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'Extraordinary circumstance' PSC 'reluctantly' orders Southern to adopt temporary 'flat rate'

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Public Service Commission issued an order on June

6 granting a temporary flat rate increase to the Southern Water and Sewer District and "strongly" encouraging the district to sell its assets or merge

with another utility. The order came as a shock, however, to Southern officials. "It was completed unexpected, the way that

the order was issued, or the manner in which they issued the flat rate billing," Southern Water Commission Chairman Jeff Prater said. "It just

took us completely by surprise ... It's a strange situation. Totally unexpected, and it's definitely

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Disbarred attorney Eric C. Conn reported in 2010 that he paid more than \$500,000 for this statue of Abraham Lincoln that sits outside his former Stanville office.

County officials plan to move Abe Lincoln statue to battlefield

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County officials are working on a plan to move the Abraham Lin-

coln statue at Stanville to the Middle Creek National Battlefield in Prestonsburg.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie

Williams reports that Jerry Flannery, the owner of Four J Development, recently bought the statue and property previously owned by disbarred at-

torney Eric C. Conn. He said Flannery agreed to donate the statue for use on the battlefield.

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Garrett man accused of rape

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County resident was arrested last week for allegedly raping someone and video-taping the alleged crime with his phone.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Justin Slone, 40, of Garrett, was arrested at the Floyd County Detention Center on June 5 and charged with one count of first-degree rape.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Thacker alleges in the arrest warrant that the alleged rape occurred on March 6.

Slone raped the alleged victim "by forcible compulsion without her consent due to her being unconscious," Thacker alleged in the citation.

"(Slone) recorded him

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Arkansas Creek home destroyed by fire

By **ELAINE BELCHER**
STAFF WRITER

The Allen Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire on Arkansas Creek near Martin around 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

According to Assistant Fire Chief Vernie Bradley, the home, located at 1932 Arkansas Creek Road, was already in flames by the time first responders arrived on scene.

There was no one home at the time the fire started and no injuries reported, said Bradley. Homeowner Edd Paige



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See **FIRE**, Page 3A The Allen Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire on Arkansas Creek Thursday afternoon.

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BOE announces staffing reorganization

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Schools District announced staffing changes this week.

Superintendent Danny Adkins announced that Angela Duncan was appointed as the executive officer of operations and Brent Rose was appointed to her previous role, director as districtwide services for Floyd County Schools.

Duncan's new position was recently created by the Floyd County Board of Education.

"Angela Duncan has been and will continue to lead our human resources department. As I attend meetings and visit

schools, we wanted to have someone who can assist in our day-to-day operations and concerns, as we want to be as responsive to our student, staff and parent needs," Adkins said. "Brent will be a Director of District Wide Services with a focus on instruction and multi-tiered systems of support. Brent has experience in special education, elementary and secondary education and his background makes him a natural fit for this role. He will be assisting schools to make sure that our students receive needed support and interventions."

Duncan began her career in education as a teacher at Mt. Sterling

Elementary and came to Floyd County as a curriculum resource teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary in 2004. She became a director of districtwide Services in 2008. During her 19 years in education, a few of the areas Duncan has worked with include general and special education, mentoring new teachers, coordinating district level teams and cadres and human resources. She and her husband Steve live in Prestonsburg with their daughter Taylor.

Rose started teaching in 1995 at McDowell Elementary teaching special education classes, was an assistant principal for four years at Betsy Layne High School and served



Angela Duncan
Executive Officer of Operations



Brent Rose
Director of Districtwide Services

as the principal for one year. In 2008, Rose became principal at Prestonsburg Elementary. During his 24 years in education, he has coached several teams and served as president of the Floyd County Principal's Associ-

ation. Rose and his wife Amy live in Prestonsburg with their four children, Anna, Ryan, Emma and Kyle.

"We are reorganizing our central office and having Angela take on this new role and add-

ing Brent to our district instructional department will help us insure we are innovative and providing opportunities for all kids to be successful citizens. We are excited about the upcoming year," Adkins said.



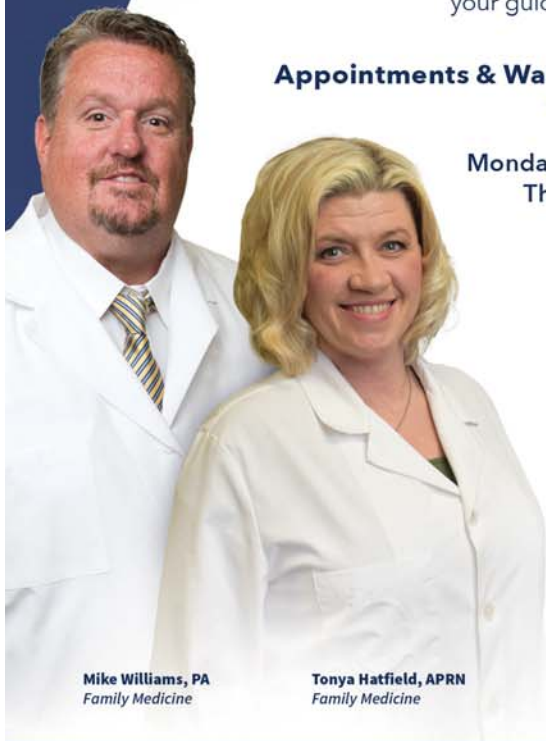
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Tools are Great for Father's Day – and for Investors

If you're a dad, you may well be pleased to unwrap some tools as Father's Day gifts. Of course, it might be a stereotype that all men are handy at repairs; women certainly can be every bit as good when it comes to building and fixing things. In fact, the construction process is valuable for anyone to learn – and the same skills that go in to creating and mending physical objects also can be applied to financial projects – such as working toward a comfortable retirement.

Here are a few of those skills:

- **Diagnosing the challenge** – A good craftsman knows that the first step toward accomplishing any outcome is to assess the challenge. So, for example, if you want to build some bookshelves right into the wall, you'll need to locate the wall studs, determine if you have adequate space for the shelving you want and allow room for future expansion. Similarly, if you want to retire at a certain age, you need to consider the key variables: your current and future income (How much can you count on from your retirement plans?), where you'll live (Will you downsize or relocate? Will you rent or own a house or condominium?) And what you'll do as a retiree (Will you travel extensively or stick close to home? Will you do some type of work for pay or pursue your hobbies and volunteer?).

- **Assembling the right tools and materials** – To put together your bookshelf, you will need the right tools – saw, hammer, drill, sander and so on – and the right building materials – plywood, nails, screws, glue, brackets, moldings and so on. And to work toward a comfortable retirement, you'll also need the right tool – in the form of a long-term financial strategy, based on your specific retirement goals, risk tolerance and time horizon – along with the appropriate materials – the mix of investments you use to carry out that strategy. These investments include those you've placed in your IRA, your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, and those held outside your formal retirement accounts. Ideally, you want a diversified mix of investments capable of providing growth potential over time, within the context of your individual risk tolerance.

- **Review your work** – Once you've finished your bookshelf, you occasionally may need to make some minor adjustments or repairs in response to slippage, cracks or other issues that can develop over time. As an investor, you also may need to tweak your financial strategy periodically and adjust your investment mix – not necessarily because something is broken, but to accommodate changes in your life, such as a new job, new family situation and new goals. Furthermore, over time, your risk tolerance may change, and this needs to be reflected in your array of investments. Consequently, conducting an annual portfolio review with your financial professional should be a priority.

Tools are a big deal on Father's Day. But the construction-related tasks they represent, physically and symbolically, go beyond any one holiday and can be used by anyone interested in working toward a solid financial future.

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STATUE

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The donation has not yet been finalized and the project has not been publicly discussed or approved by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, but Williams sought — and received — approval of funding from the county tourism commission to move the statue.

Conn commissioned the statue, which was erected in sections and dedicated outside of his former law office in Stanville in November 2010, reporting at the time that it cost \$500,000.

The Abraham Lincoln portion of the statute is six feet tall, and, with its current base, it stands 19 feet tall. Williams said only the upper portion of the statue will be moved. A concrete base will be poured at the battlefield site, he said.

Williams said he reached out to the federal government after Conn's property was seized in an attempt to obtain the statue and adjoining property for economic development. The federal government, however, could not donate it, so Williams said he reached out to Flannery after he bought it.

"There was a couple of people that put a bid in on it and Jerry Flannery, he ultimately bought it and I contacted Jerry and asked him if he'd donate it to the county," Williams said. "I just said, I think that would be a great addition at Middle Creek battlefield, and he said, yeah."

He commended Flannery, calling him a "good person" for agreeing to donate the statute. He said if the deal is finalized, it will improve the battlefield and increase tourism.

On June 6, the Floyd County Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission approved its 2019-2020 budget, which includes \$30,000 for "Moving Abe," with Commissioner Dawn Slone voicing opposition.

"I don't think it's in good taste, in my opinion," Slone said. "I think it will be better placed at the courthouse somewhere."

She said a statue of the former president would "stick out like a sore thumb" at the battlefield.

Commissioner Mickey

McKinney told her, "We are a tourism committee. We're trying to do things that, believe it or not, people will drive 100 miles just to look at the daggone thing."

Misha Curnutte, who volunteers with the commission, said tour groups "are amazed" when they pass the statue in its current location. She said having it at the battlefield will give tour groups something else to do when they visit and increase interest in the battlefield, which is privately owned by the nonprofit Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation.

Slone said her concern is that there will be "negative talk" about the statue being located there, but Curnutte said she believes otherwise.

"I think it would be negative if we lost the use of it," Curnutte said.

Treasurer David Tackett and Williams told commission members that Prestonsburg Tourism will pay half of the cost of moving the statue, while Floyd County tourism will pay the other half.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West said that statement, however, was not accurate.

"We have not discussed, voted or made any arrangement or discussions to have any payment on that," she said.

She said Prestonsburg Tourism, however, is "certainly open" to having a discussion about the possibility.

Williams said the statue needs cleaned and a concrete foundation added at the battlefield, but the specific location has not been determined. He said Frank Fitzpatrick, president of the battlefield's foundation, is working with an architect to determine the best location for the statue and its foundation.

Williams is looking forward to seeing the statue at the battlefield.

"I travel a lot ... I tell people, I've never seen nothing like this, with everywhere I've been," he said. "Can you imagine coming into Prestonsburg and you're going to see an Abe Lincoln statue that big at a Civil War battlefield?"



Appalachian Newspapers file photo

Attorney Eric C. Conn, left, shakes hands with former Pike District Judge Darrel Mullins during the 2010 unveiling of the statue of President Abraham Lincoln at Conn's law complex at Stanville. The statue, officials have said recently, may now be making its home at the Middle Creek Battlefield in Prestonsburg.



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was alerted by his next-door neighbor as he and his fiancée were walking their two dogs along the road.

"While the house is a loss, I am thankful that my family was not in it when it went up," said Paige.

The 1975 double-wide trailer was identified as a "complete loss" by Fire Captain Ricky Dean Harlow, who responded to the call.

"A cause of the fire has not been identified at this time," he said. "We will investigate and call in the Kentucky State Police if necessary."

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GUEST COLUMN

Russian collusion, Kentucky-style



**FIVE SMOOTH
STONES KENTUCKY**
By
MARK WOHLANDER

Wow, who would have known that when Gov. Matt Bevin announced a partnership and the investment of \$15 million of Kentucky's tax dollars with Braidy Industries, that Kentuckians would trade away millions of tax dollars and tax incentives not only in exchange for the promise of 600 so-called high-paying jobs in America, but also, thousands more high paying jobs in Russia.

Yes, you read it correctly, thousands of high-paying jobs that will be generated in Russia where Braidy's announced partner, United Company RUSAL, a partner that will own a 40-percent stake in a billion-dollar company, all for the discounted price of \$200 million, is headquartered.

One is left to ask the rhetorical question of why should anyone care about this Kentucky/Russian partnership that was crafted in the dead of night and announced with little fanfare? Well, for starters, the answer to the rhetorical question could be as simple as knowing why the Bevin administration wanted this partnership to remain under the radar

until it was too late to change course.

Fortunately for Kentuckians, a little-known senator from Oregon, Sen. Ron Wyden, decided to ask for answers not to just a few rhetorical questions, but rather, to several hard questions regarding a partnership that does not stop at the headquarters of Braidy's proposed partner Rusal, a company headquartered in Moscow. Instead, as a result of Sen. Wyden's tenacity, and that of several other members of Congress, it is now clear that the Braidy/Rusal partnership extends well beyond Rusal's headquarters and extends all the way to the Kremlin and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Consider for a moment just a few words from Sen. Wyden's letter to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, words which should set off alarms and raise red warning flags not just for Kentuckians, but for everyone who has concerns over our national security, and the thousands of American jobs which will be lost if this partnership is approved.

In the words of Sen. Wyden, "Accordingly, we were deeply alarmed to

learn of the efforts ... [of] Rusal ... to jointly construct and operate the Braidy Atlas flat-rolled aluminum rolling plant in Ashland, Kentucky. Rusal will invest \$200 million in Braidy Atlas for a 40-percent stake in this project, with the remaining ownership held by Braidy. Braidy announced that it is applying to the U.S. Department of Energy and the German National equipment finance programs to fund the debt portion of its capital structure. Public reports indicate the plant will make "unspecified materials for the Department of Defense, 'among other products.'"

Have we completely gone mad? The real question which Kentuckians and all Americans need to ask is whether we are actually going to allow a Russian company with ties to the Kremlin to own a 40-percent stake in an American company, a company funded with Department of Energy dollars, a company which produces flat-rolled aluminum which is vital to America's infrastructure and defense industries, to have any interest in Braidy, let alone a 40-percent interest in this vital company.

Worse yet, as part of its partnership with Rusal, Braidy Industries has casually announced that its sole supplier of aluminum will be United Company RUSAL. In a recent press release the company claimed that, "No U.S. producer of prime alu-

minum is able to supply low-carbon, high-quality aluminum at this scale."

So what happens to the thousands of other jobs in the aluminum industry when Rusal becomes the sole supplier of aluminum for Braidy? What happens to the 300 employees at Century Aluminum, the aluminum smelter in Hawesville, Kentucky which just recently returned to work as a result of the tariffs on aluminum, tariffs which allowed Century to reopen, invest \$115 million for new technology which will eventually increase Century Aluminum's production by 60 percent.

As we consider the Braidy/Rusal partnership, take a moment to consider the words of Ronald Reagan when he said, "But if history teaches anything, it teaches that simpleminded appeasement or wishful thinking about our adversaries is folly. It means the betrayal of our past, the squandering of our freedom ... So, I urge you to speak out against those who would place the United States in a position of military and moral inferiority."

There is another common sense saying that Kentuckians can apply to this ill-conceived partnership, a saying which while not as eloquent as the words of Ronald Reagan, echo his words, and that common sense saying which is used in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky is that very

simple saying of "that dog won't hunt."

If this partnership is allowed to move forward, Kentuckians will be able to look back and remember this time in history as "Russian collusion, Kentucky-style."

What needs to happen before it is too late, is that all Kentuckians should join in a request — no, not just all Kentuckians, but also all Americans, should join in, not just a request, but a demand, for the Treasury Department, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Justice to immediately open up investigations and halt this insanity before it is too late. It is time to not only protect Kentucky jobs, including those at Century Aluminum, but it is also time to protect thousands of other jobs at aluminum plants across America. More importantly, it is time to protect our national security, which relies on a vibrant aluminum industry.

In the end, if Braidy really is interested in building a flat-rolled aluminum plant which will benefit America, then Braidy can partner with an American business, a business which will not only produce 600 high-paying jobs in Eastern Kentucky, but also hundreds of additional high-paying jobs for others in the aluminum industry; a business which will also protect our national security and those

"unspecified materials for the Department of Defense."

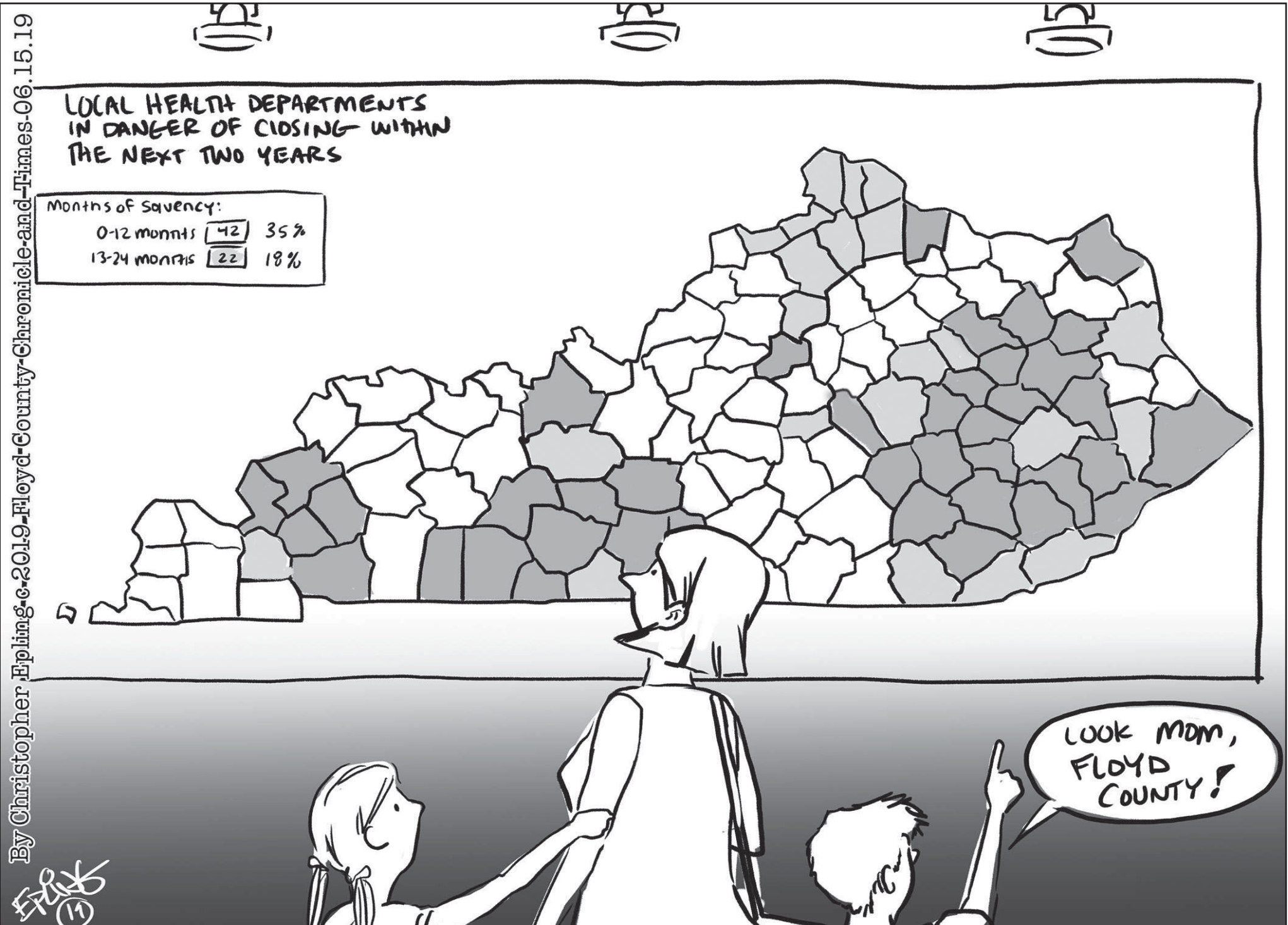
Oh, and, by the way, there is one last rhetorical question which necessarily needs to be asked and answered: Just exactly when will Kentuckians get back the \$15 million which Gov. Bevin gave to Braidy to build an aluminum plant in Ashland, a plant which would benefit Kentuckians, not Russians?

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Justice companies agree to pay tax debt

Bartley opposes settlement

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Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said the state "ought to be ashamed of itself" for inking a deal for the payment of delinquent taxes owed by companies controlled by the family of West Virginia Governor Jim Justice.

The Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet and its Department of Revenue announced on June 10 that it has reached a "long-awaited" settlement agreement for delinquent taxes owed by companies controlled Justice's family, Kentucky Fuels, Inc., Sequoia Energy LLC and A&G Coal Inc.

Those companies agreed to pay delinquent taxes owed in Harlan, Knott, Magoffin and Pike counties, a press release from the Finance and Administration Cabinet said. The agency did not report the total paid, the counties received checks to-

taling nearly \$1.2 million last week, the Lexington Herald-Leader reported, and Justice's companies have "pledged to pay an equal amount over the next six months."

The settlement agreement also released Kentucky Fuels from suspensions on its mining license, the press release said.

"I am happy that we were able to bring much needed tax revenue to these counties whose budgets have been tightened because of decreasing coal severance revenues and other expenses," Finance Cabinet Secretary William M. Landrum III said in the press release. "This settlement means the state and these counties no longer have to spend time, money and other resources on lawsuits that could take many years with no guarantee that the taxes would be paid."

Bartley opposes the

settlement agreement, reporting on Tuesday that he is preparing to sue Justice's companies for money they owes Floyd County.

"Jim Justice's companies are notorious for not paying their bills, and that includes tax bills that they owe in virtually every coal-producing county in Eastern Kentucky," Bartley said.

He said he opposes the settlement agreement because he said it included "a 100 percent waiver of all interest and penalties."

"Floyd County was not involved in those negotiations because, at least in part, I made it very clear from the very beginning that I would never, under any circumstances, agree to waive 100 percent of all interest and penalties for Justice's companies," Bartley said. "I think it's not fair, not right, to give huge tax breaks to a West Virginia billionaire while at the

same time taxing our people in Floyd County, while at the same time struggling to survive at all governmental levels in Floyd County — fiscal court, libraries, fire departments, senior citizen centers, boards of education. We all have to struggle because people like Justice and his companies don't pay their bills. And then, when the heat comes, what do they do? They want a reduction."

He said he believes that some counties agreed for the settlement because "their financial circumstances were such that they didn't have a choice but just take what they could get."

"The state of Kentucky ought to be ashamed of itself for waiving the amounts of taxes owed to it by Justice's company," Bartley said. "The fact that he's the governor of West Virginia probably weighed heavily on those decisions. It means absolutely nothing to me."

Kentucky Fuels owes Floyd County more than

\$600,000, Bartley said, and he's been trying to collect that bill since 2013. He said the company agreed to pay the county \$50,000 monthly to repay the delinquent taxes owed, but then stopped paying it after making several payments.

"That's the problem with Justice's companies," Bartley said. "They owe us delinquent taxes from 2013 forward. Well, they want to pay a 2013 tax bill in 2019, but waive that six years' worth of interest and penalties that accrued. So, it's like giving them a free loan. Well, a lot of counties agreed to that, and the state of Kentucky agreed to that. But Keith Bartley won't agree to that."

Bartley said he is now compiling to total amount owed by Justice's companies in delinquent property taxes, delinquent coal severance taxes and other taxes and fees in preparation of filing a lawsuit.

Bartley said Floyd County was not "includ-

ed in the discussions" for this settlement agreement. He said he learned of it after receiving a call from a Lexington Herald-Leader reporter.

"So, then I began to inquire, and, of course, since then their attorney has offered to pay Floyd County if we will agree to waive 100 percent of all interest and penalties, and I have said absolutely not," Bartley said.

He said Justice's companies probably owe "hundreds of thousands" in interest and penalties in addition to delinquent taxes owed to the county. He said he'd be "willing to work" with the company on the interest and penalties as he does with other taxpayers.

"But am I willing to say, here's a 100 percent waiver? No. Absolutely not," Bartley said. "I refuse and we'll just let the courts resolve it. I just can't imagine why a West Virginia billionaire would even need a waiver of interest of penalties, or any billionaire for that matter."

Alleged domestic dispute leads to felony charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County resident is facing charges in two separate cases filed against him following an alleged domestic violence dispute that occurred recently.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, James Bailey,

48, of Banner, was arrested on three charges of first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree criminal mischief and third-degree terroristic threatening for an alleged dispute that occurred on June 2.

Darrin Lawson of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department wrote in a warrant that Bailey al-

legedly threatened to kill three "victims," "started punching (the) window and doors of the vehicle they were in," and "tried to run them off the road."

On Friday, Bailey waived his right to a preliminary hearing and the case was referred to the grand jury. District Judge Eric Hall placed him un-

der a \$25,000 partially-secured bond.

Bailey was also charged by Lawson in a separate case for driving under the influence, and driving on a suspended license.

Lawson reported in that citation that he was dispatched to a domestic dispute in progress at

the Ivel BP gas station on June 2, with dispatchers alleging that Bailey "was punching the glass of a male and female's vehicle."

"Upon arrival, (Bailey) had already left the scene, but was still calling and harassing the male and female," Lawson wrote.

Lawson alleged that Bailey "showed signs of impairment" when he located him in Banner later that day.

Bailey entered a not guilty plea in that case and was placed under a \$7,500 partially-secured bond. A court trial is scheduled to be held in that case on Dec. 5.

P'burg Cruise-In to be held Friday

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Car enthusiasts are hosting a cruise-in downtown Prestonsburg on Friday.

The Prestonsburg Cruise-In will begin, weather permitting, at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 14, in the city's municipal parking lot.

All local residents with vintage and hot rod cars are welcome to attend.

Matt and Jason Garrett are expected to provide live entertainment during the cruise in.

Organizer Shawn Woods recently provided the Prestonsburg City Council with information about this event. Officials praised Woods for his work for planning and

organizing the Prestonsburg Cruise In, which launched in May and will continue to be held on the second Friday of every month through October.

This weekend, two other cruise-ins are set to be held in Floyd County.

The River of Life Cruise In will begin at 5 p.m. at last until 8 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, at the River of Life Free Will Baptist Church in Teaberry.

The Cow Creek Free Will Baptist Church Mission Group will host its car show with registration at 10 a.m. and judging at 1 p.m. at the church on Saturday, June 15. Several prizes are planned to be awarded, and concessions will be available for sale.

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Elizabeth Lambert

Elizabeth Jane (Betsy) Spurlock Lambert passed away at her home surrounded by her children and loved ones on Sunday, June 9, 2019, in Prestonsburg. She was born on March 22, 1934, the daughter of the late Burl and Elizabeth "Peggy" Spurlock.

She is survived by her three children: her son Edgar Hetzel Lambert II (and wife Jane), her daughter Elizabeth Spurlock Lambert and daughter Margaret Lambert Wilson (and husband Greg). She is also survived by her grandchildren: Sarah Lambert, Elizabeth Wilson and Mitch Wilson; her great granddaughter Eden Elizabeth Wilson and three brothers: Burl Wells Spurlock, Daniel Spurlock and John Spurlock. She was further blessed and is survived by her nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Betsy attended the Margaret Hall School and was a graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She also attended the University of Kentucky where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and was a graduate of Pikeville College. She served for many years as a senior vice president and director of First Commonwealth Bank and First Prestonsburg Bancshares. She was a life long member of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

A funeral service in memory of Betsy's life will be held on Friday, June 14, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg, with Pastor Jerri Williams officiating. Visitation will be at the church on Thursday, June 13, from 4-8 p.m. and also on Friday at 12 p.m. until time of service.

Serving as pallbearers will be Mitch Wilson, Greg Wilson, Burl Wells (Beau) Spurlock II, Michael Robinson, Kevin Jett, Robert Allen II, Joe Steele and Matthew Razor. Honorary pallbearers will be her brothers, the Prestonsburg Bridge Club and all past directors and employees of First Commonwealth Bank. Memorial contributions are sug-

gested to be given to the First United Methodist Church of Prestonsburg.

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

This is a paid obituary.



John Spurlock

John Curtis Spurlock, age 87 of Prospect, Ohio, passed away peacefully at Marion Manor on Thursday, June 6, 2019.

John was born in Printer on Feb. 26, 1932, to the late Henry and Alice (Layne) Spurlock. He graduated from McDowell High School in Printer in 1952. He joined the U.S. Army and served in Germany from January 1953 to December 1954 as a Corpsman. After marrying the love of his life, Gladys, on Oct. 26, 1957, they settled in Prospect, Ohio, in 1961.

He worked as a metal worker in Marion, Ohio, for Marion Metal and Sycon Corporation. He then retired after being the janitor for Elgin High School. He was an avid hunter and gardener.

John is survived by his oldest sister Joan Salisbury of Edison, Ohio; his sons Edward D. (Penney M.) Spurlock of Prospect and Eric D. Spurlock of Prospect; eight grandchildren: Christina M. Serafini, Joshua E.D. Spurlock, Angelina, Alexis, Ariel, Caleb, Aaliyah, and Amara Spurlock and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Gladys Pauline "Polly" Spurlock, his younger brother Burl H. Spurlock, and his older sister Virginia Allsbrook.

Calling hours will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, from 4-7 p.m.

at the Boyd-Born Funeral Home in Marion, Ohio. Services will take place on Thursday, June 13, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with Reverend Dan Campbell officiating. Burial will follow at Prospect Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boyd-Born Funeral Home of Marion.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at, boydbornfuneralhome.com.

This is a paid obituary.

Kenneth Ray Elkins

Kenneth Ray Elkins, 57, of Melvin, died Saturday, June 8, 2019.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, June 12, at Wheelwright Free-will Baptist Church, Bypro.

Burial will follow in the Dave Mullins Cemetery, Melvin.

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

Kennis Hall

Kennis Hall, 83, of Pikeville, died Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 13, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

Ellen (Frasure) Reffett

Ellen Frasure Reffett, 93, of Langley, Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Visitation will be all day, Wednesday, June 12, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 13, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Jones Frasure Cemetery, Wilson Creek, Langley.

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

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Gov. Matt Bevin appointed Prestonsburg attorney Larry D. Brown to the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Nominating Commission.

The commission is responsible for submitting a list of applicants to the governor when a vacancy occurs on the college's board of directors.

Brown, a former state representative, will serve on the commission through April 15, 2022.



Larry D. Brown

Bridge projects ready to start

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet awarded M&M Services of Mt. Sterling a \$748,000 contract to perform deck restoration and waterproofing on three state bridges in Highway District 12.

Work is expected to begin this week on the bridge on KY 7 in Letcher County over Rockhouse. The week of July 8, work will start in Knott County on the bridge on KY 15 over the Carr Creek reservoir.

The week of July 15, work will begin in Floyd County on KY 1426, the

bridge at the mouth of Mud Creek.

Each site will involve a lane closure that will be controlled by temporary traffic signals. Motorists are advised to slow down in the work zones, pay attention to their surroundings and honor the traffic signals at all times.

Barriers being removed in Ivel

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Both northbound lanes of U.S. 23 at Ivel should re-open before the end of this week, according to Todd Harris, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 Allen maintenance superintendent.

After a significant rockfall earlier this year, District 12 engineers determined that there were large boulders on the hillside, not visible from the highway, that should be removed.

"Our contractor, Jigsaw, has spent several months breaking up two large rocks up on the hill," said Darold Slone, engineering branch manager.

"We could see that these rocks were not completely stable. Therefore, they were future threat to the highway."

A road to the site was excavated from the cemetery side of the slide.

"The work was slow at times," Slone said, "because the dirt road was a muddy mess during rainy weather, of which we

have had an abundance."

Slone said recent dry weather allowed the remaining material from the hillside to be removed and the slide channel cleaned out.

Harris said the storage containers, barrels, signs and other traffic control devices will be removed this week, weather permitting.

"When everything is cleared, we will re-open the outside northbound lane and return traffic in the area to two lanes in each direction," he said.

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not what we asked for, but we may be forced to implement it and forced to deal with it."

Accepting the recommendation of the Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention, the PSC ordered Southern Water to suspend all meter testing and start charging all retail customers a flat rate of \$58.82 per month, an increase of about 42 percent over what residents using 4,000 gallons per month typically pay.

The flat rate, which went into effect on June 6, will increase average customer bills by about \$17, the PSC reported, from \$41.40 to \$58.82.

Southern Water's rate increase application, which seeks an increase of 32.3 percent, is still pending. The flat rate approved Thursday is "subject to a refund" during the time it takes that case to be finalized with the PSC. It is being awarded "to prevent Southern District's financial impairment during the development of the record," the order states.

In issuing the order, the PSC found that the district's credit or operations "will be materially impaired" unless an interim rate increase is granted prior to the final order in the rate increase application case.

The PSC reached its decision "reluctantly," a press release said, because Southern Water has not tested meters in 10 years, has no replacement meters in stock and "cannot rely on the accuracy" of its meters. The order also noted that Southern Water did not object or offer other suggestions to the attorney general's recommendation.

Prater said Southern Water did not object or offer another suggestion because the district's across-the-board 32.3 percent rate increase application asserted its position.

"We felt like we had already stated that we thought an across-the-board rate increase would be the most fair," he said.

The PSC, however, argued that a flat rate is the only way to make rates fair because Southern Water meters are old, untested and inaccurate. The PSC reported that if it approved a regular rate increase, rather than a flat rate, then a "significant portion of the increase" would be paid by customers "who are currently subsidizing at least 15 percent" of Southern Water customers who are billed for less water than they are using.

"Given this reality,

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raping the victim on his phone," Thacker wrote.

The case was referred to a Floyd County grand jury during a hearing in Floyd District Court on Friday. Slone is being held at the Floyd County Detention Center under a \$25,000 cash bond.

there is no equitable way to ensure that Southern District's ratepayers receive fair, just and reasonable treatment other than to institute a flat rate for the interim period pending a final decision by the Commission," the order states.

The flat rate would generate more than \$3.8 million for Southern Water, the PSC reported, and the order "should not be interpreted as a final determination that the revenue requirement as a whole, and any expense included therein, is reasonable."

Prater said he is "very concerned" about the flat rate.

Prater said officials are working to determine whether the order can be modified to help low income customers.

"It concerns me greatly, having a flat rate of 58 dollars and something because it would adversely affect low income or fixed income people," Prater said. "It concerns me because there's a lot of people who are probably on a fixed income that is going to dramatically increase their bill ... We're going to look at any kind of unexplored options that we can to see if we could be less impactful on some of the people that it would affect."

The PSC also accept-

ed the attorney general's recommendation that Southern Water suspend all meter readings — a process that district officials say ties up several employees for two weeks per month.

"The poor condition of Southern District's meters, the lack of inventory of reliable replacements, and Southern District's dire financial condition give rise to an extraordinary circumstance and the Commission reluctantly finds that Southern District should temporarily cease both meter reading and testing, and, instead, focus its efforts upon replacing all meters in its system," the order says.

The PSC ordered Southern to request bids for the replacement of its meters by July 15. Prater doesn't expect any problem meeting that deadline because Utilities Management Group has already been working toward that goal. At the last meeting, the commission gave UMG the authority to develop specifications that would be needed to seek bids for new meters, and officials said they've already started comparing prices between companies that sell them.

Having the temporary flat rate and/or the 32.3 percent rate that Southern Water is seeking in its

application would make it easier for the district to obtain a loan for meter replacement, Prater said.

The PSC also addressed the \$150,000 loan Southern Water obtained recently from the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

During its most recent meeting, the Southern Water commission voted to seek a two-year bank loan to repay the \$150,000 to the fiscal court, but the PSC found that Southern Water "should not enter into any formal contract for management, finance or otherwise for longer than 30 days without obtaining prior Commission approval."

Prater said he would not sign any loan documents without approval.

In the order, the PSC also "strongly encourages" Southern Water to consider merging or selling the district — something Prater is not in favor of doing.

"Southern District representatives testified that they wanted to work to improve Southern District's financial position before exploring such options," the order says. "However, given the significant financial issues, such as poor or nonexistent internal controls; management issues, such as allowing a significant portion of its

customers pay for less water than actually used; and infrastructure issues, such as non-functioning meters and significant water loss from leaks, it is in the best interest of Southern District's ratepayers that the Board seriously consider the financial and service benefits of being acquired by a financially-stable water utility."

Prater said he agrees that "all options have to be explored" at Southern Water, but he said a merger and/or sell would not help the district deal with its short-term funding needs or benefit customers in the long term.

If Southern were to sell its system, "it would be an investor-owned utility" that makes decisions based on revenue, not people, Prater said, and a merger would take a long period of time to evaluate and implement.

"I don't think either of those is a viable option for the short term problems that we have that have to be addressed immediately," he said. "The revenue and cash flow are so low, there are things that have to be done in the next 30 to 90 days to keep the district going, and I think a merger and the sell of Southern by an investor-owned would be something that is considered, but it's much more a longer term outlook

than the immediate needs we have."

He said if the district is sold, officials would have to "move very carefully" to ensure that "the true value of the water district is paid."

He said, "I could see a business-oriented company coming in and trying to take advantage of Southern Water because it is in a critical condition."

He said officials will work to implement the PSC order as soon as possible, while also working to seek if the order can be modified to help low income residents.

"There's a genuine, earnest concern by all the commissioners to address the problems at Southern," Prater said. "This flat rate is not what we asked for, but we have to work under the regulations of the PSC. We'll try, everything within our power, to minimize the impact to the customers, but at the end of the day, we want to fix all the problems at Southern Water and provide people with safe, reliable drinking water at the lowest rate that we can possibly do that. It's a challenge, but we're earnestly working to solve every problem that we can as quickly as we can."

Commission members were appointed to the commission about four months ago, after all other members resigned.

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Floyd County tourism approves budget

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission approved its 2019-2020 budget during a June 6 meeting, reporting that it will spend about \$300,000 in its third year of operations.

The budget does not, however, appear to follow the guidelines specified by the Floyd County Fiscal Court when it created the tourism commission.

The commission was developed after the Floyd County Fiscal Court adopted an ordinance establishing a three percent transient room tax in 2017. State law requires all local governments that impose taxes to spend those tax funds "for no other purpose than that for which the tax was levied."

The fiscal court ordinance requires the tourism commission use the tax funds to "finance the cost, construction, operation

and maintenance of facilities useful in the attraction and promotion of tourism including but not limited to the golf courses and parks in Floyd County."

In its annual budget, the commission is expected to include funds for the cost of maintenance, acquisition, construction and operation of county golf and park facilities, the ordinance states.

As part of that ordinance, the fiscal court also specified how the tourism commission should spend its money.

That ordinance designates only \$100,000 in total revenues and expenses — less than the amount of revenue that commission received each fiscal year since that time — and it requires the tourism commission to allot \$84,100 to golf course and parks, \$10,000 to advertising, \$3,000 to accounting, \$2,000 to office supplies and \$900 to miscellaneous expenses.

At the time the ordi-

nance was adopted, county officials said the ordinance could be amended to require percentages instead of specific monetary allotments.

The ordinance, however, has not been amended, and the tourism budget approved on June 6 does not match the numbers required by the fiscal court's ordinance.

The new budget allots \$297,000 in revenue and expenses for the county tourism commission in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, with revenues including \$176,600 in carry-forward funding, \$120,000 from the transient room tax and \$400 from interest.

Line item expenditures that differ from the funds specified in the fiscal court ordinance include the following:

- Golf course and parks: \$20,000. (This is \$64,100 less than the amount required in the fiscal court ordinance.)
- Advertising: \$35,000. (This is \$15,000 more

than permitted in the ordinance.)

- Miscellaneous: \$25,000. (This is \$24,100 more than permitted in the ordinance.)

- Accounting: \$5,000. (This is \$2,000 more than permitted in the ordinance.)

There are several expenditures in the new commission budget that are not mentioned in the fiscal court ordinance. They include:

- Director Contract: \$30,000

- Boat ramp: \$80,000
- Multi-county trail: \$35,000

- Special projects — partnership grants: \$35,000

- Special projects — "Moving Abe": \$30,000

If the funds budgeted for golf course and parks, the boat ramp, the multi-county trail and "moving Abe" were collectively considered as "golf course and parks" expenditures, as specified by the fiscal court ordinance, then

these expenditures would collectively total \$165,000 — more than double the amount permitted by the fiscal court ordinance when it created the tourism commission.

Commissioner Dawn Slone voted against the approval of the 2019-2020 budget during the tourism meeting on June 6. She voiced concerns about the \$30,000 allotted for a tourism director contract, saying that it too much for a part-time employee, and she disagreed with the \$30,000 allotted to move the Abraham Lincoln statue to the Middle Creek National Battlefield, saying it is not an appropriate location for it.

The commission has spent only about 16 percent of its budget this fiscal year, a comparison of budgets approved this year and last year show.

The current fiscal year budget, which ends July 1, allots \$250,000 in anticipated revenues and expenditures, and the

commission plans to carry forward \$176,600 into the new fiscal year, according to the new budget approved on June 6.

That \$176,600 in carry-forward funding accounts for about 71 percent of the commission's current budget that has not been spent this fiscal year.

In April, the last meeting during which the tourism commission approved a financial report, Treasurer David Tackett reported the agency had spent around \$26,600 this fiscal year. That's about 10 percent of the \$250,000 budgeted.

In that meeting, members voted to spend up to \$10,000 for the boat ramp project and on June 6, they voted to spend around \$5,400 for advertising, which would increase fiscal year expenditures to \$42,000 — or around 16 percent of the \$250,000 budgeted to be spent in 2018-2019.

Floyd man charged, again, for allegedly fleeing police

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury will decide if there is enough evidence to charge a Bevensville resident, once again, for allegedly leading police on a high speed chase.

On June 7, Kyle Ham-

ilton, 28, of Bevensville, waived his right to a preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court in a case in which he is charged with first-degree fleeing/evading police and rear license not illuminated. Hamilton was arrested by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in Wheelwright on

May 31.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Kevin Howard reported in the arrest warrant that Hamilton allegedly fled during an attempted traffic stop on March 12. Howard reported that he attempted to stop Howard because his rear license plate was

allegedly not illuminated and the number revealed that he had active warrants pending.

Howard allegedly "began to increase his speed to a reckless amount and was all over the roadway while passing other drivers," Howard wrote. "(Hamilton) then fled onto

a strip job at a high rate of speed causing a substantial risk of serious physical injury."

Hamilton was placed under a \$1,000 cash bond during the hearing. He is also facing similar charges in a case that's pending in Floyd County Circuit Court. In that case, Hamilton is

scheduled to appear later this month for a pretrial conference in for charges filed against him last year that include first-degree fleeing/evading police, driving under the influence, third offense, driving on a suspended license, reckless driving and other traffic violations.

Man arrested at checkpoint for alleged drug trafficking charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury will determine whether there's enough evidence to indict a Pendleton County resident for allegedly trafficking methamphetamine and heroin in Floyd County.

During a hearing in Floyd District Court on Friday, the case against Patrick W. Church, 36, of Falmouth, was referred to the grand jury.

Church was arrested during a traffic safety checkpoint by Prestonsburg Police Department Lt. George Tussey on Ste-

phens Branch Road on June 3. He is charged with two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (heroin and methamphetamine), two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended license, failure to maintain insurance, im-

properly on the left side of the road and no/expired registration receipts and plates. According to the arrest citation, Tussey was conducting a traffic safety checkpoint on Cliff Road when officers learned Church was allegedly driving on a suspended license.

Tussey and other officers allegedly discovered a brown substance believed to be heroin and a "large quantity" of a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine in Church's pockets and in the vehicle.

Officers also found nearly \$1,700 in the ve-

hicle. "The above, Patrick Church, stated the substances found were his and was meth and heroin," Tussey wrote. "He stated he was going out of town and the drugs were for his personal use."

District Judge Eric Hall placed Church under a \$50,000 cash bond.

Prestonsburg resident arrested for allegedly trafficking marijuana

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County teenager is now facing a felony charge after he was arrested for allegedly trafficking marijuana in Prestonsburg last week.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Johnathon Boyd, 19, of Prestonsburg, was arrested June 5 on one felony count of trafficking marijuana, more than eight ounces and one count of possession of

marijuana.

Prestonsburg Police Lt. George Tussey alleges in the citation that he saw Boyd and another person on the Goble Roberts Bridge when he was patrolling the area.

Tussey reported that

he discovered a plastic bag containing suspected marijuana when he checked Boyd for weapons.

Boyd allegedly stated he was selling the marijuana to pay rent money,

Tussey reported in the citation. Tussey reported that he also found scales in Boyd's pocket, as well as \$190.

Boyd was arraigned in Floyd District Court last

week and placed under a \$5,000 surety bond.

He is scheduled to appear in court next week for a preliminary hearing in the case.

Input sought for highway projects

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is seeking public input on proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals to ensure certified businesses can compete fairly for federally funded transportation projects.

The Cabinet's Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development is developing an annual DBE participation goal, in collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration. Once approved, the goal will be in effect for three years beginning Oct. 1, 2020.

The Cabinet will seek comments from June 21 through July 22, and infor-

mation is provided online at under the "Civil Rights and Small Business Development" link at, transportation.ky.gov.

The OCRSBD will host forums during June in several highway districts to explain the proposed goals and how they were established. The only local forum will be held at 1:30 p.m. on June 14 at the Highway District 12 office, located at 109 Loraine St., Pikeville.

"Setting Disadvantaged Business Enterprise goals when awarding federally-funded transportation projects encourages an equitable playing field for certified businesses

that have historically been underrepresented in the industry," said OCRSBD Executive Director Jamir Davis. "We welcome all interested parties to attend a public meeting to provide feedback on the proposed goals and to learn how we establish fair goals."

Written comments can be submitted online or mailed to: Melvin Bynes, Office for Civil Rights and Small Business Development, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Ky. 40622.

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Number of children who die in 'hot cars' increases

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The Kentucky State Police is renewing its plea for parents to be "extremely cautious" about leaving children in hot cars.

Statistics show that these deaths are on the rise in the U.S.

According to the safety organization Kids and Cars, 52 children died in 2018 of hyperthermia as a result of being left in a hot car and there were three deaths in Kentucky. This is nearly a 21 percent increase over 2017 death totals.

Since 1998, there have been 25 child-related vehicular heatstroke deaths in the Kentucky. These include instances where a child was forgotten in a car, accidentally locks himself or herself in a vehicle or, in a small number of cases, when a child was intentionally left in a car, KSP reported.

KSP spokesman Sgt. Josh Lawson said the public often misunderstands vehicular heat stroke.

"The most dangerous mistake a parent can make is to think leaving a child alone in their car could never happen to them," said Lawson. "In these fast-paced times, it is easy for parents to

get distracted and forget their child is in the car with them."

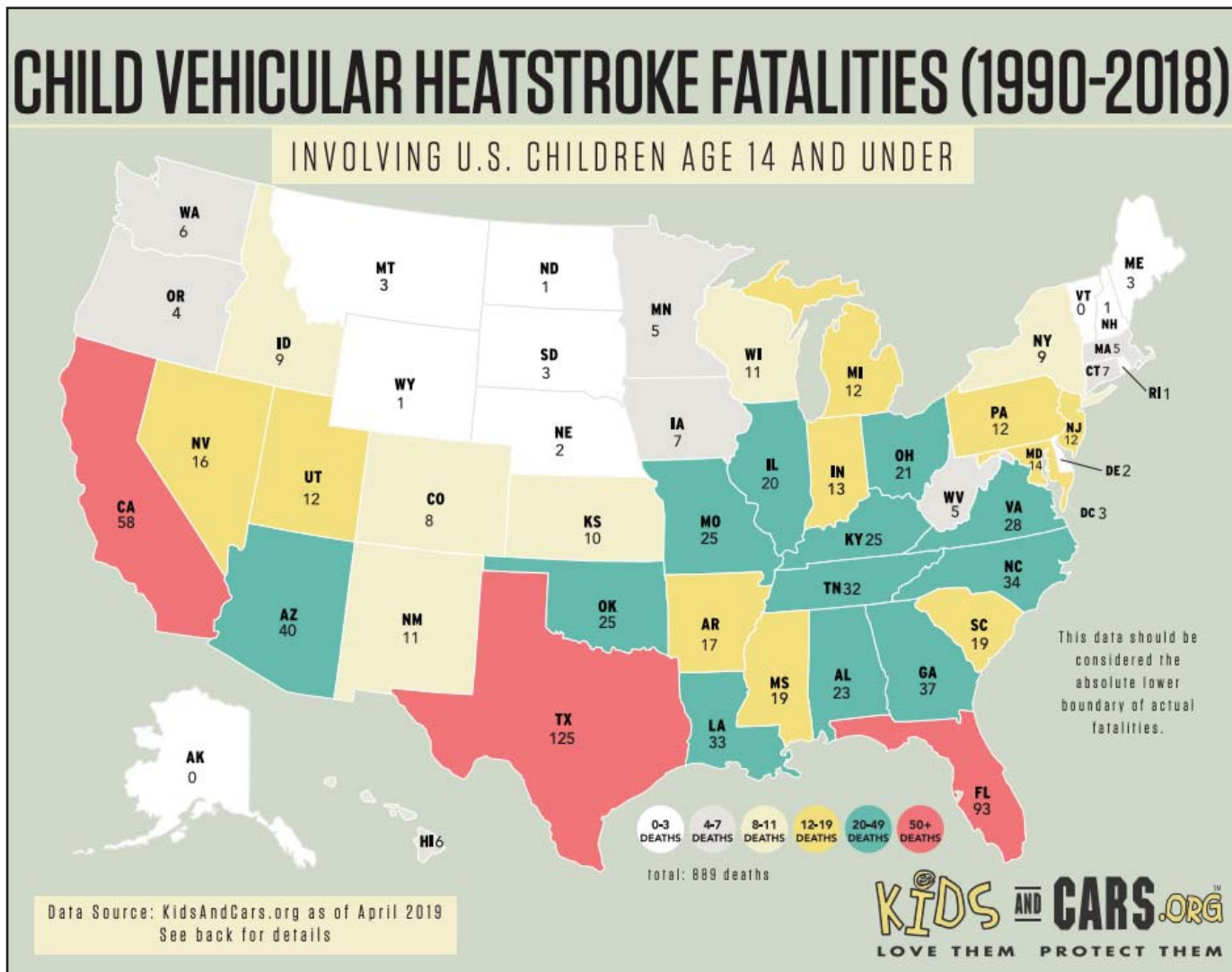
Lawson advised that the increasing number of children dying in hot cars is reaching epidemic proportions.

"A child's body heats up three to five times faster than that of an adult," said Lawson. "The temperature inside a car can rise 19 degrees in 10 minutes. Depending on the circumstances, an infant could die of hyperthermia in just 15 minutes on a 75-degree day."

Lawson says another component to these tragic deaths is the inquisitive nature of a child. Far too often, a youngster will be playing outdoors and end up in a car, locking himself or herself inside of the vehicle.

"Children are curious in general. They may have the ability to climb into a vehicle to explore and play. Once inside, they are quickly affected by the heat, becoming disoriented and unable to escape," said Lawson. "In extreme summer heat, a child can become incapacitated in a very short time."

In 2000, Kentucky passed "Bryan's Law," which makes a person liable for second-degree manslaughter or first-degree wanton endangerment for leaving a



Submitted photo
Since 1990, there have been 889 child-related vehicular heatstroke deaths in the nation. Since 1998, 25 children have died because of vehicular heatstroke in Kentucky.

child younger than eight years of age in a motor vehicle where circumstances pose a grave risk of death. The law was named after 11-month old Bryan Puckett, who died July 13, 1999, after being left in a hot car by his babysitter.

Lawson offers the following safety tips:

- Never leave a child

in an unattended car, even with the windows down.

- Make it a habit of opening the rear door of the car every time you park to ensure no one is left inside.

- To enforce this habit, place an item that you can't start your day without such as a purse, briefcase, employee

badge, phone, etc.

- When at home, keep your vehicle locked at all times, even in the garage.

- Never leave keys within reach of children.

- If a child is missing, immediately check the inside, floorboards and trunk of all vehicles in the area.

Lawson said while

a person will face criminal charges for leaving a child in a car, the pain and guilt from making such a devastating mistake will last far longer.

KSP asks citizens to keep an eye out for children left in vehicles on hot days and to call 911 if they see an unaccompanied child in distress.

Wilson takes on new role

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Jimmie Wilson, the business and community liaison at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in Prestonsburg, announced she would be starting a new role this month.

Wilson, who started working at Perkins in 2012, announced on Tuesday that she is leaving her current position to become a re-entry, retention specialist focusing on job development with the Eastern Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program.

A statement from the Job Corps said that Wilson "has been a tireless advocate" for the program and its students.

"Her outreach efforts to cement ties with Congressional representatives and win support of the Job Corps program have been stellar," the statement said. "Notably,



Jimmie Wilson

she and other Perkins Hal Rogers to visit the staff worked for years to convince Congressman

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'Lunch, Literacy and Learning' begins

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Schools' Lunch, Literacy and Learning Schedule kicked off on Monday, with KET PBS Kids Stem activities and a block play event hosted by the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office at Warco and Highland Heights.

In this program, opportunities for learning activities and free lunch and dinner events will be held throughout the summer at various locations.

All meals are free to kids up to age 18, and no registration required. Activities are geared toward students in various age groups, and admission is free.

The schedule includes:

Summer Meals program

June 12-June 13

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Adams Middle School.

Each week day through July 26 (excludes July 4)

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Stumbo Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary and South Floyd Elementary.

- 11:10 a.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Wesley Christian and Cliffside.

- 11:30 a.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Archer Park.

- 11:45 a.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Wheelwright Park

- 12:05 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Left Beaver Townhouses.

- 12:20 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Dixie Apartments

- 12:35 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Branham Heights

- 1 2:50 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids

& Teens at Warco Apartments

- 1:10 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Grigsby Heights and Highlands Heights

- 1:15 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Weeksbury Community Center.

- 1:30 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Pageant Hill

- 1:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Indian Hills

- 2:05 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Ivy Creek Townhouses

- 2:10 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Green Akers

- 2:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Creekside

- 2:50 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Regency Apartments

- 3:20 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at D's Grocery

June 17-20

- 5:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Ligon Community Freewill Baptist Church.

June 17-19

- 6:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Cavalry Baptist Church, Betsy Layne.

June 18-19

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Prestonsburg High School.

June 27-28

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Allen Elementary.

July 1-3

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at May Valley Elementary.

July 8-9

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch):

Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at the former Allen Central High School.

July 8-12

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at May Valley Elementary.

- 6:15 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Praise Assembly, Watergap.

July 12 and July 17-18

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Floyd Central.

July 15-17

- 5 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at McDowell First Baptist Church.

July 17

- 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Duff-Allen Central Elementary.

July 25-26

- 5:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at River of Life Church, Teaberry.

Literacy and Learning schedule

Warco Housing, Langley

- Each week day through July 5 (except July 4); 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.: Activities for kids age one to six

- Every Tuesday through July 5 (excludes July 4); 1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.: Activities for kids age one to six

- Every Monday and Wednesday through July 5; 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.: Floyd County Public Library to host "Universal Stories" and STEM education activities for kids age seven to 13.

- First and third Thursday of each month; 1:15 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Floyd County Public Library Mobile Library visits.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows
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Martin church opens new youth center

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County church opened a new youth center this month.

The First Assembly of God of Martin hosted a paper chain-breaking ceremony at its new youth center on Sunday, June 2.

Pastor Ray Davis said the chain featured things that church members hoped to see the new youth center accomplish, like ending drug addiction.

The center is located near the church in a former physician's office on Ky. 122. Davis said the church bought the property in December 2017, and started remodeling it in April 2018. The project called for the conversion of 11 separate rooms into one open room now used as the youth center, he said.

"We remodeled the bottom floor to create a community youth center, not just for the church youth, but, eventually, to have events for the community," Davis said. "Martin is a small town in Floyd County, but there's just not much for the kids to do."

He said he hopes the youth center will give local youth something to do and show them that you don't have "lose the coolness" if you become a Christian.

"We made it into one



The First Assembly of God in Martin recently opened its new youth center. Remodeling has been underway for more than a year on this project, geared to provide a place for local youth to spend time. Submitted photos

open room and we made a little kitchen bar area to basically have events for our youth," Davis said. "Teenagers this day and time, they need something to give them direction. My goal, you know, because I'm the pastor, and my thing is lot of people think that if you come to a life of faith with Christianity, that you've got to lose the coolness. You know, you can't be cool anymore. That's my goal, is to show them that you don't have to be strange. You can truly have a family in amongst people in the community. That's what I want to

do. I just want to create something for the kids."

He said the church funded the project, working "a little at a time" to get it finished.

"Because we did it that way and we took our time doing it, we're debt-free," Davis said.

Davis said the church will plan movie nights, talent contests and other activities at the youth center. A pool table is also planned to be installed, he said.

For details about upcoming events, visit the First Assembly of God of Martin on Facebook or call, (606) 793-8148.



'Good night, sweet friends'

The University of Kentucky Theatre and Dance Program, in collaboration with Prestonsburg Tourism and other community partners, hosted performances of William Shakespeare's "Midsummers Night Dream" this weekend at the Gearheart Auditorium of Big Sandy Community and Technical College. The play, set to an Appalachian theme, was planned to be performed at the Middle Creek National Battlefield, but it was moved due to inclement weather. Organizers thanked collaborators, sponsors and public entities that helped, reporting that despite the circumstances, there were "wonderful audiences each night."

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Community Events

Wednesday, June 12

• 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Drop-in for Science features activities for parents and children, East Kentucky Science Center.

• 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.: Floyd County Housing Authority to host "Strong Family" event at the Ivy Creek Townhouses

• 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meets, city hall. (606) 452-4202

Thursday, June 13

• 12 p.m.: Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets, Prestonsburg First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg

• 5:30 p.m.: Floyd County Extension Council/District Board meeting at the Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

Friday, June 14

• 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.: Floyd County Housing Authority to host "Strong Family" event at the Warco Apartments, Martin

• 6 p.m.: Burden of Proof performs at Fridays after 5 on the Patio, May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

• 6:30 p.m.: Prestonsburg Cruise In will

be hosted by the City of Prestonsburg and Car Guys for Life in the city's municipal parking lot

• 8:15 p.m.: Artists Collaborative Theater performs Cotton Patch Gospel, Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre. \$12 general admission.

Saturday, June 15

• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open at the Attorney General's office in Prestonsburg.

• 7:30 p.m.: Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry performs at the Mountain Arts Center. Tickets are \$16 per adult, \$14 for senior citizens and \$12 each for groups of 10 or more. For more information, visit, macarts.com.

Sunday, June 16

• 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: The Art Gallery in Langley will be open to the public at 297 Johns Branch Road, Langley. For more information, visit, artgalleryinlangley.com.

• 3 p.m.: Artists Collaborative Theater performs Cotton Patch Gospel, Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre. \$12 general admission.

Submit a community event

Please fax events to, (606) 506-5092; email, mary@floydchronicle.com or call, (606) 886-8506.

Summer food drive



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On June 5, Floyd County Education Association officers Angela Coleman, Patricia Hackworth and Beverly Martin and member Eric Fields met at the Kentucky Education Association office in Prestonsburg to box up a variety of kid-friendly food and drinks for the three attendance areas as well a couple of boxes for the county homeless shelter. The summer food drive kicked off in mid-May and ran to the end of the school year, with faculty, staff and students donating food to make it successful. "FCEA would like to express a huge thank you to ALL who helped in this endeavor. A special thank you to Becky Skaggs and Sherry Castle in the KEA office in Prestonsburg," a statement from FCEA said.

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Moore named Floyd Central head coach

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — The Floyd Central High School volleyball program will be under the direction of a new head coach in the 2019 season. Former Allen Central High School head coach Darlene Moore has been chosen to guide the Lady Jaguars.

"It should go without

saying that I am absolutely tickled to death and extremely pleased that I was chosen as the head coach at Floyd Central," said Moore. "I fully understand that this is not a cake walk. Developing a productive high school program is challenging, rewarding and requires commitment. However, it is not about me, it is about the team and the program.

Moore replaces Alissa Young as Floyd Central head coach. In her lone season as head coach, Young guided Floyd Central to a 28-7 overall record, the 58th District championship and a 15th Region runner-up finish.

Moore has guided teams to titles on the high school and middle school levels. She is the Floyd Central volleyball team's

third head coach in three seasons.

"As a high school head coach, we have won the 15th Region championship, the 15th Region All 'A' championship, the 58th District championship and the Floyd County Conference," said Moore. "We were undefeated in 15th Region play. The middle school teams I have coached have won four

middle school A-Team championships, three B-Team championships and three C-Team championships. The A- and B-Teams were undefeated the past two seasons. However, my definition of success has expanded beyond the win-loss record; it is about uniting a group of individuals to pursue a

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Bobcats host summer team basketball camp



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Jordan Frazier tried to battle his way through the paint against multiple Shelby Valley defenders in a summer boys' high school basketball game at Junior Newsome Arena on Monday. Visiting Shelby Valley held on to edge much-improved Betsy Layne 49-47.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Bobcat Nicholas Howell dribbles the ball down court, while Shelby Valley's Keian Worrix applies defensive pressure.



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Betsy Layne's Trimble Dotson prepared to make a move on the baseline.

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KHSAA Dead Period nearing

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON — Floyd County high school student-athletes will receive a break from June 25-July 9, courtesy of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period.

The Dead Period was adopted 20-plus years ago by member schools in response to concerns about year-round play and practice and parental and coaching desire for some down time from interscholastic play. Member schools adopted the period of June 25-July 9 as a time of inactivity, which followed the pattern of the historic idling of southern textile mills and this time allows ad-

ministrators, coaches, student-athletes and their families a time where they are not committed to school play.

According to Article 3 of Bylaw 26 (The Dead Period), it states that: "Students may not receive coaching or training from school personnel (either salaried or non salaried) and school facilities, uniforms, nicknames, transportation or equipment shall not be used each year in any KHSAA-sanctioned sport or cheer-leading squad during the period beginning June 25, and going through July 9. School funds may not be expended in support of interscholastic athletics in any KHSAA sanctioned sport during this period.

These restrictions shall not apply to any post-season wrap-up activities, celebrations and recognition events relating to a spring sports team at a school which participated in KHSAA state championship play in that particular sport during that particular year."

Football and volleyball teams from Floyd County high schools will be among the squads opening preseason practice in July. All three of the Floyd County high school volleyball teams will be under the direction of new head coaches in the 2019 season.

Future Jaguars Volleyball Camp

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — The Future Jaguars Volleyball Camp will be held June 17-19 at Floyd Central High School.

Under the direction of new head coach Darlene Moore, the camp will provide volleyball instruction to players in third-eighth grades.

The camp will be held

from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. each day.

The fee for the camp is \$35 and includes instruction and a T-shirt. The fee is due by the opening day of the camp.

During the Floyd Central-hosted youth volleyball camp, campers will spend three days learning necessary skills, engaging in competitive drills and playing games. Floyd Central is the

reigning 58th District champion. The Lady Jaguars have captured back-to-back 58th District titles and finished as the 15th Region runner-up in each of the last two seasons.

In addition to hosting the youth camp, Moore is poised to guide the Floyd Central volleyball team in her first season as the squad's head coach.

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common goal and overcome individual differences in order for the team to achieve its potential."

Moore is looking to take the young Floyd Central volleyball program to the next level.

"I want to build our program on the premise that we will be the best high school volleyball program in the state," confided Moore. "No, I do not expect to win the state championship next year or every year from now on. It does mean that this program will provide a tremendous opportunity for each athlete to develop as a player, grow as an individual and experience the best athletic environment possible. My vision for Floyd Central Volleyball is to move to the elite level. Our players must have this vision in mind in everything they do.

"I want the girls to have fun and enjoy the game; to be a winner and

a class act. They should strive for continuous improvement and be their best athletically and academically. The coaching staff and the girls need to contribute to the total team effort at all times and support each other. Each team member must be disciplined and give 100 percent effort in practice, during the game and in the classroom. I truly want the team to love the battle, the competition, and the challenge – to play with pride and poise and play to win."

Moore has coached several members of the Floyd Central volleyball team in past seasons.

"We are seeing the rewards of our middle school programs by ensuring our future players are receiving the necessary training to play high school volleyball," added Moore. "Our continued success depends largely on the fundamental training received by our middle-schoolers. However, it does not stop there. Once at the high school, each individual girl

must strive to be better. To reach the elite level requires a tremendous effort from all of us but it requires parental involvement and each player's desire to better oneself and strive to play at the next level. Our team's players cannot sit back and think they have it made – they do not. To play volleyball at Floyd Central will require commitment and the desire to move to the elite level – the next level. The 2019 season starts now. Every player starts at zero with no kills, blocks, aces, digs or errors. There are no favorites. I want success for each player. I will give the team my best and 100 percent effort. It will be up to them to earn a position on the court in practice. The best players will be selected for the team and the best six will be on the floor for any given situation. Best is based on skills, attitude, heart and potential."

The Floyd Central volleyball team will open its 2019 season in August.

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More than a coach

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Shelby Valley and Cassidy Rowe were playing great this summer.

The Lady Wildcats kicked off summer basketball last week and were hitting on all cylinders.

Cassidy Rowe was just coming back from an ACL injury after missing just about all season.

Then a couple of days into summer basketball — it happened again. She tore her other ACL.

After her injury is when she needs her father.

Her father Lonnie “Doe Doe” Rowe is her head coach.

He has coached her her whole life.

As Father’s Day approaches, the two are thinking of her recovery instead of summer basketball.

“We have always been close, but the game of basketball has brought us closer than either of us could’ve ever imagined,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “The relationship we have isn’t just father and daughter or coach and player, it’s also a friendship that goes way beyond that. The things that we talk about outside of basketball, the things that we talk about on the court, are things that we can relate to each other in a positive manner. She knows that I trust her and I feel like she trusts me.”

“I’m really just lucky to be so close to him,” Cassidy Rowe said. “I think basketball has brought us closer together. Ever since I was really little, we always went to the gym together. That’s something that’s our thing. Every single day we go to the gym together and it’s really such a blessing.”

Cassidy Rowe will have plenty of support during her second recovery process. She thinks of her teammates as family.

“It’s been amazing because all of those girls who have played with Cass (Rowe) have been like her sisters,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “Matter of fact, we’re getting ready to play a basketball game and when the game is over, they’re all going out to eat at Applebee’s. They feel like they’re family. You see a lot of kids moving around from school to school, I don’t think they can have those relationships with their kids. I’m not putting any kid down because that’s their decision. Right now, we have nothing, but Shelby Valley kids and they’re family. If one hurts, they all hurt.”

Last summer, Cassidy Rowe tore her right ACL. She worked hard to make a comeback. She played in the 15th Region semifinals against Johnson Central, but the Lady Wildcats fell 47-46.

“She did take a lot of pressure off of her teammates,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “When she’s out on the court it allows the rest of the players to go back to their natural positions. When she did come back, she pushed herself extremely hard. A lot of people don’t realize how proud Cassidy (Rowe) is to be a Shelby Valley Wildcat. She wanted to come back and help Shelby Valley win a regional title. She pushed probably harder than I have ever saw her just so she could play. It was a tough decision to let her play in the region tournament. Here I am, I’m a dad and I’m a coach, it was really tough. She sat down and had a long talk with me. I made a deal with her and a lot of people won’t believe this, but she was allowed to play in the regional semifinals and that was it. It was a back-to-back night and we were not let-

ting her play back-to-back nights. We really enjoyed watching her play even though she was no where near 100 percent. She went out and played for her teammates and she missed the shot at the end, but instead of everybody being down, they went straight to Cassidy (Rowe). They knew you were the one we wanted with the basketball and to have the shot.”

“I made it hard on him,” Cassidy Rowe said. “When I got hurt, he encouraged me and was always there for rehab and stuff. Once the season came around, I begged him every single night to play and I’m sure it made it really hard on him. I was begging him every night, but he did what he thought was best for me.”

Cassidy Rowe was offered a scholarship with the University of Kentucky last summer. She has already committed to UK.

“She makes me very proud,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “She was mature enough to say, ‘I’ve got the offer that I want and I want to go ahead and let them know that I want to be there. The maturity level speaks volumes for that. She had the opportunity when she did make that commitment to look at other schools. Other schools wanted to get involved in the recruiting process and they were Power 5 schools. Like she said, ‘If you get asked to the prom by your dream date, you don’t wait for somebody else to ask you.’”

During the game, Doe Doe Rowe is Cassidy Rowe’s coach. After the game, he is her father.

“It’s something as a coach you have to do because she is a player and I’m the coach,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “When we’re done with

that, then I become a dad and not a critic. A lot of people become a critic. I’m not a critic. We don’t talk about basketball after the game.”

“He’s definitely harder on me than everybody else,” Cassidy Rowe said. “I’m lucky to have him motivate me and encourage me.”

Doe Doe Rowe first started coaching Cassidy Rowe in grade school. The two along with the rest of her teammates, won the middle school state title during her seventh-grade season.

“Over the years even when she first started, I thought she was going to be a good player,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “With the drive and passion she’s shown over the years since then has been amazing to me. She’s never been satisfied with being another kid. She wants to get better and better. She’s always watching videos and comes to me and says, ‘I want to do this.’ Then we go to the gym and work on things that I think she might have trouble doing and she works until she gets it down. It’s been a lot of fun to watch her progress as a player and even more to watch her progress as a person. She’s matured and become that leader that I need.”

Cassidy Rowe is a true point guard. She runs the offense and is an extension of her head coach.

“You have a lot of kids who are point guards who do a really good job, but you have very few point guards who study the game,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “Cassidy (Rowe) is one of those kids who studies the game. After a game, she isn’t satisfied. She isn’t satisfied win or lose. She is always like, ‘What did I do wrong?’ She wants to fix what she did

wrong and improve on what she did right. It’s a lot of fun during ball games. A lot of times, I’ll sit back when I should call a timeout and I’ll just let her play. And most of the time, she makes the right play.”

“It’s really awesome,” Cassidy Rowe said. “He’s a great coach. He brings me to the gym everyday and he shows me drills and stuff. He’s just a really great coach and I’m blessed to be able to play for him.”

Basketball is a tradition in the Rowe family. Rodney Rowe, Doe Doe’s brother and Cassidy’s uncle was the former girls’ basketball coach before Doe Doe Rowe took over.

“We figured the oth-

er day, since Shelby Valley opened up, there has been a Rowe either playing or coaching on the sidelines every year, but two,” Doe Doe Rowe said. “When you say the Rowe family, you think of basketball. Even though my oldest son played football and he was really good at it and my other son played soccer, basketball is synonymous with the name Rowe. It has given us a lot of tears and a lot of joy. It’s something that I wouldn’t trade for nothing. We got three years left with my daughter and I wouldn’t trade it for anything.”

Cassidy Rowe is recovering from another ACL tear.

Her coach will be in her corner when she gets back,

but her dad is beside her rooting her on and there for her during this recovery process.

“It really makes my job easier,” Cassidy Rowe said. “He is a great coach, but he is an even better dad. He is always encouraging me and motivating me. He always wants what’s best for me. I’m really blessed to have him.”

Sports Editor’s Note: Cassidy Rowe tore her right ACL two days after this interview. The News-Express would like to wish her a healthy recovery. This is the first of three Father’s Day features this week. To see the full interview check out episode 34 of the Bank On It podcast.



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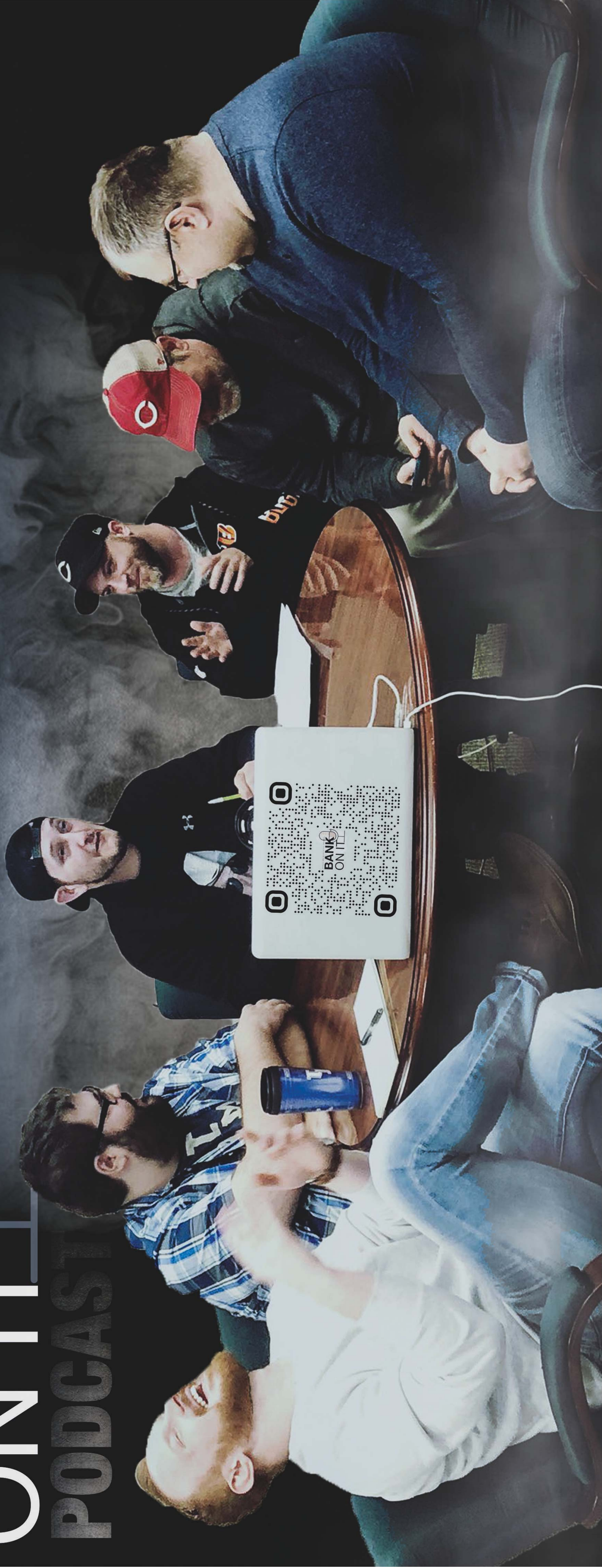


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So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, on May 14, 2019, please be advised that I, the Floyd County Master Commissioner, have been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of June, 2019, in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property descri-

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Gregory A. Isaac
Floyd County Master Commissioner

COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CI-00324 NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing PLAINTIFF V. ELBERT LEE RATLIFF, et al DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF SALE

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and ELIZABETH WOODS, his wife, ET AL DEFENDANTS **NOTICE OF SALE**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, please be advised that I, the Floyd County Master Commissioner, have been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of June, 2019, in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: US 23 South at Stanville in Floyd County, Kentucky **MAP NUMBER:** 094-10-01-019.03 **SOURCE OF TITLE:** For reference and source of title see: Master Commissioner's Deed, of record in Deed Book 437, Page 544; Last Will and Testament of Buddy Boy Senters, of record in Will Book UU, Page 477; and Last Will and Testament of Phyllis Senters, of record in Will Book WW, Page 259, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay the bid amount, in full, by cash or certified check, on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Floyd County, Kentucky and have equity in the land that is double the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of

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a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Court and the Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on the date of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained and as published within the Floyd County Chronical and Times. This 31st day of May, 2019.

Gregory A. Isaac
Floyd County Master Commissioner
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CI-00659
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLANTIFF V. JAMES JOHNSON SARAH JOHNSON aka SARAH REBEKAH SARTIN aka SARAH REBEKAH STURGILL DEFENDANTS **NOTICE OF SALE**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth there-

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in, with a principal of \$48,331.45, plus interest and other costs, please be advised that I, the Floyd County Master Commissioner, has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of June, 2019, in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 114 Trulas Landing, Bypro, KY 41612 **MAP NUMBER:** 070-30-01-003.00 **SOURCE OF TITLE:** Being the same property conveyed to James Johnson and Sarah Johnson, husband and wife, from Gary Adkins and Carolyn Adkins, husband and wife, and Larry Adkins and Bonnie Adkins, husband and wife, by Deed dated March 29, 2011, and recorded March 31, 2011, in Deed Book 577, Page 381, Floyd County Court Clerk.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay the bid amount, in full, by cash or certified check, on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Floyd County, Kentucky and have equity in the land that is double the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of

a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days,

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then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above and not be required to produce a bond. C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Court and the Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on the date of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained and as published within the Floyd County Chronical and Times. This 31st day of May, 2019.

Gregory A. Isaac
Floyd County Master Commissioner
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 19-CI-00055
BRENDA BURCHETT and BILLY BURCHETT CRYSTAL LONG and KEVIN LONG PLANTIFF V. KEVIN BLACKBURN and MESHAY BLACKBURN DEFENDANTS **NOTICE OF SALE**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, entered on May 23, 2019, please be advised that I, the Floyd

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County Master Commissioner, has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of June, 2019, in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property described to wit:

TRACT I (Deed Book 178, Page 566) Beginning on the corner of Marion Jervis at the road, thence with said line up the hill to the top of the ridge to the line of Girtie Burchett, thence up the ridge with John B. Jervis line to a black oak on the ridge with three hacks on it, thence down a point to a black oak with three hacks on it, thence over the hill to a sourry-wood with three hacks on it, thence down the hill to a marked rock, thence straight to a marked rock at the W.P.A. Road, thence straight line to top of hill to a planted stone, thence left with center of ridge to planted stone at Marion Jervis line, thence with said Marion Jervis line down to the branch thence across to the beginning corner at the road, said secondary party is to have free gas on place at first party death, said first is to have controlling interest during they life time. With exception beginning on a mulberry at the road, thence around the hill to a small beech tree, thence up the hill to a dogwood with three hacks on it, thence back around hill to a marked rock with three hack on it, thence down the road, thence down the road to the beginning.

Road excepted from head of hollow for all parties. **EXCEPTION:** (Deed to Billy and Brenda Burchett, Deed Book 225, Page 436) There is excepted from Tract I the following described property: The boundry is described as following: Beginning at a hand dug water well, thence running up the branch with the state highway road to a large marked rock with hacks on it, thence a straight line up the hill to a bunch of sycamore sprouts and marked rock; thence down the branch to a large poplar tree; thence straight line down the hill to the beginning at the well.

It is understood that the first party is to have a roadway excepted for land being

owned above. Also excepted is the Blackburn Family Cemetery and across to it over existing property. **TRACT II:** Tract No. 1: Beginning on a marked rock at the road; thence right across the hill to a marked rock; thence up the hill with Isaac Blackburn's line to a sourwood; thence up the hill to a black oak with three hacks on it; thence up the point to a black oak on top of hill thence with center of ridge with Gurtie Burchett's line to a marked oak; thence running down the center of the grave yard point to a marked rock at lower side of W.P.A. road; thence running up with road to a marked rock at lowerside of road; thence straight line to top of hill to a planted stone, G.C. Burchett's line; thence left with center of ridge to Jennie Spears line to a planted stone; thence with center of ridge to Isaac Blackburn's line; thence straight line to planted stone the beginning corner. Tract No. 2: Beginning on mulberry at road; thence around the hill to small beech tree; thence up the hill to a dogwood bush; thence around the hill to a rock; thence straight to road; thence down the road to beginning. It is understood that a reasonable roadway is excepted for the use of those owning land in the branch above the property hereby conveyed. **TRACT NO. III:** (Deed Book 440, Page 362) Beginning on a marked rock at lower side of W.F.A. Road, thence across the branch running with the grave yard point to top of hill to a marked oak; thence left with Gurtie Burchett line to knob then with center of ridge to W.P.A. Rad in gap, thence with the center of ridge to planted stone at G.C. Burchett's line; thence left around ridge to another planted stone; thence straight down the hill to a planted stone at lower side of road in bend of road, down the road to the beginning corner.

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B. The successful bidder shall pay the bid amount, in full, by cash or certified check, on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said

sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Floyd County, Kentucky and have equity in the land that is double the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of

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sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Floyd County, Kentucky and have equity in the land that is double the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of

a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event one of the Plaintiffs or the Defendants is the successful bidder, then the said purchaser shall not be required to produce a bond.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

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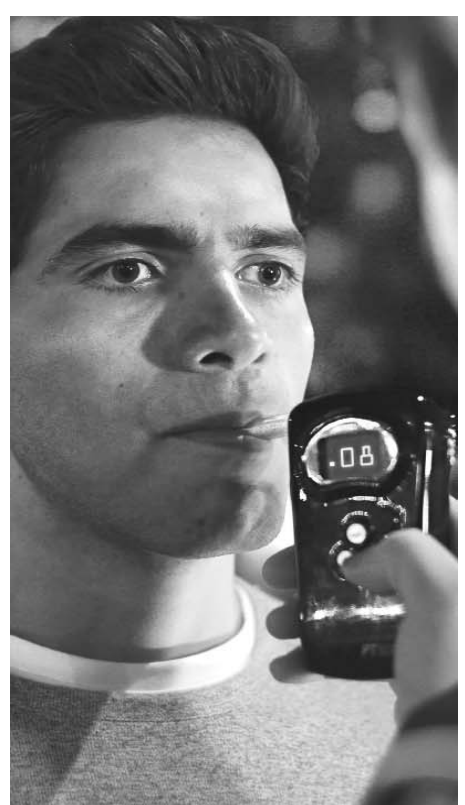
F. Any announcements made on the date of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained and as published within the Floyd County Chronical and Times. This 31st day of May, 2019.

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Gregory A. Isaac
Floyd County Master Commissioner
THE FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT IS ACCEPTING SEALED BIDS FOR THE FOLLOWING: BITUMINOUS HOT MIX CLEANING SUPPLIES, CHEMICALS & RELATED ITEMS CONCRETE INSTALLATION OF CONCRETE CORRUGATED METAL 60" AND 72" ONLY AND PLASTIC (DOUBLE WALL) DRAIN PIPE LIMESTONE GRAVEL
BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME, JUNE 17, 2019. THE METHOD OF AWARD WILL BE THE LOWEST AND BEST EVALUATED BID. SPECIFICATIONS AND BID FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED MONTHLY THROUGH FRIDAY FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME AT THE FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 149 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE, PRESTONSBURG, KY,

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OR BY CALLING (606)886-9193. BID FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO ANNA W. ALLEN, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OF THE FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT, 149 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE., PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653. DRAIN PIPE BIDS MUST INCLUDE DELIVERY TO THE JOB SITE. THE BID OPENING WILL BE JUNE 18 AT 6:00 P.M., LOCAL TIME AT A REGULAR CALLED FISCAL COURT MEETING LOCATED ON THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 149 SOUTH CENTRAL AVE, PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 (UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED). COUNTY BID FORMS MUST BE USED TO SUBMIT BIDS. DRAIN PIPE BIDS MUST INCLUDE DELIVERY CHARGE TOO THE SPECIFIC JOB SITE. ROBBIE WILLIAMS FLOYD COUNTY JUDGE-EXECUTIVE



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