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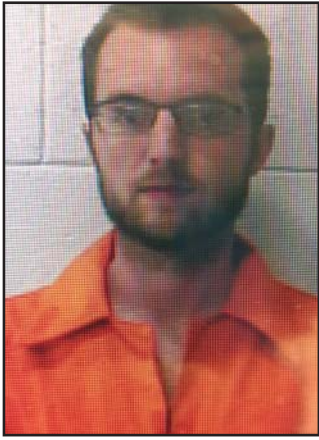
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**Bobby J. Blackburn**

## Pastor turns himself in

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The pastor of Elevate Church and manager of Giovanni's in Prestonsburg turned himself into authorities on Wednesday after being charged with a felony child exploitation charge.

Floyd County Jailer Stuart Halbert reported that Bobby Jordan "BJ" Blackburn, 26, of Prestonsburg, turned himself into authorities on Wednesday and was released from custody that day. Blackburn turned himself in at 11:36 a.m. on Wednesday and Halbert said he was released on home incarceration and pretrial monitoring at 5:20 p.m. after posting a \$5,000 cash bond.

Prestonsburg Police Sgt. Ross Shurtleff wrote in the citation that Blackburn turned himself in five days after the warrant was issued.

The Prestonsburg Police Department issued a statement this past weekend searching for Blackburn, who is charged with one felony count of prohibited use of an electronic device to procure a minor for a sexual act.

Shurtleff alleges in

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# Storm causes death in Prestonsburg



The storm caused a roof, described as being 100 feet in length, to be blown off of the former Hock Shop building on West Court Street and onto four cars, one of which was in operation. The driver of that vehicle died at the scene. A passenger was uninjured.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

## 'Downburst' carried winds of 70-80 mph

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

A Pike County resident died as a result of the storm that pummeled Prestonsburg on Wednesday.

Floyd County Coroner Greg Nelson confirmed Thursday that Michael Campbell, 61, of Pikeville was killed as a result of blunt force trauma he suffered during the storm. Officials reported that Campbell was driving on

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A large tree fell on this home, located at the corner of Main Street and Stanley Street in West Prestonsburg Wednesday, causing a power outage in the neighborhood.

# BOE starts budget process

By ELAINE BELCHER  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education held a special meeting Tuesday to approve the tentative working budget for the 2019-2020 school year.

The tentative working

budget, approved alongside other items on the board's consent agenda, is part of a three-part budgeting process that will be finalized after the board approves tax rates. Some funding recorded in the budget approved Tuesday are preliminary

estimates.

The budget, based on current staffing levels and contracts approved by the board, expects that the board will adopt compensating tax rates this fall for property taxes — a move that may increase taxes on Floyd

County residents.

Local governments adopt compensating tax rates in order to obtain the same amount of revenues as the prior year.

Last year, the board opted not to adopt the compensating rate, leaving tax rates at 69.2 cents

per \$100 of assessed value on real property and at 55.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value on personal property.

The tentative budget reports an expected total of more than \$9.7

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**STORM**

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West Court Street with his fiancé when the roof of the former Hock Shop building blew off and crashed onto his vehicle and three other vehicles parked on the roadway. The female occupant, whose name was not released, was not physically injured.

Ed Ray, a meteorologist who serves as the science and operations officer at the National Weather Service in Jackson, said the incident was the result of a downburst that carried winds of between 70 and 80 miles per hour.

"It was basically a downburst from a thunderstorm and a lot of times those will be fairly localized in an area, like last year, we had one in Paintsville, for example, and also two days later, believe it or not, one in Frenchburg," Ray said.

The storm, which occurred at approximately 2:15 p.m. and lasted only a few minutes, caused trees to fall on two houses, a tree to crash into a car near City Hall and the 100 feet long rooftop to blow off of the former Hock Shop building, which was under renovation.

Prestonsburg Fire Department Lt. Celina Thomas, a paramedic, and Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton were the first responders to arrive at the scene of the fatality.

Thomas said the passenger was already out

of the vehicle when she arrived and was physically uninjured but "emotionally distraught."

"Myself and Mayor Stapleton were the first ones to the vehicle," Thomas said. "We managed to get the windows and three other vehicles broke. We checked on the individual. He was obviously deceased. At that point, we secured the scene, got people out of the way and just waited on extra personnel to get there."

The roof damaged four cars on Court Street, three of which were parked, Thomas said.

"They probably didn't hear it," she said about the occupants of the vehicle. "But it ripped off clean and it just come down and just laid right on top of the vehicles."

West Court Street was closed after the incident and traffic was diverted on Thursday.

Thomas said it was a "miracle" that there weren't any more wrecks during the storm. She and Stapleton described the conditions as a "white out."

They expressed gratitude for the assistance received from the public. Stapleton said there was an "outpouring of support" from other cities and counties.

Thomas said officials and customers from West Court Street businesses came out to try to help.

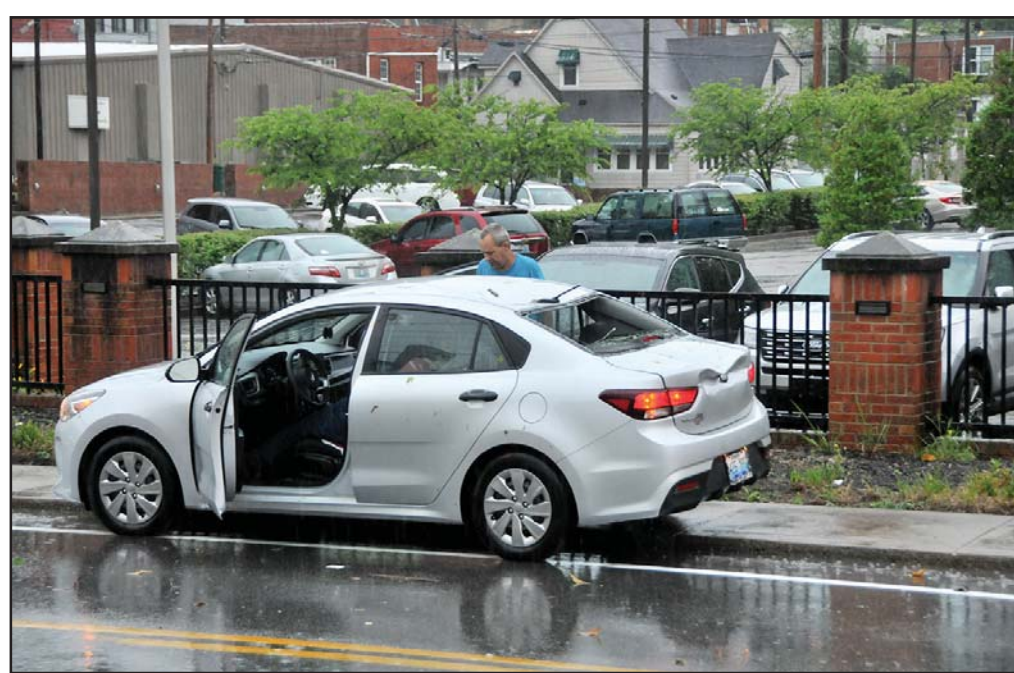
"There were people trying to help. Nobody really wanted to get under that roof, but all the business owners were out. People came



**A tree fell near Prestonsburg City Hall, and hit the back of a car traveling on North Lake Drive Wednesday. Officials reported that the driver and occupant of the car were not injured.**

up from the restaurants. They were all over the place," she said. "So, as soon as we assessed the patient, we cleared the scene because it was obviously still dangerous."

Floyd County Emergency Management Director Tim Fields reported that most of the damage reported from the storm occurred in Prestonsburg. Throughout the county, he said the storm mostly toppled trees and blocked roadways. No other injuries were reported.



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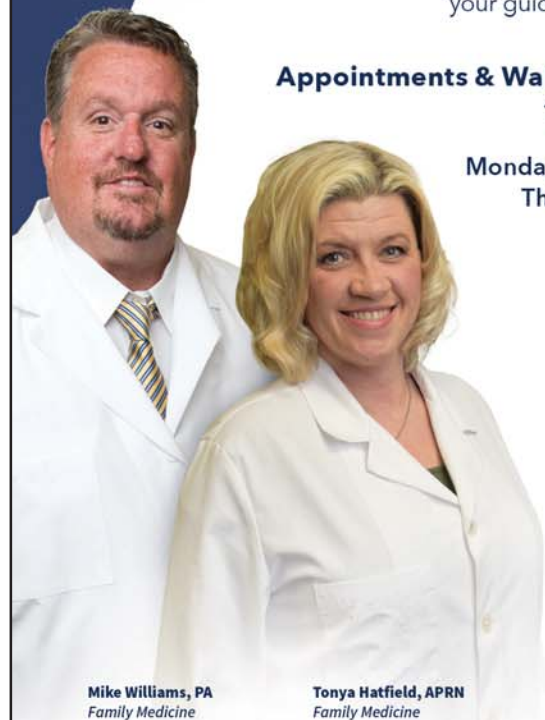
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# Southern: The amnesty is over

## District will seek prosecution for water theft

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

Officials at the Southern Water and Sewer District announced on May 28 that the time for amnesty is over.

At the recommendation of Utilities Management Group, district officials gave residents who are illegally getting water the opportunity to come into the office from May 1 through May 15 and sign up for services, no questions asked,

UMG Owner Greg May and UMG Special Projects Manager Don Compton told the Southern Water commission on May 28 that four people accepted that opportunity for amnesty. May said one new customer who came in reported receiving water illegally since 2010.

May asked for guidance from the commis-

sion on what to do with others who are illegally obtaining water. He brought four pipefittings to the meeting to show the commission what residents use to bypass Southern Water meters and get water illegally.

"I think you've got to prosecute," Commissioner Steve Dawson told him — a statement with which other commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Rick Roberts said the district "could be held liable" if they "look the other way" for water theft, while Grondall Potter of UMG told them that if water theft caused water quality issues, the Kentucky Division of Water could cite the district.

May initially asked for approval to work with the Floyd County Attorney to prosecute water theft cases. Commissioners told him, however, that



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Utilities Management Group Owner Greg May shows a pipefitting that was used to obtain water illegally to Southern Water and Sewer District commission members.

permission is not necessary because UMG is managing the district.

UMG officials said they would communicate

with Southern Water attorney Steven Bailey as the criminal cases are filed. May and Potter said UMG will provide doc-

umentation of alleged theft of services that include the length of time water has been illegally obtained. In cases where

the value of the water stolen is more than \$500, residents can be charged with a felony, officials said.

# Southern Water declines payout for Hall

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Southern Water and Sewer District Commission opted not to pay sick time to former manager Dean Hall this week.

During a May 28 meeting, the commission considered a requested payment of accumulated sick time to Hall, with Chairman Jeff Prater saying Hall had about 400 hours of sick time before he resigned.

"I talked to Dean earlier that day (of his resignation) and I told him I would bring this before the board," Prater said, "and Dean felt like that

he, as having been a 20-some-year employee, he wants you to consider giving him, or letting him use his ... sick leave. He had accrued a lot of sick leave."

Southern Water attorney Steve Bailey said Hall is entitled to his vacation time, but there is no legal requirement for payment of accumulated sick leave.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission opened an investigation on March 11, seeking to determine whether Hall violated state laws and regulations during his tenure as Southern Water manager.

Officials reported that Hall was injured at work on March 22, a few days before the commission approved an emergency management contract with Pikeville-based Utilities Management Group. Hall resigned via a May 2 letter, and, on May 6, the PSC dismissed the investigation into his work with the district. That order said, "Based on the Commission's finding that prima facie evidence existed regarding the alleged violations, a civil penalty against Mr. Hall would have potentially been assessed had he not resigned."

Several questions

were raised in a hearing in a separate PSC case this month, including allegations related to purchases at restaurants, a brewery and a grocery store from a credit card that officials said Hall used, and the amenities on his Southern Water truck, which included a satellite radio subscription and heated leather seats.

Southern Commissioner Rick Roberts reference the questions raised by the PSC when he addressed the request for sick time payments.

"I would have to say before I vote that I oppose," Roberts said. "Like, he resigned, you know. We paid him his vacation. That's appropriate, but not sick time. And, you know, you've got to take into consideration what's happened here in the last couple of months with the PSC and the hearing, and things that him and some of the employees have been, I guess, maybe accused of, or whatever. I think we've been more than fair enough with Mr. Hall." He made a motion

not to pay Hall sick time, but it did not receive a second. Prater asked for a motion to pay the sick time, but that request failed for a lack of a motion.

"I understand the situation, but I made that promise," Prater said, about presenting the topic for discussion.

Southern Water payroll records indicate that Hall earned more than \$18,000 from about 400 hours of work at the district this year. One official said he earned more than \$32 per hour as manager.

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**BUDGET**

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million in ad valorem taxes — about \$300,000 more than what's budgeted for the current fiscal year and \$900,000 less than the actual taxes collected a year prior in Floyd County.

According to the tentative budget, presented by Floyd County Schools District Finance Director Tiffany Campbell, the district will carry forward about \$6.1 million, which is about \$100,000 less than it carried forward last year into this fiscal year.

"The actual amount

of carry forward could change once all payrolls are completed, all bills paid and all funds are received at the end of FY19," she said.

The grand total of all school district funds, contingent on the receipt of state and federal funding, is more than \$78.7 million — around \$3 million more than the current-year budget and about \$250,000 less than the total received by the district the prior fiscal year.

In the general fund, the tentative budget assumes revenues and expenses of \$57.3 million, which is about \$3.3 million more than the

revenues in the current budget, more than \$1.2 million less than actual revenues during last fiscal year.

The district expects an increase in Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funding, which is budgeted at \$27.4 million, which is \$282,000 less, compared to the current budget. Campbell said, however, that these estimates are still preliminary until the Kentucky Department of Education approves and issues those funds beginning in July.

Overall, according to Campbell, instructional expenditures are predicted to remain the same

with some variance from individual school's site-based decision making council decisions, including maintenance and operating costs and salaries based on individual full-time, coaching and substitute positions based on rank and experience.

Campbell noted that no funds were budgeted for new buses and transportation costs were only budgeted for travel to and from schools.

"Any purchases would have to come out of the general fund," she said.

The board passed the tentative budget with no comments.

Also approved at the special board meeting

was a request for the Allen Elementary STLP team to travel to Philadelphia, Penn. for the International Society of Technology in Education Conference to represent

Kentucky for the national STLP competition and approve 26 technology items for surplus.

The next Floyd County BOE meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on



**PASTOR**

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the citation that on May 24, Sgt. Ralph Frasure "responded to a complaint of the accused engaging in a conversation via iMessage with a minor female to procure her to engage in a sex act which would meet the statute of Rape 3rd with another minor which would also meet the requirements of that statute."

Shurtleff reported that he interviewed the alleged victim who provided images of the conversation that included messages allegedly sent from Blackburn.

Blackburn asked the minor to "engage in a 'threesome' with he and another minor," Shurtleff wrote in the citation. He reported that Blackburn also allegedly coerced an underage employee of his business to lie to officers about the alleged incident.

"The following afternoon of the 25th of May, Blackburn followed a third minor female to the Prestonsburg Police Department where she attempted to give a statement that she had sent messages from Blackburn's phone when questioned about the content of the messages, she only had a very limited knowledge about the conversation in this incident and when confronted with her misinformation, she recanted her statement and then provided a written and audio statement that Blackburn advised her of this situation and that she needed

to come give a statement that she was the one that sent the messages, when in fact she was not, and if she didn't she would lose her job," Shurtleff wrote.

Shurtleff reported that he attempted to collect the phone, but family members said it had been "thrown in the river in Pike County."

Services were cancelled at Elevate Church Sunday after Prestonsburg Police issued its statement regarding the search for Blackburn. Facebook pages for the church and Giovanni's of Prestonsburg, which is owned by company operated by Blackburn's family, are no longer active.

Blackburn is scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd District Court on June 19.

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## GUEST COLUMN

# Reps: Governor must act on call for special session on pension issue

By **CHRIS HARRIS AND ANGIE HATTON**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVES

As schools finish up their year and we all prepare for the summer ahead, it may not feel like a major crisis is just a few weeks away, but that is exactly what Kentucky faces if Gov. Matt Bevin and the General Assembly don't act soon.

What will happen if nothing is done? Dozens of public health departments — including those in Pike, Letcher and Martin counties — would be forced to slash services, reduce employees or even shut their doors, affecting everything from primary care and immunizations to restaurant inspections.

Mountain Comprehensive Care and Judi's Place for Kids, plus many others like them that serve some of our most vulnerable citizens, would suffer a similar fate, while our regional public colleges and universities would almost

certainly shutter classes or even entire degree and training programs.

We should not let any of this happen, but if Gov. Bevin doesn't call a special session soon, and the General Assembly doesn't address this matter, that is exactly what we will see beginning July 1, the start of the new fiscal year. In addition to disrupting the lives of potentially hundreds of thousands of people, this could also cost the state \$400 million or more as it scrambles to provide the legally required services we now get every single day from these quasi-governmental agencies.

Understandably, many may wonder how we got here and why this is such a major problem now.

The quick answer is that these agencies and postsecondary schools pay into the state retirement system and are nearing the end of a one-year rate freeze in payments that the Gen-

eral Assembly granted them in 2018. Without a second 12-month freeze, these payments will jump 70 percent in July. That's about \$120 million extra a year for the dozens of affected agencies and post-secondary schools, money they just don't have.

The reason for this sudden increase can actually be traced back to 2017, when the Kentucky Retirement System's Board of Trustees — which Gov. Bevin disbanded and then re-authorized — dramatically lowered assumptions that determine how much employers belonging to KRS have to pay.

The investment rate for the retirement plan the quasi-governmental agencies pay into is now based on 5.25 percent growth, which is the lowest rate among public retirement systems across the country and well below the 7.19 percent in actual growth this system has seen over the past five years.

These extreme as-

sumption changes meant that long-term liabilities went up by billions of dollars overnight, even though common practice is to phase these changes in gradually.

State government was able to handle that steep cost in the current two-year budget, but the General Assembly gave local governments five years to ramp up to their full amount and provided the one-year rate freeze to the regional universities and quasi-governmental agencies.

During this year's legislative session, the Kentucky House unanimously voted to extend the rate freeze for another year, which would give us time to come up with a more permanent solution as part of the 2020 budget process.

The state Senate, however, refused to let the freeze stand alone. Instead, the misguided plan that ultimately passed would have all but forced

the affected agencies to leave the state retirement system while taking on debt that would require decades to pay off.

Gov. Bevin upended this plan by vetoing the bill, despite initially indicating support. Since then, he has offered a similar, but still highly problematic, bill that marries the needed rate freeze with a convoluted system that would saddle the state and KRS with hundreds of millions of dollars in extra costs over the next 25 years with no way to pay for it. This proposal would also threaten the retirement security of many public employees and keep their agencies mired in debt for years.

Legislative leaders told Gov. Bevin in April that it was up to him to find the support needed to pass his plan — and that process was still up in the air heading into the long Memorial Day weekend.

As we saw with last year's public-pension bill,

which the Kentucky Supreme Court unanimously rejected because of the quick and secretive way it was passed, no one is served well by making billion-dollar decisions with our backs up against the wall.

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That is why we and our fellow House Democratic Caucus members feel so strongly that it is more important to get it right rather than rush without fully vetting the potential consequences and risking years of litigation.

There has to be a better way, and it starts with enacting another one-year rate freeze to give us time to find it.

For taxpayers and those directly affected, this is the only sensible option left in the four or so weeks we have to act.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

# An annual reminder

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Although the official start of summer is still weeks away, Kentucky has already been experiencing high temperatures. Temperatures reached the mid- to high-80s Tuesday and are expected to hover in upper-70s and 80s all week.

With that comes that annual reminder that leaving children and pets in cars is dangerous. It's a warning that comes every summer, but one that still falls short for many: ex-

treme heat can be dangerous and even fatal. That is why it's necessary to take precautions to prevent heat-related accidents, injuries and deaths.

The dangers of extreme are no more prevalent than when it comes to hot vehicles. Already this year, nine children have died from heatstroke caused by being trapped in hot cars. Last year, 52 deaths were reported, a record high.

On average, 38 children die from heat-related deaths after being trapped

inside vehicles every year. These instances have increased drastically over the past 25 to 30 years, with just five deaths reported each year in 1990 and 1991 and four in 1992.

According to, NoHeatStroke.org, 800 children have died in hot cars over the last 20 years.

While some of these instances are accidents and others because of carelessness or neglect, all should serve as stark reminders of the need for caution.

"Far too many children

have been inadvertently left in vehicles or have gotten into a vehicle on their own," according to Kids In Cars, a vehicle safety advocacy group. "Vehicular heatstroke tragedies change the lives of parents, families, and communities forever." Many of those stories are shared at, kidsandcars.org, along with tips to prevent these tragedies.

Even with the windows cracked, the inside of a vehicle can reach 125 degrees in minutes, with 80 percent of the increase in heat occurring in the first 10 minutes. Cracking a window does not slow

down the heating process or decrease the maximum temperature.

A child's body overheats three to five times faster an adult's.

Always look before you lock your vehicle. Create a routine and leave notes or other reminders at the front of the vehicle to check the backseat.

Implement a policy with babysitters or daycare providers that you will notify them if your child will not be attending. If you have not notified them of an absence and your child has not arrived at the expected time, they should call.

Be especially cautious during busy times, schedule changes, very stressful times and others instances when you may be more likely to forget. This is when accidents can be most prevalent.

When cars are not being used, make sure they are locked and cannot be accessed by young children.

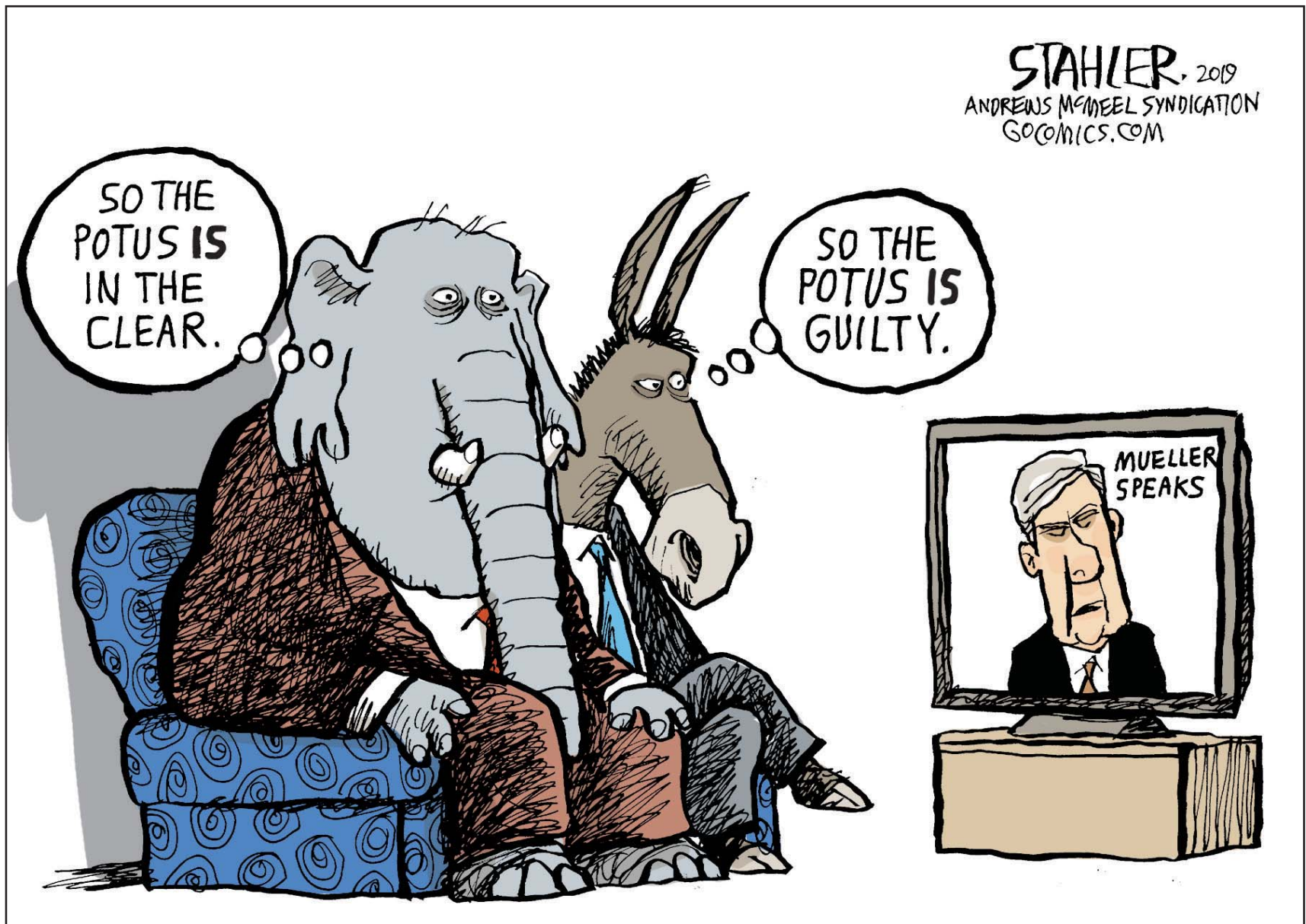
Never let children play in cars.

Never leave a child alone around or in a car, even for a minute.

Always call law officials and attempt to offer aid to children, elderly or pets who are locked in hot cars.

Share these tips and others with other parents, childcare providers, caretakers, teachers, relatives and friends.

The more knowledgeable people are about the dangers of hot cars, the more lives can be saved.



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# AG suggests flat rate for Southern Water customers

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention suggests a temporary "across-the-board level charge" for Southern Water & Sewer District customers.

Attorney Justin McNeil, with the Office of Rate Intervention, noted that suggestion in comments he filed last week in case in which Southern Water is seeking expedited approval from the Kentucky Public Service Commission for a 32.3 percent rate increase.

As Southern Water & Sewer District commissioners tackled issues related to finances during a May 28 meeting, several references were made about that application. Commissioners tabled re-

quests for some purchases in the district, citing the need to wait to obtain revenue from that rate increase before moving forward with those funding requests.

In his filing, McNeil claims Southern Water's billing analysis "cannot be relied upon due to slow or totally inactive, untested meters" that produce "inaccurate readings" for water usage and billing. He explained that replacing the old meters in the system "is the only way to ensure reliability, water loss reduction, proper allocation of costs and increased cash flow" at Southern Water. After those statements, McNeil went on to suggest the suspension of all meter readings at Southern Water.

"Just as it would be futile to continue using

the proposed billing analysis with the knowledge that the figures are based on inaccurate and incomplete usage records, it does not make sense to continue to incur the expense of reading meters if the meters do not accurately convey usage," McNeil wrote.

He asked the PSC to allow Southern Water to "temporarily suspend its meter reads."

"Suspending its meter reads will allow Southern staff to focus on more pressing issues like reducing any backlog of unpaid bills, training staff on basic financial controls, identifying and prosecuting theft of service, as well as leak detection and repair — which will markedly improve with new meters," he wrote.

He explained that

Southern should charge customers and across-the-board rate "until such time that the meters have either been replaced or tested or recalibrated.

"An across the board rate is the most practical and equitable solution, and it aligns with prior Commission precedent," McNeil wrote.

Southern Water Commission Chairman Jeff Prater told commission members on May 28 that an across-the-board rate would be difficult to implement in the district.

Officials have reported that the district's old meters could be costing the district through water loss rates of between 12 and 30 percent. The district's water loss averaged 63.2 percent in 2018. It was 59 percent in April, UMG officials said on Tuesday.



**Clark Harris**

Clark Harris, 51, of Prestonsburg, passed away suddenly Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at his home.

Clark was born in London to Dolores Sue Pelphrey Harris and the late Jack Ray Harris.

Clark was a U.S. Navy veteran and had been a truck driver.

Clark was also preceded in death by his son Cody James Harris.

Clark is survived by his mother Dolores Sue Harris, his children Brandon Kerstiens and Ashley Harris (Dusty) Rhoads, his brother Colin Harris and three grandchildren: Addison, Jonathan and Asher.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

Lakes Funeral Home is handling the arrange-

ments.

Online condolences at, lakesfuneralhome.com.

This is a paid obituary.

**Lois Jane Moore Crum**

Lois Jane Moore Crum, 56, of McDowell, died Monday, May 27, 2019.

Visitation will be held all day, Friday, May 31, at Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, Price.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 1, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Little Cemetery, Price.

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

**Mary Jo Halbert**

Mary Jo Halbert, 94, of Martin, died Saturday, May 25, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 18, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

## 'Lunch, Literacy and Learning' starts June 10

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Dany Adkins wants to remind everyone about the "Lunch, Literacy & Learning" summer program, as well as the mobile route running from Monday, June 10 until Friday, July 26.

"We're very happy to announce that we're continuing the 'Lunch, Literacy and Learning' program and our mobile summer feeding route. These programs allow all children ages one to 18 to have a free daily meal for most of June and July at no cost," Adkins said. "Offering opportunities to children is our focus and we want kids to continue having opportunities in the summer as well as the school year."

Breakfast hours on location run from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The three schools offering breakfast and lunch from June 10 through July 26 are Stumbo Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary and South Floyd Elementary.

Adams Middle School will offer breakfast and lunch June 10-13; Prestonsburg High School will offer breakfast and lunch June 18-19; Allen Elementary will offer breakfast and lunch June 27-28; Allen Central High School will offer breakfast and lunch on July 8-9; Duff Allen Central Elementary will offer breakfast and lunch on July 17; May Valley Elementary is offering breakfast and lunch on July 1-3 and July 8-12; Floyd Central High School offering breakfast and lunch July 12 through July 17-18. McDowell First Baptist Church is offering dinner from 5-6 p.m.

on July 15-17; Calvary Baptist Church in Betsy Layne is offering dinner from 6:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. on June 17-19, Lingon Community Free Will Baptist Church is offering dinner from 5:45 p.m. until 6:45 p.m. June 17-20; Praise Assembly in Wattergap is offering dinner from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. July 8-12; and River of Life Church in Teaberry is offering dinner at 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. on July 25-26.

For mobile routes, Mobile Route 1 makes stops at Wesley Christian from 11:10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; Left Beaver Townhouses from 12:05 to 12:35 p.m.; Warco Apartment from 12:50 p.m. to 1:05 p.m.; Grigsby Height from 1:10 p.m. to 1:25 p.m.; Pageant Hill from 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.; Ivy Creek Townhouses from 2:05 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Creekside from 2:45 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. and D's Grocery from 3:20 p.m. to 3:50 p.m.

Mobile Route 2 leaves Prestonsburg Elementary at 11 a.m. and makes stops at Cliffside from 11:10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.; Archer Park from 11:30 a.m. to noon; Dixie Apartments from 12:20 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Highland Heights from 1:10 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Indian Hills from 1:45 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.; Green Acres from 2:10 p.m. to 2:40 p.m. and Regency Apartments from

2:50 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. Mobile Route 3 makes stops at Wheelright Park at 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Branham Heights from 12:35 p.m. to 12:55 p.m. and Weeksbury Community Center from 1:15 p.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be no service, mobile or on site, July 4.

"We have three schools who will have breakfast and lunch available to any child who comes to those schools. We have 19 places that our mobile route will bring lunch daily," Adkins said. "At the Warco Housing Development and Highlands Heights Housing, there's also an opportunity for children ages three to 13 to participate in fun activities this summer and have lunch."

Adkins thanked community partners and school district employees for their work.

"Our director of food services, Dale Pack, has worked diligently to add as many locations as possible to our mobile route so that more children will have meals available to them easily," he said. "Our Director of Early Childhood programs, Anna Shepherd, has coordinated and planned for fun summer activities. Our wonderful community partners, the Floyd County Library, the Floyd County Extension Office

and our partnership with KET have science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities, story activities and block parties."

The Literacy and Learning program has early childhood activities at Warco Housing, located at 402 John M. Stumbo Drive in Langley, from 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. daily. Highland Heights, located at 103 North Roberts Drive in Prestonsburg, is offering early childhood activities from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. daily. A variety of activities for children age 7 to 13 through the Floyd County Public Library and for kids age 1-6 from the Floyd County Cooperative Extension are will be available throughout the summer. To check locations and times for summer meals or the Literacy and Learning schedule, visit "Floyd County Schools" on Facebook.

"We hope you take a look at our flyer and the posters you'll see hanging at our schools and other locations and take advantage of this opportunity," Adkins said.

"It doesn't matter if your child is 2 and hasn't been a student, he or she can still eat. It doesn't matter if your niece is visiting from another state, she can still come eat."

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## Community Events

**Friday, May 31**

- 8 a.m.: Registration begins for Big Sandy College Foundation William G. Duke Golf Scramble, Stonecrest.
- 5 p.m.: Coaltown Dixie to perform at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park May Lodge
- 8 p.m.: Sons of FM to perform at Stonecrest Bar and Grill, Stonecrest, Prestonsburg.

**Saturday, June 1**

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open at the Attorney General's office in Prestonsburg.
- 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Dance Etc. to host "On Broadway" spring recital, Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
- 9 a.m.: Friends of Jenny Wiley 5K Trail Run, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center
- 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Prestonsburg Night Market, downtown Prestonsburg.

**Sunday, June 2**

- 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.: Dance Etc. to host "On Broadway" spring recital, Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
- 12 p.m.: Big Sandy Shriners Club Casting with Kids will be held at Paintsville Lake. Free admission for kids 12 and under. Registration available at Teeters and May Law Office in Paintsville or 'The Fishing Hole' on Rt. 40.

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# Martin meeting fails to have quorum

## Mayor swears during dispute over grass

**AN APPALACHIAN  
NEWSPAPERS  
STAFF REPORT**

An aborted meeting of the Martin City Council on Tuesday devolved into a very candid conversation.

The prospective meeting's agenda listed only a few items: Approval of minutes, approval of purchases and a report and discussion with a representative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Because there were not enough council members present for the meeting to be held, Mayor Sam Howell and city attorney Doug Adams agreed those present

and the audience could continue to sit and discuss city matters, but the council could take no official actions.

"We do not have a quorum present, therefore we do not have a meeting. Cannot have a meeting," Howell said after taking a roll call. Council members Jim Reynolds, Gary Akers and Harold Case were present.

The council discussed matters with the Corps of Engineers. Those matters included a water line construction to the city's hilltop relocation site, which some on the council said the believe would not be able to help wa-

ter volume and pressure since it would tap into the same underpowered existing lines. City officials have taken several steps to increase water pressure there.

Those matters also included the ownership of the hilltop property, including how, if ever, the unsold new properties, and the flood-prone areas the Corps is buying out, will return to the city's ownership. Howell said the city had been paying for maintenance at some buyout properties, and pondered who the city should bill for it.

If some of the flood-prone areas come back to city ownership, coun-

cil member Jim Reynolds said, some talk had been made of turning it into a park, since the building of new structures could not take place there.

A constituent at the meeting addressed the council about several issues, including a past meeting of Martin's city tourism board, which was also aborted due to lack of quorum, and then the maintenance of grass for the Martin Pee Wee Ball Field. The fields, she said, have been in use since the league started up late after Easter. The grass was at one point calf-high, she said, and parents had been taking the responsibility for it.

Martin Tourism chair Kris Rudder said that after a certain point of year, he has been cutting the grass there.

Howell took exception to the dispute, because the city has assumed responsibility for mowing those fields, but is now being accused of failing to do so.

"It don't start getting cut until a certain time," Howell said. "Here's what I'm going to say to you. In past, they did cut it. Now the city does it... We could stop doing it again. The parents could do it again, if they want to play. But that's the way it is. We try to accommodate and do that

now, but now, if people wants to complain about it, then they can do it themselves."

Howell said "No" to someone trying to calm him down.

"We try to do it," Howell said. "We'll help them, as long as people ain't gonna sit and complain. But if they're gonna complain, hell, they can do it their (expletive deleted) self. Sorry about my language."

The two also discussed the situation with trash, and the hazard posed by children climbing on old bleachers, at the ball fields. Howell said the city would dispose of the old bleachers.

# ARC Report: Appalachia continues to lag behind in several areas

**AN APPALACHIAN  
NEWSPAPERS  
STAFF REPORT**

A new report released recently by the Appalachian Regional Commission paints a picture of an Appalachian region that is improving, but still lags behind national averages in several areas.

The report, titled, "The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from 2013-2017," also known as the "ARC Chartbook," draws data from the American Community Survey and Census population estimates and contains more than 300,000 data points about Appalachia's demographics, income and employment, as well as education, computer access, housing, transportation and other areas.

"Making sound policy and effective investments requires good data that is easy to analyze and readily available. That is why the ARC Chartbook is such an important resource for our Region," said Tim Thomas, ARC Federal co-chair. "For years, the Chartbook has provided unique, Appalachia-focused numbers on economics and demographics. This year, the Chartbook also includes new data on access to broadband and trans-

portation — two critical factors impacting our region's growth. The Chartbook is a valuable tool for policymakers, researchers, community leaders and all those who believe in Appalachia's future."

Included in the data are several points about the region including:

- **Data on population change.** According to the ARC, 25.6 million people live in the 420 counties of Appalachia. Since 2010, the data shows, Appalachia's population has grown 1.4 percent, slower than the nation's growth of 5.3 percent.

However, locally, the Census estimates for 2017 show a different story — one of declining populations.

According to Census data, populations in the local area of Kentucky fell by 6.3 percent in Floyd County, 1.1 percent in Johnson County, 4.9 percent in Perry County and 5.7 percent in Pike County. The estimates show, however, that one of the greatest local drops in population, according to the 2017 estimates, came in Mingo County, West Virginia, where the population has declined an estimated 16 percent between 2010 and 2017.

- **Data on education,** including on the number of adults ages 25-64 who have an associate's

degree, an area in which the region exceeds the national average.

According to the ARC data, a total of 9.7 percent of Appalachia's adults have an associate's degree, while the national percentage is 9 percent.

Locally, that number is a mixed bag, the data shows, with both Johnson County having 10.1 percent of its population and Perry County having 11 percent of its population ages 25-64 possessing an associate's degree. The rest of the counties in the region, however, lag behind.

Only 7.5 percent of Floyd County residents, ages 25-64, have an associate's degree, while 7.9 percent of Pike County residents and 7.8 percent of Mingo County residents have that level of degree.

The region and local counties both lag behind the nation in the percentage of adults who have a high school diploma or greater. According to the data, in the United States, 87.3 percent of the population has a high school diploma or greater, while a lesser number — 86.4 percent — have a high school diploma or better in the Appalachian region.

Locally, the average is 76.24 percent, with

Johnson County having the greatest percentage (79.7 percent) and Mingo County having the least (74.4 percent).

- **Data on the percent of working age adults (ages 25-64) who participate in the civilian labor force.**

According to the ARC data, 72.8 percent of Appalachia's working age adults participate in the labor force, while the U.S. rate is 77.5 percent.

Locally, however, those numbers drop far lower, with only 51.3 percent of Floyd County's working age adults, 50.2 percent of Johnson County's working age adults, 56.1 percent of Perry County's working age adults, 54.7 percent of Pike County's working age adults and 52.5 per-

cent of Mingo County's working age adults being reported as being part of the civilian labor force.

- **Data on broadband subscriptions.** According to the ARC data, Appalachia lags behind the national percentage of 78.1 percent of households with a broadband subscription. Only 72.3 percent of Appalachian households, the data shows, have a broadband subscription.

Locally, the percentages are much smaller, with only 65.6 percent of Floyd County households, 69.7 percent of Johnson County households, 69.5 percent of Perry County households, 67.8 percent of Pike County households and 66.7 percent of Mingo County households having broadband

subscriptions.

- **Data on median household income.** The data shows that Appalachia's median household income rate (\$47,836) is 83 percent of the U.S. rate (\$57,652). According to Census data, Floyd's median income lags behind both of those at \$31,196, while Johnson's median household income is \$35,629, Perry's median household income is \$31,820, Pike's median household income is \$32,972 and Mingo's median household income is currently \$31,227.

The full report, as well as factsheets and other information can be accessed at the ARC's website, arc.gov.



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# Residents indicted on drug trafficking charges

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Four Floyd County residents were indicted by the grand jury last week for illegally trafficking drugs.

Donnie Bentley, 44, of Prestonsburg, Jason Jarrell, 41, of Weeksbury, Nicholas Parsons, 22, of Allen, and Selina Lawrence, 26, of Martin, were each indicted on trafficking and other charges.

The case against

Bentley was filed by the Prestonsburg Police Department. He is charged with DUI, driving on a suspended license, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and trafficking in a controlled substance, over two grams of methamphetamine.

The Prestonsburg Police Department arrested Bentley in October 2018, following a traffic stop on Watergap Road. Of-

ficers claimed that Bentley was driving under the influence and he had approximately 10 grams of suspected methamphetamine when he was pulled over that day.

Jarrell was charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance and first-degree possession of a controlled substance on Nov. 26, 2018, according to the indictment.

He has another trafficking-related case that

is pending a review by the grand jury.

In that case, Jarrell was arrested in March for first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kentucky State Police alleged at the time of that arrest that Jarrell was manufacturing methamphetamine in a home at Weeksbury.

He's scheduled to be

arraigned on the charges alleged in this indictment in July.

Lawrence was indicted on numerous charges related to drug trafficking.

The grand jury alleges that Lawrence trafficked more than two grams of methamphetamine and another undisclosed controlled substance in June 2018.

She was also indicted for two counts of first-degree possession of a

controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree promoting contraband and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Parsons was charged by the grand jury with DUI, trafficking less than eight ounces of marijuana, a misdemeanor and first-degree possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine.

# Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd County

**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

Dustin Spears, 36, of Hi Hat; theft by unlawful taking

Terry Ramey, 39, of Garrett; two counts of theft by unlawful taking

Jessie Adkins, age unavailable, of Wheelwright; flagrant nonsupport

Michael Seeba, 23, of Red Fox; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, three counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance,

Michael Carver, 19, of Dwale; theft of a mislaid item

Ned Meade, 59, of Dema; driving under the influence, fourth offense or more, failure to maintain insurance, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a moving vehicle

Boone Meade, 41, of McDowell; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Bobby D. Gayheart Jr., 38, of Flemingsburg; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, improper equipment, driving under the influence

Mark Robinson, 50, of Allen; third-degree burglary

Randa Hamilton, 36, of Harold; theft by unlawful taking, tampering with physical evidence

## Misdemeanor cases filed

Preston Mullins, 41, of Melvin; two counts of menacing, third-degree criminal trespassing

Danny Bentley, 58, of Harold; harassment

Robert Bailey, 41, of Martin; theft by deception (cold checks)

Jason Crittendon, 40, of Melvin; two counts of menacing, third-degree criminal trespassing

Gregory Collins, 39, of Wheelwright; failure of parent to send child to school

Ricky Stanley, 30, of Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespassing

Michael Hicks, 28, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container

Cody L. Lafferty, 41, of Tram; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Terry N. Porter, 27, of Royalton; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)

Michael Hicks, 28, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Shane Spriggs, 33, of McDowell; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Kenneth R. Allen II, 54, of Allen; menacing, disorderly conduct

Kristy Nicole Bingham, 36, of Corbin; first-degree possession of a controlled substance,

possession of marijuana, endangering the welfare of a minor (case transferred from another county)

Jason A. Williamson, 35, of Raccoon; motorboat not registered

Brian Castle, 52, of Langley; harassment

Robert Marion Brown, 51, of McDowell; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Rick Johnson, age unavailable, of Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespassing

Michael Burchett, 56, of Prestonsburg;

third-degree terroristic threatening, harassment

Joe Estep, 77, of Thelma; third-degree terroristic threatening

Justin Shepherd, 29, of Hueysville; harassment

Nathan Hall, 37, of Weeksbury; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Jason Hill, 35, of Weeksbury; two counts of fourth-degree assault,

two counts of menacing

Gregory Arnett, 36, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Eric DeRossett, 30, of Louisville; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Michael Burchett, 56, address unavailable; third-degree terroristic threatening, menacing

Krista N. Garrett, 32, of Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Rodney Rose, 45, of Langley; second-degree bail jumping

Devin R. Tilley, 27, of Prestonsburg; no personal floatation device, no approved fire extinguisher

Christopher King, 31, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Sandra L. Johnson, 29, of Lexington; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)

Rhea Lynn Music, 53, of David; harassment

Wesley Tyler Hagans, 20, of Martin; third-degree criminal mischief

Larry Collins, 38, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance, menacing, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct

## Lawsuits filed

Austin Wagner vs. Ashley Bays, EMC Property & Casualty Company; personal injury complaint

Michael Patrick Sets-

er vs. Hannah R. Spurlock, motion for true joint custody with equal time share

Lisa Johnson Bowling vs. Steven R. Bowling; divorce

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcements, Hannah Spurlock vs. Michael Setser; divorce

Valerie Henson vs. Jeramie Johnson; petition for custody

Leida Kidd vs. Emitt R. Kidd Jr.; divorce

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

Tiffany Ward vs. Christopher Ward; divorce

Elexius Spurlock vs. Brandon Wallen; petition for custody

Citizens Bank vs. Charles Jarvis, Belva Jarvis, Real Estate Mortgage Network; foreclosure

Appalachian Investments vs. Edward Dingus and unknown spouse, Floyd County; foreclosure

Jillian E. Standifur vs. Robert D. Standifur Jr.; divorce

Amber R. Collier vs. Brian Collier; divorce

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet vs. Elk Horn Coal Company, Ny-tis Exploration Company; complaint concerning encroachment on property

Clark Pergrem vs. Patty Bangham, Wolfe County Cab; personal injury complaint

Community Trust Bank vs. Timothy Parsley, Kimberly Parsley and their unknown spouses, Capital One Bank; foreclosure

Hazel Keathley, Tam-

my Barker vs. Dustin Hall, Billy Gillman, Victoria Hall, Matthew and April Keathley, Kevin Keathley, Justin and Tabatha Taylor; petition for declaration of property rights

Julian Slone vs. Tanya Pelphrey Slone; divorce

Donald Collins vs. Crystal G. Collins; divorce

Cody Mann vs. Whitney Friend; petition for custody

Christy Reffett, Kiara Gamble vs. Jonathan B. Ratliff; personal injury complaint

Argas USA vs. M&M Welding; complaint concerning debt

James Patton vs. Shawn G. Gooslin; personal injury complaint

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Ashley Hicks vs. Charles Hicks; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Jefferson Capital Investments vs. Jackie Hall; complaint concerning debt

Community Trust Bank vs. Billie M. Lafferty and unknown spouse, US Bank; complaint concern-

ing debt

Billy and Wanda Conn vs. Epp Banks, Geico General Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

US Bank vs. Chris and Mary Caldwell; complaint concerning debt

The Money Source vs. Joshua Adams, Clara Adams, Floyd County; foreclosure

Discover Bank vs. Violet Goodman; complaint concerning debt

Shirley Fields, individually and as guardian of a child vs. Tiffany Perry, Jack Perry; personal injury complaint

Kenneth Hulley, Roy Hulley, Latasha Miller vs. Heather Ward; personal injury complaint

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# Johnson County resident indicted on perjury, other charges

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Johnson County woman is facing several charges, including lying under oath, identity theft and other allegations.

A Floyd County grand jury indicted Rebecca Ratliff, 37, of Hagerhill, last week, charging her with first-degree perjury,

theft of identify (both felonies) and misdemeanor counts of theft by unlawful taking and public intoxication.

The indictment alleges that Ratliff stole items from Advanced Auto Parts on Oct. 16, 2018, and she was also arrested for public intoxication that day.

According to court

documents, Prestonsburg Police Officer Bradley Calhoun arrested Ratliff while investigating the alleged theft at the store that day. He reported in the citation that she was "acting extremely nervous" and "sweating profusely." He also reported in a post-arrest complaint that Ratliff lied about her identify to District Judge

Jimmy Marcum.

That citation alleges that Marcum placed Ratliff under oath and she stated that her name was Christina Mills, the same name Ratliff gave Calhoun during her initial arrest.

Both of the felony counts against Ratliff carry penalties of between one and five years.

The indictment issued last week wasn't the only recent indictment against her.

Ratliff is scheduled to be sentenced on June 6 in another case that was filed against her by a Floyd County grand jury last year. In that case, she was charged with felony theft by deception for allegedly passing more

than \$2,300 in checks last year at Food City knowing the checks would not be honored. She was also previously indicted for similar allegations in Pike County alongside another Johnson County woman, Megan Stacy, of Swamp Branch.

Ratliff is scheduled to be arraigned on this new indictment on July 1.

## 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

Jonathan Tyler Johnson, 26, of Prestonsburg, to Jacquelyn Gail Goble, 23, of Auxier

Haley Rochelle Smith, 21, of Hueysville, to Tristan Rhett Reed, 22, of Hueysville

Randal McCoy, 20, of Prestonsburg, to Grace Hicks, 18, of Paintsville

Lois Michelle Rogers, 37, of Prestonsburg, to Jesse Lee White, 33, of Prestonsburg

Kristy Tenielle Wright, 38, of Prestonsburg, to Darrell Lee Bailey, 40, of Prestonsburg

Rhonda G. Nickell, 38, of Louisa, to William T. Sartaine, 28, of Olive Hill

Elaine Celeste Calhoun, 26, of Prestonsburg, to Justin Ryan Conley, 29, of Prestonsburg

### Property transfers

Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Alan Kidd, Danita Lee Kidd (Deeds Book 645; pg. 174)

Robert and Shelby Steele to Jody M. and Leslie J. Hamilton (Deeds Book 645; pg. 182)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Ishmael and Robin Slone, to Chase Home Finance, JP Morgan Chase Bank (Deeds Book 645; pg. 186)

Anita Cook to Anita Cook, property at Left Beaver (Deeds Book 645; pg. 203)

Kentucky Fuel Corporation to Blackstone Energy LTD (Deeds Book 645; pg. 205)

Tom McKinney to Jammie and Michael Salyer, property at Frasures

Creek (Deeds Book 645; pg. 285)

BB Porter, Ingee Porter to Nancy Porter (Deeds Book 19; pg. 123)

Gary Thompson, Jacqueline Thompson to Dylan Hansford, Samantha Hansford (Deeds Book 645; pg. 287)

Kenneth Scarberry to Carolyn Garrett (Deeds Book 645; pg. 291)

Toby and Alvin Hall to Betty Conn (Deeds Book 645; pg. 295)

Marcelina Tomlinson, Matt Tomlinson to Emmitt Hamilton (Deeds Book 645; pg. 298)

Denise and Ronnie Collins to Chad, Ronnie and Whitney Collins (Deeds Book 645; pg. 302)

Charlotte and Dan Collins to Whitney Collins (Deeds Book 645; pg. 306)

Lean Cook to Travis Cook (Deeds Book 645; pg. 310)

Robert Comstock I to Option One Mortgage Loan Trust, Wells Fargo Bank, trustee; easement

(Deeds Book 645; pg. 313)

Lashea D. Music, James Salisbury, Lorene Salisbury to Mason Lee Williams (Deeds Book 645; pg. 317)

Alma and John Earl Dillon to Tommy Dillon (Deeds Book 645; pg. 321)

Jesse and Mary Wallen to Jaqueline Harris, Johnny Ray Harris (Deeds Book 645; pg. 325)

Travis Cook to Sharon and Travis Cook (Deeds Book 645; pg. 328)

John Justice, Linda Justice, Michael Stratton, Teresa Stratton to Edith Risner (Deeds Book 645; pg. 333)

Allen Turner, Karen Turner to Farion Young (Deeds Book 645; pg. 377)

Anna and Conley Johnson to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet; easement (Deeds Book 645; pg. 340)

Billy Bentley, Jessica Bentley, April Meadows, Danny Meadows to Kaytlynn and Stetson Ste-

phens; property at Wilson Creek (Deeds Book 645; pg. 344)

Harold Newsome to Dalton Hamilton, Harold Newsome (Deeds Book 645; pg. 356)

Connie J. Mathena to Christene Bonar, Henry Bonar (Deeds Book 645; pg. 360)

Barbara Lykens, Greg Lykens, Ronald Clark, administrator, Vickie Rose to Ronald Clark (Deeds Book 645; pg. 368)

Nora Clark, Nora Tish Clark, trustee/executor to Ernest and Kimberly Collins (Deeds Book 645; pg. 372)

Ballard Slone to Karen Slone, Ottis Slone (Deeds Book 645; pg. 384)

Phillip Lewis, Timothy Lewis, David Nelson, Lisa Nelson to Inez Lewis (Deeds Book 645; pg. 391)

Teresa Taylor to Amber Chaney, Briteny Johnson; property at Toler Creek (Deeds Book 645; pg. 396)

CR 2018 LLC to David and Sarah Minix (Deeds

Book 645; pg. 399)

Janie Tackett to Christina and Gary Tackett (Deeds Book 645; pg. 402)

Norman Hall to Gary Hall (Deeds Book 645; pg. 405)

Rental Mullins, Scott Mullins to Rental Mullins, Scott Mullins (Deeds Book 645; pg. 409)

Jim Flannery to Austin Robinson (Deeds Book 645; pg. 413)

MTGLO Investors to Jimmy Slone (Deeds Book 645; pg. 425)

Christy and Scottie Branham to Commonwealth of Kentucky; easement of property at Weeksbury (Deeds Book 645; pg. 438)

Charlotte and Jerry T. Case to Genesis Property Investments; property at Lackey (Deeds Book 645; pg. 429)

Elmer Johnson to Christopher Martin

(Deeds Book 645; pg. 444)

Citizens Bank of Kentucky to Billy J. Moore (Deeds Book 645; pg. 447)

G&B Rental Inc. to Benny Wayne May (Deeds Book 645; pg. 450)

Glenna Simpson to Mauricio Anzaldua, Mavis Anzaldua, Jordan Jones (Deeds Book 645; pg. 453)

Angela Maynard, Barry Maynard, Angela Porter Stevens to Mark and Misty Hurd (Deeds Book 645; pg. 458)

Tommy McKinney to Jammie and Michael Salyer (Deeds Book 645; pg. 462)

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# Martin resident indicted on child exploitation charge

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County grand jury issued an indictment last week against a man accused of using an elec-

tronic device to exploit a child.

The grand jury indicted William Randolph, 29, of Martin, charging him with one count of prohibited use of an electronic

device system to procure a minor to commit a sexual offense.

He allegedly used his cell phone to "procure or promote the use of a mi-

nor" between December 2018 and January 2019, the indictment alleges.

The Class D felony carries a penalty of between one and five years. The Kentucky State

Police Electronic Crimes Branch arrested Randolph in February following an undercover Internet Crimes Against Children investigation. The KSP Electronic Crime

Branch began the investigation after discovering the suspect had been communicating with a minor online, the KSP reported. Randolph will be arraigned on June 11.

## Couple arrested for allegedly using counterfeit bills

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County couple was arrested last week for allegedly using a counterfeit bill.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Prestonsburg residents Melissa Varney, 47, and Kyle Ray Waddles, 37, are each facing felony charges of first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and theft by deception (cold checks).

Kelly Frasure of the Prestonsburg Police De-

partment filed the arrest warrants in the cases, alleging that on May 4, Varney and Waddles used a counterfeit \$100 bill to buy items at the Dollar General store. Varney and Waddles were arrested on May 22.

The cases were referred to a Floyd County grand jury for consideration on Tuesday. During the hearing, District Judge Eric Hall amended their bonds from \$5,000 cash to \$2,500 partially-secured. He ordered them to undergo pre-trial monitoring.

## Floyd resident arrested for allegedly growing marijuana

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd county man is facing felony charges for allegedly growing marijuana.

James Nicholas Blankenship, 37, was arrested on May 24 and charged with cultivating marijuana, five or more plants, a felony, and two misdemeanor charges: second and third-degree possession of a controlled substance and prescription not in original container.

Dusty Newsome of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department report-

ed in the citation that he was conducting a safety checkpoint on Ky. 979 when Blankenship allegedly approached the checkpoint with 25 marijuana plants in the back seat of the vehicle.

Newsome, who was assisted by Deputy Justin Szymchack and Martin Police Office John Holbrook, also allegedly found several pills in the vehicle, the citation says.

Blankenship was arraigned in Floyd District Court last week. District Judge Eric Hall scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for June 3.

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## Floyd Co. Farmer's Market opens

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

A new location helped make opening day a success for the Floyd County Farmer's Market on Saturday, May 25.

The market moved from its former location on South Lake Drive to the grounds of the Kentucky Attorney General's Prestonsburg office, located at the intersection of Ky. 114 and North Lake Drive.

Vendors sold canned goods, jellies and jams, fresh breads, strawberries, flowers, tree saplings and crafts at the market on Saturday. It was family day, offering inflatables and games for children.

The farmer's market will continue to be held through August or September from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday. Visitors can expect to find live music and other events and activities throughout the year, including a special "Christmas in July" day that's being planned for the end of July.

Floyd County Farmer's Market board President Gary Gearheart encourages local residents who raise gardens to consider becoming a farmer's market vendor. He and his family sell vegetables and eggs

they raise on their farm in Floyd County, as well as essential oils his wife offers through her business.

Nine vendors have signed up to sell items at the market this year, Gearheart said, and there is space for others to join.

"We have a new location. We're very excited about that location," Gearheart said. "We just are looking for vendors and there's a fine line between the vendors and the people who come, so as long as there's vendors, people will come."

Johnson County farmer Benette Howard has been selling her canned goods and fresh produce at the Floyd County Farmer's Market for about five years. She said customers return to her booth each year for her baked and canned goods, which include honey, sauerkraut, pickled corn and beans, beets, pickles, green tomatoes, jellies and other items. She added a new paw paw jam this year and said her peas should be ready to sell at the market on June 1.

She has farmed all of her life.

"It's just something I grew up doing with my family, and I enjoy doing it, so I just continue to do it," she said. "It just



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows  
A customer looks at honey for sale at the Floyd County Farmer's Market on May 25.



Gary Mitchell, pastor of the Church of Christ in Martin, shows a puzzle he created to sell at the Floyd County Farmer's Market on May 25. He and his wife sold several crafts and strawberry jam at the market.

seems to, both of my parents are gone, so it seems to make me closer to them, is one reason I do it."

Local farmers who want to become vendors at the farmer's market must undergo a short training on food safety at the Floyd County Extension Office.

For details about the training, call, (606) 886-2668. For information about future events at the farmer's market, visit the organization's Facebook page.



At right, Gary Gearheart, president Floyd County Farmer's Market board, speaks to customers at the market on May 25.

## Floyd Early Childhood team honored

A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Eight educators from across Kentucky were named "All Stars" as part of the first-annual KET Education All Stars program, including Jessica Kiser of Allen Elementary School.

The KET Education All-Stars

program honors educators who exemplify what it means to support student achievement through innovative and engaging use of technology. Those chosen will receive paid registration and travel to the annual KET Multimedia Professional Development Day, scheduled for July 17 at KET's offices in Lexington. All-Stars will also

enjoy opportunities to network and collaborate with the KET Education team throughout the school year.

Kiser, a preschool/Head Start teacher at Allen Elementary, said she first saw the importance of early childhood educators when, as a parent, she witnessed her child's experience in Head Start.

She became a classroom assistant and furthered her education to become a Preschool/Head Start teacher.

Through her partnership with KET, she continues to search for new and inventive ways to keep her young students engaged through fun, hands-on learning.

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Members of the KET Education team work with educators — from preschool to adult education — throughout the year to help make the most of KET resources and others to enhance classroom learning.

## Science center offers summer camps

### 'Drop-in for Science' returns this year

A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium will host a series of summer programs in June.

The science center launched "Drop-in for Science" last year, and that program will be offered again this year. It is open to children and fam-

ilies from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Wednesday from June 5 through July 31.

The "Drop-in for Science" activities are geared for families and include hands-on activities, demonstrations and planetarium shows.

In addition to those programs, the science center is also offering several summer camps this year.

Registration is required and lunch will be provided to camp-

ers in attendance.

The following camps will also be offered at the science center:

- June 6, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: "Spill Your Guts!" a camp for students in grades five through nine. Pathologist Dr. Uneeda Bryant from the University of Kentucky's Diagnostic Laboratory will lead this camp, offering an animal lab for campers. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

- July 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: "Back to Basics," a camp for students in grades three through five. This camp is described as one that will help students "get back to basics with programming and computation brought together in a fun-filled day of classic games, social interactions and scientific thinking." The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

- July 11-12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: "Astronaut 101," a two-

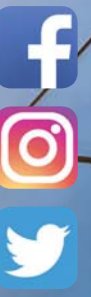
day camp for students in the fourth through sixth grade. Campers will learn what it takes to become an astronaut, observe moon rocks from the Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, learn how to build a rocket and other activities. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

For more information, contact Pauletta Burke at, (606) 886-7398, or by email, pburke0014@kctcs.edu



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# PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



## PMC NAMES CEO, DONOVAN BLACKBURN, THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS VICE PRESIDENT

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Chief Executive Officer Donovan Blackburn has been appointed to the PMC Board of Directors. He is now serving as the new Vice President of the board.

Blackburn says assuming this role is all about timing.

He began his career at PMC in June 2017 as Assistant CEO. The original plan was for Blackburn to use the first year and a half to two year transition time as a learning opportunity.

After only a few months he was named COO in addition to his duties as the Assistant CEO. Due to the retirement of the former CEO, Blackburn became the full-time CEO for PMC in January 2018. His business insight was a valuable tool for him. He came to the organization with an extensive background in government, sales, marketing and management providing him with the ability to learn the hospital business at a rapid pace.

He was approached by PMC Board of Directors President Ron Burchett and Vice President Alex Poulos, MD, when being named as CEO regarding delaying a board appointment in order to allow adequate time to focus on his new CEO duties.

"We discussed board appointments in great detail. We knew there were several members who were planning to retire in the very near future," said Blackburn. "I was eager and excited in my role as CEO and was anxious to learn as much as possible. I did not feel that the time was right for me to serve as a board member then. I wanted to lead the hospital and become comfortable in my new role before being considered for a seat on the board."

Blackburn said his wife, Debbie Blackburn, had been on the board of directors four years prior to his arrival at PMC. At that time, the board consisted of several seasoned members and was adding new pillars of the community to the group.

"The board added a banker, attorney, engineer, a couple of new physicians, energy manager and it was also time to bring on a new Chief of Staff," added Blackburn. "There was a lot of transition going on but we had a great mix of people on our board." He continued by saying, "Under the outstanding leadership of President Ron Burchett, PMC is blessed to have such great talent, as board members, leading our organization."

He said it was not long before his wife announced she was leaving the board and becoming a volunteer for the hospital. About that same time, Dr. Dennis Halbert and Dr. Poulos, decided it was also time for their retirement. Because the hospital had made great strides in operations, policy and financial improvement, Blackburn was now ready to be considered for a board member leadership role.

"We were faced with some pretty serious challenges over the past year or so," he said. "Today, we are in a much better place. Thanks to the leadership of the board of directors, executive staff and 3,000 employee ambassadors, we are making great financial strides and are bringing in many needed services for the people of our region."



Donovan Blackburn

PMC has added their first clinic in the Martin community, purchased and remodeled a hotel in Whitesburg to expand and better serve patients, purchased property to expand the clinic in South Williamson and most recently closed a deal on property in the Prestonsburg area with plans to develop an Urgent Care Facility.

"We are doing an extensive remodel and expansion in our Heart and Vascular Institute, our laboratory has fully completed their expansion with the addition of one of the state's most advanced automated lines and we have three new state-of-the-art cath labs that have changed health care in eastern KY forever," said Blackburn. "We are

adding new technology and new physicians as we continue to bring tremendous growth to our region."

Blackburn says he cannot predict the future for health care since much of the direction comes through federal and state control, but he and the PMC senior leadership team are committed to making it the best it can be.

"I have worked with an amazing number of excellent leaders and innovators throughout my career, but I can honestly say I have never worked with a board of directors more dedicated and engaged than the wonderful people who make up our board," added Blackburn. "Our executive and senior leadership teams are people who understand this business, have years of experience and are phenomenal leaders. They are committed to the patients and more than 3,000 remarkable people who make up our organization."

The hospital represents over 20 percent of Pike County's wages and salaries. PMC is the leading economic engine for the area and is taking that responsibly seriously by planning for growth through new jobs and bringing even more specialty physicians and medical services to the area.

Blackburn says they are focusing on improving their facilities while offering the best service lines, expanding heart care, primary care and the pediatric program.

The immediate goals for the organization are to create relationships with other hospitals, move the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center to the 10th floor Clinic, expand the Outpatient Lab and PFT and move to the 11th floor Clinic making access easier for our patients and visitors.

Blackburn said, "We want to improve our patient flow and the way we greet our patients and visitors at PMC. We want to be the best in the nation, when it comes to patient experience."

The PMC Board of Directors include: President Ron Burchett; Vice President Donovan Blackburn; Secretary Joe Dean Anderson; Chief of Staff Dr. Philip Leipprandt; David Baird; David Collins; Dr. Aaron Crum; Linda Justice; John LaBreche; Clint Martin; Mike McCoy; Dr. Jyothi Mettu; Jo Nell Robinson; Robert Shurtleff and Dr. Mary Simpson.

For additional information about Pikeville Medical Center visit [www.pikevillehospital.org](http://www.pikevillehospital.org) or call 606-218-3500.

## THE SKY'S THE LIMIT FOR WOMEN IN TECH POSITIONS

By: Amy Charles

The Huffington Post reports that a little more than 20 percent of jobs in tech are held by women. In mega-companies like Google, Facebook and Twitter, it is even less. Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has a far more progressive approach to staffing their Information Technology (IT) department, filling around 30 percent of their positions with women.

PMC IT Training Analysts, Donna Owens and Kelli Hall were invited to speak at John I. Burton High School in Norton, Va. Both ladies taught there before working at PMC. The main topic of their presentation was women and IT in health care.

"We hope to help girls realize a passion for a career in IT by taking more STEM classes," Owens explained. "Girls aren't as encouraged or don't understand they can seek out a career in IT."

STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and math. STEM classes group together these academic disciplines to give students an edge, helping them to identify potential career paths.

"The opportunities in today's world to be successful are greater than they have ever been," said Hall. "If you have ever had an interest in a technical degree, don't ignore it."

Society is technologically driven. The IT workforce is evolving to add more women. There are 15+

different positions in IT at PMC. Owens and Hall want to let students, specifically, young women, know what opportunities are out there.

"Students may not be aware of the IT possibilities in health care," said Hall. "There is so much that goes on behind the scenes that help a hospital run smoothly."

Right now, there is a big push for schools to start technology clubs. By offering these opportunities, along with STEM classes in high school, young adults can make a more informed career decision. Owens and Hall also pointed them towards helpful websites to encourage them to learn more on their own about these avenues.

"Even if a girl decides to go into nursing, they can broaden their scope of learning in college to include IT classes and certifications," Owens explained. "As an RN, they are then qualified to work in IT areas in health care."

Owens and Hall gave out small gifts to all the students who attended their presentation. However, they were sure to leave the young women in the audience with a clear message.

"You can break the barriers," said Owens. "It's not easy getting your foot in the door, but once you do, the sky is the limit."

For more information about PMC, please visit [www.pikevillehospital.org](http://www.pikevillehospital.org), or call 606-218-3500.



PMC's Primary Stroke Center Medical Director, Naveed Ahmed, MD, CEO Donovan Blackburn, and Chief of Cardiology, Michael Antimisiaris, MD, were guest speakers at the 2019 Stroke Awareness Day, held at the East Ky Expo Center Plaza last week. Attendees enjoyed a day of entertainment, door prizes, lunch and free health screenings. The goal of Stroke Awareness Day is to educate the community about the risk factors that lead to stroke. Although 80 percent of strokes are preventable, it remains the leading cause of disability and fifth leading cause of death in the U.S.



PMC IT Training Analysts, Donna Owens and Kelli Hall spoke to students at John I. Burton High School



## Lady Golden Eagles win 15th Region crown

By **RANDY WHITE**  
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The field wasn't in the best condition due to rain earlier in the day, but Johnson Central pitcher Chloe VanHoose found her footing in the circle and led the Lady Golden Eagles to a 9-1 win over Pike Central to claim the 15th Region championship.

VanHoose gave up one run on five hits, while striking out 12 Pike Central batters.

What about the offense?

Abby Fannin and the rest of the Lady Golden Eagles took care of business at the plate.

Fannin went three for four a homer, a double and three RBIs to lead Johnson Central

at the plate.

Johnson Central got going in the top of the first. Alyssa Hedrick drew a walk with two outs. Fannin followed with an RBI double to give the Lady Golden Eagles an 1-0 lead.

The Lady Golden Eagles kept things going in the top of the second. Katelyn Fitch led off the inning with a double off the cen-

ter field wall. After a sacrifice bunt, Chloe Lafferty followed with an RBI single. Claire Gamble followed with a bunt single. Alaina Castle added an RBI single to push the lead to 3-0.

VanHoose stepped to the plate and helped her own cause with an RBI single to push the lead to 4-0. Hedrick added a sacrifice fly RBI to push the lead to

5-0. Fannin added an RBI single as the Lady Golden Eagles' lead grew to 6-0 going into the bottom of the second.

Johnson Central added another run in the top of the third as Castle hit an RBI single to push the lead to 7-0.

In the bottom of the third, Pike Cen-

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Johnson Central's Abby Fannin connects with a pitch against Pike Central Wednesday night in the 15th Region championship. Fannin had a big night at the plate going three for four with a home run, a double and three RBIs in the Lady Golden Eagles' 9-1 win.

## Lady Jaguars make progress in second season

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central was a second half team during the 2019 high school softball season. Under the direction of first-year head coach Michelle Martin, who replaced Kevin Spurlock at the helm of the program, Floyd Central won nine of its last 12 games to finish with a 12-18 overall record.

The Lady Jaguars finished runner-up in the 58th District. Floyd Central's latest campaign included its first trip to the 15th Region Softball Tournament.

Upstart Floyd Central compiled an 12-21 record in its debut season in 2018.

Floyd Central managed to recover from a rocky start in its latest campaign. The Lady Jaguars opened the

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Shortstop Katie Moore swings at a pitch. Moore is set to return for the Floyd Central softball team in 2020.

## Floyd Central shows improvement in latest campaign

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central broke through during the 2019 high school baseball season. The Shawn Hag-

er-coached Jaguars managed to finish runner-up in the 58th District and advance to the 15th Region Baseball Tournament, both for the first time in school history.

Floyd Central, one of eight teams to compete in the recently-completed 15th Region Baseball Tournament, concluded the

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Pitcher/shortstop Matt Combs delivers a pitch to home plate earlier this season. Combs is among the top players due back for Floyd Central in the 2020 high school baseball season.



# Senator Johnny Ray Turner's Fight Fore MS

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Senator Johnny Ray Turner will hold his 17th Annual Fight Fore MS at StoneCrest Golf Course on June 14.

Preregistration for the event is underway. Registration for Senator Johnny Ray Turner's Fight Fore MS will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the morning of the event.

Senator Johnny Ray Turner continues to help

in the fight against Multiple Sclerosis.

MS is a chronic, unpredictable neurological disease that affects the central nervous system. It is not contagious and is not directly inherited. Most suffering from MS have a normal or near-normal life expectancy. The majority of people with MS do not become severely disabled. There are now FDA-approved medications that have been shown to modify or slow down the

underlying course of MS. Breakfast, snacks and dinner will be provided during Senator Johnny Ray Turner's Fight Fore MS. The event will include door prizes, prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin as well as putting and chipping contests.

The event will be a captain's choice scramble. Each player will hit a tee shot. The team will choose the best tee shot and each player will hit from within one club

length of that position. If the selected shot is located in the rough, sand or hazard, next shots must be played from within the rough, sand or hazard. Play will continue until the ball is holed out. One score will be recorded for the team.

For more information on Senator Johnny Ray Turner's Fight Fore MS, including access to a registration form, visit

<https://www.jrt4ms.com/Tournament-Information.html>



Senator Johnny Ray Turner's Fight Fore MS will be held at StoneCrest Golf Course on June 14.

photo courtesy of Senator Johnny Ray Turner's Fight Fore MS



# Floyd County Pitch Hit and Run champions crowned

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - The Floyd County Cal Ripken Baseball & Softball League has crowned its 2019 Pitch Hit & Run Champions.

Winners from the local Pitch Hit & Run competition will be honored at the Floyd County Cal Ripken Baseball & Softball League's end-of-season pool party on Thursday, June 6.

Cruiz Clark turned in the top performance during the Floyd County Cal Ripken Baseball & Softball League's 2019 Pitch Hit & Run event, sweeping top honors in the 7 year old division.

The Floyd County Cal Ripken Baseball & Softball League's 2019 Pitch Hit & Run Champions follow:

### 3-4 Year Old Division

Hit Champion - Greyson Holbrook  
Pitch Champion - Chase Skeens  
Run Champion - Hudson Hansford

### 5-6 Year Old Division

Hit Champion - Kaiden Bertling  
Pitch Champion - Bryson Howerton  
Run Champion - Rilynn Welch

### 7-8 Year Old Division

Hit Champion - Cruiz Clark  
Pitch Champion - Cruiz Clark  
Run Champion - Cruiz Clark

### 9-10 Year Old Division

Hit Champion (Tie) - Khenan Welch, Christian Click  
Pitch Champion - Wyatt Patton  
Run Champion - Christian Click

### 11-12 Year Old Division

Hit Champion - Bryce Holbrook  
Pitch Champion - Bryce Holbrook  
Run Champion - Keegan Prince



Cruiz Clark, pictured with his father, John Clark, swept the local Pitch Hit & Run competition in his age division.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

**Johnson Central pitcher Chloe VanHoose delivers a pitch to home plate against Pike Central Wednesday night in the 15th Region championship.**

**CROWN**

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tral scored its only run of the game. Skylar Stumbo hit a bunt single to get on. Sydnee Lowe followed with a walk. Kayleigh Thomas reached on an error to score Stumbo and cut the lead to 7-1.

In the top of the fourth, Fannin hit a solo home run to push the lead to 8-1.

Castle also went

three for four with a double and two RBIs for the Lady Golden Eagles. Lafferty added a pair of hits for the Lady Golden Eagles.

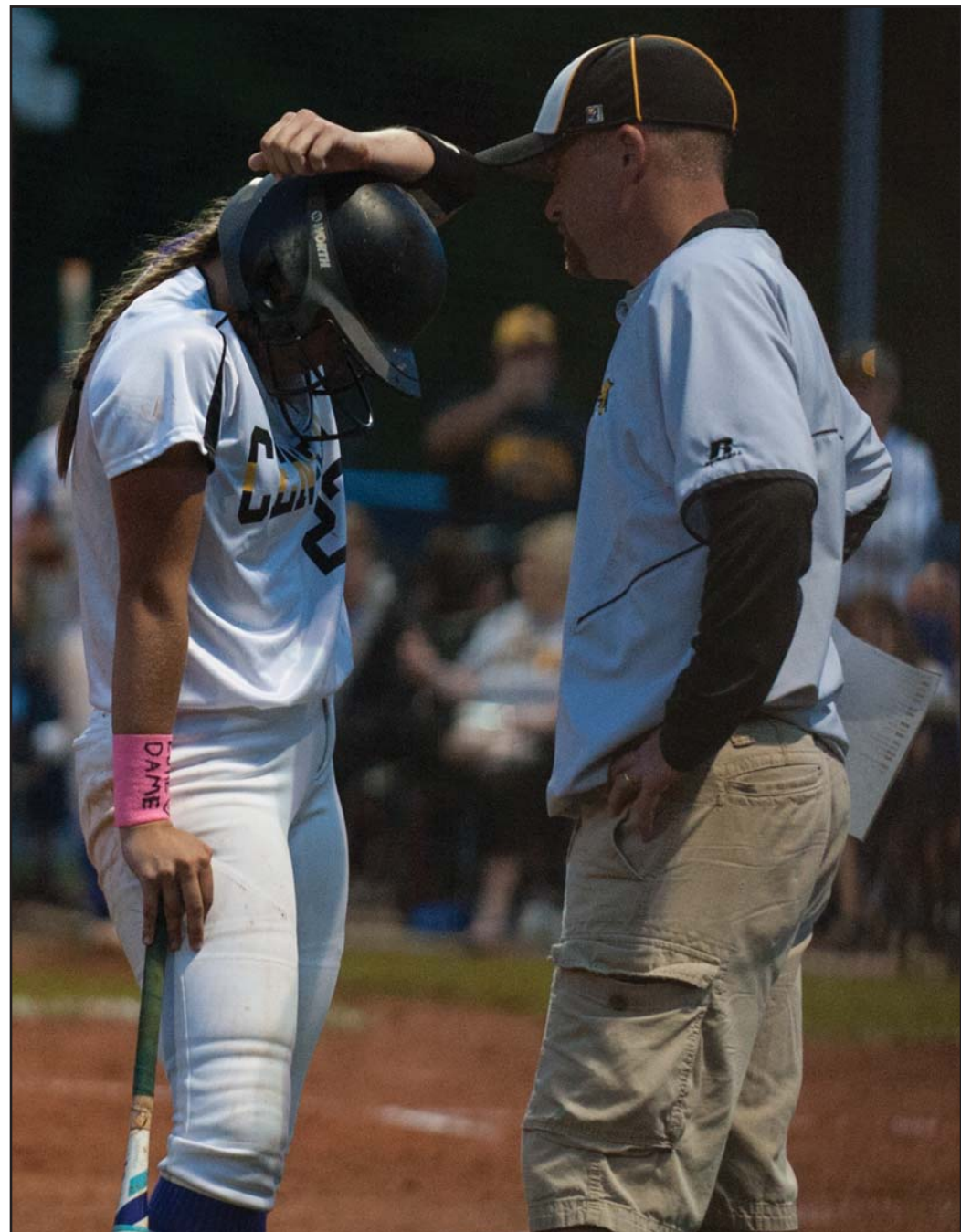
Stumbo lead the way for Pike Central at the plate going three for four and scoring the Lady Hawks' only run. Bailey Birchfield and Abby Huffman also got hits for the Lady Hawks.

Thomas suffered the loss for the Lady Hawks.

Pike Central fin-

ished the season with an 18-20 record, the 60th District championship and their only trip to the 15th Region championship game in school history.

Johnson Central (24-15) advances to the KHSAA Fast Pitch Softball State Tournament Semi-State 8 Saturday against Ashland at Kentucky Christian University.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

**Johnson Central's Alaina Castle talks to coach Phillip Estep Wednesday night during the 15th Region Tournament at Floyd Central.**

**LADY**

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2019 high school softball season 0-12 after dropping games to Hazard, Perry County Central, Morgan County, Knott Central, East Ridge, Jackson City, Belfry, Lawrence County and Sheldon Clark.

But Floyd Central eventually got going.

Floyd Central swept county rival Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg in a pair of 58th District two-game series during the 2019 regular-season. The Lady Jaguars beat Betsy Layne in the opening round of the 58th District Softball Tournament prior to finishing runner-up to reigning champion Lawrence County.

Johnson Central ended Floyd Central's 2019 season in the opening round of the 15th Region Softball Tournament, shutting out the Lady Jaguars 10-0 in five innings.

One of the area's top high school softball programs, Johnson Central defeated Pike County Central 9-1 in the 15th Region Softball Tournament title game at Floyd Central High School on Wednesday.

Floyd Central's second softball season included additional wins over Buckhorn, Magoffin County, Jenkins, Cordia and Sheldon Clark. The Lady Jaguars managed to out-score opponents 232-198 during the 2019 season.

Several players emerged as leaders for the Floyd Central softball program during its second campaign. Floyd Central is due to welcome back most of its players for the 2020 season.

**Position:** Medical Director

**Employment Type:** Regular Full Time

**Location:** KRCC- Perry County

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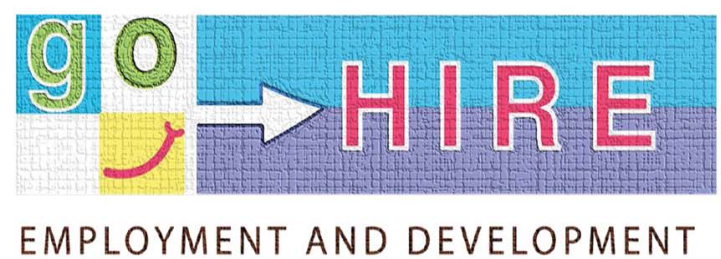
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**Position:** Medical Records Facilitator

**Employment Type:** Regular Full Time

**Location:** KRCC- Perry Outpatient

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# NASCAR Hall of Fame Class of 2020

The May stop of the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series at Charlotte not only brings two consecutive weekends of racing but also the announcement of the newest class of NASCAR's Hall of Fame inductees. The NASCAR Hall of

Fame is the newest of the professional sports' Hall of Fame but it has wasted very little time in enshrining a collection of not only the greatest drivers in the sport but also those individuals that have played a huge role in elevating the sport

to the lofty level that it now enjoys.

Tony Stewart was considered a lock to be voted in this year in his first year of eligibility as he won three Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series championships with the first two being

earned while he was driving for Joe Gibbs Racing. His last title came after he left JGR to join Gene Haas in forming Stewart-Haas Racing. He collected 49 wins in his career and is still highly visible in the sport as SHR fields four teams in the series. He led the field of inductees as he was named on 88% of the 57 ballots cast.

Joining Stewart in the class of 2020 is his former owner Joe Gibbs. Besides winning two titles with Stewart in the MENCs, he has also collected titles with Bobby Labonte and Kyle Busch. The win Saturday night at Charlotte in the Coca-Cola 600 by his driver Martin Truex Jr. was the 165th win for JGR. He now has the distinction of being a member of two major Hall of Fames as he has been inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame after a career in which he won three Super Bowls as head coach of the Washington Redskins.

Bobby Labonte will also be joining his former owner Gibbs as a member of the 2020 class after being elected in his third year on the ballot. His not only has a MENCs title but he also collected an Xfinity Series title. He won 21 races during his career and has stayed active in the sport as a TV commentator.

Most of today's MENCs fans will remember Buddy Baker for the humor and great story telling that he brought to the sport as a TV and radio personality but it was what he did behind the wheel of a race car that earned him a spot in the HOF class of 2020. Baker won 19 races but it was where he collected the victories that set him apart as a driver. He won two races at Day-

tona with one of them being the 1980 Daytona 500. His love of speed also showed at Talladega where he posted four wins on the high banked superspeedway. His win total also includes four wins at Charlotte and two at Darlington, a track that may be the toughest in all of the sport to claim a checkered flag.

The fifth member of the Class of 2020 is crew chief and engine builder Waddell Wilson. His career as a crew chief includes three wins in the Daytona 500 with Buddy Baker (1980) and two with Cale Yarborough (1983, 84). His career as an engine builder alone was worthy enough to gain entry into the HOF as his engines collected 109 checkered flags and sat on the pole for 123 races.

**PIT NOTES:** Sunday's night running of the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway attracted one of the largest crowds in recent years and they were treated to some of the best racing of the year which is good news for NASCAR. The new rules package introduced at the beginning of the season was in part implemented to make the racing better on the mile and a half tracks like Charlotte that makes up so much of the MENCs schedule. The close racing that we saw over the weekend will not matter when the series makes its return visit to Charlotte in the fall as that race will be conducted on the track's road course/oval that is known as a Roval. It produced one of the best races on the entire schedule last season and is one of the most anticipated races still left on the schedule



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### CAMPAIGN

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2019 season 13-19. After finishing runner-up to Lawrence County in the 58th District, Floyd Central fell to Johnson Central in the opening round of the 15th Region Baseball Tournament. However, Floyd Central managed to push Johnson Central throughout the region tournament matchup.

Floyd Central showed a vast amount of improvement after concluding its inaugural season 9-22 in 2018. The Jaguars lost to Lawrence County during the initial round of the 2018 58th District Baseball Tournament.

The Jaguars swept 58th District foes Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg during the 2019 season. Floyd Central's latest campaign included wins over Magoffin County, Phelps, Breathitt County, Pike County Central, Tolsia (W.Va.), Leslie County and Per-

ry Central. The Jaguars put together four different winning streaks.

Prior to finishing runner-up to Lawrence County, Floyd Central knocked off Prestonsburg in the opening round of the 58th District Baseball Tournament.

Lawrence County captured the 2019 15th Region baseball title, defeating nemesis Johnson Central 12-7 in the championship game on Tuesday.

Opponents outscored Floyd Central 196-167 during the 2019 high school baseball season. Still, Floyd Central showed improvement offensively.

Floyd Central is due to field an experienced squad in 2020. Numerous veteran players are poised to return for Floyd Central in the 2020 high school baseball season.



Smart spending and saving habits will determine how well your year goes. You can think big, but don't buy into someone else's plans. Do only what you can afford and what will bring you the highest returns. What you want matters, so please yourself and live life your way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Deal with issues that need to be addressed. Look over personal papers and consider your options regarding health concerns. An intelligent, practical solution will put your mind at ease.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - Today is all about give and take. Patterns will develop that will help you ease into whatever is best for you. Go with the flow.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Be careful how you treat others. Your actions will be noticed and could influence the outcome of a decision that will affect your position, reputation or status.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Don't rely on what others say; rely on your skills and what you know you can accomplish. Concentrate on using your attributes to benefit yourself as well as others. Romance is highlighted.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Gather facts and be ready to straighten out anyone who offers false information. Know what and who you are up against, and intelligently deal with controversy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Partnerships can make a difference. Nurture your connection with people who bring out the best in you to discover how great you can be and how far you can go.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Protect your home, possessions and personal information against theft. Someone will not be

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completely honest with you. Don't overreact, but do know when to say no.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Activities and events will bring you together with loved ones, and respect will encourage closer relationships. Open your doors, host an event or make positive changes at home. Romance is encouraged.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Size up a situation before you take action. Make sure that whatever you decide to do benefits you and your loved ones. Protect what means the most to you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - A call for help will lead to a new beginning. Get together with people who motivate and inspire you, not with those who encourage bad habits.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Spend time with people who understand you or get what you are trying to do. Don't let negativity, criticism and complaints stand between you and your objective. Follow your heart.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - If you share your feelings, you'll resolve personal issues. You have plenty to gain if you make a focused effort to promote better health and physical stamina. Romance is featured.

**TODAY'S SUDOKU PUZZLE**

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All answers are in today's edition

**TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Like a pancake
  - Use bath powder
  - Pony's gait
  - Neighbor of Molokai
  - Desk-drawer item
  - All mammals have it
  - Constantly
  - Languor
  - Eric of - "Monty Python" fame
  - Dances from Brazil
  - Get nosy
  - Outward appearance
  - Holy image
  - Tern or albatross
  - Bored
  - RSVP word
  - Wingtip
  - Prez's stand-in
  - Name in tractors
  - Husk
  - Proceeded slowly
  - Roman sun god
  - Bundle of grain
  - Harvard rival
  - Energy source
  - Sort
  - Rapid-fire
  - Steakhouse order
  - Leave a mark
  - Pennsylvania port
  - Above, to poets
  - Raised the lid
  - Parent
  - Bound by oath
  - Unseen emanation
  - Till
  - Military hats
  - Latch on to
  - Not the least bit nice
  - Coast downhill
  - Otherwise
  - Down and out
  - Pitch in
  - Recipe arnts.
  - Oops! (hyph.)
  - Knot
  - Ballerina painter
  - Animal skins
  - Is, in Madrid
  - Tree's anchor
  - A Muppet
  - Minor clergy
  - Plane part
  - Ziegfeld nickname
  - Measure of land
  - Mall booths
  - Gown's go-with
  - Vaccine
  - Papas or Cara
  - Lasso
  - Stair post
  - Hawser
  - and void
  - Aphrodite's child
  - Noblewoman
  - Free of
- DOWN**
- Celts, to Romans
  - Volcanic rock
  - Beg pardon!
  - Power-plant spinner
  - Hassle a debtor
  - Longest arm bone
  - "The Cat in the Hat" author
  - Kids' wheels
  - Sewing kit item
  - Half diameters
  - Persian Gulf craft
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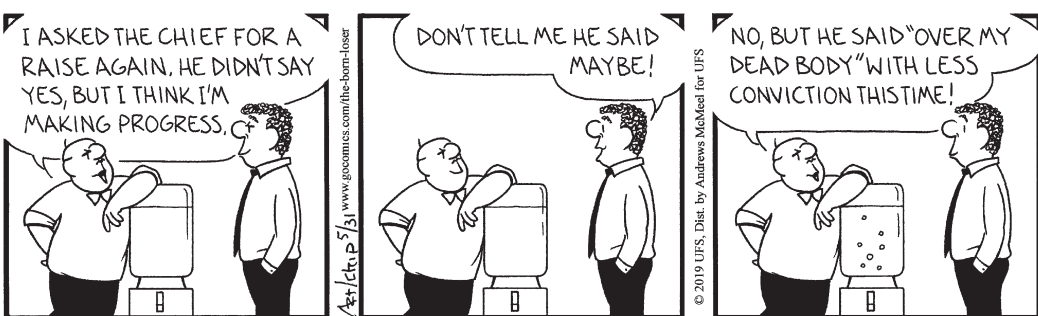
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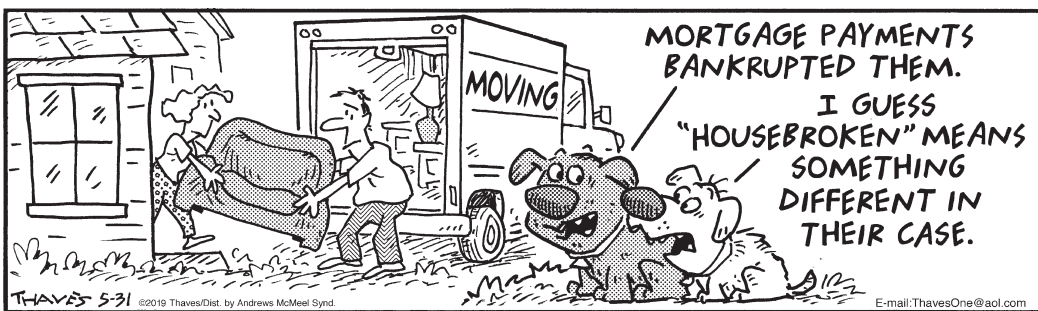
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**LEGALS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**I, JENNIFER BURKE ELLIOTT**, a duly licensed attorney practicing in Floyd County, Kentucky, have been appointed by the Floyd Circuit Court as Warning Order attorney for the Unknown Spouse of Alice Robinson. The Order is to notify the Unknown Spouse of Alice Robinson that a legal action has been brought

**LEGALS**

against her/him, the same being **Floyd Circuit Court, Division II, Civil Action No. 19-CI-000241.**

Notice is hereby given to the Unknown Spouse of Alice Robinson that his/her failure to respond to the Complaint could result in a default judgment being awarded. As Warning Order Attorney, a response must be filed within fifty (50) days of the filing of the Complaint.

**JENNIFER BURKE ELLIOTT Attorney at Law 107 S Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-9937**

**REQUEST FOR ARCHITECT/ENGINEER PROPOSAL, (RFP)**

The Housing Authority of Floyd County is requesting proposals (RFP) from Architects for a modernization projects funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Interested firms should respond with a letter of interest by 4 pm local time, Monday June 7, 2019. Upon receipt of your intent, a packet of documents will be sent, containing pertinent information and forms needed to submit your proposal. Final proposals must be received at the office of the Floyd County Housing Authority by 4:00 pm local time, Monday, July 1, 2019, in order to be considered.

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Bids can be mailed to P.O. Box 276 Allen, KY 41601, but must be received by June 4, 2019.  
  
Bids can also be dropped off prior to the opening of the bids on June 4, 2019, 7:00 pm at the Allen Fire Station, 142 Court Street, New Allen, KY 41601.  
  
For questions please contact: Fire Chief Frank Rudder at 606-874-0792 or 606-424-2582.  
  
Allen Fire Protection Tax District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

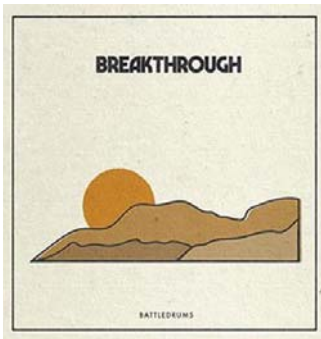
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\* Performing all necessary tests related to water treatment  
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By Mail: PO Box 610 McDowell, KY 41647

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## May album releases



**Breakthrough**  
by Battledrums  
Genre: Praise & Worship



**Fear**  
by Citizens  
Genre: Alternative / Praise & Worship



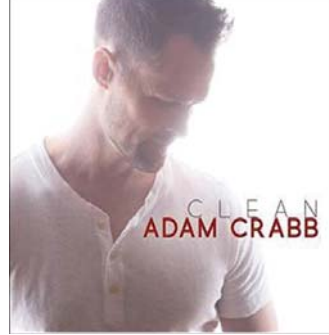
**More Like Jesus**  
by Jonathan Cain  
Genre: AC/Inspo



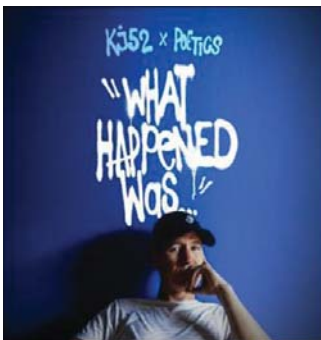
**Better**  
by Stars Go Dim  
Genre: Pop/Rock



**United (Deluxe)**  
by Newsboys  
Genre: Pop/Rock



**Clean**  
by Adam Crabb  
Genre: Country/Southern Gospel



**What Happened Was...**  
by PoetiCS & KJ-52  
Genre: Rap/Urban



**Fear No More**  
by The Afters  
Genre: Pop/Rock

## Be proactive, not pro-anxious

*“Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.”*  
Proverbs 6:6-8 NIV



Being proactive entails creating or controlling a situation by causing something to happen rather than waiting for it to happen and then reacting to it. In this context, “proactive” is usually contrasted with “reactive,” and we are often open to the criticism that we should be more proactive. Knowing that your car is having problems, the proactive response would be to make the repairs ahead of time rather than waiting for your car to break down on the side of the road. When thinking about the future, it is common for us to worry about events that may or may not happen, and thus we are often “pro-anxious,” when we might be proactive. Anxiety can serve a useful purpose in

our lives; it has been aptly described as an alarm which warns us of danger. When we have legitimate anxieties, it is like the smoke alarm telling us that something is burning, but when we have anxiety over nothing, that is like the false alarm when nothing is on fire. When the anxieties are real, it is best to be proactive. When there is nothing we can do about the situation, the biblical advice to “not worry about tomorrow” is appropriate. When there is something we can and should do, we should follow the advice given in Proverbs, and be like the ant who stores up its food for the winter.  
—Christopher Simon

## Local church directory

### CROSSRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

9239 Ky Rte 122, Minnie  
Phone: (606) 377-2560 • Facebook: CrossRidge  
Pastor Steve Richardson

#### SUNDAYS

Sunday School – 10 a.m.  
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Service – 7 p.m.

### FAITH REVELATION MINISTRIES

62 South Harkens Avenue, Prestonsburg

#### SUNDAYS

Sunday School – 10 a.m.  
Worship – 11:15 a.m.

#### THURSDAYS

Bible Study – 7 p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALLEN

354 US Hwy 23 North, Allen  
606-874-9468  
Pastor Tim Searcy

#### SUNDAYS

Bible Study – 9:30 a.m.  
Services – 10:45 a.m. & 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Service – 7 p.m.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (IRENE COLE MEMORIAL)

157 S. Front Street, Prestonsburg  
606-886-8681  
Pastor Thomas R. Biddle

#### SUNDAYS

Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.  
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Bible Study – 6:00 p.m.

#### OTHER

Baptist Learning Center (1–5 years) Monday–Friday 7 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF PRESTONSBURG

660 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg  
Minister Kevin G. Jett

#### SUNDAYS

Morning Worship – 11 a.m.  
Sunday School/Junior Church – 11:30 a.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1430 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg  
(606) 886-2214

Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Sanders  
firstpresky@gmail.com

#### SUNDAYS

Bible Study for Adults: 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday School for Children: 10:00 a.m.  
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

### HAROLD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Beside Harold Primary Care, Harold  
Phone: 606-438-2251 • 606-477-1407  
Minister Willie Meade

#### SUNDAYS

Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.  
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.  
Youth Group – 5 p.m.

## Thank you for your service



By JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

The faces appeared before us, one after another. Soldiers. Airmen. Sailors. Privates. Corporals. Sergeants. Pilots. It was a small gesture from our church to honor those who served and have gone on before us. Some of them I knew, but most I didn't. Their names appeared along with information about their service. Some merely mentioned the branch of military and years of service. Some were more detailed with battles, ranks, awards, etc.

My grandfather, Edgar Nunley, served in World War II. I know he was in the Navy and stationed in the Pacific. He would not talk about the war, so I don't have any first-hand facts from him. I know two things about his time enlisted. The first, he was once in New York City. The second, he bought cigarettes, smuggled

them on the ship underneath the legs of his pants and resold them to fellow sailors. Those two items were only mentioned on one occasion.

I don't know what my grandfather did, what his rank was or what years he served. The little information I have, I gathered from photos he had. There's a photo of him in what appears to be a military yearbook. His station in the Pacific is an assumption on my part. He had a photo of a ship. The writing on the photo states the ship was stationed in the Pacific. His one phrase about signing up to go into combat was saying it was the stupidest thing he'd ever done. I often wondered why he said that. When I think of those in the military, I think of their bravery and their sacrifice. I don't consider fighting for your country to be something that's stupid. I often wonder what happened during his time in war? What did he see? What did he endure? But I'll never know. He wouldn't say and instead carried the haunting images within, never sharing.

God only knows what our servicemen and women have seen in war. The atrocities. Death. Unbelievable hardships. People

being tortured. Children used to lure soldiers. Difficult on-the-spot decisions that have to be made. I simply can't fathom what they go through. It's beyond me. I would never be able to go through, must less survive, what they have endured. I respect our military for their ability to do so. To sacrifice so much – family, friends, even life itself – in order to protect this great land and our freedoms. I know you've heard it before, but freedom is not free. Over one million men and women have died for it. As the quote says, “All gave some. Some gave all.” Its a sobering thought of what they've been through.

I can never know the hardships our servicemen and women have faced, both physically and mentally. But I thank you for your service. I thank you for your dedication and sacrifice to serving this great land. I thank you for being the reason the United States of America is “the land of the free and the home of the brave.”

*Our gracious and Heavenly Father, I pray for our servicemen and women. I pray for those who have served in the past. May you help them and their families deal with*



Edgar Nunley  
U.S. Navy

*the aftermath of war. May you bless them and guide them. May you be with our current servicemen and women. May you keep them safe from danger. May you place your protective hand upon them. May you lead them home safely. May you be with their families as they are deployed and give them peace. Lord, I pray our military leaders look to you for guidance. I pray they seek your face and try to do your will, not theirs. May you direct them in the way they should go. May you bless all our servicemen and women who have served and are now serving. May they look to you and realize that you are in control of all things. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

## Attention Churches

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## Welcome Baby Smith

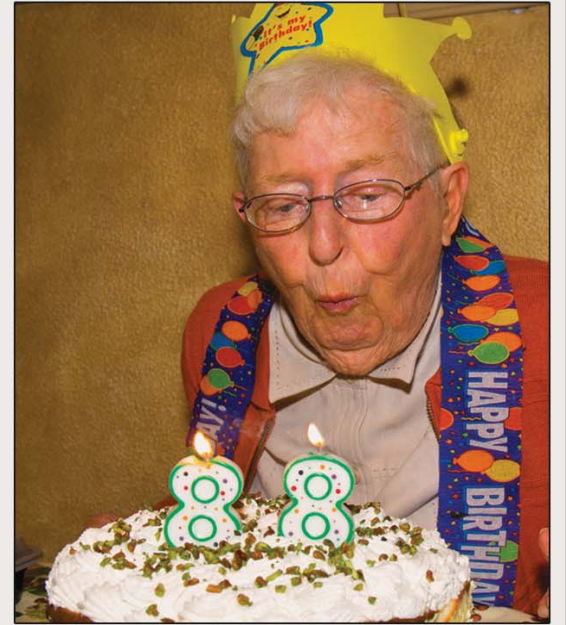


John Caleb Smith, the son of Aaron and Christy Smith of Allen was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Thelma Ratliff of Allen and John and Dorothy Smith of Wheelwright, Ky.

## Birth Announcements

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

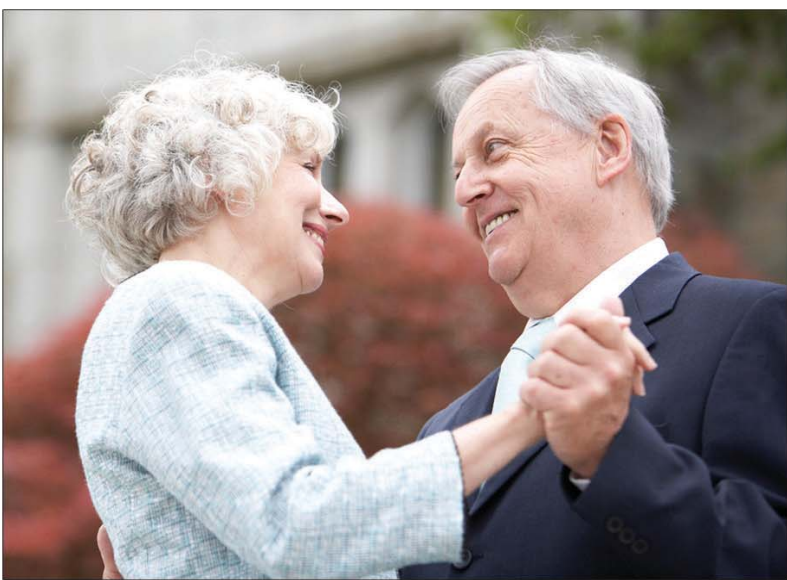
## Celebrating Birthdays



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

## Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



## Celebrating 55 years

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

Announce your recent marriage. Weddings within 3 months are **FREE**.

## 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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