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BOE explores redistricting

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education called a special meeting Wednesday night at Prestonsburg High School to cover a limited agenda — including a discussion about redistricting.

“The reason we have this on the agenda tonight is because we have been approached by several principals who have been requesting that we look at redistricting for their schools, where the buses travel and to where the kids actually go to



Floyd County Schools District Transportation Director Joe Marson hands information to members of the school board during a discussion exploring the option of redistricting at a special meeting on Wednesday night at Prestonsburg High School.

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Ky. 80 crash leads to two arrests

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER



Two cars collided at the intersection of Ky. 80 and Ky. 1210 near noon Tuesday, closing four lanes of traffic and resulting in the arrest of two people.

A two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Ky. 80 and Ky. 1210 near noon Tuesday closed four lanes of traffic and resulted in the arrest of two people.

According to Allen City Police Chief Thomas Gearheart, Herbert Griffith, 50, of Martin, was turning his Geo Prism west from Ky. 1210 onto Ky. 80 when a Toyota Camry driven by an unidentified woman ran the light and hit his vehicle.

Gearheart said a group of nurses who were

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Mock disaster held in Floyd

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Local first responders participated in an emergency preparedness exercise hosted by the Floyd County Local Emergency Planning Committee on Wednesday, May 8.

Officials have worked for more than a year to

plan this drill, which featured a mock tornado that damaged homes and businesses and prompted the “evacuation” of Highlands Regional and the transportation of “victims” to other local health care facilities.

“This is a continuation

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Floyd County Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Kelsey Webb of the Allen Volunteer Fire Department paints wounds onto firefighter Dalton Lewis in preparation for the disaster drill held Wednesday.



Submitted photo
CASA Volunteer Coordinator Jayme Dials allows Leslee to practice his visit command during a visit to the Judi's Place for Kids in Pikeville Tuesday.

New addition at Judi's Place

Golden retriever to assist children at the center

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

When children come to Judi's Place for Kids, they are sometimes scared and not sure who to trust. Thanks to the newest member of the staff, these children will have someone to trust and provide a warm fur-

ry shoulder on which to lean.

Leslee, a male, two-year old golden retriever started “work” Monday at the Judi's Place for Kids in Prestonsburg under the guidance of Heather Norris Harrison through the staff, these children will have someone to trust and provide a warm fur-

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of a tabletop exercise we did last year," Emergency Management Director Tim Fields said.

He said the National Weather Service plotted the "most likely path" a tornado would take if it hit Floyd County, and that path included the Middle Creek area, Auxier and other areas.

Fields said hospitals throughout the county and as far away as Ashland participated in the drill, as did Big Sandy Health Care in Auxier, Air Evac Lifeteam, Lifeguard Ambulance, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad and several fire departments. Fields also tested the county's Code Red emergency alert system during the drill.

"You talk about it, talk about it, talk about it, but when it comes time to do it, you find stuff that you didn't think about," Fields said.

Auxier Volunteer Fire Department Captain Judy Greer said partici-



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
A Big Sandy Healthcare employee assists a "victim" who was brought into the organization's clinic in Auxier during a mock disaster drill on Wednesday.

pating in the drill led her department to change its emergency response plan. Prior to this drill, the department's procedures required firefighters to turn out at the fire department in Auxier, but under this scenario, the fire department was damaged in the mock tornado.

"The National Weather Service has told us that it is a likelihood that it could happen again, so we're not going to get caught with all of our trucks in the fire department," she said.

She and other participants said the drill helped them learn what to do if a disaster like that struck the county.

"This helps us train and we see the good things that happens and the bad things, and it helps us work out the bugs, just like this morning, we've had a few little bugs that's not worked just right, but we have to work those out and go on," Greer said.

Dalton Lewis, a firefighter at the Allen Volunteer Fire Department, portrayed a "victim" at the event.

"It's just to help us get a better understanding of what we need to do and where we need to be and what needs to happen if we're to make — to help everyone around," he said.

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driving by the scene attended crash victims until Kentucky State Police Trooper William Howard, Allen City Police, Martin Volunteer Fire Department and Lifeguard Ambulance Service arrived.

The driver of the Prizm and the two passengers declined treatment on the scene, however, according to records in Floyd District Court, Griffith was arrested by Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Darren Lawson and charged with first-offense DUI after the wreck. The charge was amended during his

arraignment on May 8 to third-offense DUI. District Judge Eric Hall set his bond at \$2,000 cash and scheduled a court trial in the case for Nov. 7.

According to records in Floyd Circuit Court, Griffith's passenger, Steven Stephens, 42, of Martin, was indicted in September 2018 on charges of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He failed to appear in court for an arraignment, however, in October, and a warrant was issued for his arrest in January. He was taken into custody at the scene by Trooper Howard.

"It is these kinds of situations where a good working relationship between law enforcement agencies can make all the difference," said Gearheart.

The driver of the Camry was transported to ARH Our Lady of the Way where she was treated and released. No charges are pending against her at this time, according to Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Thacker.

KSP is investigating the crash. If anyone witnessed the wreck or has information relevant to the investigations, please contact Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville at, (606) 433-7711.



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Scott Young of the Floyd County Health Department helps a "victim" prepare for a disaster drill in Floyd County on Wednesday.

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Independence Program.

Founded in 1975, Canine Companions for Independence is a non-profit organization that enhances the lives of people needing medical or emotional assistance by providing trained assistance dogs and ongoing support to ensure quality partnerships. The organization breeds Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers and a cross of the two to be assistance dogs. Volunteers care for our breeder dogs and nurture newborn puppies for eight weeks. Canine Companions puppies spend the next 14-18 months with

volunteer borders who provide basic obedience training, socialization and care before they attend six months of specialized training.

“Leslee was born through the Canine Companions for Independence breeder in California and when he was eight weeks old, traveled to Ohio to stay with puppy-raiser Emily Webber, a University of Kentucky graduate,” said Harrison. “Leslee has the temperament, and was trained as a ‘facility dog,’ which means he is not a ‘therapy dog’ — he can do more. He can open and close doors, drawers, turn lights off and on and many other assistance duties in addition to acting as emotional support

for kids in times of high stress, like court appearances or appointments.”

So far, according to Harrison, Leslee is taking to the job like a champion.

“Everyone loves him and he loves what he does,” she said. “You can just see the relief on both the kid’s faces and Leslee’s face when he comes into the room. He’s happy to be helping and so far, he has been able to help four kids.”

According to Judi’s Place Assistant Director Pam Taylor, the organization has been on a two-year waiting list to work with Leslee.

“In 2017 we began our journey to get a facility dog to help the chil-

dren of Judi’s Place for Kids,” said Taylor. “We’re overjoyed that he did so well with his first clients and has been so well received.”

She said Leslee will operate primarily out of the Prestonsburg location of Judi’s Place for Kids, but is ready to go wherever he is needed.

“We are grateful to Canine Companions for Independence for placing Leslee with us,” said Taylor. “He is a welcome addition to our team to help abused kids throughout Eastern Kentucky.”

For more information for Judi’s Place for Kids, visit, judisplace.org. People may also follow Leslee on Instagram at, Leslee at, “leslee_facilitydog.”



Submitted photo
Canine Companions for Independence facility dog Leslee recently practiced his lap command with Brooklyn Kayde Norris, daughter of Leslee’s handler, Heather Norris Harrison.

BOE

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school,” BOE Chairperson Sherry Robinson said. “Since we have had so much consolidation, they feel that they are losing students that should be in their district.”

She said she understands that redistricting is a “touchy” subject for many people, especially parents, and if something is done, it would need to be done “longevity-wise, not quick and short” to allow everyone the time to adjust.

“We want to determine what is best for the kids, the district and the area,” Robinson said. “This is a discussion we need to have, and something that needs to be done. We are not going to rush into a decision.”

Superintendent Danny Adkins also emphasized that the idea proposed by District Director of Transportation Joe Marson was just one plan and that there are several ways to look at several different things.

Marson opened by stating that the data presented to the board when previous discussions of redistricting had occurred had not been updated in some time, and was based on demographics, routes and distance.

Under this proposal, according to Marson, Allen Elementary would lose 140 students, but gain 110 from the area south of U.S. 23 and Banner Area, and be restructured to a kindergarten through fifth grade school. Bus routes would pick up students from Goble-Roberts, Water Gap, Colin Fork and Lake Road, as they are closer to Allen Elementary than to where currently traveling.

Marson’s plan has Prestonsburg Elementary losing an estimated 100 to 110 middle school students by restructuring to a kindergarten through fifth grade school, and it would gain 140 students living in the Banner Post Office Area north of U.S. 23.

Betsy Layne Elementary would absorb students from U.S. 23, Toler Creek and all of Prater Creek and remain a kindergarten through eighth grade school.

Marson said John M. Stumbo Elementary would gain approximately

60-80 students living from Ky. 670 to Ky. 3379, Toler Creek from the top of Ligon Hill, Ky. 979 to Frasure Creek and Neds Fork.

The South Floyd Elementary area, according to Marson, would include areas near McDowell Bridge along Ky. 122 to the top of Abner Mountain and Ky. 979 from Ligon Hill to Weeksbury and Wheelwright. South Floyd Elementary would lose an estimated 130-150 students under the proposal.

BOE Member Dr. Chandra Varia objected to using the out-of-date information for the discussion, pointing out that not all schools were listed. “As a board member, I need to have this information to consider the matter,” she said.

When Robinson pointed out that the presented information was just for discussion purposes, Varia reiterated her stance on the lack of information

“If we do not have accurate information upon which to base our discussion, then we cannot come to an informed decision,” she said.

“A decision will not be made today. We are telling Joe what information we need to discuss the idea,” said Robinson.

Marson said he would have to go back and collect updated information. Robinson also asked for maps showing bus routes, mileage, current enrollment data and information showing overlapping “gray” areas where kids living in an area attend multiple schools.

Adkins mentioned that he would bring the idea to the school district principals meeting scheduled for May 23.

“We want to get their inputs. They have a better idea of those gray areas and other ‘X’ factors that we cannot see right now” he said. “I will also encourage those principals to attend the next meeting where we explore redistricting so they can contribute to the discussion.”

When asked when that further discussion might occur, Robinson said, “Not this school year — we have too much going on to give this matter the attention it deserves. We have time to gather what we need to make an informed decision, so probably sometime in the fall.”

COLUMN

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By JK COLEMAN
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Grow up

I had another birthday this past Sunday and if I'd known I was going to live this long I would've taken better care of myself. Actually, I should probably forego the beer and pizza and start acting my age, but who'd want to grow old like that? At least I'm not one of those childish Democrats eating Kentucky Fried Chicken during a congressional hearing. Finger-licking goodness that you paid

for, no doubt. In case you didn't hear, Democrats in Washington have been torn up like a can of kraut ever since the Mueller witch hunt cleared President Trump of wrongdoing. Now they're coming after the attorney general, calling him a liar for telling the truth. But William Barr is tired of being slandered by crusty old slimeballs with an agenda, so he didn't show up for a House Judiciary Committee hearing just to be slandered some more. Good for him.

In Barr's absence, Democrat Steve Cohen, a U.S. Representative from Tennessee, placed a ceramic chicken at

Barr's seat and posed for pictures beside it like a schoolboy showing off his science project. Implying that Barr was too scared to testify, he then proceeded to eat from a bucket of chicken. Well, hardy har har. I've not seen zany shenanigans like that out of a 70-year-old man since Caddyshack.

Are you noticing how the bunch that gets off on calling our President a dumb child are the same people playing with ceramic chickens? When is the last time you heard a Washington Democrat speak of anything that resembles responsible governing? It's absolutely pathetic. I heard some

goofy Democrat on the radio responding to a pointed question as to what they'd actually accomplished as of late and she replied something to the tune of "we passed a bill to make Election Day a national holiday." Well slap my ass and call me Sally.

The unemployment rate is at its lowest since 1969 and job creation continues to well exceed predictions. First quarter GDP is a full percentage point beyond expectations and the stock market is setting records. All the while Washington Democrats are preoccupied with Russia and impeaching our president.

Thank God there's

enough Democrats elsewhere who act like grown-ups, the Democrats who helped elect Trump and will vote for him again.

I hope to live a long time, but I may never grow up.

I don't have to — federal tax dollars don't pay my salary. But Democrats in Congress shouldn't be allowed the same prerogative. If they're going to play silly politics with ceramic chickens, they need to do it on their own dime. Or grow the hell up.

I'm still waiting on one Democrat to walk up to me and say that they're actually proud of their fellow Dems in Washington.

And in the meantime, I'm trying to figure out exactly who's voting for these idiots. I fear I'll be dead and gone long before either one happens.

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GUEST COLUMN

Bridging partisan divide critical to our future

By MIKE CALDWELL
THE ADVOCATE-MESSENGER

America is facing a second Cold War.

This version is not against the Russians, although you can say they are involved on the fringes of the conflict. No, this standoff is between factions of our own citizens, bitterly divided over where our country is and where they think it should be going.

We are more polarized than at any other time in our 243-year his-

tory. This is probably in large part because of the magnification that comes from the 24-hour news cycle, social media and the cesspool that is political debate on the internet.

What happens to a country when its citizens can no longer find any common ground and both sides of any debate have become so unbendable that logic and facts become irrelevant?

I'm not sure anyone has those answers, but it is scary to even consider

them.

Recent polls and media reports have revealed that a large percentage of Americans have already made their minds up about which way they plan to vote in the 2020 election.

This is despite the fact the Democrat's slate is far from settled.

The idea that nothing that happens in the next year and a half will have any significant impact on who is chosen to lead our nation is absolutely terrifying.

Blind partisanship may carry us, like lemmings, right off the cliff.

And it applies to both sides of the aisle.

Democrats are saying they don't care how well the economy is doing or if we are experiencing unprecedented growth; that President Donald Trump still has to go. Republicans are likewise essentially sending a message that bad behavior and scandals are irrelevant as long as they get to keep their guy in office.

Neither of these perspectives is good for America.

It is one thing to be able to identify the challenges and adversity our country faces at this critical point in history. Finding real solutions is another thing entirely.

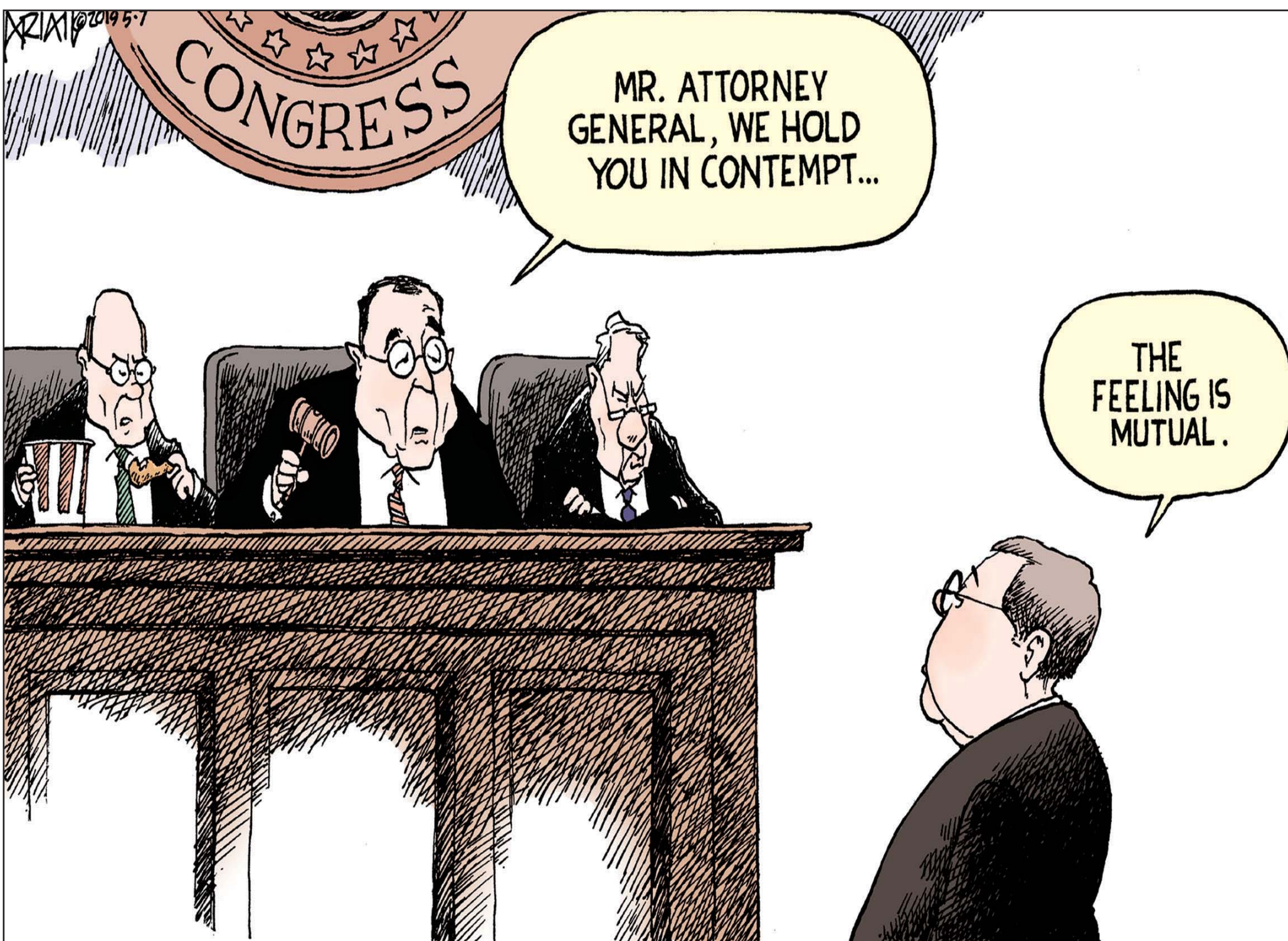
The only way it will happen will be through strong leadership from individuals who don't really care about the Rs and Ds next to their names. It will take men and women with vision and humility, individuals

who are willing to put the greater good in front of political gain and who gets credit.

Do those people exist? Absolutely, but we have to empower them and put our own biases aside.

It won't be Democrats who save us. It won't be Republicans.

Individuals uniting as Americans will carry us through this adversity as we finally get back to common ground that benefits each and every citizen.



'Jog Your Memory' 5k this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County race will raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association this weekend.

The fourth annual "Jog Your Memory 5K" will begin at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at the Prestonsburg stage.

Organized by Melissa "Missy" Davies and Debra Bentley, the race is geared to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Association.

In coordinating "Jog Your Memory" races over the past few years, Davies has worked with the Alzheimer's Association and the Sanders-Brown Center on Aging at the University of Kentucky, who attended two prior events.

Davies said officials from the center are expected to participate again this year. Revenues from the race will be donated to the Alzheimer's Association to fund re-

search and treatment for patients with Alzheimer's, Davies said.

She participates in honor of her grandmother, Louise Williams, 79, of Wayland, who died in 2015 after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

"I know I can't cure it probably in my lifetime, but maybe if I try to step up and help out and make a difference, maybe it could help our children and their children come up with a cure," Davies said.

The Alzheimer's Association reports that Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the U.S. The organization offers a helpline, education and other resources for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's and funds research geared to find a cure for the disease.

For more information about the Alzheimer's Association and the services it provides, visit, alz.org.

To register for the race, visit, aptiming.com.

Charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony cases filed

Josh Askers, 21, of Martin; theft by unlawful taking, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree criminal trespassing, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft of mail matter

Keith D. Webb II, 45, of Dwale; possession of drug paraphernalia, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance

Ricky D. Wright, 40, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Steven C. Castle, 35, of Printer; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Frank London, 31, of Garrett; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, fugitive

Elizabeth Grace Skeens, 30, of Ivel first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Jeffrey Slone, 50, of David; resisting arrest, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, menacing

Marion Wade, 47, of Wayland; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance

Evan Potter, 26, of Hueysville; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance

Melinda Clark, 42, of Prestonsburg; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence

Earnie Boyd, 66, of Prestonsburg; flagrant nonsupport

Misdemeanor cases filed

Roger Neil Hall, 39, of Melvin; third-degree terroristic threatening

Lisa Huff-Slone, 42, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Christopher Justice, 42, address unavailable; bail jumping

Zethaniel Shepherd, 40, of David; harassment Edward Clay Jr., 34, of Prestonsburg; second-degree criminal trespassing

Pat Owens, age unavailable, of Martin; harassment

Johnny Owens, age unavailable, of Martin; harassment

Hollis Daniels, age unavailable, of Bevinsville; second-degree criminal trespassing

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

Teacher Appreciation Week



As part of Teacher Appreciation Week, Prestonsburg Elementary Principal Brent Rose provided staff members a catered lunch in the school library Tuesday. The Prestonsburg Parent Teacher Association gave teachers and staff a Tiki breakfast, an Island lunch and more throughout the week to show appreciation for their contributions. "It's just one way to say 'thank you' for everything they do for our kids," said Rose.

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Floyd Co. Drug Court honored

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

County officials celebrated the Floyd County Drug Court program this week.

On Tuesday, Judge-Executive Robbie Williams signed a proclamation recognizing May as Drug Court Month. The fiscal court also provided a lunch to honor drug court staff and other officials.

Williams said, "These judges don't get paid to do this. Anything that they do, there's no financial gain. It's just done out of the kindness of their heart and their commitment to the community."

Williams said Floyd County is the only county east of Lexington that offers drug courts for veterans and people accused of misdemeanors and felonies. He recognized district judges Eric Hall and Jimmy Marcum and circuit judges Johnny Ray Harris and Thomas Smith for their work with the program, and he also commended Teddy Pack, the drug court program supervisor, case manager Rachel Thacker, peer support specialist Brandy Stafford and Rob Castle, a therapist who helps drug court participants.

Floyd County is one of 113 counties in Kentucky that offer drug court programs.

Hall started the Floyd County Drug Court program in 2004 and it has since expanded to include four drug court judges in district and circuit courts, as well as a "Veteran's Track" court geared specifically for military veterans with substance abuse problems.

Hall said he's had about 29 drug court graduations over the years in his courtroom.

"Since it's a small county and all, the graduates who have come through this program, by and large, have done very, very well," Hall said. "You know, nothing is 100 percent when it comes to drug treatment, but I've got a graduate that's one of the top people up at Appalachian Wireless now, and I've got graduates that's got their own heating and cooling businesses, and I could just go on down the line. Whenever I see them, they never hesitate. They'll come up and say, 'I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you guys.'"

He said a lot of work goes into the program.

"The real secret behind drug court is longevity," he said. "The way drug court works is these are all people who are in the court system. They're charged with crimes ... They come into court, everyone of them are facing time, and they're given this chance."

He said participants are asked to choose between going to jail or enrolling in drug court.

"We don't try to sugarcoat anything because drug court is not easy," Hall said. "Drug court works because we keep them about a year and a half at a minimum. Some take longer than



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
County officials celebrated the Floyd County Drug Court program with a lunch for program officials and participants in the fiscal courtroom on Tuesday.

that because they mess up."

The Floyd County Drug Court program is currently serving 46 people, and it has helped hundreds of people since it launched in this county.

It is open to non-violent offenders who have a substance use disorder. It is geared to last between 15 and 18 months, as participants complete four phases that help them overcome substance abuse. If participants fail to comply with the terms of the program, they are required to start again. After successfully completing the program, their criminal records may be expunged.

The program provides substance abuse treatment, parenting and anger management classes, coping skills, behavior modification and other things participants need to live life without substance abuse.

"I've told participants this, drug court looks like the spokes of a wheel," Hall said. "Staying clean is just one spoke because we want them to get jobs, get an education if they don't have an education, become productive, complete their obligations of paying fines, child support and all of that. We try to make them a whole person when they leave this program."

In the last two years, 13 people have graduated from the Floyd County drug court program. It has helped 29 people buy vehicles, 50 people find a job, 25 people enroll in GED or college classes, 12 people get their driver's license, 30 people gain stable housing. Because of the program, five "drug-free babies" were born, and participants provided more than 8,600 hours of community service in that time. Participants have also paid more than \$17,000 collectively in child support, about \$5,000 in restitution and about \$1,600 in court costs and fines over the past two years.

Hall said the recidivism rate for drug court participants runs at about seven or eight percent in the county.

He and other judges equated their role in this program to that of a parent.

"It's almost like they're your children," Hall said. "You know them inside and out."

He said drug court makes his job more rewarding.

"Being a judge is tough because you're sending a lot of people to jail and seeing a lot of tough stuff," Hall said. "But drug court's by far the best thing I do."

Harris said judges meet with participants more frequently when they initially enroll in drug court, then meetings decrease over the 18 months participants are enrolled.

"It's worth it. It really helps a lot of people," he said. "It's got its pluses and minuses, but the pluses outweigh the minuses. You get attached to them, especially when they do good. It's one of those things. It's almost like you're a parent to them."

He was introduced to drug court when he worked as a prosecutor in Lawrence County years ago and said it taught him not to give up on people.

"I've seen it change quite a few lives," Harris said. "It's save some people. It absolutely saves lives."

Smith started drug court in his courtroom about a year after he was elected.

"There's nothing like it," he said.

Smith said he is proud of participants who complete the program.

"You get choked up. You watch it and you see someone who you genuinely thought was hopeless, they come in and what they want is to get out of jail. That's all they want," he said. "They don't care about anything but getting out of jail, and get to the next opportunity to use. And when the light comes on, it's really gratifying to think that you have any small part in it, but when the light comes on, they'll be the one driving the bus and they'll be the one who shows how much can come from the opportunity to receive this therapy."

He said the program is frustrating at times because it involves people who have difficulties managing their lives because of their addictions.

"The ones who do it, are able to do it, they really have accomplished more than I have seen," Smith said.

"Going through school, everybody thinks going through law school, and all of that, you've done a lot of work. But you've got to show up and put forth some effort. This is

an every minute situation and they have to deal with it and they do. So, I'm very proud of them."

Marcum operates the Veterans Track Drug Court, which specializes in helping military veterans deal with substance abuse issues, as well as post-traumatic stress and other problems that arose through their military service.

"We've had two graduations and both of them are doing awesome," Marcum said. "The first guy, he lost his job, he lost his wife, his house. His kids wouldn't have anything to do with him. And now, he's back working. He didn't get the relationship with his wife back, but he got the relationship with his children back. He's doing awesome."

He said his second graduate was an Air Force nurse.

"When she come into the program, she was living in her car," he said. "She was homeless, and now she's got her nursing license back and she's working two or three jobs. She's doing awesome."

He and other judges commented the drug court staff, saying they "do the major lifting" to help these participants.

Kenis Hall
Kenis Hall, 65, of Grethel, died Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

Visitation will continue all day Friday, May 10, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Satur-

day, May 11, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Hall Cemetery, Branham Creek, Grethel.

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

Recovery festival this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County residents are invited to attend an event geared to celebrate people who are in recovery.

The "H.U.G.S." (Hope Unity God Support) Recovery Festival will be held from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, at Minnie Park, located at the intersection of Ky. 122 and Ky. 680.

The festival is open to any person who is recovering from drug abuse, alcohol abuse, cancer, divorce, gambling disorders or other issues that cause problems in their lives.

"It's a wonderful outreach opportunity for people in our area. We will have live music, free

food, giveaways, fund for kids such as inflatables and face painting and prayer warriors available for prayer and support," organizer Sarah Lance reported on Facebook. "We will have speakers and testimonials that come from the heart."

Activities include inflatables for children, face painting, door prizes and free food for attendees. Batman and his Batmobile are also expected to attend, starting at 3:30 p.m. The Jordan Light Foundation is offering a puppet show and cupcake-building projects for children, and organizers are also providing prayer tents for people in recovery and their families.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Youth sought for opry summer camp

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Mountain Arts Center announced this week that it is accepting applications for a summer camp geared to train young musicians.

The Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry Junior Pros Experience summer camp will be open in July.

The camp will be held July 8-12, with three timeslots for participants.

The "Twinkle Toes," or students in grades one through 4 and the "Jr. Pro Shooting Stars," for students in grades five through eight, will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. The "Jr. Pro Rising Stars," for high school students, will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The camp costs \$200 per student, and a \$100 non-refundable deposit is required by June 1.

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Vigil held for boy killed in ATV wreck

By CHRIS ANDERSON
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

COAL RUN — A remembrance ceremony was held Monday for a young boy tragically killed in an ATV wreck late last month.

More than 75 people attended the remembrance and candlelight vigil for six-year-old Keagan Ryan Thacker-Music at Coal Run Community Park. The boy, described by his father Matt Thacker as a lover of the outdoors, was killed in an ATV wreck in the Hurricane community April 28. Kentucky State Police said Keagan was a passenger on the vehicle when it overturned, ejecting him and the driver, another juvenile. Keagan died at Pikeville Medical Center.

At Monday's ceremony, Keagan was remembered as being a fun-loving, life-filled young man who never missed a chance to be outside and in the dirt.

"Everybody loved him. If he were here tonight, he'd be right over there in that mud," Maudie Newman, Keagan's mother, said, pointing toward a wet area in the park. "He loved being outside."

Thacker said it was difficult to keep Keagan indoors.

"Anything outside, he loved it," Thacker said. "It didn't matter what it was. Fishing, riding bikes, weed eating, it didn't matter. He loved life."

Keagan was a kindergarten student at Johns Creek Elementary School. In speaking to the crowd at the ceremony, Thacker asked those in attendance to continue to pray for he and Keagan's mother, as birthdays, holidays, summer vacation and other upcoming events will feel incomplete thanks to the absence of a "wild" young man who "left a mark."

"We made a lot of decisions this past week we never thought we'd have to make," Thacker said. "He was supposed to bury us, not the other way around."

Thacker and Newman said they appreciated the outpouring of support they've received in the wake of Keagan's death.

"I love seeing all the people here for my baby," she said.

Keagan is survived by seven siblings. Thacker said it has been difficult to explain why Keagan is no longer around.

"How do you explain it to kids?" he questioned.

Eden Bentley, who spoke at Monday's ceremony prior to candles being lit, said she was proud that her young son was friends with Keagan.

"My special vision of Keagan is a sweet boy that I'm glad my son called his friend," she said. "I see a little boy that, although he was small, he's made a huge impact within the community. He's made us all realize that we can nev-



Appalachian Newspapers photo by Chris Anderson
Maudie Newman and Matthew Thacker speak during a remembrance ceremony for their son, Keagan Thacker-Music, who died in an ATV crash last month. The grieving parents were flanked by photos of their late son.

er hold our babies tight enough or say 'I love you' too many times, because you never know when it'll be the last time that you get to say it."

Clarification

While Pop's Chevrolet in Prestonsburg was issued a subpoena in connection with the Kentucky Public Service Commission's investigation into former Southern Water and Sewer District Manager Dean Hall, Pop's Chevrolet was not implicated in or charged with wrongdoing in connection with the case, which has been dismissed against Hall.

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'Cotton Patch Gospel' on stage in Pikeville

Performances will be open in P'burg this summer

By ELAINE BELCHER
STAFF WRITER

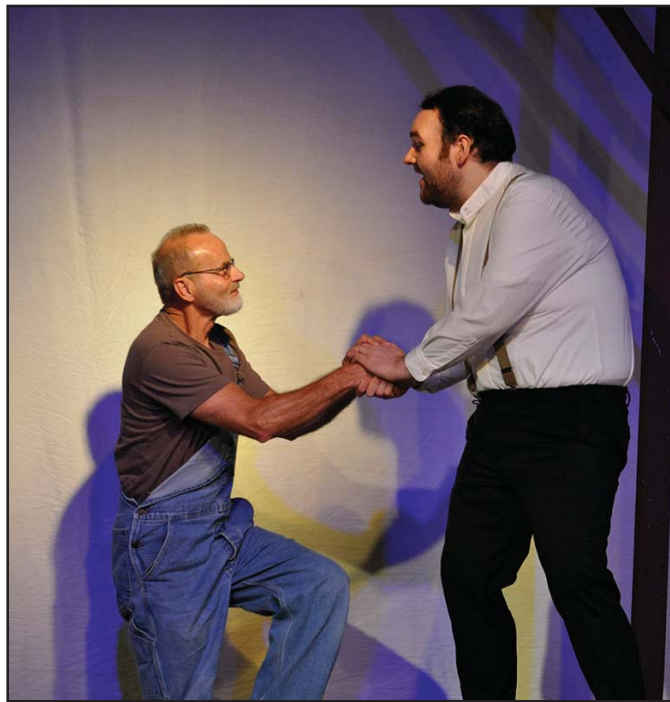
If you have ever wondered what would happen if the events in the New Testament had occurred in modern times, then the Artist Collaborative Theatre's production of "Cotton Patch Gospel" is right up your alley.

Directed by ACT veteran Paul Platt, "Cotton Patch Gospel," written by Tom Key and Russell Treyz, is a musical that takes place in rural Georgia and stays true to the Gospel of Matthew.

"While the scripture gives us a good idea of what it was like in Jesus' day, this play asks what would the scripture look like if those events occurred today," said Platt. "Rather than turning water in jugs into wine, what would be used today? Rather than Mary riding a donkey while traveling to Bethlehem, would it be a Volkswagen convertible instead?"

"Cotton Patch Gospel" relies on minimal set design and plenty of audience participation with several foot-stomping, hand-clapping musical numbers, it still covers religious matters which Platt ensures are treated appropriately.

"When I first saw a video of a production with the two authors, I was shocked — it was almost sacrilegious," said Platt. "While it could be played as almost a parody, we worked very hard to ensure that the story was treated seriously. There will be humorous moments that earn a chuckle or two, but the play itself is treated respectfully."



News Express photo by Elaine Belcher
Jesus, played by Caleb Harris, is baptized by John, played by Jackie Damron.

"Cotton Patch Gospel" stars Caleb Harris, Jason Justice, Shailyn Hopkins, Rich Pinson, Peterson Maynard, Donand Morgan, Elthan Bowling, Jackie Damron, Ella Tolliver, Katie Mavis, J.R. Vasquez, Andrew Bentley, Emily Kingery, Cole Smith, Whitney Ramey, Lainey Vasquez, Bayleigh Ratliff, Sandy Penix and Larry Penix, with musicians Dave Sykes, Sandy Penix, Larry Penix, April Bowman, A.J. Smallwood and Howard Francis. Set design is by Treyton Blackburn and Paul Platt, construction by Terry Bowling, Jason Justice and Paul Platt. Costumes are designed by Pam Steward and Ashley Rat-

liff and lighting is done by Ashley Ratliff, Jason Justice and Gina Coleman.

The ACT Theatre in Elkhorn City is hosting performances at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, May 16-18, May 23-25 and May 30 through June 1; with matinees at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 12, May 19, May 26 and June 2.

ACT will also be presenting four special shows at the amphitheater at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg on June 14, June 16, June 21 and June 23.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit, act4.org, call, (606) 754-4228, or visit the theatre on Facebook.



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"Cotton Patch Gospel" displays the talents of musicians Dave Sykes, Sandy Penix, Larry Penix, April Bowman, A.J. Smallwood and Howard Francis (not pictured).

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Discerning right and wrong

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
– 2 Timothy 3:16

In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit. – Judges 21:25

Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!
– Acts 5:29

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise.
– Psalm 111:10

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. – John 16:8

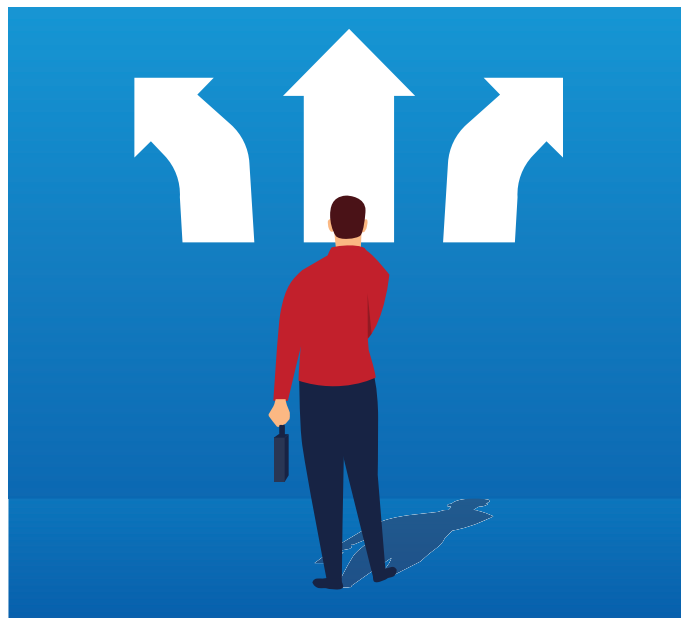
When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:
– John 16:8

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.
– John 3:19-21

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.
– Romans 13:1

He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. 21 For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”
– Mark 7:20-23

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not



steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
– Romans 13:8-10

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.
– Matthew 7:12

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.
– 1 Timothy 6:10

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
– Proverbs 22:6

Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.” – 1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father[a] is not in them. 16 For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.
– 1 John 2:15-17

The less we have, the more we can give

“Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”
Romans 12:13 NIV



The freedom that comes from voluntary poverty is related to the fact that having few material possessions allows us to give more of ourselves and to be free of the worries and hassles that come with cars, houses, and other material things that require upkeep. Be happy with what you have and happy with what you don’t have. Mother Teresa exhorted her followers to give until it hurts, to relish their poverty, and to understand how voluntary poverty freed one for more important pursuits. The Bible has several important messages about poverty. First, it is clear throughout the Bible that someone who exploits the poor is committing a serious sin for which the Lord will exact punishment: “Do not exploit the poor because they are poor and do not crush the needy in court, for the Lord will take up their case and will exact life for

life.” (Proverbs 22:22-23 NIV) Secondly, and perhaps more important, we are told that our charity and generosity must be done willingly and with an eye to helping our fellow man: “Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?” (James 2:15-16 NIV) And finally, remember that love is an action, and not simply an emotion. We are commanded to love, and we do this through our everyday actions with the people we meet. –Christopher Simon

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Personal blindspot monitoring system



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I almost hit a man. He was in a motorized wheelchair at the big box store.

I cringe typing those words.

I had looked all around me. Side-to-side and behind. I was backing out of the parking space to leave. And then, I suddenly spotted him. I halted. It scared me. I simply didn’t see him. Despite the fact that I had looked and looked again, he wasn’t there. He was in my blindspot.

With the advanced technology and the placement of more airbags in vehicles, my number of blindspots has grown. Typically there were two heavily noted blindspots in a driver’s manual. (*That could have changed by now, I’m not sure.*) Those two blindspots are located to either side of the vehicle and can’t be seen through either the side mirror or rearview mirror. I’ve also

found there are blindspots at the front of the car (in mine anyway). Airbags located on the car’s frame between the windshield and front doors pose new issues. If a vehicle is at just the right angle, I can’t see them. I know on two occasions, I’ve almost pulled out in front of a vehicle because they were in my front blindspot.

In my next car, I would like to have blindspot monitoring. However, that still doesn’t take into account all of the possible blindspots that really do exist in and around a vehicle. And some of the new fancy technology on automobiles only detect pedestrians in front of you, not behind. Advanced technology may be able to notify us if something is in our blindspot, but they’re not perfect either. Blindspots are still lurking.

In life we have blindspots, although a different type. Often times we don’t realize what we may be doing. Sometimes it can be completely unintentional (like me almost hitting a pedestrian). Maybe we’ve had a rough day at work. It’s been busy. Despite working away, it doesn’t seem like a dent has even been made in the workload. We’re stressed, upset and angry.

And then, if you’re like me, once you get to that point it doesn’t take much to set you off. When I find myself in those type of moments, there is room for error when I’m not considering my words. When they’re flowing from my lips and I’m not thinking. My words can be hypocritical. I become the person I’m talking about. I’ve just overlooked my own faults and pointed out someone else’s. I fallen into the blindspot.

The truth is,
something already
exists to notify us of
our wrongs.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 7, “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank

out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye (Matthew 7:3-5).”

Like today’s cars, I need a personal blindspot monitoring system for my own self when I’m starting to wade into the territory of hypocrisy, or any other wrong doing for that matter. The truth is, something already exists to notify us of our wrongs. What? The Bible. The Bible is the definitive of what is right and wrong. God has made those distinctions and the Bible is His Word. And when we read the Word of God, it convicts us. We read what God has to say and we learn what is right and wrong in His eyes – not ours.

So, the fact is I already have a built-in blindspot monitoring system for myself, but sometimes I fail to use it. I’ve already blurted out something and then my sensors are going haywire. *Why didn’t you keep your mouth shut? Why did you say that?* That’s the Holy Spirit inside of me, convicting me and reminding me about God’s way, not my own.

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PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



PMC PURCHASES PRESTONSBURG PROPERTY

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is pleased to announce that it has recently purchased property in the heart of Prestonsburg with the intent to build a medical outpatient facility for the area. The site is the former Music-Carter-Hughes car dealership located on South Lake Drive.

PMC CEO and Vice-President of the Board of Directors, Donovan Blackburn said, "We want to thank Mayor Les Stapleton and the Prestonsburg City Council for their commitment to this project and for welcoming us to the area. They have worked diligently with me to help remove any potential hurdles and clear the way for this opportunity to further develop our regional outreach in health care."

Blackburn says that realizing the quality of care PMC will bring to the area, the mayor and city council members were ready and eager to make this purchase possible.

"Our commitment to advance and develop world-class health care to the city of Prestonsburg further highlights the tremendous growth of the hospital," said Blackburn. "We know this phase of development will demonstrate economic growth potential in Prestonsburg and the surrounding area."

Blackburn stated that the addition of quality health care and the hope for new jobs in the



Donovan Blackburn presents payment to Mayor Les Stapleton

region is a win for everyone. He says that, with the continued commitment from Mayor Stapleton and the Prestonsburg City Council, the people of the area should anticipate even more opportunities to open up in the near future.

The next phase of this project is a demolition plan and the hospital will soon be collaborating with a national architectural firm who is experienced in developing urgent care and community clinics.

"We look forward to this new construction project and its impact on health care," stated Blackburn. "It is a great day when we can bring quality health care to those in need. We are anxious and excited to further develop re-

lationships in the Prestonsburg area. As plans continue to unfold, we will provide additional details on the services that will be available in our new location."

PMC has recently made significant investments and opened new clinics in Whitesburg and Martin KY. In July, our newest clinic will open in South Williamson. We are excited to open our first Clinic and/or Urgent Care-type facility soon in Prestonsburg.

PMC employs approximately 3,000 people and has nearly 400 credentialed healthcare providers, with a mission to provide world-class quality health care in a Christian environment. For more information, please visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

BELFRY MAN CHOSE PMC OVER BIG CITY CANCER HOSPITAL



Charlie Hatter with his wife Kelly

By: Amy Charles

The American Cancer Society's most recent figures estimate that over 8,000 new cases of Hodgkin's lymphoma were diagnosed in 2018. One of those men was Belfry resident Charlie Hatter.

Hodgkin's lymphoma is a cancer of the lymph system, which is part of the immune system that helps fight infections and some other diseases.

At just 40 years old, a cancer diagnosis is the last thing Charlie expected to get.

He had a suspicious lump on his neck that he tried ignoring for a few weeks. At the urging of family and friends, he decided to see a doctor to get it checked out. It was not long before Charlie found himself sitting in the office of PMC Otolaryngologist, Greg Hazelett, DO.

"My family and I were about to leave for a spring break trip to Tennessee when Dr. Hazelett told me," said Charlie. "That's the kind of news that turns your whole world upside down. Someone just told me I had cancer."

Charlie and his wife decided early on that he would probably receive his cancer treatment out of town, because they believed a bigger city could provide him with better, more advanced care. However, Charlie kept his appointment at the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center, just to check it out before making a final decision.

Further testing determined that Charlie's lymphoma was in stage 1A. After meeting PMC Oncologist/Hematologist, Mohamed El Dinali, MD, Charlie was convinced this was who he would entrust his life and care to.

"I came in with the attitude that I would just go and see what they had to say," Charlie explained. "I absolutely fell in love with this place. Dr. Dinali was so knowledgeable and my wife and I loved him."

Dr. Dinali studied Charlie's scans and test results from the tumor to determine the best possible plan to treat his lymphoma. Charlie would need two cycles of AVBD, with four treatments per cycle, and over a dozen radiation treatments.

"Charlie was sent to me by Dr. Hazelett after being diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. The disease was localized and he was treated with a curative intent," explained Dr. Dinali. "Charlie has good family support. They listen and are compliant with all the follow-ups."

Charlie and his wife, Kelly, were very happy with the care Dr. Dinali provided.

"Anytime I need him it doesn't matter where he is, he makes himself available for me. He seems like he really cares," Charlie added.

PMC Radiation Oncologist Brad Collett, MD, oversaw Charlie's radiation treatment.

"Charlie is a great guy," said Dr. Collett. "I delivered consolidative radiation to his neck after his chemo. He did great during treatment. Fortunately, he was in a situation where his radiation fields were small and the necessary dose for treatment was low. He really sailed through his radiation with very few side effects. His prognosis is excellent and his follow-up has not shown any signs of recurrent disease."

Charlie felt very comfortable with Dr. Collett saying the two of them had some candid conversations.

His sense of humor carried Charlie through the diagnosis. He was always trying to help his wife and children not be sad or upset about his situation. In the midst of this whole experience with cancer, Charlie and Kelly realized quickly how much more convenient it was to be treated at PMC.

"The travel for chemo and radiation would have been terrible. It would have been so disruptive for our family with school-aged children," Charlie said. "Being home made a big difference for us."

Thanks to the life-saving care Charlie received at PMC, he was able to walk his oldest daughter down the aisle at her wedding last September.

"Cancer has made everything mean a little more," said Charlie. "It makes you realize what is most important and puts life into perspective."

Charlie and his family are grateful for the care and support they received from PMC's Leonard Lawson Cancer.

"The nurses here are second to none. Every time I come in they treat me like family," said Charlie. "You don't get that in a big city. We've made a lot of friends here."

Charlie has passed his three-month and six-month PET scans clear of cancer.

"He responded well to the chemotherapy and radiation and is now in complete remission," said Dr. Dinali.

For more information about the oncology services offered at PMC visit www.pikevillehospital.org. To make an appointment with Dr. Dinali, please call the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center at 606-218-2212.



On Monday, May 6 Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) held their annual Nurse of the Year Ceremony.

Thirty one nurses were awarded departmental nurse of the year recognitions and at the end of the evening PMC Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Rainey presented the over-all 2019 Nurse of the Year to Alyssa Kidd, RN.

Rainey recalled many experiences with Kidd and was proud that she was the person who hired her.

It has been said that Alyssa Kidd touches the heart of every patient she encounters. The love and compassion for her patients radiates throughout the PACU department.

Kidd has been a nurse since 2014. She has a bachelor's degree in biology, recently earned her BSN and is now only two classes away from completing her masters in nursing with an emphasis in healthcare.

She is a proud wife and mother to two beautiful babies. While busy with school, work, and family she still finds time to help those in need. She is an active member of the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church and is involved with operation school shoes for Floyd county.

Kaitlyn Keathley signs with Presbyterian College



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg's Kaitlyn Keathley signs a national letter of intent to play college basketball at Presbyterian College.

By STEVE LEMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — All of Kaitlyn Keathley's hard work has paid off.

The Prestonsburg High School standout, who was honored as an All-State selection following the conclusion of her senior season earlier in the year, signed with NCAA Division 1 program Presbyterian College

on Wednesday.

Keathley averaged 17.8 points, 5.1 assists and 6.5 rebounds for Prestonsburg during her senior season. She totaled over 1,400 points, 500 rebounds, 400 assists and 350 steals during her high school career. And, her high school teams averaged 20 wins per season.

"I'm so thankful to all of my coaches and teammates, past and

present," Keathley confided. "Without them, I wouldn't be living out a dream I've had since junior high.

"I can't thank Coach (Brandon) Kidd enough for his belief in me and putting me in a successful situation this season. His confidence in me and his style of play allowed me to perform at my best. Plus, that allowed

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Betsy Layne falls to Pike Central, 12-2

By STEVE LEMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN — Host Betsy Layne fell behind early and was unable to recover from its slow start as 15th Region counterpart Pike Central pulled away to win 12-2 in five innings in a high school baseball game on Tuesday.

Ben Huffman started on the mound for Pike Central and claimed the pitching win. Huffman pitched five innings, allowing two runs on five hits while striking out six.

Sam Boyd started on the mound for homestanding Betsy Layne and absorbed the pitching loss. Boyd pitched one inning, allowing four runs on three hits while walking one.

In all, three pitchers worked on the hill for the Bobcats. Cameron Kimbler and Andrew Kidd entered the game as relievers for Betsy Layne, throwing three innings and one inning, respectively.

The Hawks moved ahead early, plating two runs in the top half of the first inning. Pike Central led 2-1 at the end of the opening inning and quickly added to the lead during its second plate appearance. Productive Pike Central exploded for eight runs in the top half of the second inning to move ahead 10-1.

Pike Central outthit Betsy Layne 12-2 and committed one less error than the home team.

D'Sean Prinkleton led Pike Central at the plate. Prinkleton, the Hawks' first baseman, finished four for four.

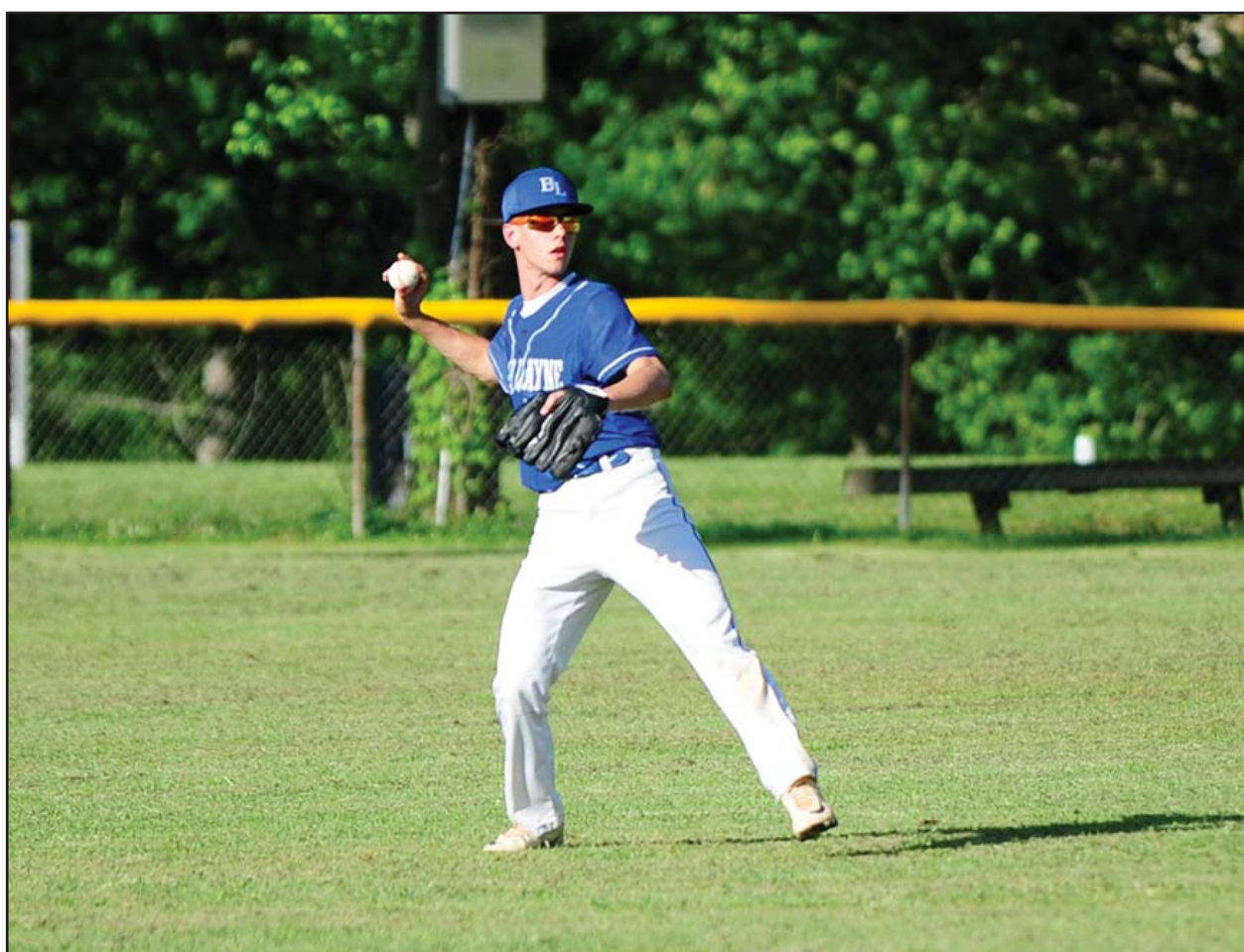
Pike Central stole eight bases during the matchup. Keegan Bentley paced Pike Central in the key offensive category, recording three steals.

Chase Hamilton went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Betsy Layne in the hits column.

Defensively, Betsy Layne committed three errors in the loss.



ABOVE: Betsy Layne second baseman Jordan Frazier nears third base during the Bobcats' initial at-bat on Tuesday. The Bobcats fell to Pike Central 12-2.



LEFT: Betsy Layne left fielder Paul Hall comes up throwing after a Pike Central batter delivered a hit.

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Jaguar duo heading to fishing state tourney

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
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STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Floyd Central duo of Zach Rose and Cameron Crider are set to compete in the KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championship.

Rose and Crider teamed together to finish fourth in the KHSAA Region 4 Bass Fishing Tournament in late-

April

The seventh annual KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championship will begin Friday morning at the Kentucky Dam Marina when 90 teams compete for the 2019 state title. The 90 boats competing at this year's state championship marks an increase in participation for the second consecutive year, as the qualifying field was previously expanded from its original 64 boats to

80 in 2018, and is reflective of continued growth in the sport-activity of Bass Fishing.

The two-day KHSAA State Bass Fishing Championship, with Calvert City serving as official host city, will begin each morning with the boat launch from Kentucky Dam Marina at 7 a.m. The teams will launch in three flights, with a staggered return to the dock for weigh-ins. The launch order

will then be reversed for the second day of the competition.

Teams will start returning to the marina at 3:00 p.m. each day, with the weigh-ins scheduled to begin at approximately 3:30 p.m. Awards will be presented following day two's weigh-in to the top four teams along with the big bass award.

KEATHLEY

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us to have a great season as a team. For me, individually, I couldn't have asked for a better year or coach to play for."

One of the state's top girls' high school basketball players, Keathley continuously works to improve her game.

"Today was a special day and to see all the hard work pay off makes all those hours in the gym worth it," Keathley added. "My Dad always told me to focus on my journey and to have tunnel vision. Don't think about awards, college basketball or what anyone else is doing. Just focus on the daily work and being the best you can be and everything else will fall into place. Today was exactly the perfect ending to that journey and a new beginning for me and my life."

The Prestonsburg senior is looking forward to her future.

"I can't thank (Presbyterian College) Coach (Alaura) Sharp and her coaching staff enough for giving me the opportunity to be a part of their basketball team and family," Keathley commented. "I'm going to work every single day to be the best teammate, player and student I can be. Whatever my role is as a freshman I will embrace it and be someone they

can count on daily. I'm not worried about playing time — I just want to get better everyday and grow as a player at Presbyterian."

Presbyterian College competes in the Big South Conference and often faces some of the nation's top teams in non-conference games.

"Having the opportunity to play against the very best in the country is what you strive for as a competitor," said Keathley. "To know you're competing for a Big South Conference Championship each season and a chance to play in the NCAA Tournament is even more motivation to get in the gym and improve. There's no doubt that under Coach Sharp and the rest of the coaching staff I will grow as a player and person. I will be pushed to become better and I can't wait to get on campus and get to work. When I put the Presbyterian uniform on next season I know I'm not only representing myself but every player from the Mountains. I'm going to work everyday to make my teammates, coaches and peers proud. There's so much talent in girls' basketball here. I hope college coaches will continue to come out and recruit and sign players from this area. I'm proud to be representing the 15th Region."

Prestonsburg Coach Brandon Kidd was quick

to compliment his standout player.

"I am so proud of Kaitlyn," Kidd commented. "Since day one when she arrived here at Prestonsburg she told me her goal was to play college basketball and today she reached that goal. Her work ethic is second to none and Presbyterian is getting a great young player."

Keathley and Kidd meshed well during the Presbyterian College signee's senior season and that helped the Prestonsburg girls' basketball team win 20 games

"People told me when I took this job I couldn't build a successful program at Prestonsburg," Kidd added. "Now, here we are two years later and we are having a girl signing to play college basketball. This is why I became a coach — to help change kids' lives. Today, I believe we did that."

Kevin Keathley, the father of the newest Presbyterian College women's basketball signee, was excited to see his daughter reach a longtime goal.

"I'm so proud of Kaitlyn and to see her realize her dream is overwhelming," said Kevin Keathley, a veteran professional basketball coach. "Her brothers, (my wife) Leigh Ann and I couldn't be more excited for her. She's going to play for an outstanding coach and program. I love what

Coach Sharp and her coaching staff are building at Presbyterian. It's really exciting and I'm proud and happy for Kaitlyn.

"I've watched first hand the sacrifices she's made to earn this opportunity. Those sacrifices have included a lot of lonely hours in the gym and a lot of sweat and long days. When you see it all come together it makes it even more special. Thank you to Coach Kidd and every coach that has coached her over the years. The hours they've put in to improving her game is appreciated on so many levels."

Presbyterian College Coach Alaura Sharp looks forward to welcoming Kaitlyn Keathley to her Clinton, South Carolina-based women's college basketball program.

"We are excited to bring Kaitlyn into our program," said Sharp. "She comes from a coaching family and understands what it takes to be successful at the college level. Her character and work ethic are unmatched. She is extremely quick and has a knack to create off the dribble. She is a good shooter and has a big upside as a player."

Floyd Central fall to Pirates, knock off Eagles

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central was unable to notch a win at home as 15th Region rival Belfry prevailed 9-7 in a high school baseball game on Tuesday.

Wednesday evening, the Jaguars bounced back to an 11-1 win over Leslie County

Chandler Fluty earned the pitching win for the Pirates. Fluty pitched five and a third innings, allowing three hits and three runs.

Matt Combs took the pitching loss for the Jaguars. Combs pitched a complete game, allowing nine hits and nine runs while striking out 11 over seven innings.

Brett Coleman started on the mound for the Pirates. Coleman pitched one and two-thirds innings, allowing four runs on three hits.

Floyd Central scored first, pushing across four runs in the bottom half of the second inning.

But Belfry answered. The Pirates erupted for six runs in the top half of the third inning, moving ahead and never trailing again.

Belfry outthit Floyd Central 9-6 and committed only one error.

Coleman, Kaleb Taylor and Austin Fields each collected multiple hits for the Pirates. Coleman led Belfry at the plate, finishing three for three.

Logan Conley went two for four at the plate to lead Floyd Central in the hits column.

The Jaguars struggled in the field, committing five errors.

Visiting Floyd Central erupted for six runs in the fifth inning on its way to defeating Leslie County 11-1 in five innings in a high school baseball game on Wednesday.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 11-12.

Leslie County slipped to 4-9 with the loss.

The Jaguars scored first and never trailed. Floyd Central plated three runs in the top half of the first inning. The Jaguars led 4-0 before Leslie County answered with its first run in the bottom half of the second inning.

Caleb Hager was the winning pitcher for the Jaguars. Hager surrendered one run on two hits over five innings, striking out seven and walking zero.

Chase Adams took the pitching loss for the Eagles. Adams pitched four and a third innings, allowing 10 runs on eight hits and striking out four.

Floyd Central outthit Leslie County 10-2. Hager, Brayden Hamilton and Matt Combs each provided multiple hits for the Jaguars. The productive Hager went three for four at the plate to lead Floyd Central in the hits column.

Faring well defensively, 58th District member Floyd Central committed only one error in the field.

Leslie County, a team from the 54th District, struggled defensively, committing five errors

The Jaguars are scheduled to visit 54th District member Hazard on Friday. First pitch for the Floyd Central-Hazard baseball game is set for 6:00 p.m.. Floyd Central has additional regular-season games remaining versus Raceland, Perry Central, Pike Central and Johnson Central.

Floyd Central 11,
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Bobcats introduce Johnson



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Dwayne Johnson has been named the new head coach of the Betsy Layne High School volleyball team. Johnson will open preseason practice with his new team in July, following the conclusion of the KHSAA Dead Period.

Single-car qualifying returns



Racin'
Steve Mickey

The normal Monster Energy NASCAR Cup weekend is generally a three-day event with the haulers unloading on Friday morning and the teams immediately begin prepping their cars not only for the race but also the all-important qualifying process. A good qualifying effort results in not only starting up front in the race but also being able to pick a good pit stall that can be the difference late in the race when track position becomes so important.

NASCAR has done a great job of packaging qualifying into a neatly bundled one hour time slot that is perfect for its TV partners and in the process put on a good show for the handful of fans that elect to watch it in person. That was the thinking behind the sanctioning body's move to a group qualifying format over five years ago to add some excitement to the process that had grown stale with its single-car format.

Competing in the MENCOS series has always been about each team and

crew working to get an advantage for their driver and qualifying is no different. This season with the new aero package, every team realized that it no longer was a benefit to go out and just turn laps in qualifying but to take advantage of the draft created by the new aerodynamic package.

Every driver knew that they just needed that one lap during each of the three rounds of qualifying to advance so it became the norm for drivers to stay parked on pit road to wait on a pack of cars to take to the track. Every driver was looking for the pull that they got from just one car in front of them on the track to post the time that they needed to have the opportunity to put their car on the front row. There was nothing in the rules to prevent the tactics being employed by every team but NASCAR, its TV partners and fans were not happy with what was taking place.

The breaking point for NASCAR came at California in March when all twelve drivers waited on pit road so long before beginning their lap that they did not have enough time to register a lap. That was not only the low point of that weekend but as it turned out it was the low point of the season as NASCAR knew they had to quickly make some changes so it would never again suffer such an embarrassing moment.

The sanctioning body did tweak on the multi-

car format but eventually conceded that there was no fixing the problem and this weekend at Dover, the series once again returned to the single-car qualifying format. The change was met with little opposition from teams and maybe more importantly FOX and NBC that had to show the one hour qualifying session each week.

The single-car format did not hinder the speeds at Dover as Chase Elliott broke the track record when he posted a single lap speed of 165.960 mph breaking the old record of 164.444 mph set by Brad Keselowski. Elliott was joined on the front row his Hendrick Motorsports teammate William Byron. Beginning with Dover, one-car qualifying will be used at every track with the exception of the road courses that will still be using the multi-car qualifying format. The change to single-car qualifying favors no team or driver as now it all becomes about the package that the crew chief puts in the car and the ability of the driver to hit his marks once he is on the track.

Although it has been reduced to just one lap, qualifying can still play a big part in the outcome of a race. It's all about track position and there is no quicker way to obtain track position by being able to start up front and having the choice of a pit stall that gives a driver an advantage when leaving pit road.

Five UPike archers earn All-Conference honors

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

UPike archery continues to rack up honors leading up to its final event of the season next weekend.

A total of five UPike archers were named All Mid-South Conference members

on Tuesday, tied for the most in the conference.

Pikeville had three members on the All-Conference First Team, including Andrew Blackburn in the men's basic bow division, Elizabeth Jones in the women's recurve division, and AJ Clements in the men's recurve division.

UPike also swept the re-

curve divisions in the All-Conference Second Team as well with Tori Gayheart and Devin Gayheart taking the honor in the men's and women's recurve, respectively.

The Bears will finish out the 2018-19 season next weekend at the Outdoor Nationals in Columbus, Ohio.



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Don't let the actions of others throw you off course this year. Lay out your plans, do the necessary preparations and keep moving forward until you reach your destination. Self-and home improvements are highlighted and should be a product of whom you associate with and the way you conduct your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Make only necessary adjustments at home. If you go overboard, you will end up in financial trouble. Don't let anyone talk you into something you don't need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Trust is earned. If someone disappoints you, don't get angry or let him or her get away with such behavior. Respect yourself and make sure others do so as well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Participation will change your life. Do something that makes you feel good about who you are and what you've accomplished. Be the one who makes a difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Emotions will fluctuate easily, depending on how others treat you and the changes that transpire when dealing with peers. Take a moment to digest what's happening before you retaliate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – A day trip or educational pursuit will give you plenty to think about. Networking, socializing and expanding your interests will help take your mind off personal problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Be careful not to make promises that will infringe on your relationship with a loved one. Ulterior motives will be behind false information you receive. Don't act on assumptions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Trust in yourself and your ability, and follow through

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ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



with your plan. Don't let an emotional incident stand between you and your objective. Treat relationships with common sense and an open mind.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Fix up your residence and work on important relationships. Getting along with others and working as a team player will affect the way your day unfolds. Romance is in the stars.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Put your heart and soul into relationships and activities that will bring you closer to your loved ones. Take better care of your health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Don't feel that you must make a change just because someone else does. Channel your energy into activities that will make you feel and look your best.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Don't settle for less than what you want just because someone is playing mind games with you or taking advantage of your kindness and generosity. Do what works best for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Let others do as they please, and go about your business. If you show emotional instability, you will be judged for your behavior, not by what you are good at doing. Stay focused.

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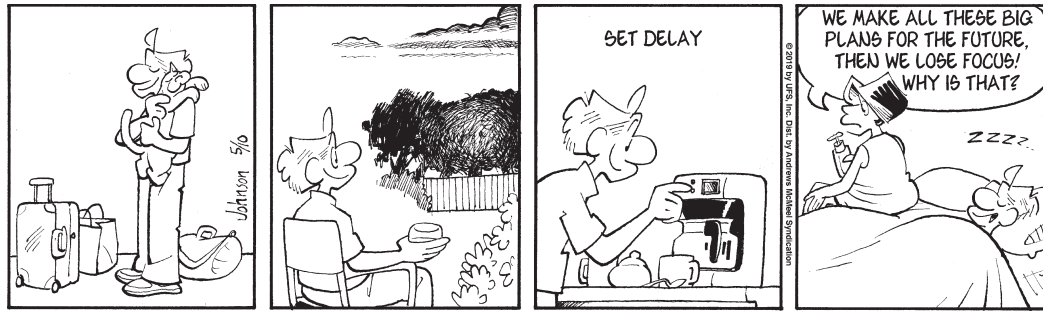
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 - 17 Gooney
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 - 20 His and hers
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 - 28 Spears
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 - 37 Tureen utensil
 - 39 Tempestuous
 - 40 Trig function
 - 42 Impends
 - 44 Lemon candy
 - 45 Baffle
 - 47 John Lennon song
 - 49 Billiard stick
 - 50 Canvas support
 - 51 Pharaohs' tombs
 - 53 Thoroughfare
 - 56 Epic
 - 57 Formula
 - 61 Dark gray
 - 65 Respite
 - 66 Fencing weapon
 - 69 Noted lithographer
 - 70 Good-natured
 - 71 Film director Mervyn —
 - 72 Pummel
 - 73 Jacuzzi
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 - 38 Drama awards
 - 41 Prized gems
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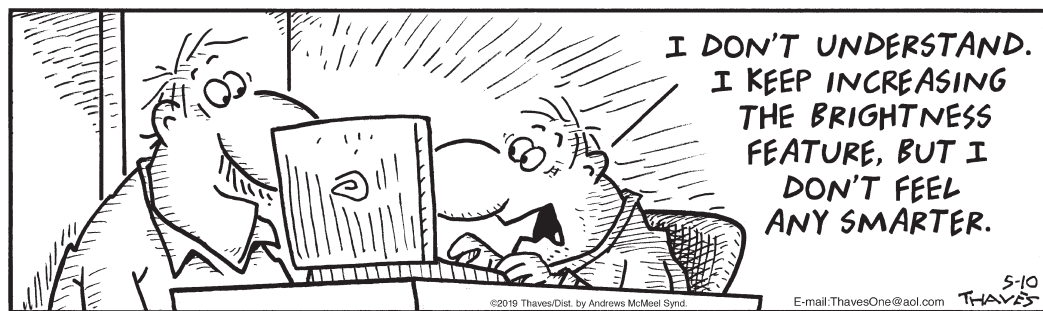
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placement of fill. The property is located at 31 Stumbo Drive, just off Hwy. 122, across from McDowell ARH Hospital on Left Beaver Creek at McDowell, Ky. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Floodplain Management Section 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502)564-3410

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5656

Renewal No. 7

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.50 miles southeast of Gretel in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.77 surface acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.50 miles southeast from KY Route 979's junction with Branham Creek Road and located 0.20 miles east of Branham Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by K. C. Rogers.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Invitation to Bid/Request for Proposals Pursuant to KRS 45A.365 and Board Policy 04.32, the Floyd

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County Board of Education is hereby providing notice that the Board will receive sealed bids for the following items, supplies, and/or services listed below; Complete modification of one school bus to a Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) bus, to include design of the bus, purchase and installation of generators, power supply, electrical components and technology items. Bid Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained by contacting Denise Isaac via phone at 606-886-2354, via e-mail at denise.issac@floyd.kyschools.us, or via mail at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Bids will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on May 16th and will be opened on May 17th at 10:00 a.m. All envelopes must be clearly marked **SEALED BID- STEM BUS** designated and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. Faxed bids cannot be accepted. Proposals will be publicly opened and recorded at the time and location stated above.

The contract(s) may be awarded to the lowest and/or best evaluated qualified proposal meeting all specifications and conditions, subject to all other provisions of the item's/service's request for proposal and be in the best interest of The Board of Education. Acceptance/rejection of proposal(s) for each item/service listed above is planned to occur at the board meeting to be held on **May 17th**. The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Renewal No. 7 In accordance with KRS

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derground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.89 mile north of Dana in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 6.84 surface acres and will un-

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derlie 1,436.91 acres, and the total are within the permit boundary will be 1,443.75 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 3.2 miles south from US

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23's junction with County Road 1426 and located on Prater Creek. The operation is located on the Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The operation will use the

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underground method of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Company and Billy and Lora Williams. The operation will underlie land owned by John Lee Adkins Heirs (John Keith Adkins, Barbara Scarberry, Deborah Adkins Hall, Floretta Adkins Ousley), Sophia and Fonzo Crum Heirs (Ora Crum, Hillard Crum, Lucille Crum, Emma Crum, Claudine Crum, Kenneth Crum, Eugene Crum, Mary Crum Osborne), Gordon Lafferty, James D. Adkins, Donald and Georgeann Adkins, Earnest Boyd, Rocky Boyd, Lois M. Long, Marsha Akers, Don and Lucille Wallen, Ted Conn, Lee Akers, Donnie and Monica Akers, Mary Evelyn Akers, Farley J. and Lisa Case, Herman and Thelma Conn, Norman and Mae Martin, Herman Conn, James Johnson, Bailey Crum, Mexico Spears, Jim and Gertrude Sammons, Allan Conn, Fred Presley, Kermit D. and Karen Joseph, Kenneth Spears, Emmin and Cynthia Akers, Jr., John D. and Emodel A. Boyd, George Newsome, Alma Land Company, Jimmy Akers, Richard Sammons, Edward and Doris Robinson, Beverly and Joy Mullins, John Hall, Joyce Hall, Edward Newsome, David Akers, Herbert and Lettie Mae Cordial, Daniel Artis Akers, and Billy and Lora Williams. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, P.O. Box 851, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5658

Renewal No. 7
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.23 miles northeast and 2.00 miles southwest of Hunter in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 9.45 surface acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.36 miles southwest from KY Route 122's

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junction with KY Route 2030 and located 0.57 miles southwest of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the Harold, Martin, and Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Blackhawk Mining, LLC, Mexie Bates et.al. (Mexie Bates, Richard and Peggy L. Burke, Lawrence and Lois Ann Foux, Malcolm and Dorothy B. Coon), Richard and Peggy Burke, and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, P.O. Box 851, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5661

Renewal No. 7
In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.00 mile northeast of Drift in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 2.59 surface acres and will underlie 895.10 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 897.69 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.00 miles northeast from KY Route 122's junction with Stonecoal Branch Road and located on the north side of Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Alma Land Company. The operation will underlie land owned by Alma Land Company, Alma Land Company, Phillip Meade, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, Denzil and Josephine Yates, Cas and Berlie Spurlock, Clayborn Bailey Heirs (Joe Dean Bailey, Mary Humphrey Harper, Sue Burns, Kay H. Estep, Tina M. Beaver, Tyler Bailey, Noah Hinton, Jr., Robert Bailey, Charles Borders, Robin Bailey, Jack Steven Humphrey, Dona C. Tucker, Patty M. Taylor, Edna Mae Click, John David Humphrey, Dan-

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and Tandy L. Spurlock, David May, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Martin G. Halbert Jr., Johnny Kidd, Kermit and Doreen Martin, Oscar and

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Opal June McKinney, James William and Janie McKinney, Willard McKinney, Paul and Anna Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling. The application

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has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, P.O. Box 851,

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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.....
- Electronics Store
- Eyeglasses
- Fitness Center
- Floor Coverings
- Florist
- Funeral Home
- Furniture
- Gas Station
- Hardware
- Heating & Cooling
- Hospital
- Insurance Agency
- Internet Provider
- Jewelry Store
- Kitchen & Bath Design
- Law Firm
- Lawn Care Services
- Loan Company
- Metal Roofing
- Mobile Home Sales
- Nail Salon
- Pest Control
- Radio Station
- Realty Office
- Security
- Shoe Store
- Storage
- Supermarket
- Telephone Company
- Tires
- Vapor Shop
- Weight Loss

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
- Milkshake
- Pizza
- Sandwiches
- Seafood
- Service
- Steaks
- Soft Drink (Brand).....

Best People**

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- Firm.....
- Bank Teller.....
- Bank.....
- Beautician
- Salon.....
- Boss.....
- Company.....
- Car Salesperson
- Company
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- Store.....
- Chiropractor.....
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- Coach.....
- Team.....
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- Dentist.....
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- Doctor
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- Firefighter.....
- Department.....
- Funeral Director.....
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- Greeter/Hostess.....
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- Musical Theater
- To fish
- To go on a Saturday night
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