College
- Musical Theater
- To fish
- To go on a Saturday night
- To work

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