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'This is not who we are as a system'

Lewis apologizes for 'damages' testing violations caused



Dr. Wayne Lewis

By **ELAINE BELCHER**
STAFF WRITER

Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Wayne Lewis apologized to Floyd County this week, after the release of a report citing multiple violations during past K-PREP testing at Betsy Layne Elementary, including evidence

that staff "deliberately altered" answer sheets for higher scores and placing low-scoring students in the special education program to receive accommodations on state assessments.

"On behalf of the Kentucky Department of Education and our system, I want to apologize to students, to parents and to the Floyd County community,"

he said. "I want them to know that this is not who we are as a system. I want them to know that educators across the state, who face similar challenges and work with students from all types of backgrounds and who face the same type of accountability pressures, choose to do it right — to respond to the pressure, to respond to the

challenges and serve kids well. I believe that happened to most educators in Floyd County, I know it happens to most educators across the Commonwealth. I apologize to them for the damage this has done to their students and the community. And I want them to

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Southern Water paid charges at brewery, restaurants, grocery store

Allegations of embezzlement, other financial issues made during hearing

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Allegations about a \$35,000 embezzlement and credit card purchases at a Kentucky brewery, restaurants and a grocery store were among the questions raised about Southern Water's finances during a hearing in Frankfort last week.

The hearing, held in a case in which the Southern Water & Sewer District is seeking an emergency rate increase of 32.3 percent, included testimony from district officials, as well as officials working with Utilities Management Group, the district's CPA firm and the Kentucky Rural Water Association.

Numerous topics related to the request for a rate increase were discussed at the day-long hearing, and significant emphasis was placed on the district's financial condition. It also fea-

tured frank comments from PSC officials about the district's former management.

The district, which officials say has been operating with a \$40,000 to \$50,000 monthly deficit, is seeking the rate increase because of a "dire" financial situation.

Numerous questions were raised about expenses that are detailed in the Southern Water general ledger for 2018. The 182-page ledger is filed on the PSC website in this case along with ledgers from two prior years.

Former employee allegedly embezzled \$35,000, was never criminally charged

PSC Assistant General Counsel Nancy J. Vinsel asked Southern Water Office Manager Paula Burke and CPA Jeff Reed about \$6,000 that former district employee Tina Mosley paid the district between March and December 2018.

Burke informed her that Mosely allegedly embezzled about \$30,000 in funds from the district,

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'By the grace of God'

Missing toddler found safe

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The search for a toddler who has been missing since Mother's Day ended with good news on Wednesday.

Rescuers found 22-month-old Kenneth Howard in "remarkably good condition" on a ridge around a mile from his home Wednesday afternoon. The Kentucky State

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Prestonsburg Firefighter Mike Tussey, right, heard 22-month old Kenneth Howard, top left, cry, leading rescuers to find him Wednesday afternoon. He and Magoffin County Rescue Squad Chief Carter Conley, left, called the search a team effort.

State races fill the ballot for Tuesday's election

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

State races will fill the ballot at the polls in Floyd County next Tuesday.

The primary election will be held Tuesday, May

21, with polls open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Floyd County.

Democratic primary:

The following Democratic candidates are

seeking state offices:

Governor/ Lt. Governor

Rocky Adkins and Stephanie Horne
Andy Beshear and Jacquelin Coleman

Adam H. Edelen and Gill Holland

Geoffrey M. "Geoff" Young and Joshua N. "Josh" French

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BOE approves application for STEM Bus

By **ELAINE BELCHER**
STAFF WRITER

Inspired by a similar project in Fayette County, the Floyd County Board of Education is applying to potentially receive a STEM Bus — a mobile, interactive Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics learning space to engage students.

“We had the opportunity come our way, and I’ll throw this out there first, with this project complete, we will be the only school district east of Lexington to have a STEM bus,” Superintendent Danny Adkins said. “Many of you older teachers remember having to check out a VCR to use for a class. The STEM bus will work the same way — a school can ‘check out’ the bus and it will remain parked in the parking lot for the whole day and is loaded with everything to support a STEM curriculum on the bus.

Adkins said that \$75,000 worth of equipment has been purchased to support eight stations

on the bus, a generator to run the stations on its own power, heating and cooling and a handicap lift to help special needs students.

“I have Jason King going over everything right now,” he said. “Everything will be touch screen and interactive. Without saying who our funding source is, because I don’t want to put them in a bad spot with other counties, this bus will not cost Floyd County a dime. The purchase of the bus and all associated equipment will cost approximately \$200,000 and did not cost Floyd County one cent.”

He cited the example of other STEM projects throughout the district, including a recent STEM Night at South Floyd Elementary School.

“There were kindergartners learning about electrical circuits using play-dough that conducts electricity,” Adkins said. “Great things are happening when we get this STEM bus.”

The district’s goal is for the STEM Bus to reinforce what students are



Submitted photo
The Floyd County Board of Education approved an application to receive a STEM Bus that is inspired by this bus, which is currently used by the Fayette County School District.

learning in their classrooms and to spark excitement about potential career paths.

“We believe that if students get the oppor-

tunity to do hands-on activities using STEM concepts, it will be easier for them to see themselves as future scientists, programmers, engineers

and more,” Adkins said.

He reported that the bus is estimated to be ready to make its rounds to Floyd County Schools during opening day at

the Mountain Arts Center and will be taken to the National Rural Education Conference in Louisville in September.

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Attorney General

Gregory Stumbo of Prestonsburg

Auditor of Public Accounts

Kelsey Hayes Coats of Louisville

Drew Curtis (withdrew his candidacy on April 11)

Sheri Donahue of Frankfort

Chris Tobe of Achorage

State Treasurer

Michael Bowman of

Louisville

Josh Mers of Lexington

Commissioner of Agriculture

Robert Haley Conway of Georgetown

Joe Trigg of Glasgow

Republican primary

The following Republican candidates are seeking state offices:

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Lt. Governor

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Robert Goforth and

Michael T. Hogan
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know that we are going to do everything within our power in corroboration with Superintendent (Danny) Adkins and the district to make sure it does not happen again.”

The report revealed numerous testing violations, including evidence of deliberate alterations of tests that correlated with higher test scores at BLES, as well as allegations that former district administrators “created a culture” where schools competed against each other for higher test scores. Based on the evidence gathered, the KDE determined that all 2017 K-PREP content area scores for the school “will be invalidated.”

“In terms of the complexity of the case, the cheating in different ways, the referrals for special education, altering responses, the inappropriate accommodations — frankly, I have never heard of all of these things together in one case in all of my time as commissioner or otherwise throughout the course of my career,” said Lewis.

Lewis said he wanted to make clear that there was no connection between high test scores and funding for schools.

“One of the big misconceptions that I see floating around, not just in Floyd County but across the state, is this idea that test scores are tied to school funding. And that is just not true in Kentucky,” said Lewis. “The better schools perform in their testing and the higher they perform in the accountability system — there is no funding attached to that. The way that we rate schools in the accountability system to provide a measure of quality, preparedness for the community and to diagnose where improvements are needed. The only way funding is connected to our accountability system is if you score at the very bottom of the accountability system, so you are one of the bottom five percent of schools in the state — then you qualify for additional funding. The relationship is actually inverted than what people think — that performing high will get you more money.”

KDE required the school district to implement a corrective action plan, following the release in June 2018 of an audit of the district’s services for children with special needs. It also uncovered numerous violations of state regulations concerning special needs education, and “inappropriate state assessment practices,” as well as other concerns that impacted students of all abilities throughout the district. The 87-page audit reported that Floyd County schools referred students without disabilities to special education even though they didn’t need those services.

Lewis said the results of that June 2018 audit will have an impact on funding.

“What you saw in this newest report, which was a repetition of what was on the last report, was that there was an effort to intentionally identify kids for the special education program even when it is pretty clear that they did not, or should not, be identified for special education,” said Lewis. “What is striking about this practice, is that it did not even align with the district’s policies and procedures for identifying kids. So first, it’s wrong. Second, it doesn’t comply with what policy the local district has put into place. In terms of funding, there are state and federal implications for students who have been identified as special needs.”

Lewis said at the state level, the funding formula is differentiated based on the characteristics of students. When the student qualifies for special education, depending on their specific disability, schools may receive increases in the amount of funding per student.

“The same is true of federal funding. Students receive additional federal funding to support the education of kids with special needs,” he said. “One of the next steps for us could be a child count audit. We will make a determination of that soon.”

A child count audit, according to Lewis, is a review of all student information to determine whether or not the student had been improperly referred to special education and the extent of the misconduct.

“Depending on the result of that audit, the district could be in the position where they may be required to repay those funds,” he said.

The KDE report issued this week recommended BLES Principal John Kidd, BLES Vice Principal Rebecca Ratliff, District Testing Coordinator Tonya Williams and BLES teacher Jordan Kidd to go before the Education Standards Board, which among other responsibilities, handles issuing, renewing, suspending and revoking certificates for certified school personnel.

Lewis said, from his previous experience as an educational professional standards board member, that additional investigations will determine the context, the situation and what exactly happened.

“Our investigators will follow where the information takes us,” he said. “If it leads us to the place where there were inappropriate practices beyond Betsy Layne, then it could go there. It depends on where the investigation goes.”

Lewis said that the board has the authority to “take any number of actions” against the staff named in the report, ranging from nothing, to more training, to a professional admonishment, to losing their teaching certifications. He said that he estimates the staff will face the board during an upcoming meeting.

Lewis said that the impact on the students is immeasurable.

“The impact on the students does not come from the invalidation of the test scores. It comes from the really unprofessional and unethical decisions made on the account of staff. Students were identified for special education based on their scoring on standardized education,” he said. “By doing that, those students were deprived of educational services that were appropriate for their learning. In some cases, you have some kids that missed out for years on services, on instruction that was appropriate for them — from moving them forward, from learning because professionals made decisions to game the system rather than serve kids the way they deserve to be served.”

Highlights of the report

The Kentucky Department of Education reported the following from interviews with staff and students at the school:

- Betsy Layne Elementary Principal John Kidd, Vice Principal Rebecca Ratliff and “select teachers” “change student answers from wrong to right after test administration.”
- A student asked a proctor about an answer and the proctor said, “Absolutely.”
- Proctors use hand gestures and changed the tone of voice when reading answers to students taking tests. A student reported that the tone of a proctor’s voice made her think her answer was wrong.
- Monitors noticed a “possible pencil cue” between a proctor and student.
- Scribes were “not-

ed as writing in response books without the students providing verbal responses.”

- A student reported that if a proctor thought he had a wrong answer, the proctor would ask, “Are you sure?”
- Proctors would tell students definitions of words.
- Students reported being given the same practice test packets daily and that they had to answer questions “repeatedly until they have all the answers correct.”
- Schools provided posters with information on the walls during testing.
- Students were given accommodations beyond those listed in their special education plans.
- Floyd County’s overall special needs education child count is nearly 1.5

times greater than that of the state and has increased in the last three years. “Inappropriate evaluations practices” were “developed over a number of years as a result of pressure from former Chief Academic Officer Tonya Williams on District staff to qualify students for special education and provide accommodations during state assessments.”

- Testing materials were not secure in the central office.
- Former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb and Williams provided “incredible pressure” for schools to have high test scores.
- There “continues to be fear” in the district that people who scrutinized schools for low test scores “will return to power.”

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EDITORIAL

The Floyd County BOE should speak up about testing troubles

This week, we unfortunately had to report that the Kentucky Department of Education issued a second scathing report related to testing in the Floyd County School District.

This report, focusing on issues found at one school, said that, although this investigation was at Betsy Layne Elementary, "some findings related to district-wide practices."

It is disheartening, to say the least, especially since we've reported about some of these same problems in the past.

It's disheartening not only because this — yet again — shows how some Floyd County teachers and administrators allegedly placed the value of test scores over a student's education, but also because of the picture this

paints for the school district. It paints a picture of a district where district leaders "created a culture" that pitted schools against each other for higher test scores; where schools were "scrutinized" and "intimidated" if they did poorly and rewarded when their test scores shined.

The most powerful part of this report defined what the intimidation was like for Floyd County teachers and staff.

"Most staff feared questioning the district's assessment practices and scores," the report said.

It also noted, "Under Superintendent (Danny) Adkins, there is no longer extreme pressure related to test scores. However, although (Dr. Henry) Webb and (Tonya) Williams are no longer super-

visors, there continues to be fear in the district that these individuals will return to power."

Power. Politics is full of that way of thinking, and that, to us, appears to be the trouble in all of this.

It has to stop. We know that the school district's current leadership appears to be working from a different direction, and it appears to be taking the right steps to move the district forward with the proper focus in mind. We know, also, that it's going to take time for all those bad actors and bad habits and mindsets to be weeded out of the district, and we remain concerned that this report on Betsy Layne Elementary won't be the last one we see related to

former testing troubles in Floyd County schools.

What Floyd County students deserve and need is a good education, first and foremost.

They also deserve and need a voice. They need people who are willing to stand up and shed some light on all of this.

We are thankful for Adkins' transparency in this matter and for his declaration that the school district is moving in a new and better direction now.

We'd also like to hear, however, from all members of the Floyd County Board of Education — those members who are elected by Floyd County voters to represent their interests and spend their tax dollars.

Several members of the current board cel-

ebrated along with the former superintendent when test scores topped the charts. They attended the special dinners held to honor administrators at schools with high test scores and the school-wide celebrations that rolled out the red carpet — literally — for high-performing schools. From their board seats, these board members praised schools about their test scores, asked questions about steps taken to improve them and they also repeatedly gave Dr. Webb glowing reviews during his annual evaluations.

If what the KDE says is true, and Dr. Webb and others created this "culture" of opposing teams in Floyd County, to the point that a year after he's gone, district staff are still

in "fear," then it is also true that students — and Floyd County taxpayers — need and deserve to know where these board members stand on everything that has transpired, and how these things apparently transpired under their watch as board members.

Dr. Webb spoke on behalf of the Floyd County School District for many years, and we're sure that Adkins will speak on behalf of the district for years to come as well.

But in this matter, one that started long before Adkins arrived on the scene, it is time for us to know what our elected officials think about it, and more importantly, what they plan to do to address it.

GUEST COLUMN



FIVE SMOOTH STONES KENTUCKY

BY MARK WOHLANDER

Backward Kentuckians

After months of protests, threats and contentious public hearings over the future of Kentucky's employee pensions, it has now become clear the reason Gov. Matt Bevin has fought so hard to have his pension plan become law without allowing the public to review the financial analysis. Although the complete financial analysis remains secret as government attorneys continue to throw up roadblocks in an effort to run out the clock before the election, a recent legal opinion provides at least a snapshot of what the financial analysis concluded when a judge wrote,

"Though the actuaries do not express opinions about the merits of the proposal, the numbers do not lie ... While the actuarial study of the governor's proposal may be embarrassing to the administration in that it reveals substantial fiscal and economic problems with the governor's proposal, the Open Records Act requires disclosure even if it causes 'embarrassment to public officials or others.'"

Most Kentuckians have come to expect Bevin's leadership style, which is driven by his ego and belief that most Kentuckians are backward and will not survive to the end of the

year unless he is reelected. Unfortunately, Bevin is incapable of concealing his disdain for Kentuckians and his belief that Kentuckians are simply backward, which is nothing more than political code that Kentuckians are too stupid to fend for themselves.

Almost like a Freudian slip, in an attempt to repackage his image before the election, Bevin's own words have exposed his true thoughts about Kentuckians when he said, "After 100 years of backward policies in Kentucky, we're finally working our way up, too." There should be little doubt that his use of the word "backward" was not intended as a term of praise for Kentuckians. Instead, the word "backward" was used as a pejorative term intended to belittle, demean, disparage,

and reveal his contempt for all Kentuckians who disagree with his so-called enlightened leadership.

Although it is too late for Kentuckians to review his financial analysis that is the cornerstone of pension reform in Kentucky, it should be clear that if the financial analysis was favorable, it would have been released months ago, instead of being hidden from the public. Of course, now we know why Bevin has launched a war against teachers, public employees and public retirees, a war which continues to this day, the war was launched to silence anyone or everyone who would dare seek the truth.

Sadly, there is nothing that can be done to change Bevin's belief that Kentuckians are backward. Sadly, there is also nothing that can be done

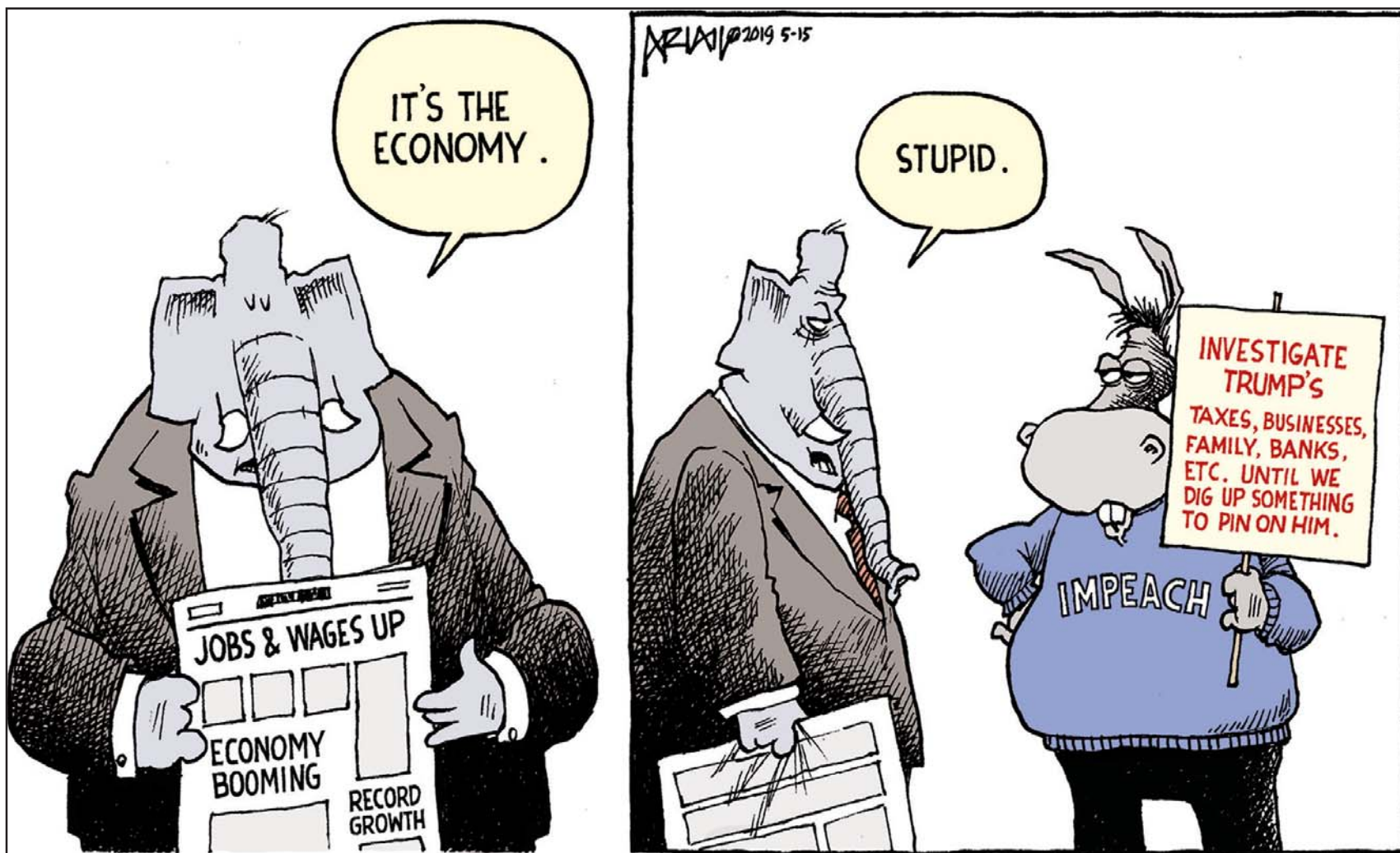
to heal the wounds caused by his harsh words not only against teachers, but anyone and everyone who has dared to disagree with him. However, Kentuckians do have the absolute power to decide their future. Will it be a future under the leadership of a governor who believes that Kentuckians are backward? Or, will it be a future under the leadership of a governor who believes that Kentuckians are capable of charting their own future?

In the end, it is time for all Kentuckians to consider their future; it is time to exercise their right to vote, a vote that will define their future. Kentuckians to consider the words of Andrew Jackson when he wrote, "The great constitutional corrective in the hands of the people against usurpation of pow-

er, or corruption by their agents is the right of suffrage; and when used with calmness and deliberation will prove strong enough."

So, as I often do, I would invite all Kentuckians who want a governor and a leader who does not consider Kentuckians as "backward," to join me on my imaginary mountain-top, a place where all Kentuckians can shout loudly to Bevin that Kentuckians have had it, that Kentuckians are sick and tired of being demeaned, belittled and cast in a light that they are too stupid to fend for themselves. In the words of Andrew Jackson, it is time to exercise their "great constitutional corrective." It is time to vote!

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Early childhood fair this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Community Early Childhood Council is hosting its annual "HEART" (Helping

Everyone Achieve Readiness Together) fair this weekend.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Satur-

day, May 18, at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

The fair, geared for pre-school aged children and their siblings, will feature a visit from Bat-

man and his Batmobile.

The council hosts this event each year, offering Headstart and Preschool applications to the public, as well as free health screenings required for

children when they start school.

Door prizes will be given away throughout the day at the HEART fair in addition to a "meet and greet" with cartoon

characters, with games, activities and free refreshments and snacks for children and informational resources and vendors for parents.

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but neither she nor Reed could remember the exact amount.

The district entered into an agreement with Mosely in 2015, which required her to repay \$35,000 to Southern Water, starting with a lump sum payment of \$15,000 and continuing with \$500 monthly payments until the balance was paid. In exchange, the commission agreed not to seek prosecution of Mosley, and the agreement noted that it did not bind the county from seeking to prosecute her.

No charges were ever filed against Mosely, and Burke reported that Mosely has repaid the funds to Southern Water. Neither she nor Reed could answer questions about where the funds that were allegedly embezzled came from.

"I have no idea," Reed said. "I don't have any of the details."

The PSC is seeking a copy of the agreement.

Unexplained credit card purchases at a brewery, restaurants, grocery store

In testimony, Burke reported that Southern Water had one credit card in 2018 and it belonged to former district Manager Dean Hall, who recently resigned. She also testified that Hall turned in most of the receipts to her and she would file them without anyone reviewing or approving them.

The credit card receipts, according to testimony, were not sent to Southern Water CPA Jeff Reed along with monthly bills he logged in financial reports — testimony that raised questions with PSC officials.

"So, there was nobody looking at these meals? They were just paid?" Vinsel asked Burke.

"Correct," she responded.

Vinsel and others reported that Southern Water paid for an unusually large number of purchases at restaurants.

Some of the purchases were made with the district's credit card, while others were recorded elsewhere in the general ledger.

Vinsel questioned several credit card charges, including a \$639 charge at Peking in Pikeville, a \$135 at the Hofbrowhaus Newport Brewery & Restaurant in northern Kentucky, a \$160 bill at Joe's Crab Shack in Louisville and an undisclosed bill at the McDowell IGA for purchases that were made for a funeral.

The ledger does not detail \$1,669 in credit card purchases made

in 2018 and it records all "bankcard" purchases only as "bankcard." It shows that, in addition to the credit card and/or bank card purchases highlighted at the meeting, Southern Water also paid \$6 to McDonalds, \$15 to Champs, \$69 for three Peking Restaurant bills, \$54 to El Azul Grande, \$43 for two visits to Subway, \$358 for nine visits to Walmart and \$19 to Sound House Music in 2018. The 2016 and 2017 ledgers record payments of \$9 to McDonalds, \$444 to Champs, \$22 to Peking, \$22 to Dairy Queen, \$40 to Wendy's, \$98 to City BBQ, \$123 to TGI Fridays, \$28 to Sir Pizza, \$120 to Renos Roadhouse and \$87 to Mi Hacienda, as well as charges to Walmart and other stores.

Vinsel asked Burke whether the district had more specific information on the reasons for these purchases, noting the receipts don't show who received the food and why Southern Water needed to pay for it. Burke told her that Hall would provide her a receipt if he had one and that some receipts included handwritten notes about the purchases, while others did not. At one point, Burke told Vinsel, "I guess there was a trust issue" between her and Hall.

PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt suggested that Southern Water ratepayers should not have to fund some of these purchases.

"Whatever it is, it's hard to understand how ratepayers ought to have to pay a \$639.86 for a dinner or dinners at the Pikeville Peking restaurant on Feb. 16," he said. "I mean, and there's a lot of Peking Restaurant charges throughout here. Who liked to go to Peking?"

"I guess Dean," Burke said, chuckling.

As part of the application process for a higher rate increase, Southern Water determined how much additional revenue it needs — more than \$900,000 — based on revenues and expenses in 2018.

Vinsel explained that in asking the questions about these credit card purchases at restaurants, the PSC is working to determine whether these expenses should be removed from the amount of revenue Southern Water is seeking to obtain in the rate increase.

Alan Vilines, a consultant with the Kentucky Rural Water Association who drafted Southern Water's rate increase application, testified that credit card purchases revealed in the hearing could result in a "small amount of trim" from the district's revenue request, but he said Southern Water is still in need

of an "immediate" rate increase.

The PSC is seeking a listing of all charges to restaurants and grocery stores in 2018 in a post-hearing data request.

Hall's truck had heated leather seats, Sirius music subscription

Several questions were raised about Southern Water trucks at this hearing, including the amenities that were available on Hall's truck, a 2016 Chevy Silverado.

It was reported that Hall's former truck had heated leather seats and a subscription to SiriusXM Radio. That subscription costs about \$20 a month, the general ledgers show.

Donald Compton, special projects manager for UMG, said that the truck has been parked at the district since Hall was injured and stopped working in March. He said the radio subscription is still active, but "will be taken care of."

Several questions were raised about Southern Water's purchase of five trucks in 2017. The district bought the trucks on a two-year, \$126,000 loan in 2017 and is still making payments on them.

The PSC has alleged that Hall obtained the loan on two-year basis to avert a requirement that the PSC approve all loans over two years. On the stand, Reed confirmed the loan was based on a six-year payment plan. Reed said he wasn't aware of the loan before it was approved.

Justin McNeil and Kent Chandler of the Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention asked several people about promissory notes for loans at Southern Water, pointing out that one promissory note only contained Hall's signature.

Schmitt referenced these truck loans when

he asked questions about whether Reed and his employer, Michael Spears, provided guidance to Southern Water staff about potential breeches in law like that truck law.

PSC Vice Chairman Robert Cicero asked numerous questions about the district's internal controls for finances, pointing out that both Spears, who employs Reed, and Richard Paulmann, who has done audits for Southern for years, are not responsible, via their contracts, for providing guidance on internal controls over finances.

"This is more of a microscopic examination of the need for an emergency rate increase, and to make that determination we would like to have a good feeling that what Southern is doing internally represents a management philosophy that can go forward and be successful, and I'm not sure that we're at that comfort feeling yet," Cicero said.

Compton reported that UMG changed the way that Southern Water permitted gasoline purchases on Fleet cards since it started managing the district this year. He said nine of the district's 11 vehicles are now parked on the lot instead of being driven home by employees. He also reported that UMG reissued Fleet cards, assigning them to specific employees, started requiring employees to record their mileage and placed tracking systems on all vehicles.

Questions raised about electrical contractor

Another topic repeatedly discussed at the hearing was Southern Water's payments to an electrical contracting company in Martin.

The PSC is seeking invoices that Frazier's Electric has provided Southern Water since 2015 as

part of this case.

Burke testified that Southern Water does not have a contract with the company.

Vinsel asked Burke why she wrote checks totaling \$62,500 to Frazier's Electric, when invoices totaled \$33,000.

When Vinsel asked why Southern paid the company \$30,000 more for services it provided, Burke said there was a "large sum" that Southern Water owed Frazier when she became the office manager.

She said Hall told her to write checks for more than what was owed to the company.

"I just done what I was told," she said. "I was told to, you know, write them a check for \$5,000 each month and that's what I did."

Chambers and McNeil also asked questions about Frazier Electric. Chambers pointed out that the company had about 126 invoices in 2018, and 30 percent of those invoices were for work provided at Southern Water.

"Does it seem odd that they need this Frazier's Electric so often?" Chambers asked.

Schmitt: Southern Water was 'grossly mismanaged'

Schmitt commended the district's current board for its efforts to improve problems there, he chided the work of the past administration.

He asked Chairman Jeff Prater, "I don't envy your position being on this board or any of the members, the new members of this board, because, to be honest, I think Southern Water and Sewer District was grossly mismanaged. Do you have an opinion on that yourself based on the three months or so you've been there?"

Prater declined to "cast blame on anyone."

"I think that things just developed over

a long period of time there that shouldn't have and I'm certain there's some tough decisions to make. No one wants to raise anyone's rates, but there's no way that we can move forward without additional revenue."

Schmitt continued the questions, asking Prater whether part of his job as vice president of operations with the Big Sandy Rural Electric, requires him to ensure meters are working properly.

"That's what a competent manager and a competent board of directors is supposed to do," Schmitt said. See that that's done, isn't that correct?" Schmitt said.

He was talking about UMG officials finding between 700 and 750 meters on Southern Water's system that were described as "zero read" meters. He asked Prater whether Hall should have known those meters were reading zero.

"If you don't know that, you're not doing your job. You're incompetent or your corrupt. It's only one of the two, isn't it? You're either competent or corrupt?" Schmitt asked.

Noting that this problem "must have been going on for years," he said Southern's board "gave up their duty up" by not addressing it.

"Obviously, someone failed to do their due diligence and I don't know if that fault lies with the previous board, the previous manager, or whom ever it may lie with, but, obviously, someone failed to do what had to be and what needed to be done," Prater told him.

Schmitt also complained about Southern Water commission minutes, calling them "the worst minutes I have ever seen in my 48 years of practicing law." Prater said he's taken steps to improve that issue — along with numerous other problems that were discussed at the hearing.

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Community advocate dies

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County resident spent decades advocating for Eastern Kentucky residents died last week.

Bertha Rose (Shramm) Daniels, 72, widow of James Howard Daniels of Auxier, died on May 12.

A former state government employee, Daniels, a Franklin County native, earned degrees in general, political science and government at Pikeville College, Spaulding University and Kentucky State University, and, after working in Frankfort, she returned to Eastern Kentucky as a senior executive in the child support division, and, later, in the food stamp office.

Although Daniels officially retired from those roles in 1999, her advocacy for low-income people, children and families never waned and her



Bertha Daniels

work continued up until the time of her death.

Actively involved in her church, she also served on numerous boards and committees including: Hand-in-Hand Ministries, the Jenny Wiley Festival Committee, Floyd County Historical Society, Wayne County Historical Society, Big Sandy Valley Historical Society, Big Sandy Council on Elder Maltreatment, Big Sandy Aging Advisory Council, Big Sandy Long Term Care Ombudsman Advisory Council, the Prisoner Visitation and

Support Program, Single Parent and Homemaker Program, David School, local AARP chapter and more.

Daniels was actively involved in numerous events benefiting local residents, including free tax clinics and annual "Shop and Share" food drives hosted by the AARP and the Big Sandy Senior Games, hosted by the Big Sandy Area Development District. She regularly coordinated in projects geared to help Eastern Kentucky residents, and represented the region on legislative and state boards and committees.

Daniels had worked for the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund for 10 years as well as with Pillersdorf, Derossett and Lane until her demise.

The Big Sandy Area Development District, where Daniels spent much of her time, issued

a statement following her death.

"This region lost one of its biggest supporters on Sunday. (She was) an advocate for the under/served folks of this region and the frail elderly," the Big Sandy ADD statement said. "She had a wonderful mission in life and this region has suffered a huge loss with her passing."

Daniels' funeral will be held Friday, May 17, at the Auxier United Methodist Church, located at 88 River St., in Auxier, under the direction of the Jones-Preston Funeral Home. Visitation started on Thursday and will reopen at 10 a.m. on Friday until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: Hand-in-Hand Ministry, 21 South River Street, Auxier, Ky. 41602, or: Auxier United Methodist Church, 88 River Street, Auxier, Ky. 41602.

FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES



Rosalie Fritts

Rosalie Fritts, 71, of Louisville, went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

She was born on April 5, 1948, in Hueysville, to Billie and Beulah Hughes.

Rosalie had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening. She loved spending time with her grandkids and family.

She was preceded in death by her father Billie Morton Hughes, mother Beulah Mae Hughes and six brothers and sisters.

Rosalie is survived by her loving husband of 48 years, Tommy Fritts; son Thomas Wesley Fritts; daughters Jeanine Rose (Jason) Saylor and Stephanie Monette Fritts; grandsons Cody Austin Fritts, Cameron Allen and Ephraim Isaac Saylor; brother and sisters Charlene, Mollie and Arthur and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friday, May 17, at Newcomer Creations, Funerals & Receptions - Southwest Louisville Chapel, (10304 Dixie Hwy). A second visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, May 20, at Hall Brothers Funeral Home in Martin.

A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with burial to follow at the Hughes Family Cemetery in Hueysville.

Arrangements are

under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

This is a paid obituary.

Ida Joyce Hamilton

Ida Joyce Hamilton, 66, of Stanville, died Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Visitation will continue all day Friday, May 17, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 18, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

Billy Joe Hunter

Billy Joe Hunter, 57, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, May 17, at Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, May 17, at the funeral home.

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

Onley Cook

Onley Cook, 77, of Melvin, died Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Visitation will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 18, at Wheelwright Free-will Baptist Church, Bypro.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Sunday, May 19, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinsville.

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

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Criminal charges, lawsuits filed

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

Christopher Mackey, 32, of Garrett; third-degree assault of a corrections officer, failure to appear

Steven Bryant, 45, of Grethel; receiving stolen property over \$10,000

Michael Burchett, 56, of Prestonsburg; first-degree wanton endangerment, possession of a gun by a convicted felon, third-degree terroristic threatening

Christopher R. Moore, 19, of Langley; theft by unlawful taking

Kevin Moore, 29, of Hi Hat; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance

Ricky Stratton, 37, of Harold; flagrant nonsupport

Thomas John Bentley, 34, of Pikeville; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana

Dingus Hamilton, 31, of Ligon; registration and title requirements, failure to produce insurance, failure to maintain insurance, no seat belts, driving under the influence, fourth offense or greater, driving on a suspended license, no/improper registration plate, no/improper registration

Darlene A. Kidd, 26, of Harold; endangering the welfare of a minor, two counts of fourth-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment

Eric Terry, 33, of Garrett; theft by unlawful taking (firearm)

Dylan Patton, 21, of Hippo; first-degree fleeing/evading, resisting arrest

Sammy Rife, 52, of

Royalton; driving under the influence, fourth offense or more, driving on a suspended license

Marc (Mark) Frasure, age unavailable, of McDowell; driving on a suspended license, two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree criminal mischief, open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle, driving under the influence

Eddie D. Ramey, 32, of Garrett; two counts of theft by unlawful taking

Joshua E. Carver, 18, of Dwale; speeding 26 miles over the limit or greater, first-degree fleeing/evading police, no/improper registration plates and receipt, failure to maintain insurance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license

Misdemeanor cases filed

Andrew Green, 23, of Printer; third-degree criminal trespassing

Rebecca A. Carter, 44, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)

Eric B. Gayheart, 33, of Hi Hat; public intoxication of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, menacing

Joshua Hoover, 34, of Garrett; third-degree criminal trespassing, harassing communications, violation of an emergency protection order

Zelda Allen, 44, of Langley; endangering the welfare of a minor

Vanessa Vanderpool, 30, of Salyersville; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)

Christian Johnson, 20, of Belfry; possession of marijuana

Fredrick Collins, 42, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Alex G. Burchett, 28, of Banner; alcohol intox-

ication in a public place
Pamela S. Collins, 58, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Gobel Hubert, 58, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Christopher Henry May, 28, of Kimper; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Steven Thompson, 32, of Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Joshua Bailey, 37, address unavailable; fraudulent use of a credit card

William Hall, 68, of Galveston; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Ronnie Hall, 51, of Harold; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Tabitha G. Collett, 19, of Banner; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Duke R. Burleson, 21, of Williamson, W.Va.; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Nathan Collins, 31, of Garrett; resisting arrest, menacing

Kevin Moore, 29, of Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Marty Tackett, age unavailable, of Martin; harassment

Lisa Tackett, age unavailable, of Martin; harassment

Billy Horn, 25, of Betsy Layne; third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree terroristic threatening, second-degree wanton endangerment

Lawsuits filed

William and Jamie Blair, as legal guardians of a child vs. Gieco General Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Mallie Harmon vs. Paul T. Harmon; divorce

Amanda Ashley vs. Rodney Lafferty; personal injury complaint

MTAG as C/F MGD-Ky. LLC vs. Jimmy and Karen Crum, unknown occupants of 2613 Ar-

kansas Creek, Martin, Capital One Bank, First Guaranty Bank, Kentucky Labor Cabinet Division of Workers Claims, Fleetcor Technologies, Uninsured Employers Fund, Floyd Circuit Court, Kentucky Division of Collections, Ford Motor Company, Floyd County; foreclosure Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Michael and Aynglea Stevens; foreclosure

Jerome Greathouse, Nathan J. Greathouse vs. Jerome Greathouse VI; personal injury complaint

Larry Herbert Fields vs. Michael Fogleman; personal injury complaint

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, doing business as Christina Trust, as Trustee for Premium Mortgage Acquisition Trust vs. Mickey Joe Ratliff, unknown spouse, Linda Mullins, Alice Ratliff, Kentucky Division of Collections, Jefferson Capital Systems; foreclosure

Krystal Leigh Howell Hall vs. Michael Shane Hall; divorce

Leida Kidd vs. Emitt Ray Kidd Jr.; divorce

Tom Bartrum vs. Jenna A. Layne, Kentucky National Insurance Company, Heather Suedkamp; personal injury complaint

Tiffany Ward vs. Christopher Ward; divorce

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– Proverbs 22:1,4

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”
– Hebrews 13:5

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act. Do not say to your neighbor, “Come back tomorrow and I’ll give it to you” – when you already have it with you.
– Proverbs 3:27-28

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.
– Luke 6:38

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 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. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.
– 1 Timothy 6:9-11

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.
– 1 Corinthians 4:2 KJV

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’
– Luke 14:28-30

Do not be one who shakes hands in pledge or puts up security for debts; if you lack the means to pay, your very bed will be snatched from under you.
– Proverbs 22:26-27

...Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”
– Matthew 22:21

Lord, who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?... who lends money to the poor without interest; who does not accept a bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things will never be shaken.
– Psalm 15:1, 5

Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.
– Deuteronomy 16:17

Wealth is worthless in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
– Proverbs 11:4

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.
– Proverbs 11:28

Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” – Luke 12:15

Giving God what is rightfully His



BY JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Several years ago I was reading posts within a group discussing financial issues. Someone had presented their monthly budget in order to receive suggestions from others on what they should do to improve it. One person suggested they reduce their giving to charity. In Dave Ramsey’s budget guidelines, charity could be given to any non-profit organization in need, including tithes at church. Opinions were given, such as discontinuing tithes while you are in debt. Get your bills paid off and then continue to tithe. Others disagreed and said that tithing should continue. Personally, I thought they should continue tithing.

For starters, everything that we have – including our money – is the Lord’s. We are told this in Psalms, “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it (24:1).” It’s all His. Nothing is ours. Everything that we have or possess is

just on loan from the Lord. We’re borrowing it for the time being.

King David acknowledges God’s ownership of all things in 1 Chronicles 29:12-14, “Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. ‘But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.’” As King David explains, when we give to the Lord, we are merely returning what is rightfully His.

In the Old Testament the Israelites were commanded to tithe. The book of Deuteronomy – which means the second giving of the law – was very specific about tithing. “Be sure to set aside a tenth of all that your fields produce each year. Eat the tithe of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the firstborn of your herds and flocks in the presence of the Lord your God at the place he will choose as a dwelling for his Name, so that you may learn to revere the Lord your God always (14:22-23).”

In this passage of scripture we see that God

had a very specific reason for giving not just tithes, but the firstfruits to the Lord. By giving the Lord the first part of their possessions, they were putting God first in their lives. They were honoring Him first and foremost. In our day and age, where materialism surrounds us, we need to remember our priorities. We need to remember what comes first. God knew exactly what He was doing when He requested the firstfruits.

The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (Matthew 6:21).” “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money (Matthew 6:24).” Regardless of how much we want to allow ourselves to be fooled, the Bible tells us plainly we are unable to serve both.

Tithing was not just for the Israelites, but it is for Christians today as well. The New Testament also speaks of giving our money to the church. “Now about the collection for the Lord’s people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).”

From what I glean from the Bible, as Christians we are to continue to tithe. Furthermore, just as the Israelites, it is part of revering God and keeping Him first. I also believe when we give God what is His, then He will take care of us. Therefore, this is why I believe the person in debt should continue to tithe to the Lord.

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Luke 6:38).”

If we continue to give God what is rightfully His, I believe He will in return make sure that we have everything we need. We may not receive everything we want, but our needs will be met.

Constancy in a rapidly changing world

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”
Hebrews 13:8 NIV



The first time I heard about the concept of “future shock,” a state of distress or disorientation due to rapid social or technological change, I was relatively young, still in high school, and I recall thinking that change isn’t that hard to deal with, and in fact can be exciting. As we age, however, there can be too much change in too short a period of time for us to adjust in a healthy way. While the young may adapt easily to their new phones or computers, many of us “old-timers” feel like every time our phone or computer is updated it is an annoyance, and we have to relearn how to do things that were simple yesterday. It doesn’t do much good to tell yourself that this is an opportunity to grow and learn something new, or

that it’s helping to keep us mentally flexible. It is still annoying. One consolation is that there are always things to go back to which feel constant in this rapidly changing world, and the greatest of these is God. God, and God’s word, never changes. He is the immutable One which contains all of this change. Reading the Bible and saying our prayers is comforting, in part, because it never changes, and we realize that even if we live a hundred years, God will be there for us.
– Christopher Simon

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Wheelwright considers city ambulance service

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Wheelwright City Commission is working to determine whether the city can afford to open its own ambulance service.

During a meeting last week, commissioners asked the Fire Chief Daniel P. Gullett to determine whether the city can obtain a certificate of need from the state to open its own ambulance service.

City officials have complained about the lack of ambulance services in Wheelwright for more than a year, following the closure of the Left Beaver Ambulance. They have reported issues with long wait times for ambulance response and voiced concerns about a lack of available emergency medical care for residents when they are in need.

Trans-Star Ambulance started responding to

the southern part of the county after Left Beaver closed, but Trans-Star also sold out this year to Lifeguard Ambulance — the only emergency ground ambulance currently operating in Floyd County. Lifeguard now has a station at the former Left Beaver building, Wheelwright officials report, but they are concerned that the ambulance stationed there may be elsewhere when a need arises in Wheelwright.

Commissioner Andy Akers, who has voiced concerns about the need for an ambulance in Wheelwright several times, asked Gullett to check on a certificate of need.

“Can we check and see about it because they do not have enough service to cover the county? So now, that shouldn’t be a hold up because before Left Beaver held us up on

that,” Akers said.

Gullett told him, “The city being able to get a license probably wouldn’t be out of reach. The insurance wouldn’t be that bad. It’s going to be the overall operational expense and finding EMTs.”

He said the city would need volunteer EMTs if it operated a city ambulance service. The city has a rescue truck stocked with emergency medical supplies and two Wheelwright fire department members, including Gullett, are trained EMTs. Gullett recently told the city commission, however, that the fire department can no longer provide EMT services because it does not have a medical director, as required. ARH, the nearest hospital, turned the city down, Gullett reported last week.

Mayor Don Hall did not appear to believe that Wheelwright can operate

an ambulance service.

“Close as you’re going to get to that medical help to people is that rescue truck,” Hall said. “You won’t be able to afford anything to do with no ambulances, I’m telling you.”

Gullett, who operated the former Left Beaver Ambulance Service years ago, told the commission that the city probably cannot afford it, saying personnel costs would be high.

“You can go out and buy a good ambulance that would meet our needs. You can go out and buy, well, we’ve already got enough equipment to meet state requirements to put on that. The problem’s going to be personnel, finding EMTs, people willing to do go to EMT school,” Gullett said.

Akers said he knows an EMT and paramedic who lives nearby may be

interested in employment there.

“For free?” Hall asked. “We can’t afford it boys, that’s what I’m telling you.”

Hall and Gullett pointed out that the volume of emergency medical calls in Wheelwright would not be enough to sustain an ambulance service there.

Akers said the city would have to provide ambulances services to other neighboring areas like McDowell.

“You don’t have enough volume in this town to have an ambulance,” Hall said, “and then is when these other companies like this big new company that bought Trans-Star out, they’ll make room if we start trying to step on their territory.”

Commissioner Bobby Akers responded, “Well maybe we should start trying to step on their territory. If we start trying to

step on their territory and then they start covering us, hey, it’s a win-win.”

Gullett said the city could operate an ambulance only with volunteer EMTs.

“The problem is payroll,” he said. “And workers comp on top of that is devastating. The run volume is not sufficient in the city limits or our district to be enough to pay it, unless they was volunteer,” Gullett said.

He said there is a shortage of EMTs.

“You’re going to see a decline in the number of providers in years to come because the reimbursement or pay scale for an EMT or paramedic is so low, you can go, for the same amount of time, you can go to school to be an RN (Registered Nurse) or you can be a paramedic, and the RN gets paid three times what a paramedic does,” Gullett said. “That’s your problem.”

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Marriages

Candra D. Blackburn, 31, of Prestonsburg to Adam Michael Alaniz, 39, of Prestonsburg

Shawna May Webster, 30, of Wayland to General Lee Sword Jr., 23, of Prestonsburg

Michelle Fairchild, 32, of Harold to Scotty Parsons, 67, of Harold

Property transfers

Teresa Hamilton Friend, Breanna Gueth to Ella M. and Gretho Hamilton (Deeds Book 645; pg. 55)

Earl Hall Jr. to Fanny Hall (Deeds Book 645; pg. 59)

Ray Hall to Basel Ray Moore (Deeds Book 645; pg. 61)

Grays Real Estate LLC to Angela O’Quinn, Kevin O’Quinn (Deeds Book 645; pg. 65)

Sally Shannon Miller to Kimberly Marshall, Jeffrey Miller (Deeds Book 645; pg. 71)

Kimberly J. Marshall, Fonda Miller, Jeffrey Miller to Brandon Little, Samantha Little (Deeds Book 645; pg. 73)

Darren J. Combs to Robert and Valerie Kinkel, property at Mare Creek (Deeds Book 645; pg. 78)

City of Prestonsburg Municipal Holding Corporation to Pikeville Medical Center Inc. (Deeds Book 645; pg. 83)

George Meade to Marcum Donald Meade (Deeds Book 645; pg. 89)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, RJ Kidd to Freedom Mortgage Corporation (Deeds Book 645; pg. 90)

Leatha and William Kendrick to Jessica Branham, Evan Smith, property on Little Paint Creek (Deeds Book 645; pg. 95)

Marcus Tackett to Floyd County, old Wheelwright ball park property

(Deeds Book 645; pg. 99)

Teresa Hamilton to Jeanette Cochran, Delonda Devore (Deeds Book 645; pg. 104)

Danny and Ellen Slone to Charles and Judy Johnson (Deeds Book 645; pg. 109)

Robert Comstock I to Option One Mortgage Loan Trust, Wells Fargo Bank (Deeds Book 645; pg. 118)

Nora Adair, Donnie Wiley, Dustin Wiley, Jessica Wiley, Lauren Wiley to Deborah King (Deeds Book 645; pg. 121)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Tammy Lance, Johnny Sizemore, Ramona Terry, Kentucky Department of Revenue, Inheritance Tax Division to US Bank National Association (Deeds Book 645; pg. 128)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Charles Bryant, Paccar Financial Corporation, Lake View Village, Kentucky to Deutsche Bank National Association, First Franklin Mortgage Loan (Deeds Book 645; pg. 134)

Carlotta and Paul Williams to Angela and Randall Damron (Deeds Book 645; pg. 140)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Clarence Davis, Kentucky Housing Corporation to Kentucky Housing Corporation (Deeds Book 645; pg. 152)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Otis Hansel Cooley Jr., Federal National Mortgage Association to Federal National Mortgage Association (Deeds Book 645; pg. 157)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Sandra and Terry Fields to PNC National Bank Association (Deeds Book 645; pg. 163)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Richard Sexton and unknown spouse, Kentucky Tax Bill Servicing LLC, MTAG, as custodian for MGD-KY, LLC, Jamos Fund I, Floyd County, Kentucky to Kentucky Tax Bill Servicing Inc., property in Prestonsburg (Deeds Book 645; pg. 168)

Honoring graduates



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

Big Sandy Community and Technical College President/CEO Dr. Sherry Zylka congratulates graduates at one of three commencement programs held at the Mountain Arts Center on Friday and Saturday. Hundreds of graduates — including some Floyd County high school students — earned diplomas and degrees from BSCTC.

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton, who addressed graduates at two commencement ceremonies for graduates of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, receives an associate in applied science from BSCTC President/CEO Dr. Sherry Zylka.



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Welcoming Kentucky Hearing Aids



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher

Members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce and Prestonsburg City government were on-hand Thursday to welcome Dr. Andres Rincon and his business, Kentucky Hearing Aids, to the area with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Rincon, who moved to the area from Lexington, opened doors to clients Monday. Pictured, from left, are Kathy Allen, Burl Wells-Spurlock, Les Stapleton, Misha Curnette, Catherine Rincon with daughter Sofia, Andres Rincon, Annie and Bill Rincon and Rick Hughes.

Dwale teenager faces charges after alleged high-speed chase

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Dwale resident who allegedly led police on a high speed motorcycle chase on Monday is facing several felony charges.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court and a statement from the Martin Police Department, Joshua Carver, 18, of Dwale, is facing charges of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, speeding 26 miles per hour over the limit, first-degree fleeing/evading police, no registration plates or receipt, resisting arrest, carrying a concealed deadly weapon and failure to maintain insurance.

Martin Police Offi-

cer Brad Stidham spotted a Honda motorcycle allegedly traveling at a high rate of speed without a license plate when he was patrolling in Martin on Monday evening. He claimed in the citation that the driver refused to pull over.

He reported that Carver, instead, "made a U-turn" in front of his vehicle, writing in the citation that it nearly caused him to hit the motorcycle. Stidham reported that the chase ended on Ky. 1210.

Reporting that Carver drove to Middle Branch, Stidham wrote, "I passed up the turn-off and had to turn around. As I came back to the entrance to Middle Branch he was coming out. He was attempting to turn back

around as I pulled in and I hit my brakes and I was on grass and literally (slid) into the bike, knocking (Carver) approximately 10 feet from the bike."

He reported that Carver "jumped up and started running."

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department and the Kentucky State Police assisted in this case. Officials allegedly found a loaded high-caliber handgun and a bag with suspected methamphetamine on his person, Stidham reported.

Carver entered a not guilty plea when he was arraigned in Floyd District Court on Tuesday. District Judge Jimmy Marcum placed him under a \$2,500 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for May 20.

Mother faces charges for alleged child abuse

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County mother is facing felony charges following an alleged domestic violence incident that injured a child.

The case against Darlene A. Kidd, 27, of Harold, was referred for consideration by a Floyd County grand jury on Monday during a hearing in Floyd District Court.

Kidd, who denied the allegations during an arraignment last week, waived her right to a preliminary hearing, sending the case directly to the grand jury.

Kidd is facing charges of first-degree wanton endangerment, endangering the welfare of a minor, fourth-degree assault (child abuse) and fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

Kentucky State Police Billy Ball reports in the citation that he was dispatched to a domes-

tic violence complaint on Cold Water branch in Harold last week and encountered Kidd and five children in the home with her boyfriend, Christopher Blevins.

Kidd reported that she had a verbal argument about the power bill and money with Blevins,

Ball wrote in the citation, and she said that no physical altercation occurred.

Ball reported that Blevins appeared to have scratches on his neck.

Blevins claimed that Kidd assaulted him while he was holding their one-month old baby, and she

"pushed him in the back causing him to fall into the wall," Ball wrote.

The baby's head

struck the wall, Ball reported, and the child was transported to Pikeville

Medical Center for treat-

ment. The case has also been referred to child protective services.

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Police reported that Howard was found on a Floyd County strip mine that borders Magoffin County at about 2 p.m.

Prestonsburg Fire Department Chief Michael Brown, Prestonsburg firefighters Michael Tussey, Josh Parsons, Kenny Crisp, David volunteer firefighter Greg Davis, Belfry volunteer firefighter Danny Whitt, Clay Corbitt of the East Kentucky Trackers led the team, and Joey Cox of the Morgan County Search and Rescue made up the group who located Howard.

It was the third search that the Prestonsburg Fire Department conducted for the child since he went missing on Sunday, and it was the first search for some of the team members who helped locate the boy.

Brown and others praised the rescue as a team effort," saying Howard was found "by the grace of God."

"It's amazing. Today makes what we do worthwhile," Brown said.

He said finding Howard safe is inspiring.

"All those times that you have bad outcomes, this is that one that gives you the ray of hope where you always forge ahead and you never give up," he said.

The team was doing a grid search in an area that had been previously searched and found Howard near a steep ridge that tied into what looked like an old logging road located about "a mile to a mile and a half" from the boy's home. Officials say he was 1,755 feet from his home.

"During that time, firefighter Michael Tussey heard a cry and he asked everybody to be quiet because he had heard a child, the voice of a child," Brown said. "So, we got quiet and started calling his name, and as we called his name over and over, he sporadically would speak up and he would give us a shout and we were able to pinpoint his location and move into where he was at."

Tussey and Whitt made contact with Howard first. Tussey said all Howard wanted was something to drink and then he "started mum-



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Kentucky State Police Public Affairs Officer William Petry tells reporters that the investigation into the missing toddler will likely continue for weeks or months, as officials go through documents and information from all rescue teams involved.

bling Mom and Dad."

"I was bawling like a baby, I'm not going to lie," Tussey said. "When you come through the thick terrain that we just went through ... and all you see is a little blonde head with blue eyes that you was expecting not to be alive and he was alive, screaming at you, that's something that hits the heart."

He said it surprised him to find him.

"Because we didn't expect him to be alive. We didn't expect him to be there," Tussey said.

He said, "The man up above is the reason that little boy is here. There's no doubt."

Tussey said he and Corbitt finished searching that area on Tuesday night and stopped near a deer stand on the hill. The next day, organizers brought rescuers back to that area to search again because a footprint was found in an ATV track there.

Tussey praised the team effort of this rescue, saying his team could not have been searching that area again if there weren't other rescuers out in other areas.

Officials reported that rescuers cut holes in a backpack to bring Howard out of the hills. He was airlifted from the area, suffering with "severe dehydration," Carter said, and he is currently being treated at Cabell Huntington Hospital. His parents have requested privacy.

Hundreds of people from 14 departments throughout the region and other states participated in the search, using five search dog teams, drones, helicopters and other specialized equipment to search around 300 acres of property. The bulk of the search

took place in a one-half mile radius from the boy's home, and was expanded to include the strip mine area near where Howard was found.

Leaders from the search and rescue effort answered questions for local, state and national media at Prestonsburg City Hall Thursday afternoon.

Magoffin County Rescue Squad Chief Carter Conley reported that Howard's mother said he was "doing exceedingly good," reporting he was eating well and is not longer on an IV.

"They are not sure when he's going to be released, but this is a positive outlook and a full recovery is expected," he said.

John May of the Wolfe County Search and Rescue, described the terrain as dangerous, with 30- to 40-ft. cliffs and reporting that search teams found evidence of bears in the area and had reports of coyotes and bobcats there.

"Having a 22-month old go up some of those hills, it's pretty surprising, to be honest," May said. "I was a little shocked where they found him that far away from the home and in that condition. Some of the ATVs couldn't go up some of the trails that were in there. They were that steep."

Chris Hector, director of the Kentucky Emergency Management local office, called the rescue a "God send," noting rescuers had passed by that area previously.

The Kentucky State Police continues the investigation. Public Affairs Officer William Petry said that investigation could continue for weeks or months as officials work their way through docu-

ments and information provided by all teams involved.

A good portion of the press conference was spent with Petry addressing what he suggested was false information that was published on Facebook.

"If you're talking about Facebook, I can't, I don't have enough paperwork to put it all on," Petry said, answering questions about allegations raised by people on Facebook. "There's been a lot of people voicing their opinions. If they could put the facts on there, it would help us and these guys back here a whole lot, but that doesn't happen nowadays, so. Yeah, there's comments out there and we've not found any of them to have any bite in them at all."

He said at this time, the case is being investigated as a missing persons case.

Community Events

- May 17: Big Sandy Senior Games, Dewey Lake
- May 17, 10 a.m.: 2019 Trooper Island Golf Scramble, StoneCrest Golf Course, Prestonsburg. All proceeds benefit the Kentucky State Police's Trooper Island Camp.
- May 17, 7:30 p.m.: Clay Jamerson to perform, Brickhouse
- May 17 - May 19: Broken Trail Horse Club Spring Trail Ride at Prestonsburg Equine Center. \$10 per person, \$20 electrical hookups, \$10 per stall per horse. Trail ride Saturday and Sunday, all-you-can-eat dinner Saturday afternoon for \$8. (606) 794-1239 or (606) 367-1386
- May 17, 7:30 p.m.: Colin Monchrie & Brad Sherwood in "Scared Scriptless," Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
- May 18, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Floyd County Community Early Childhood Council HEART fair, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, features a visit from Batman and the Batmobile, door prizes, games, activities, free screenings, other activities. Pre-school, Headstart applications available.
- May 18, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Kentucky Elk Draw Reveal, Mountain Arts Center, features live music, guest speakers, demonstrations, food, vendors. Sponsors sought. (606) 886-2335 or (606) 889-9125

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Allen Elementary School Head Start classrooms

Floyd County Schools celebrate Head Start program

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Big Sandy Area Community Action Program recently recognized eight schools in Floyd County as among its top 22 classrooms within its area of responsibility.

Superintendent Darny Adkins bragged on the Early Childhood Program in Floyd County during a meeting in March.

"We are so proud of our early childhood Program. Our students are being well prepared to be

kindergarten ready by our outstanding classroom teams," Adkins said.

He said BSCAP conducts an annual record review of all Head Start classrooms in the region where they pull and review folders randomly to ensure the goal is met to meet the needs of children and their families so that the children will be ready to engage in school and be successful.

"These can be the children's health and educational needs as well as the families' needs. A

lot of hard work, time, and dedication have gone into this team effort for this recognition from the regional office to occur," said Adkins.

Classroom teams consist of the teacher, the assistant, the family advocate, the education consultant and the special education consultant.

Two Floyd County classrooms tied at the top spot: Duff-Allen Central Elementary's team, composed of Misty Howell, Stacy Paige, Rhonda Newman, Kim Grubb,

Teresa Newsome and LeAnn Manns; and Allen Elementary, composed of Jessica Kiser, Kellie Yates, Jennifer Woods, Kim Grubb, Teresa Newsome and Andrea Bailey.

Similarly, two Floyd County classrooms tied for the second spot in the top 22: Allen Elementary team members Mary Bentley, Jessica Partin, Jennifer Woods, Kim Grubb, Teresa Newsome and Megan Duchnowski; and May Valley Elementary's team members Ashley Fite, Shonna Hall,

Rhonda Newman, Kim Grubb, Teresa Newsome and Delanna Watts.

Two Floyd County Schools' classrooms tied for the third spot: Rhonda Begley, Beth Martin, Rhonda Newman, Kim Grubb and Teresa Newsome of May Valley Elementary and from John M. Stumbo Elementary, the team members Debra Tackett, Amanda Sturgill, Jill Johnson, Kim Grubb, Candy Hall, Samantha Tackett and Teresa Newsome.

Lastly, the South

Floyd Elementary team of Tammy Gearheart, Misty Daniels, Beverly Bush, Kim Grubb and Teresa Newsome ranked sixth.

Ranking in eighth place was the Prestonsburg Elementary team of Brittany Maynard, Amanda Calhoun, Teresa Campbell, Kim Grubb, Melanie Allen and Teresa Newsome.

"Our Floyd County team is proud of these women and we appreciate the job they do for students," said Adkins.



Duff-Allen Central Elementary School Head Start



John M. Stumbo Elementary School Head Start



May Valley Elementary School Head Start classrooms



Prestonsburg Elementary School Head Start



South Floyd Elementary School Head Start

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PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



Karen McCoy, breast cancer survivor and patient of Dr. Croot.

By: Amy Charles

The American Cancer Society reports that triple negative breast cancer accounts for about 15-20 percent of breast cancer diagnoses. This particular cancer can be more aggressive than the others and difficult to treat. Triple negative is also more likely to spread and recur.

A diagnosis of triple negative breast cancer means that the three most common types of receptors known to fuel most breast cancer growth (estrogen, progesterone, and the HER-2/neu gene), are not present in the cancer tumor. Because chemotherapy is designed to target those

receptors this makes it difficult to treat.

In August of 2017, Karen McCoy, of Sidney, Ky, was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer. Although the diagnosis changed her life, she realized that the support of her friends and family would get her through the disease.

"I knew for a while something was wrong before I was ever diagnosed," said Karen. "I just thought if I didn't say anything that it wouldn't be true."

She went to the Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) emergency room after a blister appeared under her arm with bruising on her breast. She was admitted that night and diagnostic testing was performed. The results concluded that she, in fact, had breast cancer. PMC Surgeon Oon Leedhanachoke, MD, came in the next day to do a biopsy and insert a port for her chemotherapy.

After the pathology report came back on her biopsy, they determined her breast cancer was triple negative. Her oncologist, Christopher Croot, MD, determined it was stage three and prescribed four rounds of chemotherapy and 12 rounds of radiation.

"Dr. Croot explains everything to me and really researches cancer," said Karen. "I am thankful to benefit from his knowledge and the research he puts into my care. He has a passion for cancer care in our region."

In March, Dr. Oon performed her mastectomy. Afterwards, she underwent 25 radiation treatments. PMC Radiation Oncologist Ruth Lavigne, MD, oversaw her radiation treatments.

"I love Dr. Lavigne," said Karen. "She is so nice

and so personable. She is always cheerful and makes me feel comfortable."

"Karen is a phenomenal lady. Her spirit is inspiring and is generated by her faith and family," said Dr. Lavigne. "It was an absolute treasure to treat her!"

Once her treatment was complete, she had to undergo chemotherapy again, because of tumors discovered under her arm. She also had infusions of Keytruda every three weeks and will remain on a chemo pill for an undetermined amount of time. She went on to say that everyone from the front desk staff to the chemo nurses and the inpatient cancer floor nurses were excellent.

Throughout her care, Karen could always count on her husband, David, sister, Sharon, close cousins, special friends John and Bridgett Hall and her church family to be there if she needed help getting to her appointments.

"I'm grateful that Pikeville Medical Center has this level of care," she said. "This place has been a blessing to me. I am thankful I don't have to travel out of town to get the treatment I need for my cancer."

Karen added that she didn't feel like she was just a number at the Cancer Center.

"The physicians here made all the difference, because I know they care so much about me and my treatment."

For more information about the oncology services offered at the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center or to schedule an appointment, please visit www.pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-2212.

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**PIKEVILLE
MEDICAL CENTER**

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Nurse Extern Program had tremendous success with twenty-two students completing the program this past year. Due to growing interest, PMC will be offering this course again to develop and focus on providing top tier patient care to the community we serve.

PMC is now accepting applications for nursing students to maximize the local clinical experience.

The program is designed to train nursing students with a hands-on learning experience to prepare them to better care for patients.

Students who have completed their first year of nursing school are eligible to apply.

"Our goal is to provide nursing students with clinical experience," said Assistant Vice President of Education, Breanna Parker. "Our program offers students an opportunity to gain valuable clinical knowledge and skills needed for their professional development."

Over 82 percent of students who completed the program have become employed at PMC as a full-time registered nurse.

"PMC's extern program is a win-win situation

for student nurse externs, nurse preceptors, patients, nurse managers, and nursing administration," said Parker.

She says this program is a perfect example of how PMC is growing and trying to improve healthcare in the region.

The program's focus is to teach students real-life signs and indicators of patients conditions.

"Most graduating nurses have never cared for a real patient," said Parker. "This program allows them to gain knowledge before they graduate and begin work."

PMC is committed to training the region's nurses.

"Hands-on experience through this program is, without a doubt, making better nurses," added Parker. "The skills obtained in this course are making stronger, better and more knowledgeable nurses."

Students will learn new tools for patients and build confidence throughout the program.

She says anyone in nursing school who meet the requirements is encouraged to apply.

For more information about the nurse extern program, contact Breanna Parker at 606-218-6598 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

The American Stroke Association reports that stroke is the leading cause of disability in the U.S. and the fifth leading cause of death. On Wednesday, May 22, Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) is set to host Stroke Awareness Day in the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center Plaza.

The event will offer free public health screenings and free lunch of grilled chicken and hamburgers, catered by PMC's Food and Nutritional Services. The health screenings being performed include glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), body mass index (BMI) and diabetic foot screenings.

Neurologist and PMC's Medical Director of the Stroke Program, Dr. Naveed Ahmed, will speak about the importance of stroke prevention and treatment. Other physicians, such as physiatrist Sankar Chirumamilla, MD, and cardiac electrophysiologist Michael Antimisariaris, MD, will also speak about the rehabilitation aspect and stroke and the risk of afib causing stroke, respectively. Oncology Outreach Coordinator Melissa Bentley will speak on the dangers of smoking.

"Stroke Awareness Day is about educating the community about stroke symptoms, early diagnosis and treatment," said Dr. Ahmed. "But most important is to reflect on stroke prevention and risk factor modification."

PMC is the only hospital in the region accredited as a Primary Stroke Center. This means that PMC demonstrates a commitment to the care of stroke patients by meeting a complex set of standards and requirements. Pikeville Medical Primary Stroke Center has also received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines® Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target Stroke Honor Roll Elite.

For more information about PMC's Primary Stroke Program, please visit www.pikevillehospital.org. To make an appointment with Dr. Ahmed, please call 606-218-2208.



DeRossett joins Bears coaching staff

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

John DeRossett is back on the gridiron. DeRossett was announced as the University of Pikeville football program's new linebackers coach on Friday, May 10.

DeRossett, who spent one year out of coaching, served as the head coach of the Prestonsburg High School football program for 22 years, guiding the Blackcats to one state runner-up finish and three region titles.

The newest UPike assistant coach started his career on the football coaching staff at Belfry High School. He was the head coach at Betsy Layne High School prior to guiding the Blackcats.

DeRossett made his debut with the Bears over the weekend, working a UPike Futures Camp.

"Coach Holland is doing great things here at UPike," said DeRossett. "The campus is hopping with excitement and positive energy. Everyone has been so helpful and welcoming. The athletic programs are continually upgrading and providing great opportunities on the fields of play. The academic setting is fantastic. There are buildings and facilities second to none here at the University of Pikeville. I am fortunate to be a part of such a great place to coach and impact the lives of young people. I have created relationships for years in teaching and coaching and at the end of the day the relationships we create are the things that last forever."

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John DeRossett has joined the University of Pikeville football coaching staff. DeRossett is serving as the Bears' linebackers coach.

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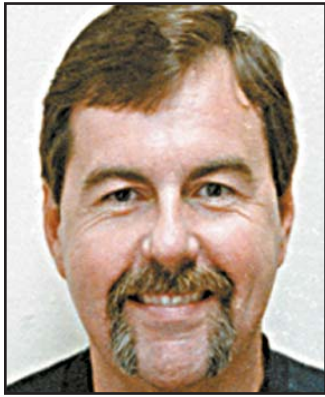
UPike assistant coach John DeRossett worked with linebackers at a Futures Camp on Saturday.

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Charlotte plays host to the stars



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Hard to believe that the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup schedule is already set to make its spring visit to Charlotte Motor Speedway for the first of two consecutive weekends of racing that concludes with the running of the Coca-Cola 600 during the Memorial Day weekend. First up will be this Saturday night's running of The Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race with its unique format and rules package that is going to be used for the first time in the series.

The All-Star race is set up to showcase the sport's winners as a driver gains entry into the starting field by having won a points-paying race in 2018 or 2019. Entry can also be earned by being a past winner of the Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star race or a past Monster En-

ergy NASCAR Cup Series champion. Fifteen drivers have qualified for the event because of their past wins but three additional drivers will get the chance to advance into the race by winning one of the three stages of the Monster Energy Open that will be held just prior to the All-Star race and will feature a format of two-20 lap stages followed by a 10-lap dash to the finish.

There is one final way that a current driver can gain entry into the starting field of the All-Star race and this path to the starting grid does not require that he has a checkered flag on his resume'. One driver will get his ticket to the main event punched by winning the fan's vote that is now open on NASCAR.com.

The race's actual format does not resemble what we are see at every other race on the schedule as it is divided into four stages. The stages will consist of 30 laps, 20 laps, 20 laps and 15 laps which is five laps longer than in 2018. Both green- and yellow-flag laps will count in stages 1-3 but for the final stage

only green-flag laps will count. Series overtime rules will be in effect for stages 1-3 but in the final stage if the race is restarted with less than two laps remaining, there will be unlimited attempts at a green-white-checkered finish under green-flag conditions. It may take several attempts to finish the last stage as no points are awarded but the winner does take home a check for one million dollars.

Gaining entry into the event and the race's unique format are not the only differences of what we see on a weekly basis in the sport. NASCAR has used the All-Star Race in the past to try new ideas within the rules package in hopes of improving the racing at every stop on the schedule. Last year's rules package for the race produced one of the most exciting races of the season as it increased the amount of downforce on the car along with the introduction of special aerodynamics.

The sanctioning body will be introducing two new major changes with the cars on Saturday night which

will actually be visible to the fans both at the track and watching on TV. The first is the use of a single-piece carbon fiber splitter/pan that should provide a more stable aero platform that NASCAR hopes will give every car a more consistent performance when it is in traffic.

The second major tweak of the rules will be highly visible as it will require that every car be set up with a radiator exit duct through the hood. This will separate aerodynamic performance and engine temperatures which should go a long way in creating more parity across the field.

It's easy to see that this race has been tweaked throughout the years to try and put on the best show possible for the fans while also providing the drivers with the opportunity to not have to worry about the point standings and just set their sights on the checkered flag. It's a recipe for excitement and if it is like in year's past, the driver that ends up in victory lane will have earned his way there.

58th District Baseball Tournament

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — High school baseball teams from throughout the state are heading into the postseason. Locally, Lawrence County High School will start hosting the 58th District Baseball Tournament on Saturday.

The semifinals for the 58th District Baseball Tournament will be as follows: Lawrence County vs. Betsy Layne (4:30 p.m.), Floyd Central vs. Prestonsburg (7:00 p.m.).

The winners from the semifinals will meet in the district baseball tournament title game two days later on Monday.

Both the 58th District champion and runner-up will advance to the 15th Region Baseball Tournament.

Lawrence County is

the reigning 58th District baseball champion. The Bulldogs rolled past Betsy Layne in the 2018 58th District Baseball Tournament title game.

Lawrence County, a tradition-rich high school baseball program, remain undefeated versus 58th District opponents.

58th District Baseball Tournament at Lawrence County Saturday, May 18 Semifinals

Lawrence County vs. Betsy Layne, 4:30 p.m.

Floyd Central vs. Prestonsburg, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 20 Championship game

Lawrence County/Betsy Layne winner vs.

Floyd Central/Prestonsburg winner, 6:30 p.m.

58th District Softball Tournament

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — The 58th District Softball Tournament will open with the semifinals at Lawrence County High School on Monday.

Floyd Central is set to face Betsy Layne in the opening game of the 58th District Baseball Tournament at 6 p.m. In the nightcap at 8 p.m., top seed Lawrence County is due to face Prestonsburg.

The winners from the semifinals will meet in the district softball tournament title game at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Former 15th Region champion Lawrence County will host the entire 58th District Softball Tournament.

Reigning 58th Dis-

trict champion Lawrence County has yet to lose a game to an opponent from Floyd County.

Both the 58th District champion and runner-up will advance to the 15th Region Softball Tournament.

58th District Softball Tournament at Lawrence County High School

Monday, May 20 Semifinals

Floyd Central vs. Betsy Layne, 6:00 p.m.

Lawrence County vs. Prestonsburg, 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 Championship game

Floyd Central/Betsy Layne winner vs.

Lawrence County/Prestonsburg winner, 6:30 p.m.

DEROSSETT

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DeRossett has coached several players that went on to star for the University of Pikeville football program. He was quite familiar with UPIke Head Coach Al Holland, Jr., prior to joining the Bears' coaching staff.

"I have followed Coach Holland since his high school career and am honored to be a part of his staff," DeRossett said. "I have witnessed firsthand on just a few visits as to what a family atmosphere exists in the football program and UPIke campus."

In DeRossett's final season at Prestonsburg, the Blackcats won the 2017 Class 2A District 8 title and reached the second round of the 2A Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl. DeRossett compiled a 176-94 record over 22 seasons as the Blackcats' head coach. His career re-

cord is 193-112. Within the district, John DeRossett-coached high school football teams were 82-17.

DeRossett is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He attended Georgetown College before earning a degree from Eastern Kentucky University. He is married to his wife Linda and they have two daughters, Alexis and Allyson, along with one grandson, Joshua.

"I am honored to serve the student-athletes and will work hard each day to help them reach their goals both on and off the field of play," DeRossett added.

UPIke football players will report for preseason practice in late-July. The Bears are set to kick off the 2019 season on the road against NCAA FCS member Murray State University on Thursday, Aug. 29.

Jaguars falter late, lose to Pike Central

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — After jumping out to 7-0 lead, Floyd Central faltered as visiting Pike Central pulled away to win 10-8 in a high school baseball game on Tuesday.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 12-16.

Pike Central improved to 13-16 with the win.

Jarred Stanley was the winning pitcher for the Hawks. Stanley pitched two innings, allowing zero hits and zero runs while striking out one and walking one.

Two other Pike Central pitchers, Ben Huffman and Evan Coleman, entered the game

from the bullpen and helped to close out the matchup in relief roles. Coleman recorded the last three outs to claim the save.

D'Sean Prinkleton started the game on the mound for the Hawks. Prinkleton allowed 12 hits and seven runs over three innings, striking out one and walking one.

Caleb Hager was stuck with the pitching loss for the Jaguars. Hager surrendered five runs on five hits over one and one-third innings, striking out two and walking one.

Chase Conley started the game on the mound for the Jaguars.

Conley allowed eight hits and five runs over four and 2/3 innings,

striking out nine and walking none.

Stanley, Coleman, Prinkleton, Keegan Bentley and Jonathan Potter each delivered multiple hits for Pike Central in the hard-fought win.

Floyd Central lost despite edging Pike Central 14-13 in the hits column.

Conley, Matt Combs, Brayden Hamilton, Logan Conley and Noah Marcum each provided multiple hits for the Jaguars. Combs and Conley led Floyd Central at the plate, recording three hits apiece.

Floyd Central committed two errors in the setback.



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Floyd Central's Chase Conley stands in the batter's box in action earlier this season.

Betsy Layne falls to East Ridge

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

LICK CREEK — Betsy Layne led 4-0 before East Ridge answered with its first run in the bottom half of the third inning during a non-district contest between familiar 15th Region rivals at the start of the week. The Lady Warriors answered by plating eight runs. East Ridge eventually got going offensively and pulled away to beat Betsy Layne 14-4 in five innings in a high school softball game on Monday.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 3-18.

East Ridge improved to 13-17 with the win.

Caitlyn Coleman was the winning pitcher for the Lady Warriors. Coleman allowed six hits and four runs while striking out seven over five innings.

Betsy Layne pitcher Nicole Castle suffered the loss. Castle allowed 13 hits and 14 runs over four and 2/3 innings, while striking out two.

East Ridge outthrew Betsy Layne 13-6. Kelsi Slone, Kyra Looney,

Bethany Tackett and Kierstin Coleman each managed multiple hits for the Lady Warriors.

Slone and Looney collected three hits each to combine to lead East Ridge at the plate.

Amelia Blackburn and Lauryn Hall paced Betsy Layne at the plate, providing two hits apiece.

Betsy Layne is poised to compete in the 58th District Softball Tournament at Lawrence County High School in Louisa.

Bobcats fall to Wildcats

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN — Host Betsy Layne led 2-0 through two innings but was limited the rest of the way as 15th Region counterpart Shelby Valley battled back to win 3-2 in a high school baseball game at Stumbo Park on Tuesday.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 9-16.

Shelby Valley evened its record to 14-14 with the win.

Each team collected five hits while committing one error.

Determined Shelby

Valley plated one run in three consecutive plate appearances to battle back to beat the Bobcats.

Shelby Valley pitcher Jackson Wierwille earned the win. Wierwille pitched a complete game, allowing two runs on five hits while striking out nine and walking one over seven innings.

Betsy Layne pitcher Byron Tackett suffered the loss. Tackett allowed five hits and three runs over seven innings while striking out five and walk-

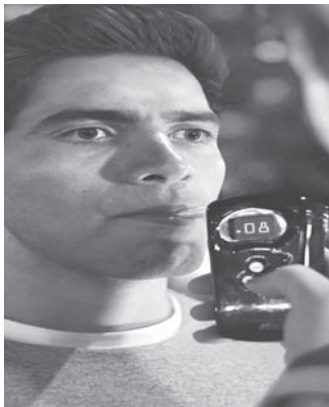
ing one in a complete game performance.

Helping his pitching cause at the plate, Wierwille led Shelby Valley with two hits in three at-bats.

Andrew Kidd, Sam Boyd, Paul Hall, Chase Hamilton, and Jordan Frazier each connected for one hit in the Bobcats' loss.

The win allowed Phelps to halt a three-game losing skid.

Betsy Layne slipped back into the loss column after posting back-to-back wins over East Ridge.



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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Look over important documents, update your skills and knowledge, and do your best to align yourself with people who are as dedicated as you. Romance is on the rise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Keep private information to yourself. Make personal changes that will help alleviate tension and stress. Take charge of your life and walk away from someone who lies or cheats or manipulates you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Put more enthusiasm into getting things done. Share your ideas and offer solutions. The help you offer others will raise your profile and boost your popularity. Romance is on the rise.

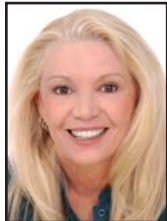
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't fight with a loved one. Evaluate your situation and think about how to best handle what's going on. A change may be necessary if there is an imbalance in a certain relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Temptation is best ignored. You'll do far better if you engage in projects or activities that will give you an opportunity to learn something new and make interesting connections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Expand your mind and consider how to improve your lifestyle. Getting angry won't help, but getting active will encourage you to look and be your very best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – If you share information, you'll discover something

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



interesting about someone. A reunion or family gathering will give you a chance to revisit old dreams, hopes and wishes. Romance is highlighted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Confusion or other problems while traveling can be avoided by mapping out your course before you set out. Don't give in to someone using emotional tactics to get something from you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Set your sights on what you want, and get moving. You can make personal and professional gains that will improve your standard of living. Romance is on the rise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Offering assistance is one thing, but being taken advantage of is another. Find out what's expected of you before you agree to pitch in and help.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – An opportunity looks profitable. Call in favors that will help you get your plans up and running. A reunion will spark renewed interest from someone. Romance is in the stars.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Look over your options and expand your plans to take advantage of what's available to you. Lead the way and you'll stifle any negativity that you face.

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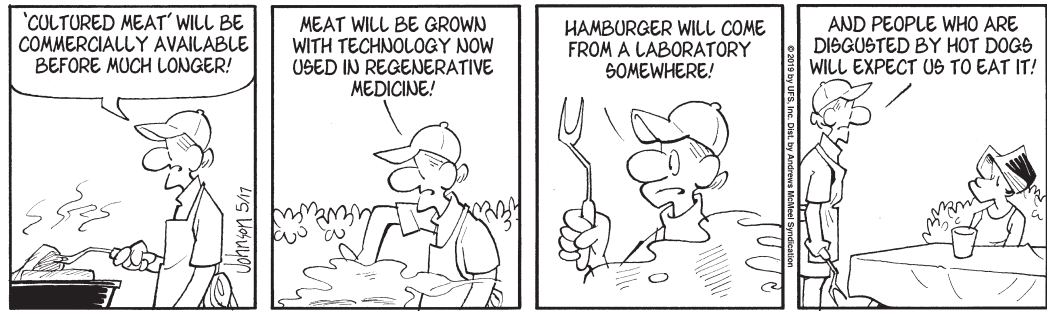
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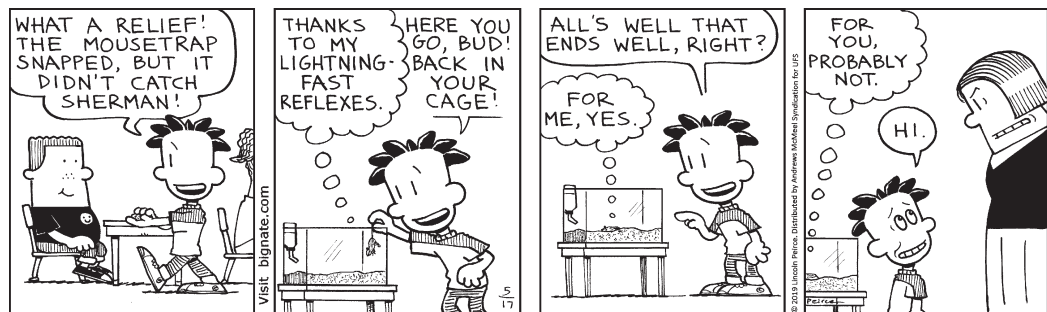
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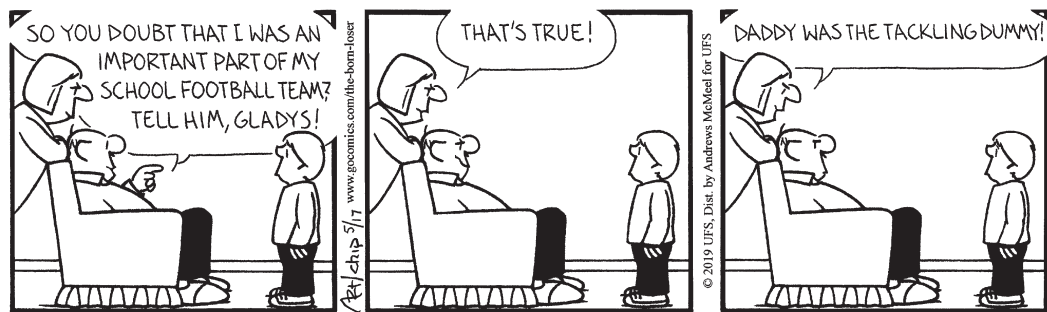
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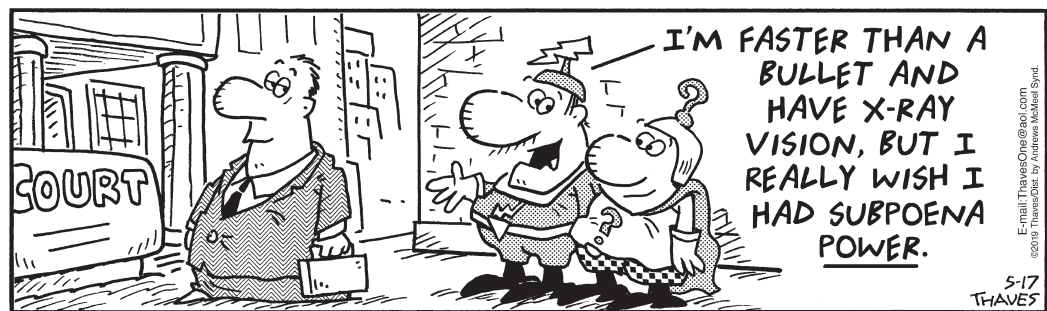
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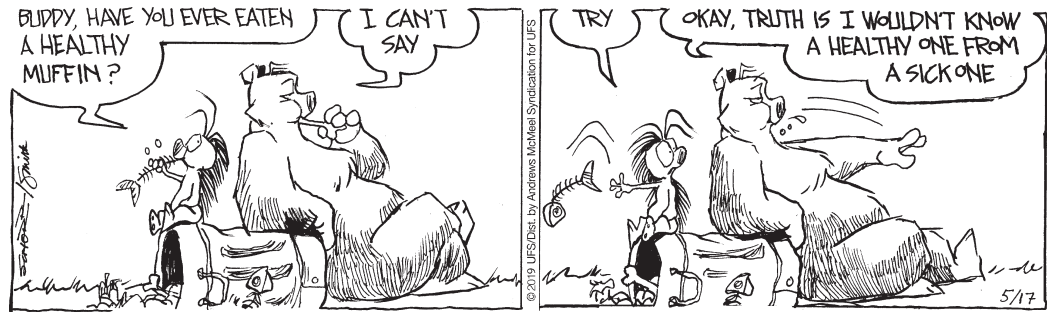
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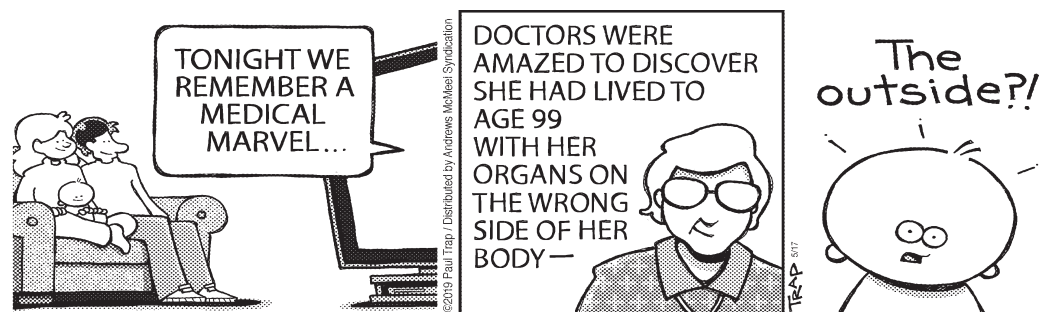
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5655

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 un-

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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 underlie 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 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 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 Georjeann Adkins, Earnest Boyd,

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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 Gretzel 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 Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, P.O. Box 851, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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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 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.

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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, Phillip Meade, Tommy and Sherry Shelton, Denzil and Josephine Yates,

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Mae Perkins, Harold Bowling. 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

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