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Shauna Mullins, the mother of 12-year-old Dylan Tyler Mullins, hugs one of her son's classmates following a candlelight vigil for her son at Betsy Layne Elementary on Wednesday.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

Vigil held for BLES student

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

On Wednesday, community members said goodbye to a 12-year-old Betsy Layne Elementary student who died after crashing his dirt bike on a public roadway last weekend.

The people who knew and loved Dylan Mullins honored his memory at the school with music, prayer, poems and fellowship.

They gathered in a circle in the



Officials at Betsy Layne Elementary School hosted a memorial service and candlelight vigil on Wednesday for Dylan Tyler Mullins, who died after crashing his dirt bike last weekend.

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Pastor, sister arraigned in district court

Blackburn seeks return of evidence, release from home incarceration

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A local business owner and pastor accused of trying to exploit a minor, and his sister, accused of harassing a teacher about the case, were arraigned in Floyd District Court on Wednesday.

A not guilty plea was entered on behalf of Bobby J. Blackburn, 26, of Prestonsburg, who is facing a felony child ex-

ploitation charge, and his sister Destiny Conley, 27, of Prestonsburg, entered a not guilty plea to misdemeanor charges she is facing in a related case.

Blackburn turned himself in after the Prestonsburg Police Department issued a notice in May, reporting officials were attempting to locate him to charge him with prohibited use of an electronic communication



Destiny Conley speaks to her attorney Ron Diddle following her arraignment in Floyd District Court.

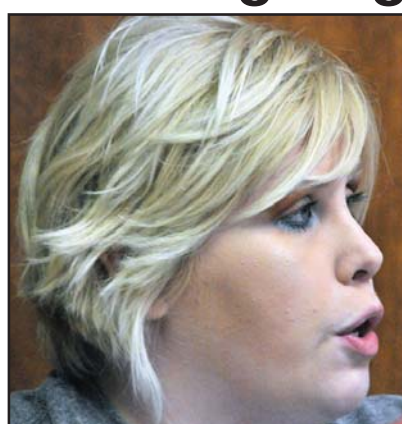


Bobby J. Blackburn, right, and his attorney Steve Owens walk away from the bench following an arraignment on Wednesday.

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P'burg considers fines for leaving dogs in vehicles

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER



Sheena Maynard

The Prestonsburg City Council is exploring the possibility of fining residents and visitors who leave their dogs in hot vehicles.

The effort comes at the request of Prestonsburg business owner Sheena Maynard, who operates Lou's Place for Pets

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Abe statue will move to battlefield soon, judge says

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams told the Floyd County Fiscal Court on June 18 that the Abraham Lincoln statue located at the former Eric C. Conn law office will soon move to the Middle Creek National Battlefield.

Williams reported that the



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near Prestonsburg City Hall.

"It's going to get hot in July, August. It's going to be miserable," Maynard told the council. "You're going to have people that don't have better common sense. We need to do something to protect these animals in our city limits. I mean, we can't protect them across the state, but as a community, we can say it's not going to be tolerated here."

She said Kentucky has no law that pertains to leaving an animal in a hot vehicle.

"As of right now, I can take my dog and put it in the car, and it 110 degrees outside, which within 15 minutes, it'll be 140 degrees," Maynard said. "A dog's internal temperature is 99.1 to 101.3 degrees, so any temperature above that, no matter how much the dog pants, no matter what kind of cute haircut it has, it cannot cool itself down. So, the only thing you can do to me is write me up and send me to court. If the dog dies, the

dog dies. There's nothing we can do about it."

She suggested the council implement fines for people who leave their dogs in hot vehicle.

"I think if we as a city start it, it's going to be a ripple effect," she said.

City Attorney Jennifer Elliott said people could face animal cruelty charges if officers see a dog in distress.

"The city can go stricter than the state. We can't go, we can't be less than the state," she said, telling the council she can seek more information from the Kentucky League of Cities.

"I can look into it," she said. "I mean, obviously, I'm for it. I think it'd be great, but I'm not sure ... other than cruelty to animals, how we would address it."

Mayor Les Stapleton responded, "Unless we call it some type of civil fine because the police have to go and take action. I could see that as being an option for us, and at that point, we could fine them."

Elliott suggested the city also "throw smoking in cars with children



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton, center, asks questions about the city's ability to issue fines against people who leave their dogs in hot vehicles during a June 17 meeting. Council members Don Willis and Brittainy Branham are also pictured.

in them in there, too," as another offense that could be fined.

Stapleton asked her to research the possibilities with the KLC.

"I don't see a problem with that at all. I have no issues with that," he said. Council Member Don Willis agreed.

"I think it's a great idea," he said.

Betsy Layne resident accused of endangering a child

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Betsy Layne resident is facing a misdemeanor charge of endangering the welfare of a minor for allegedly having drugs near two children.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Tamber Lewis, 28, of Betsy Layne, was charged with one count of endangering the welfare of a minor last week.

The citation alleges that a Floyd County Sher-

iff deputy located a marijuana joint and loose marijuana in a bag in the living room of Lewis' residence and two small children allegedly had access to the drugs.

Lewis is scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd District Court on July 10.



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school gym and lit candles, one by one, to symbolize that love and a life that was cut short too soon.

The candlelight vigil was initially planned to be held in the school's parking lot on Wednesday, but it was moved inside because it was raining.

BLES Vice Principal Ebony Doderer reported seeing a double rainbow above the school as she walked into the building. Another rainbow stretched across the hillside opposite of the school, near U.S. 23, before the service started.

Among the speakers was Dylan's mother, Shauna Mullins of Teaberry, who thanked the community for their prayers and support and talked about how much her son loved going to school. She spoke directly to some of her son's closest friends, telling them how much he cared for them.

The crash occurred after 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, on the Dry Branch area of Little Mud Creek.

The Kentucky State Police reported that Dylan crashed his dirt bike into a pickup truck while traveling on the public roadway. Kentucky State Police Spokesperson Trooper William Petry reported this week that Dylan was likely not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

He said on Thursday that the preliminary investigation indicates that Dylan was turning off the roadway and crossed the truck's path.

The name of the driver has not been released and Petry said the investigation is still ongoing. He said toxicology re-

ports are still pending.

Petry said that parents should understand that it is illegal to operate an unregistered dirt bike or ATV on a public roadway, without a license or registration on the vehicle. Kentucky laws prohibit the use of ATVs on public roads, barring a few exceptions like those allowing the crossing of some roads. State laws also prohibit children and adults age 21 and under from riding or operating a motorcycle on a public roadway without a helmet in Kentucky.

One Floyd County resident, Kathy Friend, referenced those laws after she attended the service at BLES on Wednesday.

She said she hopes this tragedy sheds light on the need for better enforcement of those laws in Floyd County. She reported seeing two children, without helmets, riding on the back of an ATV on a public roadway when she was driving to the service that evening. Friend, a former teacher who was in tears after the vigil, said she came to the service because she is a concerned citizen. She said she regularly sees children riding ATVs without helmets where she lives and she worries about their safety.

Dylan's funeral was held Thursday at the River of Life Freewill Baptist Church in Grethel.

He was buried in the Mullins Family Cemetery at Cowpen in Pikeville.

BLES is offering grief counselors to help students who are coping with his death. Doderer said any person in need of that help may reach out to the school on Facebook this summer. Grief counselors will also be available during the first week of school this fall, she said.



'I Am Evidence'

Free documentary screening planned

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Healing Program is raising awareness about the "alarming number" of untested rape kits in the U.S.

The agency is hosting a free public showing of the HBO documentary, "I Am Evidence" at the Mountain Arts Center next week. The screening will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the MAC.

"I Am Evidence" explains how the system has impeded justice while also spotlighting those who are leading the way to pursue long-awaited justice in these cases," MCCC said in a statement. "This showing will include community conversation along with special guest speakers and community vendors."

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Tiny houses, big ideas, restoring hope



FIVE SMOOTH STONES KENTUCKY
BY
MARK WOHLANDER

Over the past few years, the numbers of those who are homeless has soared across our country. In 2018, the number of reported homeless has grown to more than 550,000. Of that number, it is reported that 67-percent are individuals, while 33 percent are people in families with children.

For most, those are only numbers, numbers without faces. For most, the old adage "out of sight, out of mind," is the way to think about the homeless.

While "out of sight, out of mind" is the adage for most, there is a movement afoot throughout Eastern Kentucky's school districts which has

not only put a face on the homeless, but also, a movement which is doing something about homelessness, one tiny house at a time. These Eastern Kentucky students and teachers have replaced the old adage with a new one that could be summed up in just a few words, "Tiny houses, big ideas, restoring hope."

Recently, we were introduced to the story of Rebecca Carriker, an 18-year-old student from Harlan County. Rebecca's courage and willingness to share her story of living in what has been labeled as substandard housing has exposed the other numbers of the thousands of neighbors, friends and the forgotten

who start and end each day wondering what today, tomorrow and the weeks and months ahead will offer. Although we now have the face of Rebecca Carriker, what most cannot fathom is that in Kentucky there are more than 25,000 other students who are considered homeless.

Until recently, until this group of caring teachers and students in Eastern Kentucky high schools, there was little being done, and even less being said about the homeless. But that was yesterday, and just like times past, the people of Eastern Kentucky, and better yet, the next generation of Eastern Kentucky leaders have taken it upon themselves to step forward to offer solutions to homelessness, not simply excuses.

Under the umbrella of Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative's "Building it Forward" project, Eastern Kentucky's high school students are

providing solutions to homelessness one tiny house at a time. Instead of "out of sight out of mind," these young high school entrepreneurs have adopted that can-do spirit which has been the cornerstone of the people of Eastern Kentucky for generations. These students and their dedicated teachers have rolled up their sleeves, picked up their hammers and have built one tiny house at a time.

What we see happening in Eastern Kentucky today is a "big idea" to build "tiny houses," houses which will not only restore hope in Eastern Kentucky, but tiny houses which could literally restore hope across America. Imagine a building industry in Eastern Kentucky growing up around these student entrepreneurs. Imagine the jobs that a tiny house industry could bring to Eastern Kentucky, jobs fueled by the can-do spirit of Eastern Ken-

tuckians who have never seen a problem without a solution. Even better still, imagine this tiny house idea spreading across Kentucky to other high schools where Kentucky students could not only learn skilled trades, but where Kentucky students could fuel answers for the more than 550,000 homeless who have no place to call home.

What we see happening in Eastern Kentucky should remind all Kentuckians of the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson when he wrote, "The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well." This spirit of caring is the real reason behind the success of the people of Eastern Kentucky, a spirit of caring and a can-do attitude which have been passed down from generation to generation, and a spirit which could some-

day change the face of the homeless not only in Kentucky, but across America.

So, as I often do, I would invite each of you to join me on my imaginary mountaintop, a place where Eastern Kentucky's friendly and hard-working people can come together and shout loudly to the world that the can-do spirit and spirit of caring is alive and well in Eastern Kentucky, a spirit which is spreading across the region by the can-do and caring Eastern Kentucky students and teachers who are the reason for the success of the people of the mountains.

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Eric Conn client files: Lessons learned

By NED PILLERSDORF

During the more than four-year, sad spectacle involving Floyd County's local embarrassment (Eric C. Conn), there have been few humorous moments.

During one of the oral arguments before the Sixth Circuit, I became rattled, and told the judges that "John Grisham could not have imagined these facts."

The judges found this amusing and laughed. I was not trying to be funny.

The statement is true. The facts that have transpired will one day make an unbelievable read worthy of those who read Grisham novels. At least one book is in the works.

One chapter will have to be devoted to the incredible journey of the client files that the attorney formally known as "Mr. Social Security" kept in his sprawling trailers along U.S. 23 in Stanville.

The first hint that something was amiss in the Eric Conn galaxy was the four-day bonfire.

Shortly after the Wall Street Journal published an investigative report on Conn in 2011, those traveling along US 23 noticed a continuous bonfire. Neighbors complained to Conn's employees about the smoke. Conn told the staff it was time for spring cleaning. In reality, the cleaning involved the burning of client files. A receipt from a shredding company also revealed millions of documents were shredded in reaction to the Wall street journal story as well.

A year before Conn

was indicted, more than a thousand of his former clients received surprise notices over the Memorial Day weekend that their benefits were being immediately suspended. The shameful bureaucrats at the Social Security office graciously allowed those receiving the notices all of 10 days to retrieve medical records that were generated almost 10 years ago. The SSA explained that the ancient files could be submitted to possibly allow the benefits to be reinstated.

Two significant series of events transpired. Predictably, at the 10-day mark, we had two suicides. During the same time frame hundreds of former clients descended on Conn's office in desperate hope of retrieving their files. Nobody got a file. Conn was nowhere to be found. Of course, of the thousands of former Conn clients caught up in the debacle, you'd be lucky to find a single client who actually met Conn. We all saw him on the hundreds of billboards, but never in

person. Too busy getting married a dozen times.

When Conn was indicted the next year, his law office was seized. When Conn eventually entered the first of his two guilty pleas, there were references to the destruction of files, shredding, etc.

A predictable event happened after Conn pled guilty. He decided to cut off his ankle bracelet and leave it near the Newtown Pike exit in Lexington. Two weeks later, or about the time Conn was entering Guatemala from neighboring Mexico on his way to Honduras, viewers of WYMT were treated to live video of dozens of law enforcement officers swarming Conn's law office. It was carried live,

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Trio indicted for allegedly burglarizing home

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury indicted three Prestonsburg residents for allegedly burglarizing a home of a deceased resident earlier this year.

Last week, the grand jury indicted Christopher Sexton, 30, Avery Lowe Jr., 48, and Tabitha Hunt, 30, for a burglary that allegedly occurred on April

29 at a home at Little Paint.

Each of them face charges of second-degree burglary, and Sexton was also charged with possession of burglar's tools. Sexton and Lowe were additionally charged with allegedly being persistent felony offenders in the second degree, a charge that could increase their sentences if they are con-

victed in court.

All three of these defendants denied allegations against them when they appeared in Floyd District Court this year.

KSP troopers investigated the alleged burglary at a home on the Left Fork of Little Paint Road on April 29. Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the homeowner had been deceased several months

prior to the alleged burglary.

KSP officials reported in documents filed in Floyd District Court that the trio allegedly rode an ATV to the home and Sexton was allegedly found in the garage with four gold rings, several gold watches, as well as pliers and a utility knife on his person.

The court files report that Lowe alleged-

ly told KSP officials that he stopped at the home because he witnessed someone else trying to break into it.

Hunt claimed that Sexton and Lowe came to the home to steal items to pawn, KSP officials alleged in the file, reporting that she knew the home belonged to a deceased person. Items from the home were also allegedly found in her

possession, according to documents filed in the case.

The defendants are scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd Circuit Court on July 25.

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

Wayland City Commission approves budget

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Wayland City Commission amended its current fiscal year budget and approved the city's 2019-2020 budget during a special meeting on Tuesday.

The amended budget shows that Wayland received more revenues than it expected to receive this fiscal year, with the majority of the increase coming from coal royalties, which were initially budgeted at \$12,000 and amended to reflect

\$72,200 in revenues. The amended budget reported revenues and expenses of about \$163,800.

Wayland will carry \$67,000 forward into its new fiscal year.

The new budget allots total revenues and expenses of \$86,300,

with the majority of revenues (\$39,000) coming from the city's insurance premium tax. Other significant revenues are budgeted at \$7,400 for franchise fees, \$12,000 in mineral taxes and \$7,200 from Lifeguard Ambulance for rental of

a city building. The city's restaurant tax is expected to provide \$1,500 next fiscal year, and other taxes and fees are expected to provide more than \$9,000 for the city.

Wayland expects to spend most of its revenues (\$40,200) on payroll

expenses and salaries next fiscal year.

Other significant expenses budgeted include \$13,000 for insurance, \$14,700 in administration, \$5,777 in public safety, \$830 for public works and \$10,700 for street lights and Christmas lights.

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with the cameras hoping to get a shot of Conn being dragged out from under his Lincoln Memorial monument.

Less excitement was occurring 15 miles away at the SSA hearing office in Prestonsburg. More than a thousand of Conn's former clients were being put through grueling re-determination hearings without their files. The common understanding among the former clients and the more than 100 volunteer lawyers was that the files had gone up in smoke or were part of the shredding operation.

Nobody imagined

there were still 7,000 files still sitting in Conn's office. The law enforcement officials searching Conn's office never got around to mentioning them.

After the first round of 1,550 hearings were held, the SSA, exuberant over the capture of Conn at a Pizza Hut in Honduras, announced in Feb. 2018 that another 1950 hearings would start in Aug. 2018.

In April, I was sent a video of what appeared to be thousands of files still sitting in Conn's law office. The video was also sent to the national media. When contacted by the media, the powers that be grudgingly acknowledged that thousands of files were still in

Conn's office.

With another round of hearings scheduled to start a few months later, urgent requests were sent to the Kentucky Bar Association seeking the immediate appointment of a receiver to promptly distribute the files before the next round of hearings. Two points about the request: It goes without saying that client files always belong to the clients. They don't belong to Conn or the government. More importantly, the hearings were all travel-back-in-time hearings.

A common misconception about the hearings is that they were focused on whether the client is presently disabled. Not true. The hear-

ings were strictly focused on whether the former client was disabled about 10 years ago. Logically, what was in the files would be highly relevant because they were generated during that time.

To use a football term, the KBA punted and would not appoint a receiver. The perfect storm continued. The hearings did start again in August. The SSA denied every request to continue the hearings until the files became available. We also learned that Conn routinely would not submit relevant medical records. Assume he felt in unnecessary in that he was driving to Louisa every month to give the Judge his cash. He was going to win anyway.

Fortunately, a Department of Justice forfeiture division got fed up and filed a remarkable motion in federal court in which he accurately alleged that the KBA had completely abdicated its responsibility in not appointing a receiver.

By the time the receiver was appointed, we learned that the files would not be distributed until December.

The hearings abruptly ended in early November after Congressman Hal Rogers intervened. At that point, not a single Conn client had access to their files in the more than two thousand hearings.

The second round has not restarted, presumably due to the hearings

being declared unconstitutional a few weeks later after the Sixth Circuit rendered its decision in Hicks vs. Colvin.

This past June the last of the client files were delivered. In doing so, we learned about a third of the files were still missing, a third were incomplete and a third were intact. And so ends the interesting journey of what became of the Conn client files.

What did we learn from all of this? We did not learn that the system works. We did learn that the former Conn clients got shafted.

Ned Pillersdorf is a lawyer in Prestonsburg who represents some of the former clients of Eric C. Conn.

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FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Madge Raye Halbert

Madge Raye Halbert, 80, of McDowell, died Wednesday, June 19, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, June 22, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, McDowell.

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

Judith Hall

Judith Diane Steffey Hall, 65, of McDowell, died Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, June 21, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

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Burial will follow in the G.W. Osborne Cemetery, Dorton.

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

Benika Ann Paige

Benika Ann Paige, 57, of McDowell, died Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 22, at the church.

Burial will follow in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, Frasures Creek in McDowell.

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

Progress made on Martin Community Center, judge says

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County is inching closer to reopening the Martin Community Center, Judge-Executive Robbie Williams reported this week.

Williams provided an update on improvements underway at the center, which has been vacant and in disrepair for years. The fiscal court has voted several times to sell the center over the past few years, but members never approved bids offered for the facility.

Williams talked about the progress of the renovation project in response to questions posed by Deanna Mullins, owner of Jungle Jim's in Martin who said she plans to lease the community center from the

county for a nonprofit after-school program.

"I was just coming in to see where we're at with the community center and if the option of leasing it is in the near future, with school beginning in August and we'd love to be able to get in it and open up an after-school program," Mullins said.

Williams reported that the HVAC system, electrical and plumbing work is completed and insulation was sprayed on pipes that run up the walls to prevent them from freezing. Williams said trees were cut at the community center this week and work still pending includes pressure washing and painting the building, fixing the floor and cleaning up the building.

"As soon as we get those repairs completed, then we'll sit down and talk," he said. "The fiscal court will make the decision, you know, how they're going to move forward on it."

He said the work should be done within 60 to 90 days. He said the county is fixing the building "to last."

"We're building, going back and doing the repairs and fixing everything to last," he said. "We're don't — it's just not a quick fix. When this building's open, we want it to be something that the people are proud of. So, 60- to 90-days, and we should be ready to go."

Former county administrators reported that repair costs would exceed \$150,000 at the

community center, but Williams said in February that he expected repairs to cost around \$50,000 because the county would be doing the work itself.

Bills approved at the June 18 fiscal court meeting included \$13,300 to Elite Heating & Cooling for heating and cooling and electrical work. Williams reported that invoices are expected to be sent to the county for the plumbing. He said the next biggest expense on the project would be the floor and painting. He mentioned having fiscal court members travel to a church in Paintsville to look at flooring at a church.

He said the multi-purpose flooring would cost \$65,000.

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sale of the statue, part of the property previously owned by the disbarred attorney, was finalized in federal court that day. He reported that Jerry Flannery of Four J Development finalized the purchase of the statue and other property previously owned by Conn in Stanville through federal court.

"When he purchased the property, the statue, he's donating it to Floyd County," Williams told the fiscal court. "And I want to thank Jerry Flannery — This was finalized today — and Four J Development, and we will be moving the statue out there probably in the next couple of weeks. I wanted to let everyone know and thank Jerry again for that."

Documents related to the sale of Conn's former property had not

been filed in federal court as of print deadline on Thursday and the related deeds had not been filed in the Floyd County deed room. Flannery did not return calls seeking comment this week.

The Floyd County tourism commission added \$30,000 for "Moving Abe" into its new budget, which is expected to be approved later this month. Williams and that agency previously reported that Prestonsburg Tourism would also help fund the move, a project that Williams expects to cost between \$30,000 and \$70,000.

He said on Wednesday, however, that the City of Prestonsburg will help it.

Conn reported when he dedicated the statue at his former law office in 2010 that it cost \$500,000.

The Abraham Lincoln portion of the statute is six feet tall. Williams said it will be moved to

the battlefield within the next couple of weeks and remain there temporarily as work is completed to clean it and recondition it.

"For the time being, we'll set it in the parking lot until we get the work completed on it," Williams said.

He said the permanent location of the statue at the battlefield has not yet been determined, noting that it will be a "plaza-type" area that provides seating for visitors.

"I believe this is another piece of our tourism puzzle that we're trying to put together to improve the quality of life to the people of Floyd County," Williams said.

He said Modern Crane will be moving the statue in the next couple of weeks.

Williams told fiscal court members that proceeds from the purchase of Conn's former property "are going back to the

victims of the Eric Conn situation." He said he was given that information by the company that was hired to sell Conn's former property when he inquired about whether it could be donated to the county, saying officials told him that the property could not be donated because the proceeds would benefit the former clients.

Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who is representing former Conn clients, said the proceeds will not benefit Conn's former clients, however. He said the proceeds will likely be used to pay the court-appointed receiver in the federal case and pay fines issued against Conn.

Business owner faces endangerment charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County business owner is denying allegations that he endangered the lives of customers by inappropriately installing an HVAC system.

Justin Trout, 28, of David, owner of Eastern Air Flow, pleaded not guilty in Floyd County District Court on Monday to misdemeanor counts of use of an HVAC system not installed in accordance with standards and second-degree wanton endangerment.

Trout, represented by Prestonsburg attorney Jimmy Webb, is expected to return to court for

a pretrial conference on Sept. 3. District Judge Eric Hall set his bond at \$1,000 surety.

Joey Pratt, from the office of the Kentucky Attorney General, filed the charges against Trout.

The arrest warrant claims that Trout allegedly "disregarded the insulation codes by oversizing the breaker on a gas furnace and causing extreme indifference toward the residents of the home as the breaker would never throw causing the furnace to burn up without the protection of the breaker."

The alleged incident occurred on June 25, 2018.

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Former employee sues fiscal court

Williams: 'Just because you're hired in, it doesn't mean you have a job for life'

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County's former code enforcement officer is suing the judge-executive and the fiscal court, alleging wrongful termination.

Pikeville attorney Lawrence Webster filed a lawsuit last week on behalf of former Code Enforcement Officer/Solid Waste Coordinator Randy

Bryant, seeking compensatory and punitive damages against Judge-Executive Robbie Williams, individually and as county judge, and the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

Webster alleges in the lawsuit that Bryant was "unlawfully terminated" on Jan. 7 due to political reasons.

He alleges that the termination violated Bryant's First Amendment

rights because Bryant "had either exercised his right of political expression or political opinion, or had exercised his rights not to make such expression, or had refused to change political allegiance, or so that the Defendant could employ in place of (Bryant) a political supporter."

He claims the decision to not rehire Bryant was "based upon consti-

tutionally impermissible grounds."

Webster claims Bryant is losing about \$2,800 monthly in income and has "suffered mental stress and anxiety" because of his termination.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams denied allegations made in the lawsuit.

"He said I violated his constitutional rights, so I pulled out the Constitu-

tion — I did — to see if there were constitutional rights to protect workers who aren't doing their job, and I couldn't find any," Williams said. "Maybe I'm overlooking that portion of the Constitution."

He said he is trying to "change the culture" of the county government.

"I'm trying to change the culture in county government," he said.

"I want these people to know that just because you're because you're hired in, it doesn't mean you have a job for life ... It's important for folks to understand that we're trying to get the best bang for our taxpayer dollars and that's what my expectations are for these employees."

A formal answer has not yet been filed in the case.

Floyd County pair indicted for alleged vehicle thefts, other charges

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County grand jury issued multiple indictments last week against two Floyd County residents accused of stealing vehicles and other items.

The grand jury issues three indictments against Josh Akers, 21, of Martin, and two indictments against Printer resident Steven Chad Castle, 35, of Printer.

Two indictments accuse the pair of allegedly stealing a vehicle belonging to David Pinson on Christmas Day 2018. In those cases, Akers and Castle are charged with theft by unlawful taking, valued at \$10,000 or more, and Akers is also accused of being a persistent felony offender in the second degree.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said that Pinson left the keys in his vehicle when he entered

a local gas station, and the pair allegedly stole it from the parking lot.

The other two indictments issued against Akers are related to each other, Turner explained.

Akers faces two other persistent felony charges in both of those cases, in which he was indicted for receiving stolen property, valued at less than \$10,000, and theft by unlawful taking, valued at \$500 or more.

According to the indictments and district court files in the cases, Akers was arrested on Feb. 8 for allegedly receiving stolen property, a motorcycle belonging to Cody Boyd. Kentucky State Police officials reported at the time of the arrest that motorcycle was stolen from Martin and was later located in Prestonsburg.

The third indictment against Akers alleges that he stole a utility trailer stationed at the Maytown Volunteer Fire Depart-

ment two days after the motorcycle was allegedly stolen.

"When they found the trailer ... the stolen motorcycle was on the trailer," Turner said. "The stolen trailer was hauling the stolen motorcycle."

In the second indictment against Castle, the grand jury accused him of stealing a truck belonging to Kevin Gayheart, charging him with receiving stolen property, valued under \$10,000, and theft by unlawful taking, valued at \$500 or more.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court when Castle was initially arrested on Dec. 31, Gearheart's truck was stolen while he was in O'Reilly's Auto Parts in Prestonsburg. The truck was later found at a residence in Hunter, the documents allege, and Castle was allegedly removing parts from it when police arrived at the scene.

Turner said that Akers could face up to 40 years in prison if he is convicted of all charges in the three indictments issued against him and the sentences imposed are set to run consecutively. The potential penalty in the case in which he is accused of stealing an automobile could be enhanced to 20 years with the persistent felony offender charge, Turner explained.

If Castle is convicted in the two cases filed against him, he could be sentenced to between five and 10 years for allegedly receiving the stolen truck, between one and five years for allegedly stealing items from the truck and between five and 10 years for the vehicle theft he and Akers are accused of participating in.

Both Akers and Castle are scheduled to be arraigned in these cases on July 1.

These aren't the only

Floyd County charges that Akers is currently facing.

On April 27, he was arrested by Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Daren Lawson on theft by unlawful taking, valued at \$10,000 or more, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree criminal mischief, possession of drug paraphernalia and theft of mail matter.

Lawson alleges in the citation that he was called to investigate a complaint of Akers "trying to break into vehicles" at Citizens Bank in New Allen last month. He claimed that he had received several anonymous tips about Akers driving a stolen vehicle that day.

"Akers had a Red Mazda CR-V parked in the parking lot that he claimed was his," Lawson wrote. "However, he did not have a key to the vehicle."

Lawson, who worked with Deputy Kevin Johnson during the investigation, reported that he contacted the owner of the vehicle who claimed it had been stolen that week.

Lawson reported that the vehicle had about \$500 worth of damage, that Akers appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and that several small plastic baggies and a "tooter straw" were found inside the vehicle, along with mail that did not belong to the vehicle's owner or Akers.

Akers denied the allegations during his arraignment in that case last month in Floyd District Court. The case was sent to the grand jury for consideration.

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

Inmates accused of trying to sneak contraband into jail

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Three inmates are facing felony charges for allegedly trying to sneak contraband into the Floyd County Detention Center.

Arraignments were held in Floyd District Court on Monday for Eddie Lowe, 33, of Betsy Layne, Terry M. Hill, 28, of Wayland, and Shawn Henson, 34, of Myra.

Lowe is charged with two counts of first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hill is charged with first- and second-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia

Henson is charged

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

Lt. Parker DeRossett filed charges against these inmates, alleging they attempted to bring drugs and other items into the jail. He alleged in court documents that on June 13, Lowe allegedly had a "loaded needle" in his possession as he sat

on his bed in this jail cell. He also claimed that Hill allegedly had a bag of tobacco and five "small papers, wrapped/folded" with what appeared to be methamphetamine.

DeRossett claims that, the following day, when Henson and other inmates were also charged with fourth-degree assault and menacing for allegedly fighting at the jail, a deputy

found a bag that fell out of Henson's sock containing "crushed orange pills," believed to be Suboxone.

On Monday, District Judge Eric Hall scheduled preliminary hearings on June 24 in all of these felony cases. He set \$1,000 cash bonds for each of them. The charges mark the second time recently that one of them men were charged for illegal

actions that allegedly occurred while they were incarcerated.

On April 12, Henson was arrested on charges of second-degree assault and first-degree wanton endangerment in a case in which he is accused of fighting another inmate, breaking his jaw and giving him other injuries. That case was referred to the grand jury for consideration.



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Science center offers new laser show

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Friday, June 21, marks the first official day of summer, and the East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium will celebrate with a new laser show that starts next week.

The center will open the new show, "Rush into Summer," at 7 p.m. on

Wednesday, June 26.

Rush was a Canadian rock band that was formed in 1968 and dissolved in 2018.

The science center said in a press release that the band was known for its "musicianship, complex compositions and lyrical themes, drawing heavily on science fiction, fantasy and philosophy."

"The band's musical style has changed several times over the years, from a blues-inspired hard rock, later moving into progressive rock and including a period marked by heavy use of synthesizers," the statement said.

Rush received nominations for seven Grammy Awards and was inducted into the Canadian Music Hall of Fame in 1994 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2013. The band received 24 gold, 14 platinum and multi-platinum albums. The science center highlighted one of those albums, "2112" in the press release. It was released by Rush in 1976 and sold more than three million copies in the U.S.

"Over 40 years ago the three prophets of Rush foretold an intergalactic war on their prog-rock album, 2112. They predicted that in the year 2062, the universe will finally find peace — and oppression — as the Solar Federation unifies warring planets and instates the music-hating Priests of the Temples of Syrinx as overlords. Everything will change, however, in

2112 when an optimistic free-thinker finds a 'strange musical device' and martyrs himself while attempting to bring melody to the stars," the statement said.

Admission is \$5 per person. Doors will open at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 26, and the show will start at 7 p.m. For more information, call, (606) 889-8260.

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

Marriages

Trinity Faith Ward, 18, of Ivel, to Jonathan Edward Spradlin, 20, of Prestonsburg

Laura Renee Sites, 51, of Boonscamp, to Cecil Butcher Jr. 54, of Boonscamp

Manissa Alexandria Lynn Risner, 22, of Tea-

berry, to Zachary Ryan Tackett, 24, of Teaberry

Evan Christopher McNutt, 34, of Roanoke, Va., to Kelsey L. Goble, 32, of Prestonsburg

Phillip Christian Spencer, 33, of Langley, to Joslyn Ellen Moore, 31, of Langley

Rachel Ann Layne, 23, of Dema, to Stephen Tyler Mullins, 25, of Ivel

Emily Ann Holbrook, 28, of Allen, to Tyler Jason Green, 35, of Hueysville

Casey Brooke Hale, 21, of Martin, to Mason Hobert Lee Barker, 21, of

Martin

Property transfers

Kelly W. Williams to Cathy A. Williams (Deeds Book 645, pg. 644)

Tanie M. Rogers to Danny Rogers (Deeds Book 645, pg. 648)

VREO Holdings LLC to U.S. Bank Trust National Association, Trustee for VRMTG Asset Trust; property at cliff (Deeds Book 645, pg. 644)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Chassity Meeks, Jewell Crider, U.S. Bank National Association to U.S. Bank Na-

tional (Deeds Book 645, pg. 665)

Christopher Scott Slone to Robert Slone, property at Dwale (Deeds Book 645, pg. 670)

Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Marcus Russell, Nadia Purcell, JP Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corporation to JP Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corporation (Deeds Book 645, pg. 673)

Mary Hall to Karen Koplau, Louis Koplau; property at John Turner Branch (Deeds Book 645, pg. 678)

Secretary of Housing

and Urban Development to Jean Lemaster (Deeds Book 645, pg. 681)

Chester L. Coleman, Wanda Garrett, Debbie Goble, Bonnie Owens to Lance Edward Owens; property at Bull Creek (Deeds Book 645, pg. 684)

Carol Sue Dingus to Bobby S. Dingus (Deeds Book 645, pg. 689)

Gina Johnson to Kasey Ousley, Whitney Ousley (Deeds Book 645, pg. 691)

Geraldine Hall to Joshua Hall, Walter Hall (Deeds Book 645, pg.

703)

Anthony Davis to Noel Blankenship (Deeds Book 645, pg. 707)

Brian Poff, Jennifer Poff to Brian Patton (Deeds Book 645, pg. 712)

Jeromia Tackett, Walker Tackett to Ollie Tackett (Deeds Book 645, pgs. 715, 719)

Stoney Newsome to AT&T Bellsouth Telecommunications, David Joseph; easement (Deeds Book 645, pg. 723)

Clifford Jarrell to James Bradley (Deeds Book 645, pg. 726)

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system to procure a minor to commit a sex act.

Prestonsburg Police Sgt. Ross Shurtleff, who attended the arraignments in Floyd District Court on Wednesday, alleged in court documents that Blackburn asked a minor to "engage in a 'threesome' with he and another minor" and allegedly coerced another underage employee to lie to police about the alleged incident.

Conley was arrested on June 1 on charges of menacing, harassment and second-degree disorderly conduct. Shurtleff alleged in those court documents that Conley "entered the victim's classroom at Prestonsburg Elementary School (on May 31), and in a physically offensive manner, in the presence of 19 school-aged children, pointed at and aggressively approached the victim, telling the victim, 'I'm telling you face-to-face, you better lay off my brother.'"

The district court file in Blackburn's case contains affidavits for search warrants seeking evidence from Giovanni's in Prestonsburg, Elevate Church and an office on East Friend Street for B&J Food Service, Matergy Coal Company and Sunrise Land Development. The search warrants sought electronic devices and related equipment that Blackburn could have used to carry out the alleged crime.

In the affidavits, Shurtleff reported that he saw images of the alleged iMessage conversation.

"The victim started a professional conversation about materials at her place of work that Blackburn administered," he wrote in the affidavits. "Immediately following, Blackburn sent an iMessage that

read 'Naked,' followed by messages that he wanted to have a 'threesome' with the victim and another minor employee, telling the victim that he would 'give (her) a side of a (explicative deleted)' and that (he) (was) naked in his office watching porn and being dirty but would not specify which office he was in, but that he was in Prestonsburg."

In court on Wednesday, Pikeville Attorney Steve Owens, representing Blackburn, asked for rulings on several motions he has filed in the case, including one in which he asks that Blackburn be taken off of home incarceration.

"The other issue, your honor, is I made a motion ... to remove Mr. Blackburn from home incarceration," Owens said. "There's really no use for that. It's a form of punishment at this point. He's not been found guilty of anything. And this is not like it's been made out to be in the media, like it's 10- or 12-year-olds. These are 17-year-old girls, and he has no criminal history, has strong family ties ... We move that he be allowed to work, and all of those things, and be taken off home incarceration."

In his motion, Owens argued that Blackburn is a long-time county resident with "extensive family, community and business ties." The bond conditions are "sufficient to address any concern, if any, for the protection of the public," he wrote.

"Home incarceration is a form of punishment and is unnecessary in this case and puts an undo burden on the defendant's ability to earn a living, meet with his attorney, his doctor and go to church," Owens wrote.

Assistant County Attorney Tyler Green objected to the bond amendment request in court and in court filings.

"The Commonwealth objects in the most fer-

vent manner possible to the defendant being released from home incarceration," he wrote in the response. "First, if the allegations ... are true, it is clear (he) is a sexual predator and a danger to the community. Home incarceration prevents (Blackburn) from preying on juvenile victims in the community. Second, home incarceration does not restrict (his) ability to meet with his attorney or go to the doctor. Finally, home incarceration is necessary to supervise (Blackburn) and minimize the risk of (him) being a flight risk."

He alleged that Blackburn "evaded service" of the arrest warrant that was filed against him.

"Home incarceration lessens the risk that the defendant will once again flee from court process or fail to appear for his court dates," Green wrote.

At the hearing, Owens also mentioned a motion he filed in May, asking the court to release two devices used as cash registers at Giovanni's, reporting that the devices are not capable of sending or receiving messages, emails or other forms of communications.

Green explained in his written response that district courts have limited jurisdiction and are not permitted to release property to a defendant in a felony case. He told District Judge Eric Hall that the iPads are being reviewed by the Kentucky State Police Electronic Crimes Branch.

Hall said if the Commonwealth finds there's no evidence on the iPads that have any bearing in the case, then the iPads could be returned, but if not, the motion would be considered on July 1, when Blackburn is scheduled to return for a preliminary hearing.

Owens said he would reach out to the KSP Electronic Crimes Branch officer to see if the iPads can be returned.

"That'll be fine," Hall said.

Owens also asked Hall to reach out to the family court judge regarding an order issued requiring Blackburn to have supervised visits with his children.

Hall told him that was not in the district court jurisdiction. Green asked whether the restriction that Blackburn have no contact with any other minor children still stands, and Hall confirmed that.

Earlier this month, Owens filed a subpoena, seeking access to video surveillance footage that was taken inside and outside of Layne's Ace Hardware in Prestonsburg on the day the alleged crime took place.

Green asked the court to quash that motion, calling it "unreasonable" because the items are not related to the arraignment hearing, and "facially invalid" because it wasn't issued by a clerk, as required, and

lacked proof of service, as required.

Hall scheduled a preliminary hearing to be held on July 1 in Blackburn's case, reporting pending motions may be considered at that time.

Conley, who was represented in court by attorney Ron Diddle, is scheduled to return to court on Sept. 3 for a pretrial conference. Hall ordered them to remain under the previously-set bonds to follow all conditions of their bonds.



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Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

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

Felony cases filed

Jerrica M. Banks, 37, of Hueysville; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance

Leonard Keathley, 28, of Teaberry; third-degree burglary

Nathan C. Bartley, 28, of Dana; theft by unlawful taking (firearm)

Terry M. Hill, 28, of Wayland; first- and second-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Joshua Henson, 34, of Myra; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Eddie D. Lowe Jr., 32, of Betsy Layne; two counts of first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Christopher Cox, 33, of Garrett; second-degree burglary

Jeffery Dwayne Tackett, 44, of Weeksbury; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance

Travis Hall, 36, of Prestonsburg; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance

Ronald L. Scott, 51, of Martin; receiving stolen property, theft by deception (cold checks)

Angelena Tackett, 32, of Prestonsburg; theft by deception (cold checks)

Misdemeanor cases filed

Retta McKenzie, 43, of Auxier; second-degree fleeing/evading police

Robert Endicott, 37, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Joshua Keith Hoover, 34, of Garrett; fourth-degree assault

Phyllis C. Hoover, 26, of Minnie; fourth-degree assault

Martin Shane Kendrick, 32, of Prestonsburg; harassing communications

Matt Hall, 35, of Prestonsburg; violation of an emergency protection order

Mindy N. Bailey, 31, of Van Lear; menacing, resisting arrest

Nathan Bartley, age unavailable, of Dana; first-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance, resisting arrest

Joshua Crider, 22, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Justin Trout, 28, of David; use of an HVAC system not installed in accordance with standards

Mason Adams, 31, of Melvin; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Nathan J. Hamilton, 35, of Teaberry; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Joshua R. Henson,

34, of Myra; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Aaron Wright, 29, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Shawn Henson, 38, of Hueysville; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Ethan Kyle Spears, age unavailable, of Beaver; third-degree terroristic threatening

Jonathan Howell, 37, of Beaver; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Tamber Lewis, 28, of Betsy Layne; endangering the welfare of a minor

Angela Duncan, 45, of Hueysville; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Connie Yonts, 38, of Pikeville; fishing without a license

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



Court Street reopens

Prestonsburg officials announced the reopening of a portion of West Court Street on Tuesday, June 18. The street closed on May 28, after a storm caused the roof of the former Hock Shop building to blow off and crush several vehicles, killing Pikeville resident Michael Coleman, 61. The street was closed as contractors for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, which owns the building, removed bricks from the front of the building.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows



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CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Make it your business to find out what others are up against before you commit to getting involved or promise to take care of something.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – If you compromise, you will find it much easier to get others to pitch in and help. Romance should be a priority. Make interesting plans, but don't try to buy someone's love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Make a healthy dietary change. You may not be one to stray too far from the norm, but a detour will pay off. Don't shy away from experiencing something new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – You are on to something, so don't stop to ponder whether you should dig further. The experience will prepare you for future endeavors. Romance is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Don't let emotional matters get to you. Take a step back and rethink your position and how you want to move forward. Do things your way and don't look back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Don't freely share personal information. Protect an essential relationship by being open about your feelings and intentions. If you are too aloof, you'll send the wrong signal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Change your direction if there are too many roadblocks. Success will be dependent on how you

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



maneuver your way through situations that are continually changing. Assess and adjust.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – It won't be easy for you to hide the way you feel, so don't hold back. Say what's on your mind and find out where you stand. Romance should be a priority.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Avoid indulgent situations. Honesty will help you avoid being questioned or put in an awkward position. Do your best to be helpful without meddling in someone else's affairs.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – You may want to rethink some of your current connections. Consider who is an asset and who is a liability. It's time to make a personal change. Romance is favored.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – You can talk your way in or out of anything, but before you begin, you are best off considering the effect you will have on those around you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Let your actions be your voice. How you handle situations will determine the way others perceive you. Being charming and doing what you say you are going to do will encourage support.

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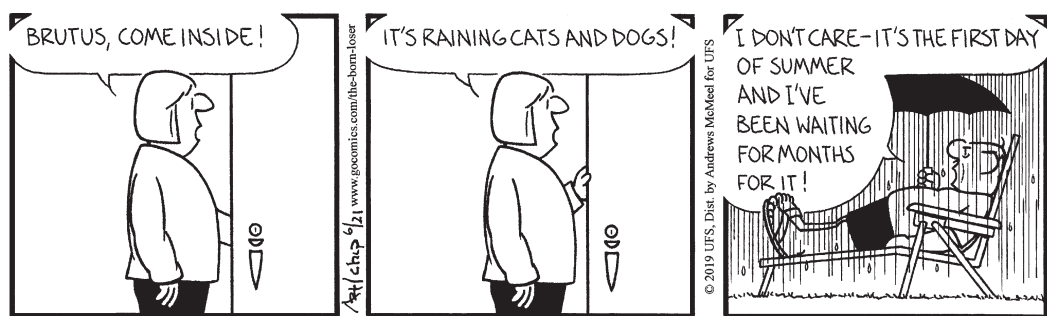
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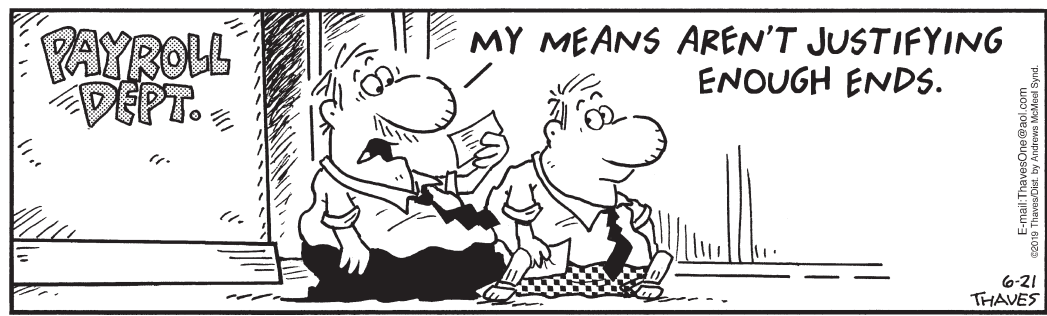
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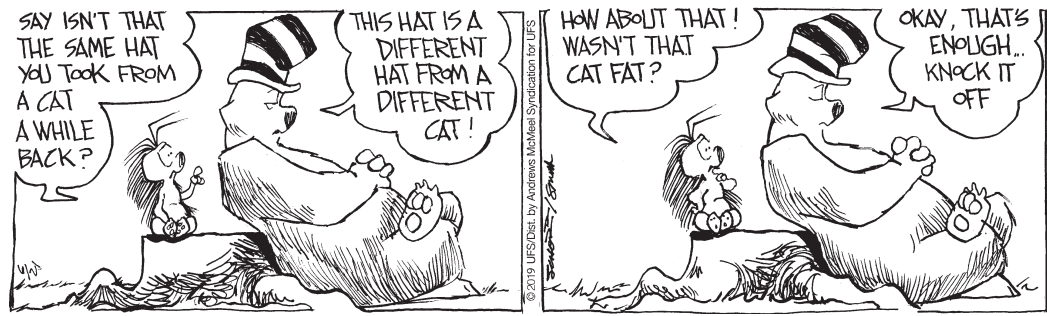
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- 20 Affect
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- 35 Paint additive
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- 39 Tampa Bay NFLers
- 41 Hoarder
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- 44 Taken — (startled)
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- 48 "Scream" director — Craven
- 49 Longbow's sound
- 51 Echoes
- 53 Difficult situation
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- 27 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 28 Harbor suspicions
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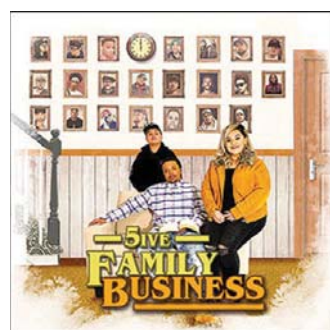
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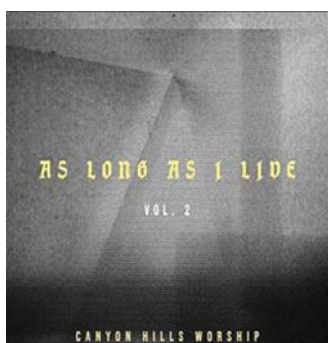
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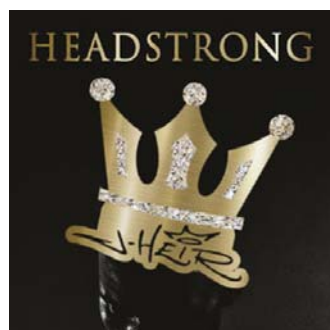
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Love and joy

“A joyful heart is the normal result of a heart burning with love.” – Mother Teresa

Joy is the natural result of a heart overflowing with love. When we love and are simultaneously loved in return, we are filled with joy. The Bible tells us over and over again that God loves us and cares for us like a nurturing parent. That is truly the Good News of the Bible. Perhaps the best news is that God loves us unconditionally and even when we sin, He isn't angry so much as disappointed. When we meet difficulties in life, we should meet them with a heart overflowing with joy. When someone calls you needing help, instead of grumbling about having to help someone, we should cherish the opportunity to help them and share God's love. Giving away your money may also be something you don't relish doing, but consider Paul's advice to the Corinthians: “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV) Love is not a finite commodity that we can run out of. The more that we love, the more love we have to give. When loving parents have children, they don't cease to love each other, but on the contrary their love for their children draws them closer to one another. So love generously, and joyfully, and give your love to everyone you meet, freely and cheerfully.

– Christopher Simon

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Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Sanders
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Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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Youth Group – 5 p.m.

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Interfering in God's plan



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

On Wednesday, June 12, Maine became the eight state to legalize physician assisted suicide. The bill will allow doctors to “prescribe a fatal dose of medication to terminally ill patients,” as described by Christian Post writer Brandon Showalter.

I have trouble wrapping my head around the whole concept. A medical doctor spends years in medical school and through residency learning about the human body, how it functions, how medications work and interact with one another, what tests to run, etc. Some specialize in fields. A doctor spends all of this time, learning how to help people when they're ill. And now, we see medical doctors using their expertise to help someone die. It happens when they perform abortions and physician assisted suicides.

Call me naive, or whatever you want, but I just don't understand how

helping people translates to also being able to kill people. How is this any different than murder? Last year, our dog was extremely ill. She was worse than I realized. The veterinarian gave us options. Her health would continue to rapidly decline and she would become unable to walk. Her life expectancy was short. Or, we could have her euthanized. We chose to have her 'put down.' It was probably the most horrible thing I've ever done in my life. I felt like I killed my dog. And I still feel that way. Regardless of how ill she was, I feel like I killed her.

If I feel that way about an animal, I can't possibly imagine euthanizing a human being. It's a person! A living, breathing person. If I carry the guilt of euthanizing my dog, how can they live with themselves by killing a person? Do they have a sense of guilt? I simply can't comprehend it.

I attempted to view things from a doctors' perspective. I imagine doctors can be free of guilt because they are looking at things from a clinical point of view. More than likely, the doctor is not emotionally attached to the person. They have an educated guess about what is to come. More sickness and pain. Hope has been lost.

They is no earthly option to turn the situation around and heal the patient. Doctors can become numb seeing patients in such states. It becomes routine. It's not personal. There's a certain amount of detachment involved. And the truth is, there probably has to be a certain amount of detachment. For example, if you were a cardiologist and your spouse had a heart attack, you would be emotionally attached and you wouldn't be able to perform a heart bypass surgery. Your emotions would prevent you from performing to the best of your ability. Therefore, in my opinion, you have to be able to emotionally remove yourself from the patient and their situation in order to properly treat them.

Maine's bill is expected to become law in mid-September. Matt Valliere, executive director of Patients Rights Action Fund speaks out against the bill. “The legislature and Governor Janet Mills failed the people of Maine. Assisted suicide is a dangerous public policy that puts the most vulnerable people in society at risk for abuse, coercion and mistakes. It also provides profit-driven insurance companies perverse incentives to offer a quick death, rather than costly continuing quality care. Mainers,

especially the terminally ill, people with disabilities, and the poor, deserve better.”

The scary thing is, Valliere speaks truth. How many insurance companies will neglect patients with life-saving treatments, opting instead to send patients to a quick death? I personally know one woman whose two insurance companies fought over who should pay for cancer treatment. By the time the insurance companies finally sorted things out and approved the treatment, it was too late. She died shortly thereafter. Insurance companies are not interested in our health. They're interested in the bottom line. And physician assisted suicide simply gives them another way to increase their bottomline.

I simply can't wrap my head around legalizing physician assisted suicide. I can't understand how someone who is taught to help others can knowingly end someone's life. Those patients are people. They were made and formed in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). They were created for God and by God (Colossians 1:16). And then for some reason, we think we have the right to interfere in God's plan and help them take their life? God forbid (Romans 6:2).

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PMC holds open house at Whitesburg Specialty Clinic

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

On June 13, 2019, Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) held an Open House for the Specialty Clinic located at 107 Medical Plaza in Whitesburg. Approximately one hundred members of the community, local providers, and businesses were in attendance.

The Open House provided an opportunity to tour the clinic, speak to PMC's highly qualified specialists, and see firsthand the diagnostic and on-site testing capabilities for patients. PMC opened the Specialty Clinic with convenience in mind; offering patients neurology, cardiology, vascular, and electrophysiology services without the expense of traveling for quality healthcare.

"It was a wonderful opportunity to meet the residences of the Whitesburg community and to showcase what our facility is providing them. It was nice to get to interact with our patients on a more personal level," said PMC Heart and Vascular Institute Director, Lorri Burgess.

The Whitesburg Clinic offers 14 patient rooms and convenient parking for patients.

"Living nearby, I was thrilled when we opened this clinic. I get to see firsthand the convenience it provides to people in this area. Our patients can stay local and receive quality care," said PMC Whitesburg Practice Manager, Miracle Brace.

She says it was imperative to provide specialty services to the Whitesburg community and this new location has potential for future growth.

"We have a significant number of patients who no longer have to travel to Pikeville for specialty care," added Brace.

The Clinic at Whitesburg is open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 606-633-7355.

PMC DONATES CLOCK TO THE CITY



PMC CEO Donovan Blackburn and Pikeville City Mayor Jimmy Carter pictured with PMC Board Members and Pikeville City Commissioners at last week's clock dedication.

By: Amy Charles

Last week, Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) dedicated a brand new clock to the City of Pikeville. The clock is located on the corner of Main and Division Street in downtown Pikeville.

When Mayor Jimmy Carter and City Manager Philip Elswick had the idea to put a clock in downtown, they immediately thought of PMC to collaborate with.

"Donating the clock to the city was an easy decision for the board of directors to make," said Chief Executive Officer Donovan Blackburn. "Being able to contribute to this community is extremely rewarding and beneficial."

Blackburn also serves as Vice President on PMC's Board of Directors. Together, they made the decision to donate the clock as a testament to the enduring friendship that PMC and the City of Pikeville have maintained for nearly 100 years.

"The hospital and the board generously donat-

ed this clock to us," said Mayor Carter. "I can't say enough about what this means to me, the city, the city commissioners and the residents of Pikeville. We really do appreciate it and it is something that will be around for a long time."

Mayor Carter added that this gift signifies what PMC and the city mean to one another and how well they work together.

The date of the dedication was a symbolic one for Blackburn, as it was the anniversary of his very first day employed at PMC, after leaving his 14-year term as City Manager in Pikeville. Blackburn went on to say the gift itself is symbolic of the time. It will last through the decades and stand through time, just as the partnership between the hospital and the city has done. Both entities strive for the betterment of its citizens and improving their quality of life.

For more information about PMC visit www.pikevillehospital.org

LEONARD LAWSON CANCER CENTER RELOCATED TO PMC MAIN CAMPUS



The waiting area of the newly remodeled Leonard Lawson Cancer Center

This past Monday, the new Pikeville Medical Leonard Lawson Cancer Center (LLCC) opened its doors to patients on the 10th floor of the PMC Clinic Building. The move was met with much excitement from staff, patients and physicians.

"Moving the Cancer Center to the main campus of the hospital is the best decision for us all," said PMC Surgical Oncologist Nicholas Schaub, MD. "The convenience of having all oncology services together in one facility allows physicians to maximize their time between seeing patients in the clinic and seeing those who are inpatient. There's no more driving back and forth between the two locations."

Chemotherapy, radiation therapy, infusion therapy, and diagnostic services are all available to cancer patients on PMC's main campus. Patients, along with their families, can also take advantage of additional features such as Starbucks, the Corner Market and the Top of the Tower Restaurant.

Last year, PMC added four hematology/medical oncology physicians, as well as a surgical oncologist. These additions, along with the two PMC radiation oncologists, round out the team offering precision cancer care to the region. With the expanded team, record numbers of patients have been seen over the last few months at LLCC. The PMC Clinic offers more square footage than the previous location, giving them room to grow.

"We had really outgrown the older facility and are excited to be here in the main hospital. We have extra space allocated to oncology to expand as the need arises," said LLCC Director Vickie Justus. "The staff and I are thrilled with all the positive responses from patients. They love the new look of the lobby, but also enjoy the privacy that our new chemo suites offer them and their families."



Angela Webb started working at PMC in 2007 as a nurse aide. She continued her education and soon became a registered nurse (RN), then a charge nurse and is now a nurse practitioner. She helped establish the PMC heart failure and valve clinics.

Each day she sees patients in the hospital and in the cardiology clinic. She is currently working with pulmonary hypertension and POTS patients and is also pursuing a doctorate in POTS.

Thank you Angela Webb for choosing to serve the patients at PMC.

To find out how you can begin a successful career at PMC, visit www.pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-3504.

The remodel of the 10th floor provides a beautiful waiting area with ample seating. All the support services, such as Art Therapy, smoking cessation classes and the Cancer Support Group, are located just off the lobby in the Outreach Office, making them more easily accessible to patients.

Special parking for oncology patients has been designated on the 2nd and 10th floors of the PMC Parking Garage for added convenience.

For additional information about the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center visit www.pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-2212.

Floyd Central's
 Katie Moore.



To watch the latest episode of the Bank On It podcast use your camera phone to scan the QR Code above.

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 P Allie Triplett
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 P Hannah Blankenship
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 INF Kelcie Adams
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 INF Clara Blair
 Paintsville
 INF Kelsi Slone
 East Ridge
 INF Jordan Mulcahy Paintsville
 OF Taylor Newsome
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 OF Elizabeth Williams
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 OF Emily Eversole
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 UTL Kailey Dixon
 Hazard
 UTL Olivia Whitfield Pikeville

Magoffin County
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 INF Katie Moore
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 P Katelyn Bingham
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 P Beth Joseph

Randi Delong Pikeville

Delong had a monster eight-grade season for the Lady Panthers. Delong hit .464 on the season with 46 RBIs, 11 doubles, three triples and seven home runs. Delong hit for both power and average. She was a nightmare for opposing pitchers.

Kailee Rash Belfry

Rash had a big season for the Lady Pirates. The senior compiled a 22-7 record with 194 strikeouts and a 2.52 earned run average in 186 innings of work. Rash signed to play college softball at Ohio Valley University.

All Mountain First Team

P Autumn Hall
 Tug Valley
 P Kailee Rash
 Belfry
 P Lily Napier
 Shelby Valley
 P Anna Keeton
 Paintsville
 C Morgan Hopson
 Johnson Central
 INF Randi Delong
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 INF Kendal Hall
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All Mountain Second Team

P Kim Hughes

By Randy White REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

The Appalachian Newspapers All Mountain Softball team is selected from the teams in the coverage areas of the Appalachian News-Express, the Floyd Chronicle and Times, the Paintsville Herald, the Hazard Herald and the Mingo Messenger.

Appalachian Newspapers' Randy White, Steve LeMaster, Trevor Thacker and Joshua Blankenship selected the team.

To watch the discussion about the All-Mountain Team see episode 35 of the Bank On It podcast on our YouTube channel.

Coch of the Year

Brandi Jo Howard
 Pikeville

Howard had a lot on her plate during her first year as head coach. She took over a young team that had won the two previous 15th Region titles and the last five 15th Region All "A" Classic championships. Howard helped Pikeville keep the 15th All "A" Classic streak alive as she led the Lady Panthers to their sixth straight title. Pikeville won the 59th District title and advanced to the 15th Region semifinals. Pikeville finished the season with a 26-12 record in her first season. Pikeville graduated four seniors, but the bulk of the lineup will be back.

Coch of the Year nominees

Derrick Newsome Pike Central
 Newsome had huge first season at Pike Central as well. The Lady Hawks advanced to their first-ever 15th Region championship game. Newsome led Pike Central to an 18-20 record this season and the 60th District championship.

Bobby Ratliff
 Perry Central

Ratliff led the Lady Commodores to an 17-15 record. Perry Central won the 54th District championship and advanced to the 14th Region championship before

falling to Wolfe County.

Randy Keeton
 Paintsville

Keeton and the Lady Tigers finished with their third straight 20-win season. The Lady Tigers fell to Johnson Central in an 1-0 game in 10 innings in the 57th District championship. Paintsville had a good mix of youth and veteran talent on the roster.

Rocky Hall
 Tug Valley

Tug Valley had a big season. The Lady Panthers finished with a 22-12 record under the leadership of Hall. His daughter, freshman pitcher, Autumn Hall was named to the All-State Team in West Virginia.

Co-Players of the Year

Chloe VanHoose
 Johnson Central

VanHoose came on for the Lady Golden Eagles late in the season. She had a strong season throughout, but she was dominant in the second half of the season. On the mound, VanHoose finished with a 20-7 record with 234 strikeouts and 1.62 earned run average.

At the plate, she hit .368 with 30 RBIs, 10 doubles and a home run.

VanHoose helped lead the Lady Golden Eagles to the 57th District championship and 15th Region title as well.

Emily Ford
 Pikeville

As a freshman, Ford had a big season for the Lady Panthers.

Ford finished the season in the circle with a 15-9 record with 242 strikeouts and a 2.25 earned run average in 155 and 1/3 innings of work.

At the plate, Ford had a .319 batting average with 27 RBIs, eight doubles, a triple and eight stolen bases.

Player of the Year nominees

Autumn Hall
 Tug Valley

Hall was named First Team All-State for Class A by the West Virginia Sports



Betsy Layne's Lauryn Watkins.



Prestonsburg's Katelyn Bingham.

Kinzer competes in Dirt Late Model Dream

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Veteran driver Brandon Kinzer and his number 18 team ventured to legendary Eldora Speedway June 6-8 for the 25th edition of the 'Dirt Late Model Dream. Kinzer fared well early in the event

but ultimately failed to advance to the Dirt Late Model Dream A-Main.

A Floyd County native, Kinzer finished eighth in his heat race and sixth in the B-Main on June 6. He placed ninth in his heat race and fourth in his B-Main on June 7, which kept him out of both \$10,000-to-win Twin 25

feature events.

Kinzer wound up finishing ninth in a loaded heat race and 15th in his B-Main. He was forced to watch the 100-lap headliner, which Brandon Sheppard won.

Complete results from the Dirt Late Model Dream A-Main were as follows:

A-Feature (100) Laps — 1. 1-Brandon Sheppard [15]; 2. 17M-Dale McDowell [13]; 3. 25C-Shane Clanton [11]; 4. 22-Chris Ferguson [20]; 5. 1T-Tyler Erb [7]; 6. 18-Chase Junghans [18]; 7. 7W-Ricky Weiss [8]; 8. 25Z-Mason Zeigler [19]; 9. 23B-John Blankenship [5]; 10. 29-Darrell Lanigan [27]; 11. 0B-Shannon Babb [28]; 12. 39-Tim McCreadie [4]; 13. 87-Ross Bailes [12]; 14. 8S-Kyle Strickler [1]; 15. 2-Brandon Overton [24]; 16. 40B-Kyle Bronson [3]; 17. 88R-Andrew Reaume [16]; 18. 20-Jimmy Owens [14]; 19. 1P-Earl Pearson Jr. [10]; 20. 7M-Donald McClintock [21]; 21. 32-Bobby Pierce [23]; 22. 17-Zack Dohm [25]; 23. 49D-Jonathan Davenport [6]; 24. 7R-Kent Robinson [22]; 25. 3S-Brian Shirley [26]; 26. 28-Dennis Erb Jr. [2]; 27. 1S-Chad Simpson [9]; 28. 99RT-Ricky Thornton Jr. [17].



Floyd County native Brandon Kinzer turned a lap at Eldora Speedway during the Dirt Late Model Dream.

photo courtesy of Todd Healy Photo

Big Blue Caravan to tour Kentucky

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Big Blue Caravan is back and ready to make stops in various communities throughout the Bluegrass State.

The Big Blue Caravan, led by Mitch Barnhart, is UK Athletics' annual outreach effort throughout the state the athletics department represents. This year, the Caravan includes a department-sponsored service trip to Eastern Kentucky.

"We are excited to be touring the Commonwealth once again on the Big Blue Caravan," Barnhart said. "The return of the event last year was a special experience for all who participated and the relationships we built and strengthened still last

today. We look forward to doing the same this summer in a new set of communities throughout the state that means so much to us."

This year, on the heels of a department-sponsored service trip to Harlan County that begins Friday, June 21 and lasts until Sunday, June 23, the Caravan will remain in Eastern Kentucky Monday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 26. The final two days will be spent in Owensboro (Thursday, June 27) and Meade County

(Friday, June 28).

The highlight of the Big Blue Caravan will be four events open to the public featuring poster giveaways and photo opportunities with UK's mascots and trophies recently won by Wildcat teams. They are as follows:

Hazard: Monday, June 24, noon-2 p.m. at City Hall (700 Main St, Hazard, KY 41701)

Paintsville: Wednesday, June 26, 10-11:30 a.m. at Paintsville Recreation Center (232 Preston St, Paintsville, KY 41240)

— Paintsville native and Kentucky football player Kash Daniel will be in attendance

Owensboro: Thursday, June 27, 4-6 p.m. at Kroger (2630 Frederica St, Owensboro, KY 42301)

Meade County: Friday, June 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Kroger (568 By Pass Rd, Brandenburg, KY 40108)

Monday's events — all in the Hazard area — will include visits to a coalmine and Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center, with the day highlighted by the public event at city hall. The stay in Hazard will continue through Tuesday morning before the Caravan makes for visits to Hindman Settlement School and with first responders from Floyd County and Magoffin County. First responders from the two counties assisted in the search and rescue effort for a 22-month-old found alive after several days missing in May.

The Caravan's final day in Eastern Kentucky will be spent in Paintsville, where Kash Daniel and fellow members of the Kentucky football team will participate in the public event at the Paintsville Recreation Center on Wednesday from 10-11:30 a.m.

On Thursday, the Caravan will head west to Owensboro for stops at various local businesses and a visit with local first responders. The day in Owensboro will conclude with the public event at Kroger. This year's Caravan will make its final stop in Meade County with more visits to local businesses and the public event at Kroger.

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Familiar district foes loom for Jaguars in new district

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Following the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's latest football realignment, Floyd Central has made the over to Class 3A District 8. Floyd Central competed in Class 3A District 6 in each of its first two teams and will face familiar foes during its third campaign.

Class 3A District 8 will feature Floyd Central, perennial state title contender Belfry, Lawrence County, Ma-

goffin County and Pike Central.

Floyd Central (5-6) will be looking to reach the playoffs for the third consecutive season after debuting in 2017. Junior quarterback Caleb Hager will lead the Jaguars into the upcoming campaign.

After falling to Boyle County in a region title game, Belfry (10-3) returns its top two rushers from the 2018 season. The Pirates are reloaded to complete in a realigned Class 3A

that'll be without Boyle County, Corbin and Central.

Former title contender Lawrence County (7-5) is left with some rebuilding to do following the graduation of longtime leader Noah West. Minus West, who signed with East Tennessee State University, Lawrence County will look to find a new leader.

With its starting quarterback among the returning players, Pike County Central (3-8) will look to show im-

provement early in the upcoming season.

New head coach Chris Gamble is set to guide Magoffin County (3-7) after making the move up from middle school football.

Floyd Central is scheduled to open the 2019 high school football season with back-to-back away games before hosting an opponent in a home opener.

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

Floyd Central is scheduled to kick off the 2019 season on the road at Clay County on August 23. The Jaguars have additional away games on tap versus North Laurel, Magoffin County, Lawrence County and Letcher County Central.

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

tonsburg, Pike Central and Belfry,

The Jaguars notched wins over Harlan, Betsy Layne, Breathitt County, Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark during the 2018 high school football season. Floyd Central dropped games to Lynn Camp, Pike Central, Belfry, Lawrence County, Letcher Central and Boyle County during its second-ever gridiron campaign in 2018.

The Jaguars will be beginning preseason practice in July.



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo by Steve LeMaster

Junior quarterback Caleb Hager hands the ball off in action last season. Hager is poised to lead Floyd Central into the 2019 high school football season.

Prestonsburg girls to open 2019 season at Letcher Central

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg girls' soccer program has finalized and released its schedule for the 2019 season. Under the direction of head coach Paul Burchett, Prestonsburg will open the 2019 girls' high school

soccer season on the road at 14th Region member Letcher County Central on August 12.

In addition to Letcher Central, Prestonsburg has matches scheduled against Pikeville, Belfry, Hazard, Paintsville, Shelby Valley, Sheldon Clark, Ashland Blazer, Russell,

Johnson Central, Lawrence County and East Carter.

The Lady Blackcats are due to compete in the 15th Region All "A" Classic in early-September. Prestonsburg is the reigning 15th Region All "A" Classic girls' soccer champion.

After opening the season on the road

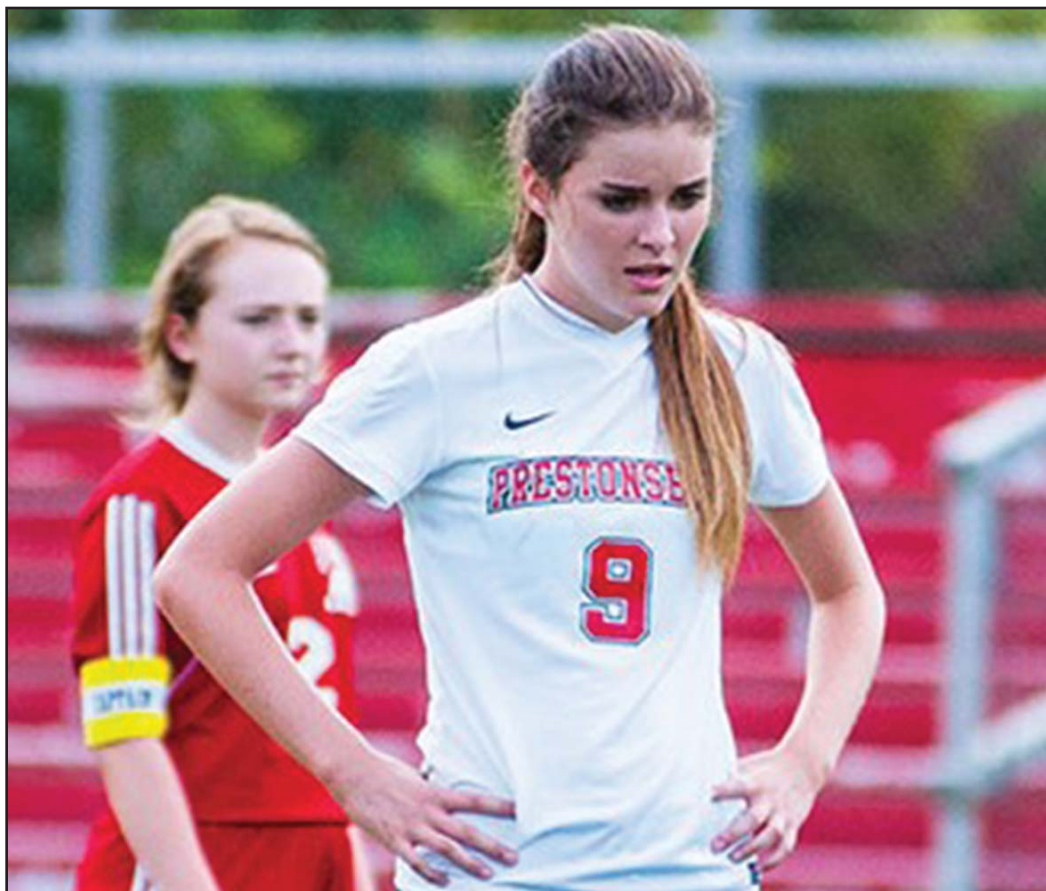
with back-to-back games against Letcher Central and Pikeville (August 13), Prestonsburg is due to host Belfry in a home opener on August 19.

Senior forward Beth Burchett is poised to lead the Lady Blackcats. Burchett was named First Team All-State by the Kentucky

Girls' Soccer Coaches Association following the conclusion of her junior season. She was the only area player to earn First Team All-State recognition. She led Prestonsburg to a 16-7-1 record in 2018. With Burchett leading the way, Prestonsburg captured the 15th Region All "A" Classic and

58th District championships. Burchett scored 58 goals and dealt out 12 assists to lead the Lady Blackcats in the 2019 season.

The complete 2019 Prestonsburg girls' soccer schedule will be published in a future edition.



Prestonsburg's Beth Burchett.

Samantha & Frank

Floyd County Animal Shelter

This week's celebrity is **SAMANTHA WEST**, Executive Director of Prestonsburg Tourism. Samantha is holding **FRANK**, a male Jack Russell about 10 months old that has just arrived at the shelter.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, Section 9(2)(b), Southern Water & Sewer District provides notice that a public hearing in the Matter of: Electronic Investigation Into Excessive Water Loss by Kentucky's Jurisdictional Water Utilities, Case No. 2019-00041 will be held before the KY Public Service Commission on Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 9 a.m., EST, in Hearing Room 1 at the offices of the Public Service Commission located at 211 Sower Boulevard in Frankfort, KY.

NOTICE IN ACCORDANCE

with KRS 424.120, the Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department announces that it has a vacancy on its board of trustees. Anyone interested in becoming a candidate for this position should contact Mike Hammond at, (606) 794-4340 or, (606) 478-4340.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Liberty Management, LLC, P.O. Box 100, Ary, Kentucky 41712 has applied for Phase I, II and III Bond Release on Increment No.'s 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 and Phase II Bond Release on Increment No.'s 1, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 of **Permit Number 836-5671**, which was last issued on April 10, 2018. Increment No. 1 covers an area approximately 7.49 acres, Increment No. 2 covers an area approximately 57.45 acres, Increment No. 5 covers an area approximately 64.70 acres, Increment No. 6 covers an area approximately 42.58 acres, Increment No. 7 covers an area approximately 14.10 acres, Increment No. 8 covers an area approximately 35.22 acres, Increment No. 9 covers an area approximately 15.46 acres, Increment No. 10 covers an area approximately 14.84 acres, Increment No. 11 covers an area approximately 19.89 acres and Increment No. 12 covers an area approximately 12.84 acres, Increment No. 13 covers an area approximately 10.37 acres, Increment No. 14 covers an area approximately 14.27 acres, Increment No. 15 covers an area approximately 11.47 acres and Increment No. 16 covers an area approximately 14.26 acres, Increment No. 17 covers an area approximately 12.03 acres and located 3.6 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The permit is approximately 1.5 miles southeast from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork County Road and located along Poplarlick Fork and Neds Fork of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37° 24' 20". The longitude is 82° 41' 35". The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a Surety Bond in the amount of sixteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$16,300.00), which eighty-five percent (85%) of the bond at sixteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$16,300.00), is being requested

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for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 1 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a Surety Bond in the amount of fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$57,500.00). The remaining bond of fifty-seven thousand five hundred dollars (\$57,500.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 2 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 is a Surety Bond in the amount of forty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$48,600.00). The remaining bond of forty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$48,600.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 6 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 7 is a Surety Bond in the amount of forty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$48,600.00). The remaining bond of forty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$48,600.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 7 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and

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crement No.'s 5 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 6 is a Surety Bond in the amount of one hundred forty-six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$146,800.00). The remaining bond of at one hundred forty-six thousand eight hundred dollars (\$146,800.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 6 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 7 is a Surety Bond in the amount of forty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$48,600.00). The remaining bond of forty-eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$48,600.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 7 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and

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planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 8 is a Surety Bond in the amount of one hundred fifty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$152,300.00). The remaining bond of at one hundred fifty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$152,300.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 8 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 9 is a Surety Bond in the amount of twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$23,200.00). The remaining bond of twenty-three thousand two hundred dollars (\$23,200.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 9 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in

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effect for Increment No. 10 is a Surety Bond in the amount of fifty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$51,200.00). The remaining bond of fifty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$51,200.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 10 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 11 is a Surety Bond in the amount of sixty-four thousand dollars (\$64,000.00). The remaining bond of sixty-four thousand dollars (\$64,000.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 11 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 12 is a Surety Bond in the amount of nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00), which eighty-five

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percent (85%) of the bond at nineteen thousand dollars (\$19,000.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 12 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 13 is a Surety Bond in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), which eighty-five percent (85%) of the bond at fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 13 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 14 is a Surety Bond in the amount of twenty thousand three hundred dollars (\$20,300.00), which eighty-five percent (85%) of the bond at twenty thousand three hundred dollars (\$20,300.00), is

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2019

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020 BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and, **WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, as follows:

Section 1. That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 is hereby adopted as follows:

| Revenues | |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| City of Prestonsburg | \$ 5,458,500.00 |
| Stonecrest Golf Course | \$ 830,600.00 |
| Tourism | \$ 870,000.00 |
| Archer Park | \$ 549,493.00 |
| Mountain Arts Center | \$ 908,100.00 |
| Senior Citizens Center | \$ 12,000.00 |
| Total Revenues | \$ 8,628,693.00 |

| Expenditures | |
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Section 2. Action by a court of competent jurisdiction declaring any section, subsection or portion of this ordinance to be invalid shall not affect the remaining sections of this ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 3. That any section or subsection of any ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. The salary of Mayor is based on full-time employment with the City.

Section 5. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

Adopted this 17th day of June 2019.

/s/ Les Stapleton, Mayor

/s/ Sharon Setser, City Clerk

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being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 14 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 15 is a Surety Bond in the amount of seventeen thousand one hundred dollars (\$17,100.00), which eighty-five percent (85%) of the bond at seventeen thousand one hundred dollars (\$17,100.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 15 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 16 is a Surety Bond in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), which eighty-five percent (85%) of the bond at seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 16 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. The bond now in effect for Increment No. 17 is a Surety Bond in the amount of seventy-five thousand four hundred dollars (\$75,400.00), which eighty-five percent (85%) of the bond at seventy-five thousand four hundred dollars (\$75,000.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 17 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Blvd., 2nd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by July 30, 2019. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for July 31, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Hazard Village Lane, Hazard, Kentucky 41701. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by July 30, 2019.

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