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P'burg starts budgeting process

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council started its budgeting process this week.

During a meeting on Monday, May 20, the city council held the first reading of the city's 2019-2020 budget.

The budget of more than \$8.6 million reflects an increase of about \$67,000 over the current year budget that was approved last July.

In the new budget, revenues and expenses will increase by about \$58,000 in the city, which

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Mitchell indicted again on DUI charge

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

A Floyd County man who received a 10-year sentence in 2012 for manslaughter caused by driving under the influence was indicted on a felony charge this week for allegedly being found intoxicated behind the wheel multiple times.

On Monday, a Floyd County grand jury issued an indictment against Malen J. Mitchell, 44, of Ligon, charging him with fourth-offense or greater DUI (a felony charge), being a persistent felony offender in the second degree and three traffic violations.

Mitchell was arrested on Feb. 8 following a single vehicle crash on Ky. 979.

Kentucky State Police Trooper M. Branham reported in the citation that a witness saw Mitchell climb out of the vehicle after the

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Gov. Matt Bevin speaks during Hillbilly Days in Pikeville in April. He won the Republican primary on Tuesday in the governor's race.

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Minority of voters choose candidates for state offices

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

A minority of residents in Floyd County and Kentucky chose candidates for several state offices during the primary election on Tuesday.

Voter turnout was only 19.26 percent statewide and 21.02 percent in Floyd County.

Only about 659,000 of more than 3.4 million registered voters in Kentucky and 6,293 of Floyd County's 29,942 registered voters turned out to the

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Appalachian Newspapers file photo
Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear speaks during Hillbilly Days in Pikeville in April. He won the Democratic primary in the governor's race on Tuesday.



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State Representative Rocky Adkins speaks during Hillbilly Days in Pikeville in April. Floyd County voters overwhelmingly chose Adkins in the Democratic primary for governor, giving him 3,633 votes. He is now supporting Democratic primary winner Andy Beshear for the governor's race.

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'Pick and Bow' will continue this summer

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER



Students from across Floyd County have been learning traditional mountain music in the "Pick and Bow" after-school music program, and officials say summer programs will also be available this year.

Since October, "Pick and Bow" students have been receiving weekly instruction in guitar, banjo and other instruments from instructors Meghan Bryant, Melanie Turner, Stephanie May Rose and Sam Gleaves, the program coordinator.

The program is hosted by May Valley Elementary and a school in Knott County, and it is sponsored by the Hindman Settlement School with

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

Students who participated in the "Pick and Bow" after-school music program perform during a concert held at May Valley last week.

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More than 21,000 Kentuckians lose food aid due to work requirement, groups say

By **DARLA CARTER**
INSIDER LOUISVILLE

Since last year, about 21,400 Kentuckians have lost their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, benefits because of a work reporting requirement, according to policy analysts from the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy and Kentucky Voices for Health.

The analysts blame the losses, which occurred from January 2018 to March 2019, on a decision by the state to reinstate a rule that SNAP recipients

can receive benefits for no more than three months in a 36-month period without reporting 20 hours a week of work or other qualifying activities.

“We think it’s concerning that there’s that many people who are now struggling that much more to put groceries on the table, and we thought it was worth letting people know about,” said Dustin Pugel, a policy analyst for the center, which used an open records request to obtain data on those affected by the work reporting rule.

The requirement was phased in for 92 counties,

beginning in February 2018, Pugel said. It was already in effect for 20 other counties, including Jefferson, before that. Eight counties in eastern Kentucky are exempt.

Previously, there had been waivers in effect keeping people in many of the counties from having to meet the requirement, Pugel said.

However, Doug Hogan, a spokesman for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said such waivers are “intended for times of recession and high job unavailability” whereas “Kentucky is experiencing

record low unemployment.”

Still, Pugel pointed out that many counties would still be eligible to have the waivers — if the state requested them — for economic hardships, such as lack of jobs.

The state noted that the SNAP requirement is part of federal law and that there are several ways to meet it, including working, volunteering, conducting a job search, receiving education, and getting job training. He also noted that there are “appropriate exemptions and good-cause exceptions.”

“Protections are in

place to keep individuals from losing benefits if they have personal issues creating extenuating circumstances that they are dealing with,” Hogan noted by email. Examples include being ill or incapacitated or lacking transportation.

However, the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy and Kentucky Voices for Health noted that less than 140 of the SNAP recipients who lost benefits as a result of the work reporting rule regained the aid during the examined period.

Hogan said various state partners, including employers, the Kentucky

Community & Technical College System, Adult Education and the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board, have “a shared goal of finding employees for the current workforce shortage we face.”

He added, “There are ample sustaining wage jobs available — some SNAP recipients may need to engage in training and certification to qualify for such jobs, but many times, this training is either free or subsidized by prospective employers.”



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Fiscal court tables budget reading

Special meeting to be held Friday

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court opted to table the first reading of the county's 2019-2020 budget on Wednesday, after Magistrate Ronnie Akers and Mike Tackett raised questions.

During a special meeting, Akers requested a budget worksession, saying that the fiscal court has three new members who don't have a prior budget from which to approve this new budget.

County Treasurer David Layne told fiscal court members that the new budget is "basically the same budget" as this fiscal year, noting that the changes include "taking out the \$1.9 million we had in last year's budget to pay the Southern Water bond that Prestonsburg was going to take over, and now, it's all unwinding, or whatever, and then we just had more carryover money this year than what we did last year."

The budget presented at the meeting totaled \$17.5 million in revenues and expenses, about \$500,000 less than the current fiscal year budget.

Akers pointed out that the road fund — budgeted at \$3.9 million — increased by \$800,000 over last year's budget. He and Tackett also voiced concerns because funding for school resource officers was not in the budget.

Layne said he took more insurance premium tax revenue out of the general fund and moved it to the road fund, and

he reported that the school district is expected to obtain funding for resource officers.

Layne told magistrates the court could hold the first reading and change the budget prior to the second reading, but magistrates didn't want to hold the first reading.

"I've been here 12 years and it ain't never been changed after we send this to Frankfort," Akers said. Layne disagreed with him, but Tackett made the motion to table the budget reading.

"Yeah, I think that's probably best," said Judge-Executive Robbie Williams.

The fiscal court called a special meeting to be held at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 24, for a discussion on the budget and the first reading of it.

Prior to the fiscal court meeting, officials held the annual Local Government Economic Assistance and County Road Aid hearing, with all magistrates, Williams, Layne, Assistant County Attorney Tyler Green, County Clerk Chris Waugh, Deputy Clerk Myra Henry, Finance Officer Camron Stephens, Road Crew Director Steve Little and Road Supervisor Dale Kimber participating.

Officials reported that the estimates from the state indicate the county will receive \$200,000 in coal severance, \$970,000 in mineral severance and \$1.4 million in County Road Aid. Approximately 30 percent of the Local Government Economic Assistance Funds must be used on coal haul



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Magistrate Ronnie Akers, left, asks questions about the Floyd County Fiscal Court's 2019-2020 budget during a special meeting this week. With support from Akers and Magistrate Mike Tackett, right, the fiscal court tabled the first reading of the budget, opting instead to host a special meeting Friday to discuss it.

roads. The fiscal court also approved a resolution amending the procurement code so that bids are required for projects that cost \$30,000. Previously, bids were required for all projects over

\$20,000, but legislators increased that amount during the legislative session.

The fiscal court also

unanimously approved a pledge that \$150,000 in its construction fund would be used as collateral on a loan for the

Southern Water & Sewer District. The fiscal court previously approved and paid Southern Water \$150,000, with district officials reporting they will return those funds to Floyd County once the loan is approved.



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Crider proposes four-day week for road workers

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

One Floyd County magistrate suggested a change of pace for county road crews this week.

During a special meeting on Wednesday, Magistrate Mark Crider suggested moving all road department employees to a four-day, 10-hour-per-day work-week.

"I wonder if you all would consider, along with the rest of the magistrates here, look at putting our road crews on four 10-hour days through these summer months, therefore having two crews working Tuesday through Friday and two crews working Monday through Thursday," Crider said.

He said with that schedule, the county equipment would be off the road one day a week for maintenance, instead of "having men sitting there" waiting for equipment to be fixed while they are working. He said the county mechanic would still work five days a week.

"I've dealt with this before and I think over a year's time, we'll see a significant savings in fuel and wear and tear on our equipment," he said.

Magistrate Mike Tackett said the county also needs a certified diesel mechanic.

County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams said the matter could be discussed at a later date.

"The only thing that concerns me about going to a four, 10-hour shifts — I understand what you're saying on the fuel — but if we have so many people that has so much vacation time

and accrued sick time ... we're going to have half of these guys down to three days a week," Williams said.

Crider said workers would have to take 10 hours instead of eight when they take vacation time and on holidays, workers could still work five, eight-hour shifts. He also suggested that a 10-hour work day would make travel to Letcher County for gravel easier, and that road crew workers could get three loads of gravel instead of two on a 10-hour workday.

"Obviously, we can discuss it. That's not a decision we can make right now, but we could discuss that," Williams said.

Magistrate George Ousley asked what the road crew employees think about the proposal.

Tackett said they would approve of it.

"Oh, yeah. They'll do that deal," he said.

The matter was tabled, as it was not on the agenda for the special meeting.

During the meeting, the fiscal court also:

- Paid \$668,000 in bills, with the majority, \$317,000 in the general fund and \$186,000 in the road fund.

- Approved a resolution stating that as work is needed in the future, all wooden bridges will be replaced with concrete bridges in the county and all metal drain pipes would be replaced with plastic drain pipes.

- Hired Brent Graden on a contract for \$500 per month to write grants for the county.

- Hired John Calvin McGuire as a part time golf course worker and Jarrett Little as a part

time park worker.

- Transferred \$50,000 to the county senior citizens program. The resolution states that when Williams took office, he was informed that the senior citizens centers were "behind on several months of bills totaling over \$50,000." It also notes that Williams was notified that federal funding has been reduced for senior citizens centers.

- Appointed Melissa Perry to the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Board through May 31, 2023.

- Hired Dale Kimbler on a 90-day trial basis as county road foreman, replacing Gary Garrett, who resigned.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Magistrate Mark Crider, right, asks about the possibility of moving road department workers to a four-day work week, with employees working 10 hours per day, during a special meeting on Wednesday.

Memorial Day closings in Floyd County

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several local government offices will be closed on Memorial Day, May 27.

- The Floyd County Judge-Executive's office and county offices will be closed.

- Prestonsburg City Hall will be closed.

- The Floyd County Extension Office will be closed.

- The Floyd County Health Department will be closed.

- The Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg and Eastern branches will be closed.

- There will be no school for Floyd County students.

- The Floyd County Justice Center will be closed.

- Wheelwright City

Hall will be closed.

- Martin City Hall will be closed.

- Officials at Allen City Hall could not be reached for comment.

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EDITORIAL

Why didn't you vote?

Nearly 79 percent of Floyd County voters stayed home during the primary election on Tuesday, and what makes that fact even sadder is that the number of voters who turned out in Floyd County is higher than the turnout in Kentucky.

Statewide, nearly 81 percent of voters chose not to go to the polls.

Yes, that's right. Nearly 81 percent of Kentucky voters chose not to go to the polls.

It's the same, tired story that we've reported repeatedly now.

Last year's numbers were better in Floyd County and for the state, when there were local elections on the ballot.

The statewide turnout was 23.54 percent during the primary election in May 2018 and it was 47.38 percent during the general election in November 2018.

In Floyd County, turnout was 37.5 percent in May and 44.4 percent in November.

That means that last year, 62.5 percent of the county's registered voters in May and 55.6 per-

cent of voters in November decided to let their neighbors choose their elected leaders.

The lack of voter enthusiasm in this county, this state and this country is disheartening; especially because of the political divisiveness that has become the norm these days.

But we can't let this define who we are as a country. We can't check out and not participate in this democracy. If everyone did that, then who would chose?

Regardless of the

year or what's on the ballot, it's important for residents to be a part of our democracy. It's actually a vital part of what keeps this country plugging along.

When only a few people let their voices be heard, the government we get in that vote is selected by that few.

When governments are elected by only a few people, huge swaths of people in this county, this state and this country are left out. Instead of being represented by the leaders they chose, those

people who do not vote are represented by people who were picked by everyone else who voted.

Why would anyone want to live in a country where the laws that govern the way they live, the taxes they pay and the priorities of their communities are selected by leaders that were picked by other people? If you have a voice, why wouldn't you want to speak up?

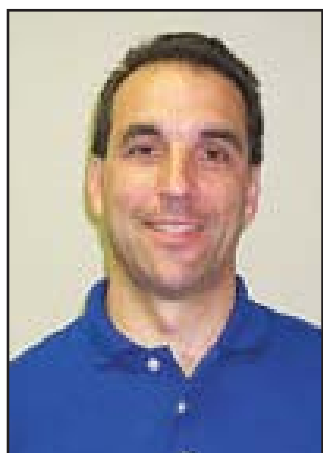
There's still time, Floyd County. The general election is just a few months away.

We encourage Floyd County residents to turn out in droves. If you've never voted, let this be your first year.

If you know someone who does not vote, encourage him or her to cast a ballot.

Don't just live here, work here or pay taxes here. Decide that this is the year you help create the community you live in because you cast your ballot in support of things that are important to you. Don't let other people make that choice for you.

COLUMN



By **JEFF VANDERBECK**
PUBLISHER

Roll over tide

against it and the left wants people to stay out of their uterus. Both sides are extreme.

I don't buy the left's argument that women should do what they want with their own body. And I don't buy the right's total ban. When a woman has an abortion, it's not her body she is killing. A total ban forces rape victims to carry a child. It also propels women to do horrible things in order to have a miscarriage, which should be criminal.

There are many circumstances under which women get pregnant — married couples who are not ready or are tapped out financially. And getting pregnant will not save a marriage. Kids have nowhere to go and

single people are often irresponsible. But the fact remains that people are having sex.

Teenagers have little to no outlets available to them. It's an awkward subject and in some homes it is taboo, like alcohol. Some people think if they don't discuss it at home then their kids will be sheltered and they will be immune, which is not the case. Peer pressure and curiosity sometimes overrule.

There are many methods of birth control, which are usually effective but are often not practiced out of fear of being discovered. Planned Parenthood centers do a good job after the fact, but if a young couple needs birth control, they get turned

away.

As the saying goes, it takes two to tango, and it should take two to be prepared. The decision to have children is not an easy one, but the decision to have sex is way too easy. Couples should address that issue prior to engaging.

If talking about birth control is too intimate, then they damn sure don't need to be having sex. I don't care what the left thinks they should be able to do with their body.

Some Hollywood actresses have vowed to abstain as a result of the Alabama ruling. The wacky elitists are hoping the Supreme Court will not allow Alabama law to result in the overturning of Roe vs. Wade, which

could take a while, turning Hollywood into one frustrated place. If more people took a vow of celibacy, abortion may be a non-issue.

Allowing abortions without requirements or regulations opens the doors for a free-for-all. Just because people are incompetent, lazy or scared, they should not be allowed to terminate life, especially into term. Banning abortion opens the doors for rapists to procreate and unwanted pregnancies to end in horrible miscarriages.

No good can come out of this issue unless the systemic values are changed.

Thanks for reading the Floyd County Chronicle and Times.

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Floyd County Schools taking applications online

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Floyd County Schools is now taking job applications online.

Superintendent Dany Adkins said, "We're catching up with the rest of the state in implementing this system."

Over 90 school districts in Kentucky currently use the TalentEd system and we're hoping that this can help us attract employee candidates that may not otherwise have been able to apply easily in Floyd County."

Adkins explains why this system may help increase the number of applicants saying, "Before we started using this, you had to come in to our central office and pick up a paper copy of our application to fill out or you could download one from our website and then fill it out. If you chose to download the application, you would still have to bring it in to the office, along with several supporting documents that we ask for in the case of certain positions. Now, you will be able to log in to this

system, fill out an application and upload the supporting documents we need. For example, if someone chooses to fill out an application to be a teacher in another school district, the applicant will also be able to see that we have a similar vacancy and could then choose to send his or her application to us also. Hopefully, this will increase the number of applicants for Floyd County Schools."

He said the district still needs the same information and documentation as it did previously,

and that the new system allows the district to "be more visible around the state" and expedite the application process.

Adkins said, "We hope to be able to attract teacher applicants with those harder-to-find certifications, like secondary physical science for example. And by the way, we are looking to hire bus drivers, so try our new system out and apply to drive today."

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BUDGET

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has a budget of more than \$5.5 million.

The new budget records decreases of about \$20,000 for Stonecrest Golf Course, which is budgeted at \$830,600 and a \$3,000 decrease in senior citizens, which is budgeted at \$12,000.

The budget for Archer Park increased by about \$19,000 to \$549,500 and the Mountain Arts Center budget increased by about \$13,000 to \$908,000 over the current fiscal year. The tourism budget stayed the same, \$870,000.

Duran Hall, president

of Maverick Insurance in Pikeville, updated the council on the city's insurance rates, reporting the cost will increase slightly this year.

He recommended the city keep its coverage through Employer Mutual Casualty and workers compensation through the Kentucky Employers Mutual Insurance, and the council agreed.

The council also approved Hall's other recommendation — that the council increase its deductibles for property claims and automobile claims so that it can purchase cyber liability coverage for the city.

Mayor Les Stapleton said cyber liability cover-

age would be beneficial, particularly since the city is moving to start collecting payments online.

Hall said cyber liability coverage would top between \$4,000 and \$5,000 annually, but the savings from increasing those deductibles would offset that cost or possibly save the city money. He also recommended hosting safety trainings for employees.

The vote to accept his recommendations and renew the city's policies with those companies with changes he recommended was unanimous.

Hall said the new policy would cost Prestonsburg about \$292,000 — an increase of about

\$2,000 over last year.

During the meeting, Rocky Ridge Stables owner Sarah Rohr talked about activities held at the equine center on Stonecrest. She said 300 people attended the trail ride this month, and the company hopes to have another trail ride there in the fall.

Rohr reported that Rocky Ridge Stables will have a special horse show for Memorial Day weekend, featuring a guaranteed prize of \$750 in one competition.

The council discussed litigation and a business proposal in closed session for about 30 minutes, with no action taken.

other sentences, which would run concurrently, or at the same time: three five-year sentences for three second-degree assault charges, 12 months for DUI, 90 days for driving on a suspended license and 12 months for leaving the scene of a wreck.

Former Circuit Judge John David Caudill ordered Mitchell to undergo one year of alcohol and drug treatment and one year of alcohol and drug education while he was incarcerated.

The indictment against Mitchell was among several indictments issued by the Floyd County grand jury on Monday. Other indictments handed down by the grand jury included:

- Homer Smith, 35, of Prestonsburg; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance not in original container.

- Gerald Frasure, 53, of Prestonsburg; DUI, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container and a traffic charge.

- Stephanie Hamilton, 37, of Martin; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, DUI,

tampering with physical evidence, second-degree wanton endangerment and traffic charges.

- Billy R. Craft, 48, of Prestonsburg; DUI, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and traffic charges.

- Samuel Thompson, 43, of Kite; DUI, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance not in original container and a traffic charge.

- Amy Adams, 41, of Prestonsburg; first-degree fleeing/evading police, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license, DUI, tampering with physical evidence, resisting arrest and a traffic charge.

- Christian Crace, 23, of Paintsville; first-degree possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication.

- Michael Crace, 46, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, DUI and possession of a controlled substance not in original container.

- Edd Hicks, 65, of Garrett; first-degree pos-

session of a controlled substance, DUI, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle and possession of a controlled substance not in original container.

- Marvin Ousley, 38, of Prestonsburg; second-degree escape, tampering with a prisoner monitoring device, and being a persistent felony offender in the second degree.

- Joshua F. Adams, 40, of Pikeville; flagrant nonsupport.

- Marilyn Allen, 46, Ivel; theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

- Krista Garrett, 32, of Prestonsburg; second-degree burglary and second-degree fleeing/evading police.

Editor's note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

Rissie Branham

Rissie Branham, 76, of Wheelwright, died Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, May 24, at the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, Bevinville.

Burial will follow in the Branham Cemetery, Branham Hollow, Wheelwright.

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

Lucas Allen Clark

Lucas Allen Clark, 36, of Banner, died Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, May 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Watson Family Cemetery, Trace Branch, Honaker.

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

Roy Micheal Gibson

Roy Micheal "Mike" Gibson, 44, of David, died Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Visitation will be held all day, Friday, May 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 25, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Prater-Wright Cemetery, Big Branch, Prestonsburg.

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

John Edward Hicks

John Edward Hicks, 70, of Hueysville, died Monday, May 20, 2019.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 23, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Adkins Cemetery, Prater Fork, Hueysville.

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

Barbara Roberts

Barbara Ann Slone Roberts, 54, of Harold, died Monday, May 20, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, May 24, at Boldman Free-will Baptist Church, Harold.

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

Shirley Grant Tackett

Shirley Grant Tackett, 81, of Waynesburg, died Wednesday, May 22, 2019.

Visitation will be open at 5 p.m., Friday, May 24, at Barnett, Demrow & Friend Funeral Home, Waynesburg.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, May 25, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Buffalo Springs Cemetery.

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– 2 Timothy 2:15

Pray without ceasing.
– 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

– Luke 18:1

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

– Hebrews 10:25

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

–Matthew 28:19-20

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

–John 13:34-35

Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?

– Romans 6:16

So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

– Galatians 5:16

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

– Galatians 5:22-26

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on



Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:20

So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.

– 2 Corinthians 5:9

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

– Philippians 2:12

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

– Philippians 2:3-4

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

– Romans 12:2

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– Ephesians 5:20

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children

– Ephesians 5:1

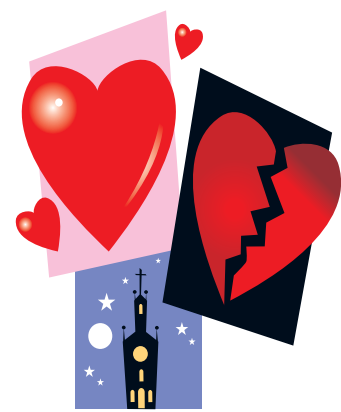
Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

– James 1:22

Love and strife

“And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.”

2 Timothy 2:24-26 NIV



to help us grow and develop. The patriarchs of the Bible all encountered strife in their lives. The Israelites were enslaved, driven from their homeland, and forced to live in the desert. Jacob literally wrestled with God, and was renamed Israel after this struggle, a name which means “he who strives with God.” Perhaps the ideal way to think about the twin forces of love and strife is that love is the force that allows us to prevail when we strive. Love is usually the best way to settle strife; we don't overcome hatred by hating, but by love. We know we will be challenged in our lives, and how much better to meet the myriad challenges of life than to know that we are loved, and loved unconditionally.

–Christopher Simon

The two fundamental moral forces at work in the world are love and strife. Love nurtures and comforts us while strife depletes and annoys us. Love unites us while strife divides us. Love is the spirit of reconciliation and patient, unselfish endurance that allows us to get along with our fellow man, while strife is the spirit of struggle and selfish egoism that creates divisions among us. And while it is true that God is love, and that love is associated with virtue and holiness while strife tends toward vice and sin, the truth is more complicated. After all, God uses strife

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'Are you who you want to be?'



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I picked up the individual container of strawberry and banana Greek yogurt off the store shelf and looked at the use by date. For me, the date was too close. (I'm a stickler on expiration dates.) I checked other containers. The dates were too close on them, too. I chose a different flavor. How about peach? It was expired. I picked up lime. Expired. The shelf lives on these yogurts were complete.

We, too, have a shelf life. We are born and then at some point, we shall die. However, we don't come stamped with a use by date. We don't know what our final date is. In the meantime, as Christians we are to live our life for God.

For the past two weeks, I've had a reoccurring question going through my

head. It comes from a song by the group Switchfoot, which was playing on my drive home one evening.

"This is your life," Switchfoot sings. "Are you who you want to be?"

No.

My answer to that question is no, I'm not.

I'm not yet the person that I want to be. Far from it actually. I'm not kind enough. I'm not loving enough. I'm not generous enough. There are a lot of things that I'm simply not. I have many faults. I still have sin I need to overcome. I have a lot of improvements to make in order to become that person that I want to be. That I need to be for Christ and in Christ. And quite frankly, it's possible that I'll never actually get there during my time on this earth.

We are nothing more than "a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes (James 4:14)." Because our life is limited, we don't have an eternity here on earth to get it right. Once we come to our appointed time to die, it's finished. Our live is over. We no longer have the ability or the option to change anything. There's

no do-overs. There's no coattail riding into heaven. Our eternal home is based on the choices we made while alive on this earth. Therefore, we have to do the best we can today. We don't have tomorrow, next month or next year. We only have this very moment right now.

There's no do-overs.
There's no coattail riding into heaven.

When we come to the end of the line, where will we find ourselves? Did we live a life for God? Did we center our focus on doing His will? Did we delve into the Word of God? Did we have a personal relationship with Christ? Did we attempt to be the very best Christian that we could have been? Did we have the fruit of the Spirit? Did we spend our time sharing

the Gospel and winning souls to Christ?

If we are living a life for God, people will be able to identify us as Christians without us declaring it (Matthew 7:20). They will be able to see Christ in us. And if we are leading others to Christ, we've covering up a multitude of our own sins (James 5:20).

So, as Switchfoot sings, "This is your life. Are you who you want to be?"

The poem "The Dash" by Linda Ellis reads, "I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning... to the end. He noted that first came the date of birth and spoke of the following date with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years."

Every day we live is a day closer to the end of our shelf life. Our expiration date is drawing near. How are we living in anticipation of that date? How are we honoring and glorifying God right now? Are we who we want to be? I have a lot of improvements to make and a lot of spiritual growth to do. How about you?

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These are some of the items allegedly confiscated during the arrest of Michael Seeba.

Knott County resident faces meth, heroin trafficking charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Martin Police Department reports that an anonymous tip led to the arrest of a Knott County man who is accused of allegedly trafficking methamphetamine and heroin in Floyd County.

Martin Police Chief Kenny Stidham, assisted by Floyd County Sheriff Deputies Kevin Johnson and Justin Szymchack and K9 Drago, arrested Michael Seeba, 29, of Redfox in Knott County on May 15.

The arrest occurred after the department received an anonymous tip about Seeba allegedly selling illegal drugs at McDonald's restaurant in Martin, Stidham reported

in the citation.

"An off-duty deputy observed him running toward the bathroom when he seen the police," Stidham wrote. "Upon detaining and investigation, he was in possession of meth, heroin and suboxone. Also had scales and \$149 cash."

Stidham reported that officers found five baggies of heroin, three baggies of methamphetamine and three baggies of Suboxone during the investigation.

Seeba pleaded not guilty to the charges in Floyd County district court last week. He was placed under a \$1,500 cash bond.

On Monday, the case was referred to the grand jury for consideration.

Howard indicted for allegedly driving under the influence, fleeing

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man who was recently sentenced to serve 12 years in prison for a robbery could now face additional time.

A Floyd County grand jury indicted Zachary T. Howard, 27, of Prestonsburg, on Monday, May 20, charging him with two felony counts of first-degree fleeing/evading police, driving under the influence, speeding, menacing, resisting arrest and second-degree disorderly conduct.

In April, Howard was sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court to serve 12 years for first-degree robbery and theft by unlawful taking-automobile — charges that stem an Aug. 10, 2018, robbery at a home in Wayland.

Kentucky State Police officials said in court documents that Howard broke into the home, stole two pistols that he used to hold the couple who lived there at gunpoint, stole \$7 and the couple's vehicle and fled. He was arrested following a high-speed chase with that vehicle later that day, the KSP reported, and he allegedly left the vehicle and fled police on foot prior to his arrest in the Dwale area.

The indictment issued Monday alleges that Howard was under the "combined influence of alcohol and any other substance or combination of substances" when

that high-speed chase occurred last year.

With the menacing charge, the grand jury alleges that Howard placed KSP Trooper William Howard in "reasonable apprehension of imminent physical injury."

Editor's note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.



ELECTION

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polls on Tuesday.

According to unofficial election results released by the Kentucky Secretary of State, the following candidates will face each other for these seats in the general election in November:

Governor

In statewide results, incumbent Gov. Matt Bevin beat his Republican opposition, Robert Goforth, by a margin of more than 34,717 votes. Republican voters cast 136,060 votes for Bevin in the primary election and 101,343 votes for Goforth.

In the Democratic primary, Rocky Adkins, who was popular in Floyd County, lost to Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear.

Beshear will face Bevin during the general election in November. In the race, Beshear gained around 13,000 more votes than Bevin. He won the Democratic nomination for the governor's seat with 149,438 votes, whereas Adkins received 125,970 votes. Candidate Adam H. Edelen also received 110,159 votes in this race statewide.

Floyd County voters chose Bevin and Adkins in this race.

In Floyd County, Bevin received 339 votes, while his opponent received 325 votes in the Republican primary, and in the Democratic primary, Adkins received 3,633 votes while 1,180 Floyd County voters chose Beshear.

Secretary of State

Former Miss America

Heather French Henry won the Democratic primary for Kentucky Secretary of State.

Henry, of Louisville, earned nearly 71 percent of all votes cast statewide, or 263,419, and the remaining votes went to three opponents. Floyd County resident Jason S. Belcher received the next-highest number of votes, 47,923. He was followed by Letcher County resident Jason Griffith, who earned 47,655 votes in the race.

In the Republican primary for secretary of state, Michael Adams of Lyndon walked away with the win, after receiving 94,404 votes, or about 41.26 percent of all votes cast in this race. The remaining votes went to three other opponents, with Andrew English of Crestwood raking in the second-highest number of votes, 62,677, or about 27 percent.

Floyd County voters also chose Henry and Adams in this race.

Henry received 2,436 voters, or more than 49 percent of all votes cast in the Democratic primary in Floyd County, and Adams received 342 votes in Floyd County, capturing nearly 52 percent of the votes cast in the Republican primary.

Attorney General

Daniel Cameron of Louisville garnered the win in the statewide race for attorney general in the Republican primary on Tuesday. Cameron received 132,400 votes, or about 55 percent of all votes cast in the race, while his opponent Will Schroder of Wilder received about 107,000 votes, or nearly 45 percent of all votes cast.

In the fall, Cameron will face former Attorney General and House Speaker Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg, who faced no opposition in the Democratic primary.

Auditor of Public Accounts

Sheri Donahue of Frankfort won the Democratic primary in the race for state auditor on Tuesday, walking away with 134,952 votes, or around 47 percent of all votes cast in the race. Kelsey Hayes Coots of Louisville received about 96,000 votes in this race, while Chris Tobe of Anchorage earned 58,548 votes.

In the fall, Donahue will face incumbent auditor Mike Harmon, who had no opponents in the Republican primary on Tuesday.

Floyd County voters chose Coots in the Democratic primary for state auditor.

She received about 1,762 votes in that race in Floyd County, representing about 49 percent of all votes cast. Donahue came in a close second-place, with 1,173 votes cast in her favor.

State Treasurer

Michael Bowman of Louisville easily beat his opponent Josh Mers of Lexington by more than 100,000 votes in the Democratic primary for state treasurer on Tuesday. Bowman earned more than 218,000 votes, taking 66.41 percent of all votes cast, while Mers received 110,349 votes, or about 34 percent.

Floyd County voters also chose Bowman in this race, handing him nearly 77 percent of all votes cast, or 3,480 votes.

Bowman will face incumbent treasurer Allison Ball of Prestonsburg in the fall.

Commissioner of Agriculture

Incumbent Ryan F. Quarles of Georgetown pounded his opponent in the Republican primary for the state agriculture commissioner's seat. Quarles received more than 82 percent of all votes cast — nearly 194,000 votes — while his opponent Bill Plyniak of Lexington received about 42,000 votes, or around 18 percent.

In the fall, Quarles will face the winner of the Democratic primary, Robert Haley Conway of Georgetown, who also easily beat his opponent on Tuesday.

In that race, Conway received nearly 201,000 votes, or about 60 percent of all votes cast, and his opponent, Joe Trigg of Glasgow, received 134,000 votes, or about 40 percent of all votes cast.

Floyd County voters also chose Quarles and Conway in the Democratic primary.

Quarles received 442 votes in Floyd County's Republican primary, or about 67 percent of all votes cast. Conway received 3,596 votes, or 77 percent of all votes cast in that race in Floyd County.

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Floyd high school seniors earn college degree

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins recently congratulated 18 high school seniors who earned an associate degree at Big Sandy Community and Technical College before they received their high school diploma.

Betsy Layne High School students Nathan Akers, Ashley Allen and Joshua Hall; Floyd Central students Josh Artrip, Cole DeRossett, Seth Dingus, Kaylie Edwards, Jacob Johnson,

Natalie Lester, Breanna Little, Jacob Morris and Devin Parsley and Prestonsburg High School students Caitlyn Goble, Caleb Johnson, Barbara Morrison, McKinley Smith, Hannah Thornsberry and Emily West earned associate degrees during commencement ceremonies held this month for BSCTC.

The Betsy Layne and Floyd Central students will also earn their high school diplomas on June 3, while Prestonsburg High School students

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Betsy Layne High School students Nathan Akers, Ashley Allen and Joshua Hall; Floyd Central students Josh Artrip, Cole DeRossett, Seth Dingus, Kaylie Edwards, Jacob Johnson, Natalie Lester, Breanna Little, Jacob Morris and Devin Parsley and Prestonsburg High School students Caitlyn Goble, Caleb Johnson, Barbara Morrison, McKinley Smith, Hannah Thornsberry and Emily West earned associate degrees during commencement ceremonies held this month for BSCTC.

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LIFESTYLES

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Paddlefest kicks off this weekend

**By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER**

Prestonsburg Tourism is kicking off the 2019 Paddlefest season this weekend.

Tourism Director Samantha West told Prestonsburg Tourism Commission members this week that the agency has received a lot of interest from the public for this event.

"We've had a really strong response. With everything going on, we didn't push it as early as we normally do, but it's catching. We're getting calls like wildfire on that," she said.

Starting on May 25, Paddlefest will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the fourth Saturday of every month through October. Participants will launch their

boats in the park near the river behind Billy Ray's restaurant, and they'll float to the Harmon Station boat ramp at the Combs Airport on the Floyd/Johnson County line.

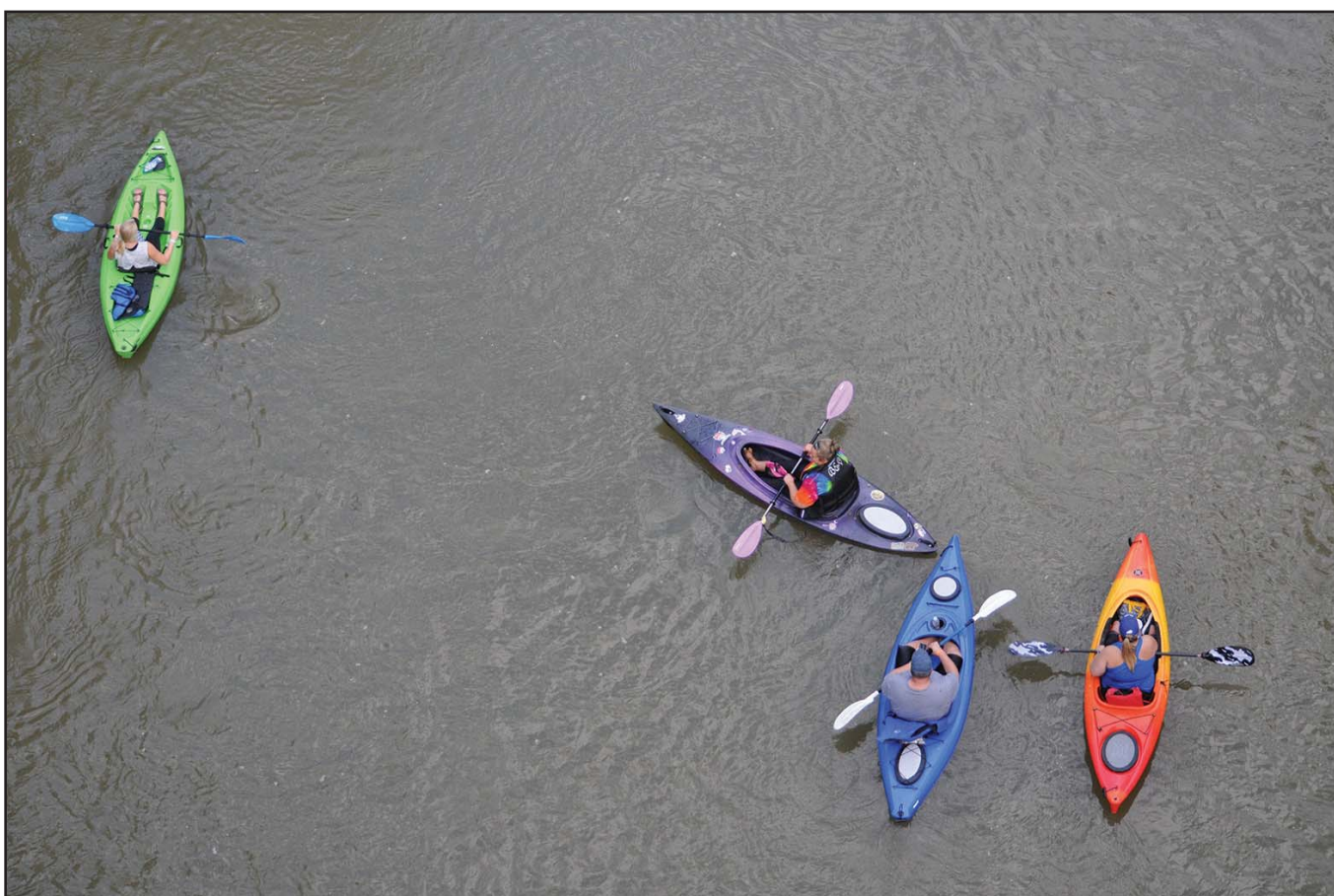
The cost is \$15 for the eight-mile guided tour of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and that cost includes lunch and a shuttle service back to the launch site.

The Paddlefest route is shorter than it was in previous years, following the decision of the Paintsville/Johnson County Tourism to back out of a partnership with Prestonsburg last year.

West said a shorter route has improved the trip.

Three companies, including Pro Fitness and

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Floyd Chronicle and Times file photos

Kayakers traveled to Prestonsburg from throughout the region and other states last year for Paddlefest. Starting this weekend, Paddlefest will be held on the fourth Saturday of every month through September.

TOURISM

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Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Floyd County, will rent kayaks and canoes at Paddlefest. West said the cost is \$35 from those groups, and she said Legend Outfitters of Louisa may also offer kayak and canoe rentals on Saturday.

For more information about Paddlefest, call, (606) 886-1341, or visit Prestonsburg Tourism on Facebook.

During the meeting, the commission also con-

sidered several items, including:

- Approved the financial report, showing \$113,800 in tax revenues for the month, with \$29,000 going to the Mountain Arts Center, \$37,000 going to Prestonsburg Parks Commission, \$38,000 going to the tourism commission and going to StoneCrest Golf Course.

- Approved payment of \$34,000 in bills, with officials reporting the credit card is paid off and all grants requested for this fiscal year have been paid.

- Approved partnering with the Expo Center in Pikeville to lease an advertisement space near a concession stand for \$1,000. Officials said Prestonsburg Tourism is interested in partnering with Floyd County Tourism to lease space over one concession stand there.

- Approved travel expense for West to represent the Middle Creek National Battlefield at an upcoming conference.

- Learned the new Prestonsburg Tourism website is nearly complete.

Community Events

Friday, May 24 – Saturday, May 25

- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: The 12th annual U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Yard Sale will be held in all counties connected to U.S. 23. Individuals may set up booths along U.S. 23 or in close proximity with permission of landowners. No setups permitted in state right-of-way areas.

Friday, May 24

- 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.: The Prestonsburg Merchant's Network is hosting a Block Party Sidewalk Sale, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, May 24 in downtown Prestonsburg, offering steep discounts on merchandise.

Saturday, May 25

- 8 a.m.: MCCC Fairytale 5K, Prestonsburg city stage. (606) 886-8572

- 8:30 a.m.: The first Levisa Fork Paddlefest of 2019 will begin in the park behind Billy Ray's Restaurant. (606) 886-1341

- 9 a.m.: The Floyd County Farmer's Market opens at the intersection of Ky. 114 and North Lake Drive

- Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.: The Veterans Coalition for Quality Healthcare and the Auxier Disabled American Veterans Post 18 will host a three-mile march for awareness of veteran suicide on Saturday, May 25, starting on Starfire Hill in Paintsville and ending at the intersection of Ky. 40 and Ky. 321. All local residents, regardless of military service, are invited to join the walk. A trailer will be available for those unable to walk and T-shirts will be given away.

Monday, May 27

- Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28

- 11:30 a.m.: Big Sandy Area Development District meets, Resource Drive, Prestonsburg.

- 6 p.m.: Martin City Council meets, Martin City Hall

Friday, May 31

- 5:30 p.m.: Southern Water and Sewer District is expected to call a special meeting to be held in the district office, McDowell

- 7 p.m.: Big Sandy Area Community Action Program to meet at the May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Location "subject to change." (606) 789-3641

- 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, The Brickhouse, Prestonsburg

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will earn their high school diplomas on June 7.

They earned associate degrees at BSCTC through the Floyd County Early College Academy, a program that allows high school students to attend classes at the college. In a statement, Adkins said their achievement is an "amazing accomplishment."

"We want to congratulate these (18) students for this amazing accomplishment," he said. "Graduating with an associate's degree before they officially graduate from high school isn't something I would have thought possible when I was in school and that's why this incredible group of students is a great example of the importance of our school district having opportunities for students as a priority."

To date, 99 Floyd County students have earned an associate degree through the FCEA and 23 students graduated high school with 30 or more hours of college.

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PMC OFFERS NEW TOOL FOR DIABETIC PATIENTS

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is the first hospital in the region to implement a device for diabetic patients during their hospital stay. PMC is now offering EndoTool in acute care settings.

EndoTool is a glucose management system that offers patients safe and personalized insulin dosing. The doses are recommended based on physiological patient-specific factors and the individual patient's response to treatment.

The system is designed to aid clinicians and helps determine the proper dose of insulin for each patient.

"The implementation of this technology increases the quality of care we can provide our patients," said PMC Assistant Vice President of Nursing, Nicole Porter.

She says EndoTool helps patients achieve glycemic control and optimizes patient outcomes.

According to monarch medical technologies, one – third of all patients will experience hyperglycemia during their hospital stay.

"As an organization, it was imperative that we take all necessary steps to reduce these concerns for our patients," added Porter.

EndoTool is designed to safely and effectively address hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia.

Uncontrolled blood glucose can often lead to higher complications, a longer length of stay and increased cost.

"Offering this to our patients decreases the chance of hyperglycemia and increases the control of our patients' blood glucose," said Porter.

She says this tool helps reduce readmission rates of patients and safely manages insulin pumps.

"Our goal as an organization is to provide the best care possible and get our patients well to go home," added Porter. "This tool helps patients understand their insulin and body and allows them to care better for themselves at home."

For more information about EndoTool contact Nicole Porter at 606-218-3500 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

PMC HONORS PURPLE HEART MEDAL RECIPIENTS DURING MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH



VFW members and Pikeville City Commissioner Steve Hartsock with Purple Heart medal recipient, James Hartsock

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) honors Purple Heart medal recipients with a unique tribute. In the PMC parking garage on the second floor there is now a parking spot that has been painted purple in honor of these heroes.

This project was inspired by Pikeville's own, James Hartsock.

Hartsock received the Purple Heart medal during his time in the U.S. Army while serving in Afghanistan.

The Purple Heart is America's oldest military award dating back to 1782 when General George Washington decided to create the Badge of Military Merit to recognize heroic acts by his troops and Pikeville is proud of its local hero who is part of that amazing list.

PMC Vice President of the Board of Directors and CEO Donovan Blackburn quoted Robert Green Ingersoll as saying, "When the will defies fear, when duty throws the gauntlet down to fate, when honor scorns to compromise with death - that is heroism."

Blackburn continued, "We are proud of our military heroes. Today we are excited to publically display those sentiments as we honor all Purple Heart recipients, including James Hartsock, with a permanent parking spot in our parking garage. They also hold a permanent spot in our hearts that we refer to as gratitude."

It is only fitting that this recognition take place during May since it is marked officially as Military Appreciation Month, a special month for those both in and out of the military.

Congress designated May as National Military Appreciation Month in 1999 to ensure the nation was given the chance to publicly show their appreciation for troops past and present.

VFW members Post Commander Rob Howard, Nathan SESCO, Jake Selwood, Jimmy Adkins, and Darian Hylton along with Pikeville City Commissioner Steve Hartsock and Purple Heart recipient James Hartsock were in attendance when the painting of the parking spot took place.

James Allen once said, "No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks."

The PMC Board of Directors, Donovan Blackburn, PMC Senior Vice Presidents, Physicians and staff take this opportunity to thank James Hartsock and all those who have served in the military to protect our country.

The sacrifices of these men and women have given Americans the opportunity to live in the greatest nation in the world.

The War Library is continually compiling a list of confirmed Purple Heart Medal recipients from all Service Branches. The growing list is publicly accessible on The War Library. Library access information is available at <http://www.amervets.com/library.htm>.

PATIENT'S CANCER DIAGNOSIS SAVES SISTER'S LIFE

By: Amy Charles

Sometimes, a cancer diagnosis creates a ripple effect felt by others. This is exactly what happened when Olieka Caudill, 38 of Wheelwright, was diagnosed.

With a new baby boy, and young daughter at home, breast cancer wasn't even on Olieka's radar.

While breastfeeding her infant son, Olieka discovered a painful lump in her breast the size of her thumb. Her doctor first suspected it was a cyst, but wanted an ultrasound just in case. By the time she got her ultrasound, the lump had doubled in size. PMC General Surgeon Oon Leedhanachoke, MD, (Dr. Oon) ordered a biopsy to get answers.

Because of the rapid rate of growth, Dr. Oon made the decision to do a complete lumpectomy. The pathology report confirmed she had stage two triple negative breast cancer.

After reviewing her options, Olieka decided on a complete, radical mastectomy of the right breast, performed by PMC General Surgeon Grady Stephens, MD.

"Before going into the surgery, the nurse held my hand and prayed with me," said Olieka. "Afterwards, I was completely calm when I went in. The surgical staff was great."

The mastectomy was not the end of her journey. She now had to see an oncologist to determine a course of treatment.

"I couldn't have asked for better care than I received from PMC Hematologist/Medical Oncologist Christopher Croot, MD.," said Olieka. "When



Olieka Caudill on the last day of chemotherapy, posing with her sister, Courtney, and a chemo nurse

he came in, he told me we could fight it, and I was going to live."

"Triple negative breast cancer requires powerful chemotherapy because it doesn't respond well to other treatments," explained Dr. Croot. "These types of tumors are much more aggressive."

While going through chemotherapy, she still came to work as a pharmacy tech at PMC. Her outlook and determination were an inspiration to her co-workers.

"She doesn't even realize how many lives she's changed," expressed PMC Pharmacist Cassee Jones. "Her attitude is unbelievable. Olieka always comes to work with a smile and ready to go.

She is a special person who brightens everyone's day."

Olieka explained that working with the public as a pharmacy tech helped her get a better perspective on life. She saw many, many sick people coming to get their medicine and realized that they kept going, and she could too.

Olieka encouraged everyone around her to get screened for various cancers. It was not long before she would understand the impact her cancer diagnosis would have on her family.

Her 35 year-old sister, Courtney Yates, got a mammogram at Olieka's urging. Courtney was diagnosed with triple negative breast cancer as well, in stage 1 when it's most curable.

"I would go through this all over again, just to save her," said Olieka. "God is using this diagnosis to save my sister and possibly our children."

Olieka and her sister underwent genetic testing for breast cancer and other types of cancers. They both tested positive and will have their children tested when they are older.

Olieka is now finishing up her radiation treatments under the care of PMC Radiation Oncologist Ruth Lavigne, MD. When her treatment is complete, she will have a hysterectomy and a radical mastectomy of the left breast. Her genetic testing revealed she has an 80 percent chance of developing other types of female cancers, so these procedures put her at significantly less risk.

For more information about the oncology services offered at PMC, please visit www.pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-2212.

Lady Jaguars fall in district championship

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Much-improved Floyd Central held its own but couldn't limit the host team as reigning champion Lawrence County eventually pulled away to win 8-3 in the 58th

District Softball Tournament title game on Wednesday.

Lawrence County captured its second straight 58th District crown.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 12-17.

Lawrence County

improved to 26-9 with the win.

Both Lawrence County and Floyd Central advanced to the 15th Region Softball Tournament. Floyd Central is poised to host the 15th Region Softball Tournament.

Lawrence County

ty eighth-grader Allie Triplett picked up the pitching win in the 58th District Softball Tournament title game. Triplett managed to overcome more than one turbulent inning to claim the victory.

Floyd Central freshman Ashlee Bellamy

suffered the loss. Bellamy fared well early before Lawrence County was able to produce at the plate.

Currently, Lawrence County owns the best record among 15th Region softball teams.

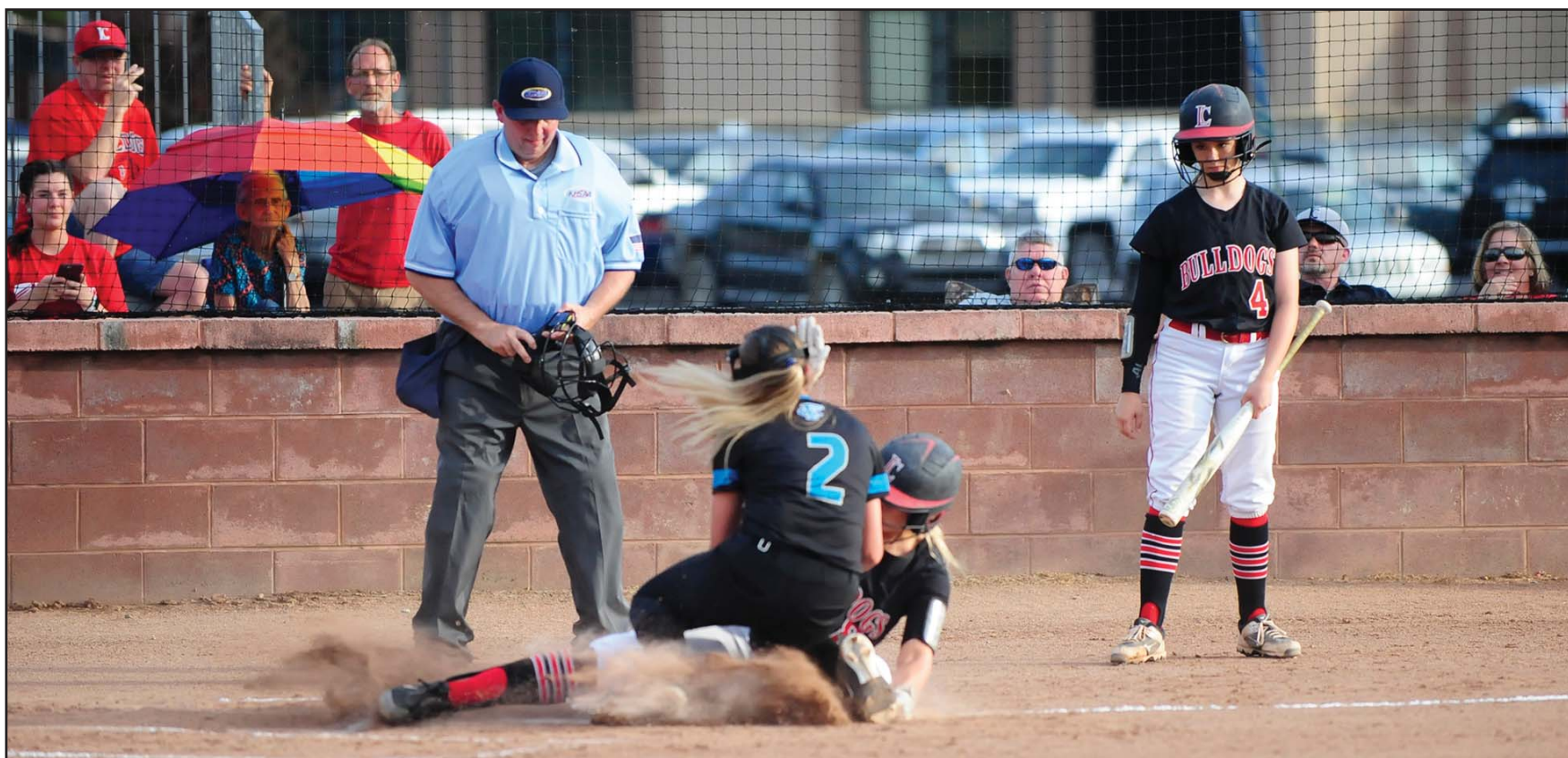
Along with Lawrence County and Floyd

Central, teams headed to the 15th Region Softball Tournament are Johnson Central, Paintsville, Pikeville, Shelby Valley, Pike Central and Belfry. Pikeville is the reigning 15th Region softball champion.



Floyd Central leadoff hitter Brook Stumbo connects on a pitch during the first inning of the 58th District Softball Tournament title game on Wednesday.

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LEFT: Floyd Central pitcher Ashlee Bellamy tagged out Lawrence County's Ashley Hayes at home plate.

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Floyd Central's Katie Moore runs through first base, hitting safely following her initial at-bat.



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Floyd Central batter Emma Dudleson holds off on a pitch from Lawrence County hurler Allie Triplett (not pictured).

All-Star race delivers



Racin'
Steve Mickey

Every professional sport has some form of an all-star event that it uses to showcase its stars and in the process put on an entertaining show for the fans. The stick and ball sports make sure that they put their stars in a position to shine but at the same time, those all-star games do not generate the same kind of passion and effort that we witnessed Saturday night at Charlotte Motor Speedway with the running of the Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race.

The race is definitely an event that has been tweaked for the fans in the stands and the television audience but unlike other all-star events, the action that takes place on the track has all of the passion and tension that is on display at every stop on the MENCS schedule. There were no points awarded on Saturday night but there was the lure of the one million dollar check that went to the winner. The thought of taking home the check was on the minds of every driver that took the green flag to start the race and on the minds of everyone watching from their homes as FOX's broadcast team repeated time and time again that

it was the million dollars that was on the line that had every driver pushing both his car and himself to the limit to be able to cash that check at the end of the race.

Kevin Harvick and his Stewart Haas Racing Ford was the class of the field but his pit crew did not have the kind of night on pit road that would allow him to take his Mustang to Victory Lane. Harvick found himself back in the field after leading much of the race which opened up the door for some other drivers to take a turn at leading the field. Kyle Busch, Joey Logano and Chase Elliott at times looked like they were going to have the car to beat but all of that changed when the final 15-lap stage started.

Kyle Larson wasn't even in the starting field for the All-Star race when the racing started on Saturday as he found himself as one of three drivers who would race their way into the main event by winning one of the three stages in Monster Energy Open held just prior to the start of the All-Star Race. Larson transferred into the main event by winning the last 10-lap stage and was joined by stage winners Bubba Wallace and William Byron.

Larson took advantage of his transfer spot and found himself in contention when the green flag waved to begin the final 15-lap stage of the main event. Only green flag laps counted in the final stage and with just 12 laps remaining, Harvick gave Larson the push he needed on a restart to

take the lead. Over the final laps, he was able to hold off charges from Kyle Busch, Chase Elliott and Harvick to go on and become only the second driver to win the All-Star Race after transferring from the Open as the race's winner.

Larson has struggled this season as he now sits in fifteenth in the point standings which is just twelve points ahead of Jimmie Johnson in sixteenth which is the final transfer spot into the playoff round of ten races that will determine this season's champion. He has registered more DNF's (3) than he has top-5 finishes (1) but he does have four top-10 finishes which shows that he has been competitive at times. He hopes this win could be the beginning of a run of good finishes that could put him into the thick of the playoff picture.

PIT NOTES: Some of the best action of the night occurred during the cool-down lap after the race when Clint Bowyer and Ryan Newman showed their displeasure with each other. Contact between the two drivers resulted in Bowyer's car being turned into the outside wall. Once the two cars were on pit road, Bowyer rushed to Newman before he got out of his car and began throwing punches. Newman finally was able to get out of his car but no more punches were thrown. Both drivers had to report to the NASCAR hauler but no fines or penalties were expected to be handed down.

Jaguars set to take on Golden Eagles in 15th Region Tournament

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central will have the tough task of facing perennial title contender Johnson Central in the opening round of the 15th Region Baseball Tournament. First pitch for the Floyd Central-Johnson Central matchup is set for 8 p.m. on the Jaguars' home field on Saturday.

The Jaguars dropped a pair of games to Johnson Central during the regular-season. Johnson Central defeated Floyd Central 9-3 in a late-regular season game in Eastern on May 16. Prior to that contest, Johnson Central blanked the Jag-

uars 13-0 in six innings on April 12.

Floyd Central finished runner-up to hard-hitting Lawrence County (32-5) in the 58th District. Lawrence County blanked the Jaguars 9-0 in the 58th District championship game in Louisa on Tuesday. Floyd Central dropped to 13-18 following the loss.

Johnson Central defeated crosstown rival Paintsville 8-2 in the 57th District Baseball Tournament title game in Inez on Tuesday. Following the win, Johnson Central improved to 30-5.

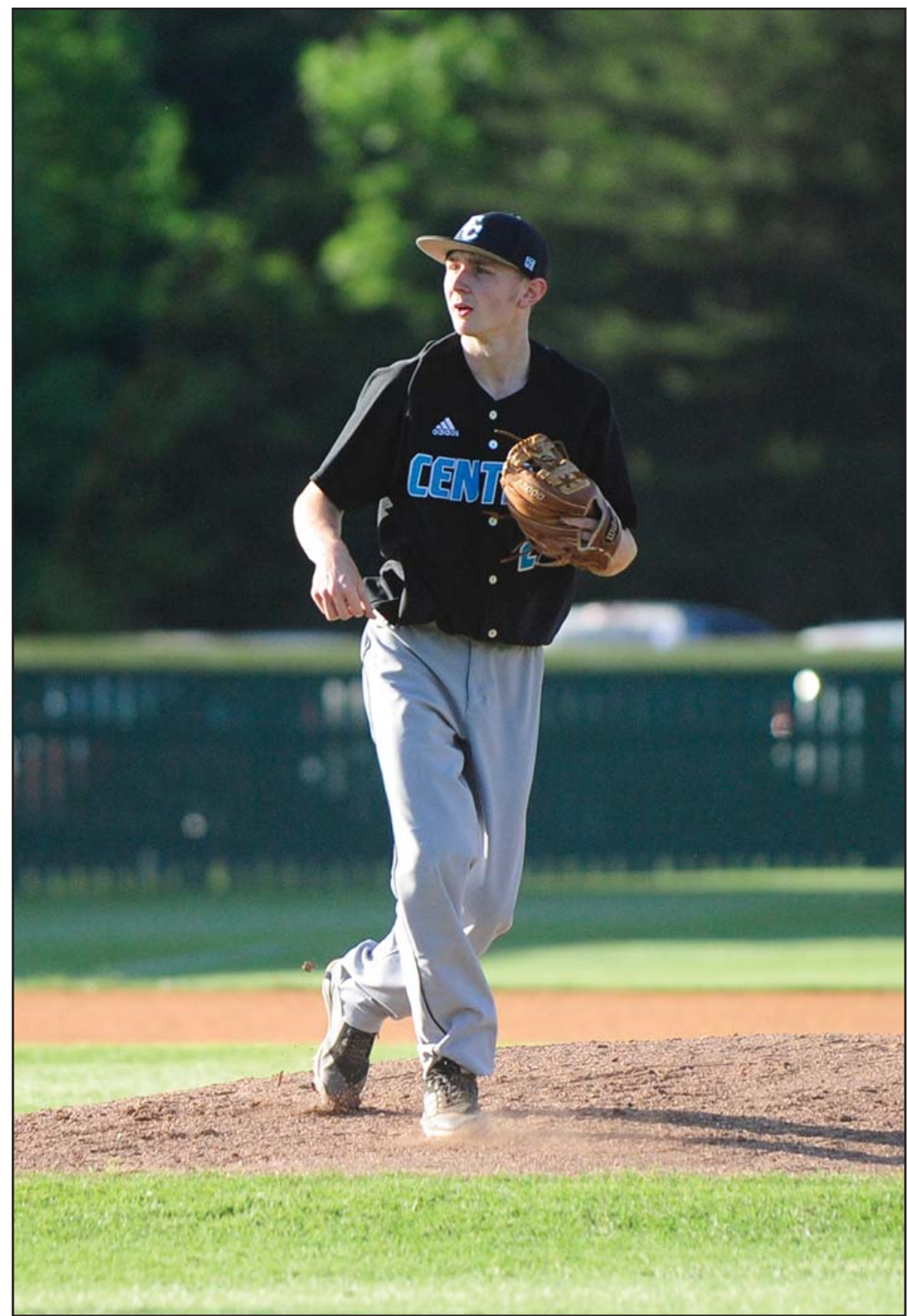
Paintsville is the reigning 15th Region baseball champion. The Tigers have compiled a

21-15 record heading into the 15th Region Baseball Tournament.

Other matchups set for the 15th Region Baseball Tournament are Lawrence County vs. Paintsville, Pike Central vs. Pikeville and Shelby Valley vs. Belfry.

15th Region Baseball Tournament at Floyd Central: Saturday, May 25 First Round

Lawrence County vs. Paintsville, 11:00 a.m.
Pike County Central vs. Pikeville, 2:00 p.m.
Shelby Valley vs. Belfry, 5:00 p.m.
Johnson Central vs. Floyd Central, 8:00 p.m.



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Floyd Central pitcher Matt Combs delivers a pitch during the 58th District Baseball Tournament title game on Tuesday.

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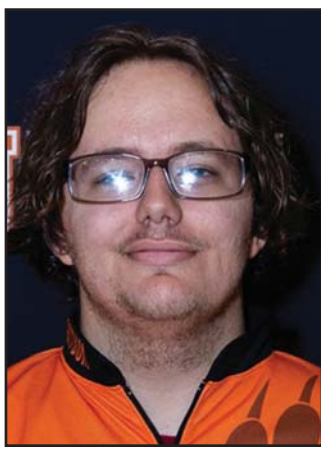
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UPIke 13th at Outdoor Nationals, Blackburn among three All-Americans

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Andrew Blackburn

DUBLIN, Ohio — Faced with the toughest competition of the season, and possibly ever, the UPIke archery team competed in its final event of the year over the weekend at the 2019 National Outdoor Collegiate Championships.

UPIke finished 13th out of 60 teams in the event, the first year of the event since the merger of USA Archery and the U.S. Collegiate Archery Association.

Despite the stiff competition, UPIke still walked away with plenty of awards and notable performances from the tournament.

Katie Karr had the best individual performance for the Bears, making the finals of the women's basic bow division and finishing second out of 39 competitors. She defeated the No. 1 and No. 4 seeds in the quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively. Her eighth place qualification was also the top ranking for UPIke.

Two other archers reached the quarterfinals of the elimination rounds. Ashlee Jones finished seventh in the basic bow division after

qualifying 19th. She upset the No. 13 and No. 3 seeds to advance. Rachel Ratliff had an even harder path after qualifying 42nd, slowed down by equipment issues. She had to defeat the No. 23, No. 10 and No. 39 seeds in order on her route to the quarterfinals.

UPIke also picked up three All-American awards at the event. Andrew Blackburn (men's basic bow), Aric "A.J." Clements (men's recurve), and Karr all received the honor by finishing in the top 10 in their division. Blackburn is a Prestonsburg High School graduate. He hails from Prestonsburg.

Lauren Burgess also picked up an academic All-American award in the women's bowhunter division for her combined work in the field and in the classroom.

UPIke will return all of its archers plus add on another recruiting class next year in the program's third season.

Jaguars' football schedule set

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central has finalized and released its schedule for the 2019 high school football season. The Jaguars are scheduled to open the 2019 high school football season with back-to-back home games before hosting an opponent in a home opener.

Shawn Hager is headed into his third season as head coach of the Jaguars.

Floyd Central is scheduled to kick off the 2019 season on the road

at Clay County on August 23. The Jaguars have additional away games on tap versus North Laurel, Magoffin County, Lawrence County and Letcher Central.

Floyd Central is due to host Knott Central in a home opener on September 6. The Jaguars' slate includes five consecutive home games. Floyd Central has other home games in place against Hazard, Prestonsburg, Pike County Central and Belfry.

The Jaguars notched wins over Harlan, Betsy Layne, Breathitt County, Prestonsburg and Shel-

don Clark during the 2018 high school football season. Floyd Central dropped games to Lynn Camp, Pike Central, Belfry, Lawrence County, Letcher Central and Boyle County during its second-ever campaign in 2018. The Jaguars concluded the 2018 season 5-6. Floyd Central lost to longtime state powerhouse Boyle County in the opening round of the 2018 Class 3A KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl.

The Jaguars will open preseason practice in early-mid-July.

Floyd Central 2019 Schedule

- Aug. 23 at Clay County, 7:30 p.m.
- Aug. 30 at North Laurel, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 6 Knott Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20 Prestonsburg, 7:30 p.m.
- Sept. 27 Pike Central, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4 Belfry, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11 at Magoffin County, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 25 at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
- Nov. 1 at Letcher Central, 7:30 p.m.



Quarterback Caleb Hager (1) hands the ball off in this file photo. Hager is due back for his junior season with the Floyd Central football team.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Find out more about your family background. Visit an older relative or family friend who can share information and memories. What you discover will help you make an important decision.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Keep close tabs on your spending. A bargain isn't saving you money if you are buying something you don't need. Personal improvements can be made for free. Focus on fitness and diet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - A change of heart may leave you wondering what went wrong. Before you let a situation get you down, consider socializing. You'll be surprised by someone you encounter.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Make plans to do something with a loved one, or go on a spiritual quest. Search for ways to make subtle improvements to give yourself and your prospects a boost.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Invest more time and money in your appearance and health. Set up a program that will encourage you to eat and live well. Good advice will be offered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Keep your emotions out of the equation when dealing with sensitive issues that include a loved one. Kind actions and attention will speak louder than words. Romance is highlighted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Talk matters through. If something doesn't seem right, ask questions until you are sure you

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



understand what's going on. Don't use excessive behavior to avoid reality.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Move things around at home to accommodate your plans. Whether you are hosting an event or starting a new project, having the proper surroundings will make a difference. Share with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Your emotions should not be ignored. If you listen to your heart, you will know exactly what you have to do. Prepare to walk away from unpredictable situations.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Don't hide from your past. Acknowledge what's happened, learn from your mistakes and make sure you don't slip back into a bad pattern or habit. Respect is earned, not bought.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don't get angry about something you cannot change. Look for other opportunities that will help you make the most of what you have to offer. Call in favors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - An emotional incident will make you look bad. Don't share personal information with anyone who may use it against you. Stay focused, well-informed and poised to defend your position.

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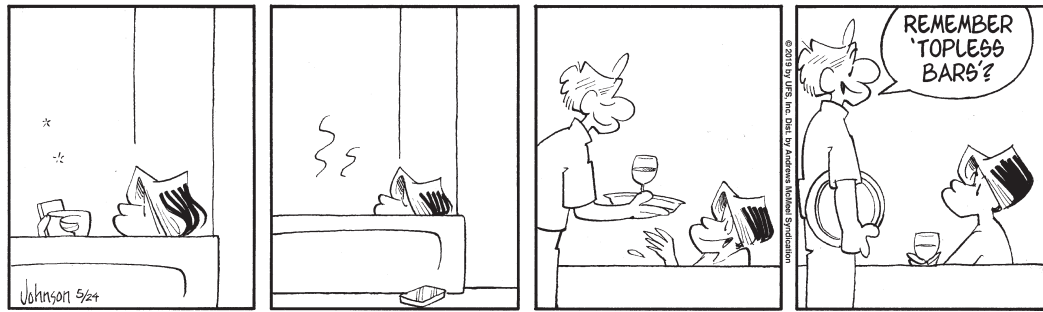
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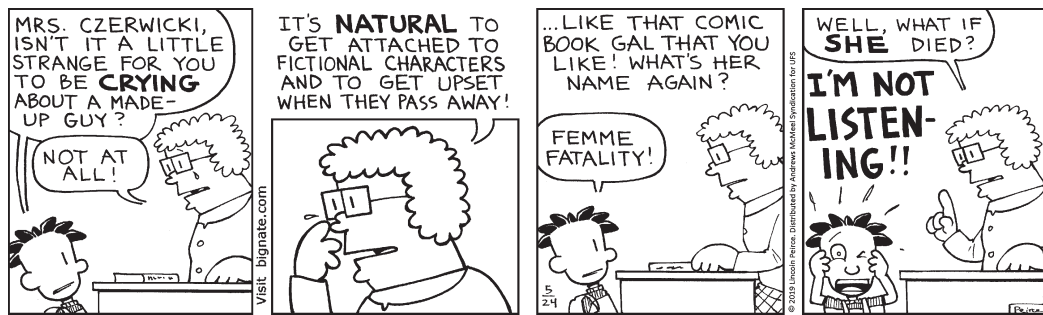
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Bassoon cousin
 - 5 Kitten's pleas
 - 10 Sulk
 - 14 Vindictive goddess
 - 15 Fly the shuttle
 - 16 "Nah!"
 - 17 Slickers
 - 18 New wife
 - 19 Business salutation
 - 20 Gourmet delicacies
 - 22 Lawmaker
 - 24 Per
 - 26 Director - Ephron
 - 27 Trip
 - 30 "Arabian Nights" hero
 - 31 More than most
 - 35 Concluded
 - 38 Slack-jawed
 - 39 Least amt.
 - 40 Pyle or Kovacs
 - 42 Make doilies
 - 43 Duck out from under
 - 46 Test, as ore
 - 48 Sorbet
 - 49 Halvah base
 - 51 Cheese go-with
 - 53 Hold sway
 - 55 Earthenware pot
 - 56 Use up
 - 59 Eccentric old man
 - 63 Rocker Jon Bon -
 - 64 Scuba enthusiast
 - 66 MS enclosure
 - 67 Augury
 - 68 Aristocracy
 - 69 Not pro
 - 70 Glacier breakaway
 - 71 Postpone
 - 72 "Saving Private -"
 - 27 Michener or Clavell
 - 28 Martini extra
 - 29 Radius neighbors
 - 31 Tie-dye cousin
 - 32 Posthaste
 - 33 Hinder
 - 36 Jr. naval officer
 - 37 Nightclub
 - 41 Tea variety (2 wds.)
 - 44 Fixing a sock
 - 45 Green-egg layers
 - 47 Connecticut campus
 - 50 Avoided capture
 - 52 Gaul conqueror
 - 54 Novelist - Zola
 - 56 Attend
 - 57 Finished
 - 58 Harm
 - 60 Wacky
 - 61 This, in Barcelona
 - 62 Curb
 - 63 Daily work
 - 65 KLM datum
- DOWN**
- 1 Units of resistance
 - 2 Soup ingredient
 - 3 Fierce whale
 - 4 Less difficult
 - 5 Tumultuous gathering (2 wds.)
 - 6 Make a typo
 - 7 Kimono closers
 - 8 Expand the boundaries
 - 9 Dictation pros
 - 10 Wild horse
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 - 21 Road division
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 - 25 Serpent Hercules fought

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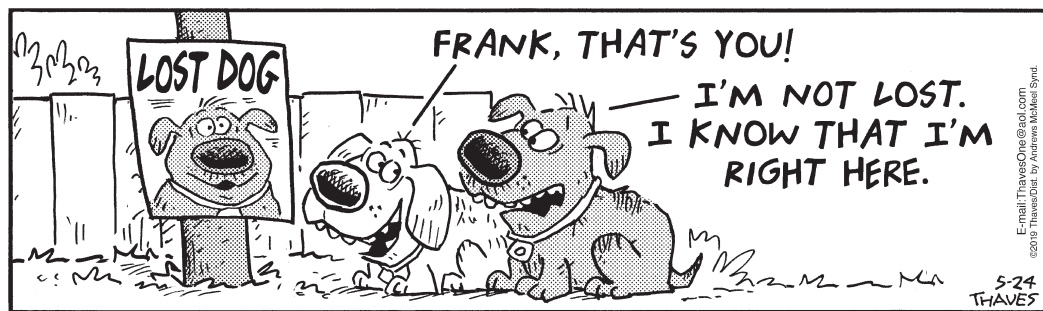
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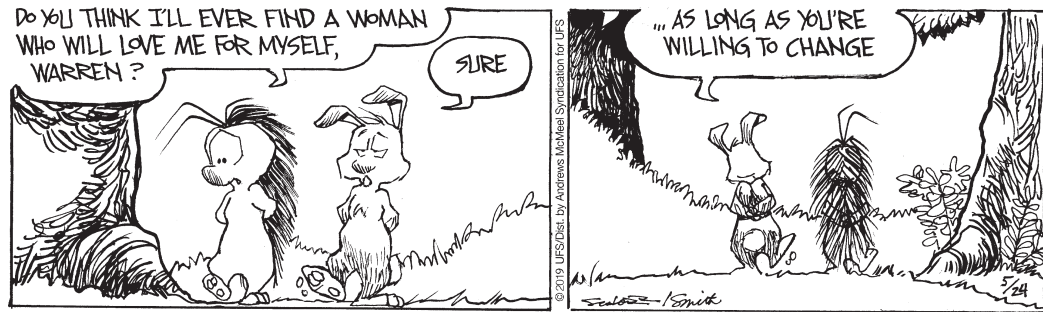
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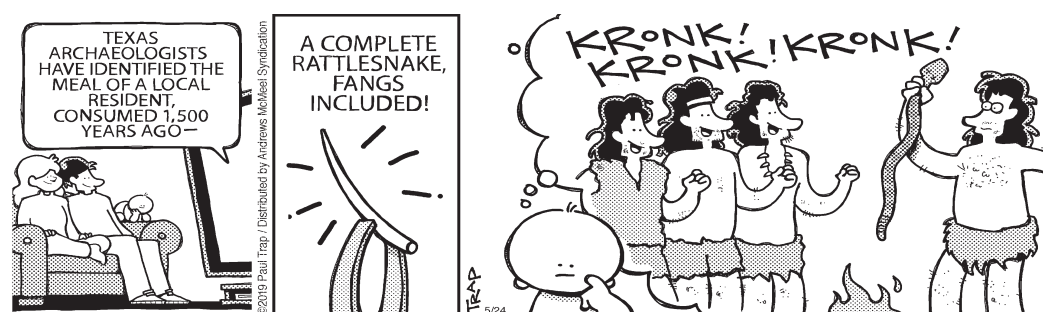
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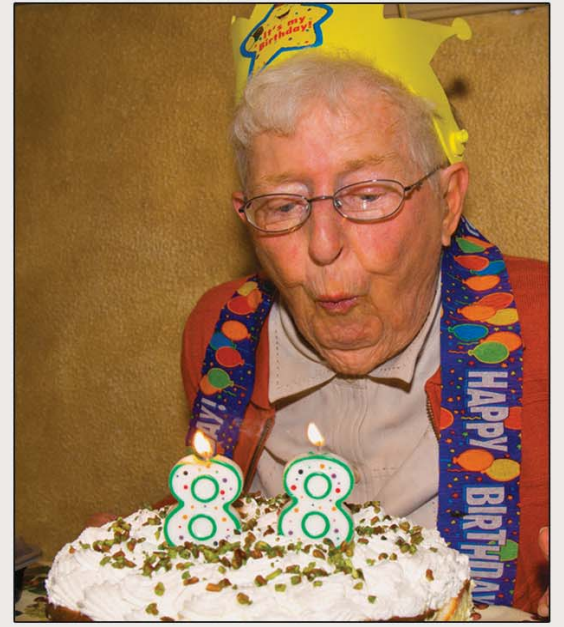


John Caleb Smith, the son of Aaron and Christy Smith of Allen was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Thelma Ratliff of Allen and John and Dorothy Smith of Wheelwright, Ky.

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

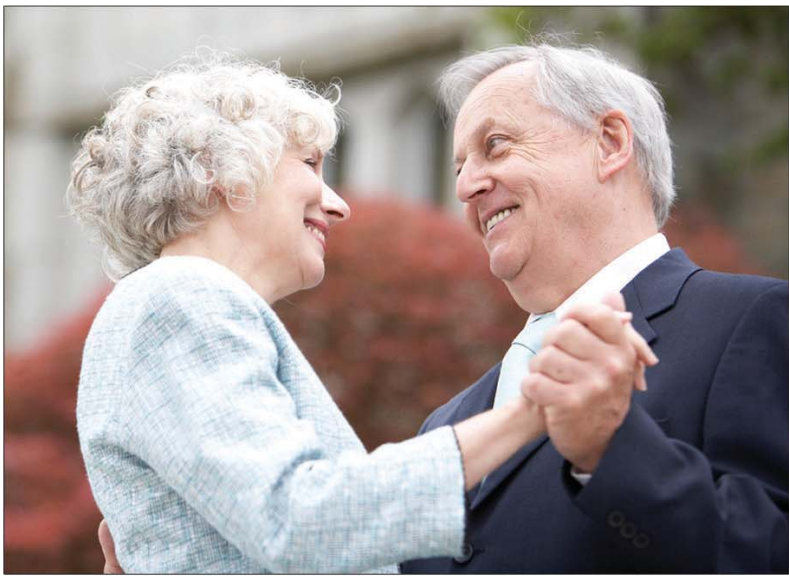
Celebrating Birthdays



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

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



Celebrating 55 years

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

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Dotson-Simpkins



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

Engagement

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

Wedding

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Hatfield-McDaniel



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



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