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Lexington utility wants to buy Southern Water

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A representative from Kentucky American Water in Lexington formally announced the utility's interest in buying the Southern Water and Sewer District on Monday.

Jimmy Keeton, di-

rector of governmental affairs for Kentucky American Water, told commission members that the utility wants to explore the possibility of buying Southern Water.

"We are interested in Southern Water and Sewer," he said. "And what we would like to do, as

you're getting your arms around everything, and you're trying to understand all of your finances and everything that you have, we would like the opportunity to get some information from you so that we can take a look

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Jimmy Keeton of Kentucky American Water speaks to members of the Southern Water and Sewer District on June 24.

Fiscal court approves bids

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court approved bids last week for items that the county uses regularly, like asphalt and gravel.

The bids were reviewed and accepted during a June 18 meeting, with some officials suggesting that the fiscal court return to its former



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams opens bids during a June 18 meeting. The fiscal court is expected to award bids for pipes this week.

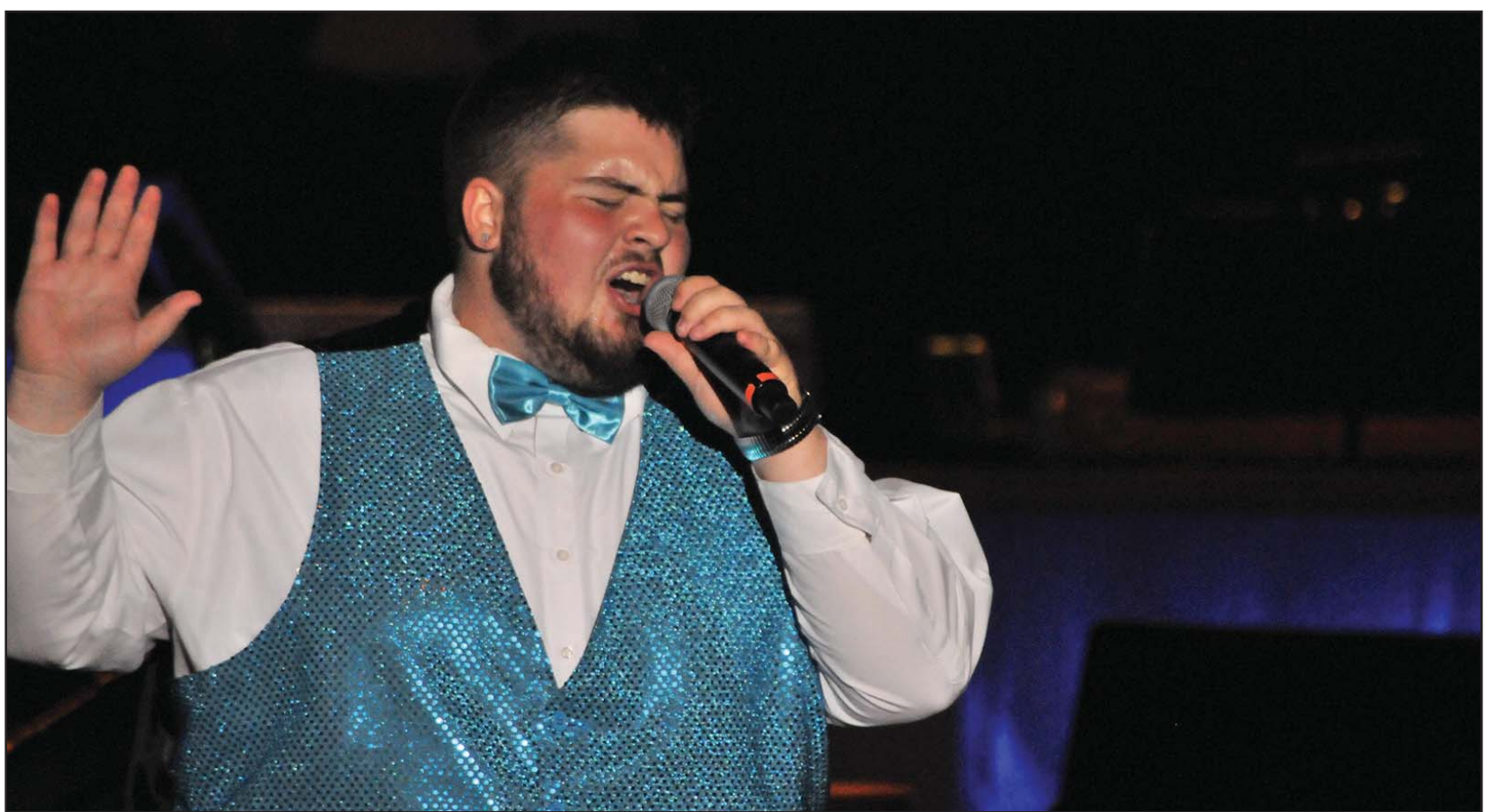
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Concerns raised about teacher attendance

By NICOLE ZIEGE
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The Floyd County Board of Education approved the past year's attendance reports for both students and certified employees during its regular meeting on Monday, while commenting on lower-than-expected attendance rates for certified personnel.

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Opry summer season in full swing

The Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry started its summer season at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg this month, with the Jr. Pros, made up of children of all ages, performing as the opening act. The concert series, featuring country, bluegrass, Motown and other types of music, continues every Saturday through Aug. 3. For details, visit, macarts.com.



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CONCERNS

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The attendance rates of certified employees during the last two months of the 2018-19 school year were lower than student attendance rates during the 2018-19 school year, according to the attendance report.

At Duff-Allen Central Elementary School, which saw the lowest certified employee attendance rates, an average of 88 percent of its employees were present every day at the school between April 25 and May 23.

During that same month, Prestonsburg Elementary, the Renaissance Learning Center and Prestonsburg High School saw the next lowest certified employee attendance rates, with 90.81 percent, 90.84 percent and 91.31 percent, respectively.

The average attendance rates of the district's schools ranged from nearly 97 percent to about 84 percent during the last month of the school year, between May 24 and June 3. The RLC and Prestonsburg High School saw the lowest certified employee attendance rates that month, with nearly 84.3 percent and about 88.7 percent, respectively.

Before the board approved the district's attendance reports, board Chair Sherry Robinson expressed disappointment in the lower than desired attendance rates for certified employees at



Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins, center, and the board of education address Seth Jarrell, the county's first employment specialist, after Jarrell gave a presentation to the board on the impact of his work with special education high school students in the district. Also pictured are board attorney John Earl Hunt and Chair Sherry Robinson.

the several schools.

"I was just really disappointed to see the attendance rate for certified personnel was as low as it was," Robinson said.

May Valley Elementary School maintained the highest student attendance rate during the 2018-19 year, with 95.5 percent of students attending school. Allen Elementary School and the Renaissance Learning Center followed closely behind, each with about 95.1 percent in attendance.

Floyd Central High School and Prestons-

burg High School maintained the two lowest student attendance rates in the county last year, each with about 93.3 percent of students in attendance. No school received an attendance rate of less than 93 percent.

Five schools in the county saw a decline in attendance last year, as compared to their rates during the 2017-18 school year. These schools included Allen Elementary, Betsy Lane Elementary, Adams Middle School, John M. Stumbo Elementary and Prestonsburg

Elementary. Adams Middle School saw the largest decline in attendance with almost 1.4 percent in declined attendance, according to the district's attendance reports.

Meanwhile, the RLC had the largest increase in attendance, with about 3.9 percent in increased attendance between the 2017-18 and 2018-19 school years. The RLC in Martin was approved to relocate to the former Allen Central High School during a special meeting in February.

The board also approved a proposal to

create a second "employment specialist" position in the Floyd County Schools District. The specialist position was created to help special education students in their last two years of high school, and adding a second position to the district was proposed to "allow for the expansion of services" that the position provided to the students.

Seth Jarrell of Prestonsburg is the first employment specialist in the school district. He gave a presentation to the school board on the impact that his work has

had with special education students at the county high schools and several success stories from children he has worked with, including a special education student at one high school who learned how to tie his shoes.

Superintendent Danny Adkins praised Jarrell for his work and said that it was important to continue it in order to help more students.

"Any time that we can improve the quality of life for (the students) and their futures, we are happy to do that," Adkins said.

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Investment Strategy Can Be Your 'GPS' as You Travel Toward Goals

Summer is here at last. For many people, it's time to get the car ready for a long road trip. And with GPS-enabled smartphones, it's now a lot easier to navigate these drives without getting lost. During your life, you may take many journeys - one of which is the long road you'll travel toward your financial goals. But even on this path you can benefit from a "GPS" in the form of your goal-oriented, personalized strategy.

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- **What route should I follow?** Your GPS will plot out your route, showing what turns you should take along the way. Similarly, to reach your desired financial outcome, your investment strategy helps guide the investment decisions you make, such as investing adequate amounts in the appropriate vehicles, including your 401(k) and IRA.
- **What problems await me?** When your smartphone's GPS shows red on the route you're following, you know that heavy traffic lies ahead. And your investment strategy can also help you manage bumps in the road, particularly if it's a strategy you've designed with a financial professional, who has the knowledge and technology to create various scenarios and hypothetical illustrations to account for potential difficulties - i.e., a rate of return that's less than expected, a lower income base than you had anticipated, greater college costs than you bargained for, and so on.
- **When should I take an alternate route?** For whatever reason, you may deviate from the course plotted by your GPS - which will then helpfully re-route you. While following your investment strategy, if you make a wrong turn, so to speak - perhaps by putting insufficient funds in a retirement account or by assembling an investment mix that has become unsuitable for your risk tolerance - you may need to get back on track.

As we've seen, some analogies exist between your smartphone's GPS and your investment strategy. And yet, there's also a big difference in terms of complexity. It's simple to program your smartphone to give you the directions you need. But crafting a personalized investment strategy takes time and effort. You need to consider all your goals - college for your children, a comfortable retirement, the ability to leave the legacy you want - along with your time horizon, risk tolerance and other factors. And your investment strategy may well need to change over the years, in response to changes in your family situation, employment and even your objectives - for example, you may decide you want to retire earlier (or later) than you had originally planned.

In any case, like your GPS, your investment strategy can help guide you - so make good use of it.

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Stonecrest property to be sold

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council took steps last week to sell property it owns on Stonecrest.

The council unanimously approved a motion to declare four lots on Stonecrest as surplus property.

Mayor Les Stapleton reported that three of the vacant lots were collectively appraised for \$40,000, while another lot was appraised for \$25,000. If they are sold, he said it could provide at least \$65,000 for the city.

He reported they are the last lots on the right side of the road before driving up the hill to the golf course.

"You got the townhouses, and then those (lots) on the right ... There's four lots there, and it would take someone buying all of them to be able to do anything," Stapleton said.

At the meeting, other items, including a utility bed, welder, a three-cycle engine and a 2009 Ford truck were also declared as surplus.

Council members discussed the possibility of placing these items for sale on a website the city previously used to sell surplus items, govdeals.com, with officials reporting the city has received some decent bids from the website.

In May, the city received 93 bids for the framework for a 100 ft. by 200 ft. steel building it sold on the website for \$60,000. City Attorney Jennifer Elliott is researching the legality of placing real property on the website or whether the city should hire a realtor to sell the lots.

Answering a question from Council Mem-

ber Don Willis, Stapleton said the city may have plans for an old log cabin that has been stored on Stonecrest for several years. The log cabin, which was believed to have been built in the 1880s, was discovered during the demolition of a home on Mays Branch several years ago. Prestonsburg Tourism bought it for \$9,000 and later gave it to the city.

"We actually may have a plan for that," Stapleton told Willis. "Tourism gave it to the City of Prestonsburg, and we're looking at doing something on one of the trails, on the rail trail, having it set out there as a rest area, a place to get out of the weather ... because it's easily accessed by a vehicle and it'd be easy for us to get it up there."

The log cabin has been stored in pieces on Stonecrest and Stapleton reported several logs are "already gone." The once two-story structure will be rebuilt as a one-story structure, he said.

During the meeting, the council also:

- Approved \$72,000 in bills, with the majority, \$24,000, being paid for electricity.

- Learned that Rocky Ridge Stables will host a two-day horse show during the July 4 weekend and a camp for children this week.

- Discussed matters in closed session for about 20 minutes, with Stapleton citing KRS 61.810 (c) an exemption allowing discussions of pending litigation and, (b), an exemption for the deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property if open discussion could affect the value of the property. No action was taken.



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EDITORIAL

Err on the side of the public's right to know

It's time for discussions on Prestonsburg-Southern deal 'unwinding' to come out into the sunlight

During Monday's meeting of the Southern Water and Sewer District, the commission took discussion of ongoing negotiations between the Southern and Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission behind closed doors.

In so doing, the agency cited the provision of Kentucky's Open Meetings Act that allows that agencies to take discussions behind closed doors if the public discussion could impact the potential acquisition of real property.

In 2017, the Kentucky Public Service Commis-

sion approved a transfer of assets that transferred the sewer infrastructure Southern had in Wayland and Eastern and some water customers the district had along U.S. 23 in the Harold area to the Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission, with Prestonsburg paying more than \$2 million, as well as providing Southern Water some equipment.

The two entities are currently negotiating "unwinding" that deal, however, something that will take time and discussion, certainly.

We understand that, sometimes, there is a need for discretion in deals, even those that involve public entities with officials who are appointed to do the taxpayers' business. But we're a bit concerned about the secrecy with which discussions on this matter are being conducted.

Again, both these agencies are public bodies and the business they conduct is done 100 percent on behalf of taxpayers and ratepayers. It's vital that those on whose behalf this business is being con-

ducted be involved in and aware of what's going on.

In the cases where the public discussion could harm the ongoing negotiations, something anticipated by the Kentucky Open Meetings Act, then it's proper that the discussions go behind closed doors.

But, if it's just out of convenience or avoidance of bringing controversial topics or sentiments into the public discourse, then it's not proper.

We're not the only ones who pointing out the need for a public discussion.

In May, PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt expressed a similar sentiment about the negotiations and said the PSC must approve the unwinding of the asset transfer.

"So if you get to the point where maybe you're unwinding something, maybe you ought to tell us or file something here so we can go through it in a public hearing and make sure that the public knows what's going on everybody can evaluate the benefits and the burdens to each system," Schmitt said during a PSC hearing

on Southern Water in May.

We trust that these two bodies know their responsibilities under the law regarding what must be brought before the public and what can be discussed privately.

We're just asking that they consider the need for the public to be involved in this process. After all, this is a deal that was apparently made initially to the detriment of those involved. Perhaps some sunlight could be just what's needed to ensure that we're not "rewinding" in 2021.

GUEST COLUMN

Drug epidemic, rural healthcare, new ideas



FIVE SMOOTH STONES KENTUCKY
By
MARK WOHLANDER

In April, it was announced that the University of Kentucky would receive a four-year, \$87 million federal grant to reduce opioid deaths in Eastern Kentucky by 40 percent. Not surprisingly, Gov. Matt Bevin attended the announcement and told the world that this is a "great opportunity" for the state, and that "[he] was convinced we'll get it done in Kentucky."

Of course, the announcement to reduce opioid deaths just happened to coincide with Bevin's plan to slash Medicaid benefits for tens of thousands of Medicaid recipients, many, if not most, of whom rely on Medicaid

to obtain treatment for addictions — which, by the way, are not simply for opioids, but every imaginable street drug including heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine and fentanyl.

At the outset, one is left to wonder why the study will only focus on opioids. Could it be that we have conquered and cured addictions for all of the other drugs which take the lives of thousands upon thousands of Kentuckians and others across America every year? For anyone who has been exposed to the drug epidemic for even a few years, it is clear that by the time this study is completed and the money has been spent, there will be a new

drug of choice that will replace opioids. In fact, at the risk of offending those involved in this study, while there is still an opioid epidemic, the opioid epidemic has already been replaced with a much more deadly epidemic fueled by heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine and methamphetamine which is laced with fentanyl.

While laudable, this study, like most other studies, will likely be outdated before the ink dries on the report. To borrow from the words of President Ronald Reagan, "the ... inescapable truth is: Government does not have all the answers. In too many instances, government does not solve problems; it subsidizes them."

The rhetorical question for all of us should be whether we are willing to accept a solution that only saves the lives of 40 percent of the nearly 1,200 Kentuckians who die each year from an addiction to

opioids. Considering that this is a four-year study, it appears that even before the first dollar is spent on this study, the government has already decided that the other 720 Kentuckians who will likely die each year from an addiction to opioids, or the deaths of more than 2,880 other Kentuckians who will likely die over the four-year study, is an acceptable number in order to ultimately announce and proclaim that the study was a success.

Hopefully, most Kentuckians who have suffered the loss of a family member, a brother, a sister, a mother, a father, a neighbor or anyone else, will agree that 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 percent or anything short of reducing overdose deaths by 100 percent is not acceptable.

So, what can be done to reduce overdose deaths by 100 percent? Well, for those who are on the front lines of the drug epidemic, those on the front lines

who get up every day and provide treatment, there is a realization that while we will never achieve a goal of 100-percent, those on the front lines of treatment will tell you that we can do much better than 40 percent, 50 percent, 60 percent or even 70 percent. And those on the front lines of treatment understand that there is only one way to save more lives, and that is through treatment — treatment that, for the most part, must be funded through Kentucky's Medicaid program, which has been on the chopping block and in the crosshairs of the Bevin administration.

Again, at the risk of offending those who will be involved in this study, maybe, just maybe, ground zero for this \$87 million study should be at Appalachian Wellness, Integrated Health Service clinic, a small treatment clinic in Campton. Maybe, just maybe, if those involved in this \$87 million study would take just a few days to meet with this caring group of medical and treatment providers and watch as they change lives, and at the same time save lives, then maybe, just maybe, instead of only saving 40 percent of opioid addicts, the final report will provide real solutions that will not only save more lives of those addicted to opioids, but also for the thousands of others who are addicted as a result of the drug epidemic which is crippling communities across America.

Of course, regardless of how much money is spent for treatment, there will still be those who will die as a result of their addictions. With that reality, maybe those involved in the study have an extra thousand or two that they could share with Appalachian Wellness, money that could be used to purchase a bus so they can realize a bold new idea and their dream of launching mobile treatment centers in rural Kentucky for

the hundreds of drug addicts who simply do not have the ability to travel to Campton, or anywhere else for treatment. To borrow from Dean Acheson, former Secretary of State, and from a quote that is on the Facebook page of Appalachian Wellness, "Always remember that the future comes one day at a time." Remember, for those who are suffering from any addiction, it is always about one day at a time.

So, as I often do, I would invite each of you to join me on my imaginary mountaintop, a place in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, a place where we can all come together and shout loudly to everyone who is suffering, or has suffered from an addiction to opioids, or any other drug, that we care for you, and we want each of you to know that for each of you "the future comes one day at a time."

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WATER

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at it to see if we want to make an offer on the system."

He said he wasn't asking the commission to bind itself to any deal at this point.

Southern Water Chairman Jeff Prater asked how Kentucky American would assess the district's value.

"We'll take a, really, look at everything," Keeton said. "What I do is I get a look at audited financials and we take those back to our financial folks. They run them through our models, and then we come back to the board with what believe we can do. Our acquisitions that we've done in the past have all the employees; we take in all of the employees."

Southern Water attorney Steven Bailey asked Keeton to confirm whether any information provided by the district would remain "in-house" or provided to another firm for evaluation.

Keeton told him the work will all be done in-house.

"We know at this

particular time, as a new board, and as you're trying to understand everything and getting your arms around everything, we felt like this was a good time to do that, as you're making various decisions with regard to the district," Keeton said.

Commissioner Rick Roberts explained that the PSC recently approved a flat rate for Southern Water, and is yet to know how that rate will impact to district financially.

"To say you're not an option, would be false, but I just think right now we need to see what, how our finances are going to impact us and change Southern Water with the flat rate increase. And, of course, you know, we've got to get satellite meters in place, and that'll be an expense, so, we've got some things hanging over us," Roberts said. "Good and not so good."

Keeton told him he understands the situation.

"I don't want to pressure you in any way, shape, form or fashion because I know you've got a big decision on your hands. You're dealing with a lot," he said.

Prater said Southern Water doesn't know what the district's revenue will be because of the recently-implemented flat rate issued by the PSC.

"It depends on how you do the valuation," Prater said. "If its asset valuation, you know, it's going to have to include a revenue component, and at this point, because of the commission's ruling, we can't even tell you what the revenue's going to be until the meters are changed out and a permanent rate is established."

He told Keeton that information about Southern Water's revenue is already public record. Keeton said Kentucky American Water would be looking at Southern Water's debt and taking on all of the district's employees.

"We're out of Lexington ... There's no way, of course, that we'd want to operate something that far away. You'd want to have local people, local payment options, local folks doing the work and living in the community and working in the community," Keeton said.

He said Kentucky American Water, which

serves residents in 14 central Kentucky counties, has recently acquired the Eastern Rockcastle Water Association in Rockcastle County and a system in the City of North Middletown, and both of those systems had hundreds of customers — smaller than the 5,400 customers at Southern Water.

"We're talking to a lot of people throughout the state, because our goal is we want to grow. We want to grow our footprint," he said.

He emphasized that the company would hire local residents.

"So, if we come, again, this way, it's going to be local folks. It's going to be here," he said. "Basically what's going to happen is you're going to have the equipment that you need, your employees will be working. If you have to have contractors, we'll have contractors. We'll do what needs to be done, just like you're trying to do now."

He said he understand the "mountain" that Southern officials are dealing with.

"But what we're looking at is just that opportunity," he said. "Again,

we understand, you've got a mountain, and I get that; completely get it. We just wanted to let you know that we are interested and as you are weighing your options, we hope that you will allow us to be one of those options that you take a look at before you make your final decision."

Prater said that "all options are on the table" at Southern Water. He said if a sale is considered, the district would have to hire a company that deals with asset sales, and that cost "could be quite high."

"I mean, it's not off the table. It's something that we, I know the board, and I know the others would consider it under certain circumstances, but—

Roberts interrupted him, telling Keeton that the proposal is premature.

"I'm like Jeff, we have to consider that as an option, but we have to do what we think is the best for the 5,300 customers of the water district. We represent those people. So we need to carefully see what we can maybe do in house. Options are options. It's just kind of

premature until we see what financially how we are going to do."

Keeton said he understands the situation but just wanted to come to make sure Southern Water knows the company is interested.

He offered to let Southern Water officials tour Kentucky American Water operations.

During the meeting, the commission approved the financial report, showing the district has \$26.9 million in assets and \$6 million in debt.

CPA Jeff Reed reported that the district's net income, before depreciation, was \$38,000, but after depreciation expenses were calculated, the district ended May with a loss of \$51,400.

The commission voted unanimously to accept a bid package prepared by Utility Management Group for the purchase of radio read meters for the district.

Don Compton of UMG said the project will cost more than \$1 million. The bid package seeks meters from companies that will provide financing for Southern Water, he reported.

BIDS

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practice of accepting all bids — something auditors have chided in the past.

The county is currently paying \$17-18 per ton for the laying and patching of asphalt. With bids accepted last week, the cost will decrease to between \$16 and \$17 per ton.

The fiscal court approved the two lowest bids for the laying of asphalt, Highlands Paving at \$16 per ton and Mountain Enterprises at \$16.25 per ton, but it took some time to get that vote.

As the votes were being tallied, Magistrate Ronnie Akers asked, "What would be the reason we couldn't accept them all, if we need them?"

Judge-Executive Robbie Williams told him, "Well, we can." He talked about issues the county has getting low bidders to turn out when jobs need to be done.

"These people, we tried to, you know, work with them, and you can't get them to come out and do it. I don't, you know,

if you all want to accept all bids, that's fine. But we have to do this with the understanding, so we don't run into problems with the auditors, that we start with the lowest bid and we work our way through. Okay?"

County Attorney Keith Bartley advised the fiscal court that state auditors and the Kentucky Department for Local Government have informed Floyd County that accepting all bids "was the equivalent of not having bids at all."

"So, they do have a problem with that," he said.

Williams explained that officials are trying to run the day-to-day operations of the county. He suggesting calling all four bidders, starting with the lowest bidder, to see if they are available when jobs are ready and working down the list until a company is found that can do the job.

Akers asked if the second-lowest bidder is required to pay the same price as the lowest bidder.

Williams said, "No sir. No. That's his bid." When he said the auditors probably would agree

with that plan, Treasurer David Layne also related things he learned in previous county audits.

"You can't accept all bids," he said.

"Then how can you accept two?" Akers asked.

Williams asked for a motion to rescind the motion awarding those two bids.

"I don't have a problem, guys, accepting all bids," he said.

Bartley said he doesn't believe accepting two low bids would violate bidding laws, but there are issues accepting all of them. Layne pointed out that the fiscal court can adopt an ordinance to raise the contract limit to \$30,000 for companies that don't bid. A recently-passed law raised that limit from the previous \$20,000.

The motion two approve Highlands and Mountain Enterprises passed unanimously.

The fiscal court voted to award bids for patching asphalt to Highlands Paving, at \$16 per ton, and Boyd's Asphalt, at \$17 per ton.

On gravel, Mountain Enterprises and Mountain Aggregates, two affil-

ate companies, were the only ones to submit bids, which were approved, with Layne reporting it would be in the county's interest to travel to Mountain Aggregates to buy gravel because it's cheaper per ton.

The cost for gravel delivered by Mountain Aggregates ranges from \$22.50 per ton to \$32.50 per ton. The cost for gravel picked up at that company ranges from \$13.50 per ton to \$23.50 per ton.

The cost for gravel picked up at Mountain Enterprises ranged from \$31.45 per ton to \$35 per ton.

Mountain Enterprises was the only bidder for asphalt, delivered and laid, with prices of between \$98.50 and \$102.50 per ton, and asphalt, picked up at plant, with prices of between \$85.05 and \$87.80. The prices were slightly lower for asphalt delivered and slightly higher for asphalt picked up at the plant than the county is currently paying.

The county also received only one bid for cleaning supplies, from Kings Supply in Allen.

The fiscal court ta-

bled bids submitted for pipes.

In other news, the fiscal court also:

•Williams reported that he contacted U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers office to ask that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers use more "local folks" on the redevelopment project in Martin. The fiscal court is the host agency for that project.

•Williams reported that the county saved \$150,000 on its insurance costs for the upcoming fiscal year, with him and Treasurer David Layne reporting that various insurance policies dropped from more than \$500,000 to more than \$400,000.

•Donated \$1,000 to the Back Pack to School Bash which will be hosted by Prestonsburg at the Prestonsburg Sportsplex on July 19.

•Hired Joshua Conley as a full time road worker and seasonal litter abatement workers Dustin Spradlin and Cody Vanderpool, part-time.

•Approved submitting applications for several grants being sought by the county's new grant writer, Brent Graden. The list includes grants sub-

mitted to the Kentucky office of Homeland Security, the Veterans Administration's Veterans Cemetery Program, Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation, a U.S. Department of Labor and the Kentucky Association for Economic Development's Product Development Initiative.

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FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Prestonsburg council approves new budget

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council approved its upcoming fiscal year budget last week, detailing an expected increase in revenue for the city and its affiliated entities.

The budget, which takes effect on July 1, reflects \$8.6 million in revenues and expenses, which is about \$63,000 more than the current year budget.

The budget allots about \$5.5 million for Prestonsburg, \$831,000 for Stonecrest Golf Course, \$870,000 for tourism, \$549,000 for Prestonsburg Parks and Recreation, \$908,000 for the Mountain Arts Center and \$12,000 for the senior citizens center.

City of Prestonsburg budget

Prestonsburg's \$5.5 million budget shows the city expects to receive about the same amount in taxes and fees in the 2019-2020 fiscal year: \$650,000 in property taxes, \$100,000 in motor vehicle taxes, \$285,000 for the minimum license fee, \$1.85 million for its occupational license fee, \$100,000 for alcohol licenses, \$25,000 in building permits, \$785,000 in insurance premium taxes, \$110,000 in franchise fees, \$20,000 in parking fines, \$60,000 in coal and mineral severance taxes and, among other revenues, \$700,000 in sanitation fees, an increase of \$25,000 over the current fiscal year.

The budget removes \$7,000 in administration fees for the collection of taxes for Prestonsburg Tourism, and tax collections for the North Floyd Fire Protection District are budgeted to increase by \$50,000 to \$160,000.

Prestonsburg also expects to receive \$12,500 in donations for the annual Back Pack to School Bash, which is set to be held at the Prestonsburg Sports Complex on July 19. The city expects to receive \$35,000 less in municipal road aid funds in the upcoming fiscal year, with that line item budgeted at \$65,000.

Total expenses in each city office — which include salaries as well as other expenses in

each department — are: \$80,000 in the mayor's office, \$494,000 in dispatch, \$76,500 in code enforcement, \$1.5 million in administration, \$1.1 million in police, \$983,000 in public works, \$982,500 in the fire department, \$10,000 for the city council and \$154,800 for landscaping.

Mountain Arts Center budget

The MAC's \$908,000 budget reports most of its revenue, \$235,000, coming from ticket sales, which is budgeted slightly higher than revenue expected from the transient room and restaurant taxes, \$225,000. Other revenues include \$80,000 expected in donations, \$100,000 from concessions, \$60,000 in theatre and room rentals and, among other costs, \$50,000 in ticket fees.

The budget allots most of the MAC's expenses to payroll and employee benefits, \$336,000, and the MAC expects to spend \$35,500 for the memorandum of agreement with Big Sandy Community and Technical College, \$85,000 on utilities, \$60,000 on maintenance and cleaning, \$35,000 for concessions, \$125,000 on artist fees, \$59,000 on the opry shows and \$100,000 on other event-related expenses.

Stonecrest Golf Course budget

Stonecrest Golf Course, which ended the 2017-2018 fiscal year with a deficit of about \$122,000, expects to end the 2019-2020 fiscal year in the black, with about \$831,000 budgeted.

The golf course gets most of its revenues from memberships (\$165,000) and green fees (\$155,000). Other significant revenues budgeted include \$90,000 for outings and tournaments, \$75,000 from Prestonsburg for payroll reimbursement, \$69,000 from Prestonsburg Tourism and \$62,000 in cart rentals.

The golf course expects to spend \$116,000 on wages and benefits in the new fiscal year, \$52,500 for golf cart leases, \$25,000 for electricity and, among other expenses, \$22,000 for tournaments.

In the grill, Stonecrest expects to spend about \$115,000 and re-

ceive \$160,000 in revenues, with the majority of expenses budgeted for wages (\$46,000), food costs (\$35,000), alcohol (\$16,000) and beverages (\$13,000).

In maintenance, the highest expenses are wages, budgeted at \$280,000, and chemicals/fertilizers, budgeted at \$108,000. Fuel, repairs and supplies are budgeted at about \$15,000 each.

Prestonsburg Tourism budget

Prestonsburg Tourism will disperse most of its \$870,000 in income to other entities. As required by the ordinance that created it, Prestonsburg Tourism will keep about \$296,000 of the taxes it receives and provide \$287,000 to Prestonsburg Parks and Recreation, \$226,000 to the MAC and \$69,600 to Stonecrest.

The agency will spend most of the \$296,000 in its budget for wages and benefits, which are budgeted at \$115,800. Other significant expenses include \$85,000 in advertising, \$50,000 in grants and \$14,000 in transportation.

Prestonsburg Parks and Recreation budget

The \$549,000 budget for Prestonsburg Parks allots most of its revenue, \$295,000, from Prestonsburg Tourism and another significant chunk of revenue, \$117,000 from Prestonsburg.

The parks commission expects to earn \$45,000 from the swimming pool, with the majority of those funds, \$20,000, expected in admission fees, pool parties (\$15,000) and from the grill, (\$8,000). The park also expects \$15,000 in gym rentals, \$37,000 in skating rink rentals, \$9,000 from the carnival and \$9,500 in sports income.

Significant expenses include \$405,000 in wages and related expenses, about \$58,000 in utilities, \$15,000 for gas, \$28,500 in supplies and maintenance costs, \$8,500 for sports, \$1,500 for the skating rink and \$5,000 for the swimming pool.

The parks commission expects to spend \$7,200 on holidays in the upcoming year, with the majority of that amount, \$6,000, budgeted for Christmas.

Johnnie Anderson
Johnnie Anderson, 55, died Sunday, June 23, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 25, at Hall and Jones Funeral Home, Virgie.

Burial followed in the Buckingham Cemetery, Bevinsville.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hall and Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

Cecil Dexter Blanton

Cecil Dexter Blanton, 52, of Langley, died Friday, June 21, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Smith Cemetery, Sidney.

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



Betty Raye Breeding

Betty Raye (Meade) Breeding, wife of Lester Breeding, born June 22, 1933, departed this life to enter into eternity to be with God on June 20, 2019. She and Lester, who met in high school, were married 65 years.

Betty was the mother of one son, Bradford Lester Breeding, mother-in-law of Martha K. (Bruner) Breeding and grandmother of Bradford Lester Breeding II and Eleanor Madden Pearl Breeding.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Sam T. and Vada (Gibson) Meade; three brothers: Rex Measde, 2002, Raymond Measde, 1982, and Edgar A. Measde, 2008 and her only sister, Genevieve Stidham, 2008.

Betty received her bachelors degree from the University of Kentucky in 1953, her masters degree in education from Morehead State College in 1957 and her education specialist degree in reading from Wayne State University in 1986. She taught school in Lincoln Park, Mich. from

1957 to 1988. She and her husband moved to Lexington in 1988, a few months after retirement. In 2006, they moved to London, Kentucky.

Betty joined Calvary Baptist Church in 1952 and was baptized by Rev. Purdy. After returning to live in Lexington, she rejoined Calvary Baptist Church. She became a member of the First Baptist Church of London after moving to London.

She was a lifetime member of the University of Kentucky Alumni Association, an active member of the Morehead State University Alumni Association, a lifetime member of the NEA and the MEA, a Kentucky Colonel, a member of the Harold Mauney Sunday School Class and Keenager at First Baptist.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 24, at London Funeral Home.

Interment followed at the Blue Grass Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements were under the direction of London Funeral Home of London.

This is a paid obituary.

Rosetta Lou Campbell

Rosetta Lou Campbell, 70, of Van Lear, died Friday, June 21, 2019.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 23, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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



Greta D. York

Greta D. York, 86, of Anderson, passed away on Monday, June 24, 2019, at her residence.

She was born on May 10, 1933, in Printer and resided most of her life in Anderson.

Greta had worked for National Tile, Ayr-Way, and Citizens Bank.

She was a member of Cross Roads United Meth-

odist Church.

Greta loved feeding her birds and squirrels, shopping and going to rummage sales. She was also a fan of "The Voice" and just loved Blake Shelton. Greta also enjoyed crocheting.

She is survived by her sisters, Donna M. Friedman and Sharon F. (Roger) Henschen; sister-in-law Ann McGlothen; daughter Darlene (Alan) Heath; two grandchildren: Bruce (Cary) Heath and Jenny (Jeff) Riggs; four great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews: Vickie Lynn, John, Amy, Diana, Vickey, Angela, Kristi, Tina, Christopher, Jennifer, Lisa, Dawn, and Matthew; several great nieces and nephews also survive.

Greta was preceded in death by her parents, Herb and Louise (Allen) McGlothen; husband Roy York, Jr., whom she married May 10, 1953; daughter Diane York; sisters: Freida Taylor and Rita Petry; brother Herbie Gene McGlothen and her special friend Thom Linder.

Visitation will be held Thursday, June 27, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Loose Funeral Homes & Crematory, 200 W. 53rd St. Anderson.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, June 27, at the funeral home with Pastor John Hackney officiating.

Burial will take place at Anderson Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent-Anderson Hospice, 2015 Jackson Street Anderson, IN 46016.

Arrangements are under the direction of Loose Funeral Homes.

This is a paid obituary.

Lace Hicks

Lace Hicks, 95, of Eastern, died Thursday, June 20, 2019.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 23, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Martin Cemetery, Eastern.

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'Road Masters,' 'Roads Scholar' honored at District 12

Westfall-Holbrook calls those honored 'an elite group' of employees

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 in Pikeville reported Friday that 82 employees earned "Roads Scholar" and "Road Masters" honors this year, marking the largest-ever group of graduates in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet programs.

"Classes, homework, study, exams — earning Roads Scholar and Road Masters certifications from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is a challenge and it takes commitment and time," a press release said.

The employees honored were recognized for these achievements during the annual "Snow & Ice Roadeo," which was held this year at Archer Park in Prestonsburg.

The Transportation

Cabinet's Highway District 12 Chief District Engineer Mary Westfall-Holbrook and Assistant State Highway Engineer John Moore congratulated each man in attendance as Martha Horseman, manager, Technology Transfer Program, UK College of Engineering Transportation Center, called their names.

To earn Road Scholar or Road Masters certification, employees must complete several educational courses highlighting best practices in everything from basic and advanced work zone skills, to administrative and leadership skills like risk management, time management, communication or advanced courses on erosion and sediment control, roadside vegetation management and other topics.

"These men are truly experts, through experi-

ence and education, about how to maintain safe roads in our state's most challenging conditions," Westfall-Holbrook said. "The Roads Scholars and Road Masters graduates are an elite group of KYTC employees. We are proud of each of them and grateful for their service to the citizens of District 12."

Floyd County Roads Scholars honored include Brandon Conn, Timothy Hicks and Jacob Prater from Allen maintenance and Nicholas Mullins of Minnie maintenance.

Floyd County employees who earned certification as both Roads Scholars and Road Masters include Allen maintenance employees Ryan Fitzpatrick, Carl Howard, Robert Hurd, Mark Jervis and Jonathan Lay; as well as Minnie maintenance employees Grady Allen, Todd Crisp and David Kilburn.



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About half of the 82 Highway District's 12 employees who graduated from the Kentucky Transportation Center's "Road Masters" and/or "Roads Scholar" are pictured.

Wayland gets new police car



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Wayland Police Chief Brian Ratliff poses in front of the new vehicle the city purchased recently with grant funds. The Wayland City Commission obtained a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant earlier this year and bought the vehicle from Glenn's Freedom Dodge Chrysler in Lexington for about \$42,000. City officials previously reported the grant required the city to pay about \$10,500 in matching funds.

Community Events

Wednesday, June 26

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

- 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.: Floyd County Co-operative Extension to offer Block Play events as part of Literacy & Learning program at Highlands Heights, Goble Roberts. Free.

- 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission is expected to call a special meeting, city hall.

- 6 p.m.: Friends of Jenny Wiley meets, May Lodge. Any person interested in volunteering is welcome to attend.

June 27-28

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

to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Stumbo Elementary and Prestonsburg Elementary. All meals are free to kids up to age 18. No registration required.)

Thursday, June 27

- 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193

Friday, June 28

- 6 p.m.: Russ Preston performs at "Fridays after 5" on the Patio, May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

- 7 p.m.: Masters of Soul to perform with Garland Rogers as the opening act, Mountain Arts Center, Prestonsburg. Tickets are \$28 lower level; \$23 upper level. For details, visit, macarts.com.

Saturday, June 29

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

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

Sunday, June 30

- 3 p.m.: Mary Poppins Jr. on stage at the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre. Tickets are \$12, general admission. For details, visit, macarts.com.

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Six Kentucky Highway Patrol Officers died in the line of duty in Kentucky before the Kentucky State Police was created in 1948. They include:

- Patrolman James Hays: Dec. 21, 1935
- Patrolman Robert Rowland: Dec. 22, 1935
- Captain Vernon Snell: Feb. 20, 1937
- Patrolman Mose H. Littrell: March 14, 1938
- Patrolman Houston Greene: May 18, 1944
- Patrolman Vadas G. Richardson: Oct. 7, 1944

Twenty-nine KSP officials lost their lives in the line of duty. They include:

- Trooper Harold J. Toll: Nov. 14, 1948
- Trooper Robert R. Miller: Feb. 14, 1951
- Trooper Lee T. Huffman: May 19, 1953
- Trooper Herbert C. Bush: Oct. 11, 1958
- Trooper William E. Tevis: May 26, 1963
- Trooper Elmer Mobely Jr.: May 28, 1964
- Trooper Cecil W. Uzzle: May 28, 1964
- Trooper Delano G. Powell: July 8, 1965
- Trooper Mack E. Brady: Nov. 9, 1966
- Trooper William H. Barrett: Dec. 19, 1971
- Trooper James W. McNeely: April 8, 1972
- Officer David T. Childs: April 8, 1972
- Trooper Walter O. Thurtell: Sept. 29, 1972
- Trooper Joseph Ward Jr.: April 23, 1973
- Lieutenant William C. Smith: April 26, 1973
- Trooper John W. Hutchinson: June 4, 1975
- Trooper Bobby A. McCoun Jr.: Sept. 11, 1975
- Trooper William F. Pickard: Jan. 21, 1976
- Lieutenant Willis D. Martin: April 26, 1977
- Trooper Clinton E. Cunningham: Feb. 11, 1979
- Trooper Edward R. Harris: Nov. 7, 1949
- Trooper Jerome S. Clifton: Oct. 1, 1980
- Detective Darrell V. Phelps: Aug. 7, 1981
- Trooper Johnny M. Edrington: Dec. 21, 1988
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- Trooper Anson B. Tribby: Jan. 22, 2013
- Trooper Eric K. Chrisman: June 23, 2015
- Sergeant David R. Gibbs: Aug. 7, 2015
- Trooper J. Cameron Ponder: Sept. 13, 2015



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Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rick Sanders places a wreath to honor troopers, officers and highway patrolmen who died in the line of duty while working to protect the Commonwealth.

KSP honors fallen troopers, officers

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rick Sanders recognized the fallen KSP troopers, officers and highway patrolmen at a memorial service and wreath-laying ceremony on June 21.

Held at the KSP Training Academy, this service honored the memory of the men who paid the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

"Law enforcement shows no bounds whether the uniform is brown, green, gray or blue," said Commissioner Rick Sanders. "We are all one family, we share the same sorrows, and I truly do believe that."

During the 2018 Memorial Service, Sanders unveiled a plaque honoring six Kentucky Highway Patrol officers who died in the line of duty. The highway patrol was the predecessor of Kentucky State Police, prior to the agency's establishment in 1948. The officers named on the

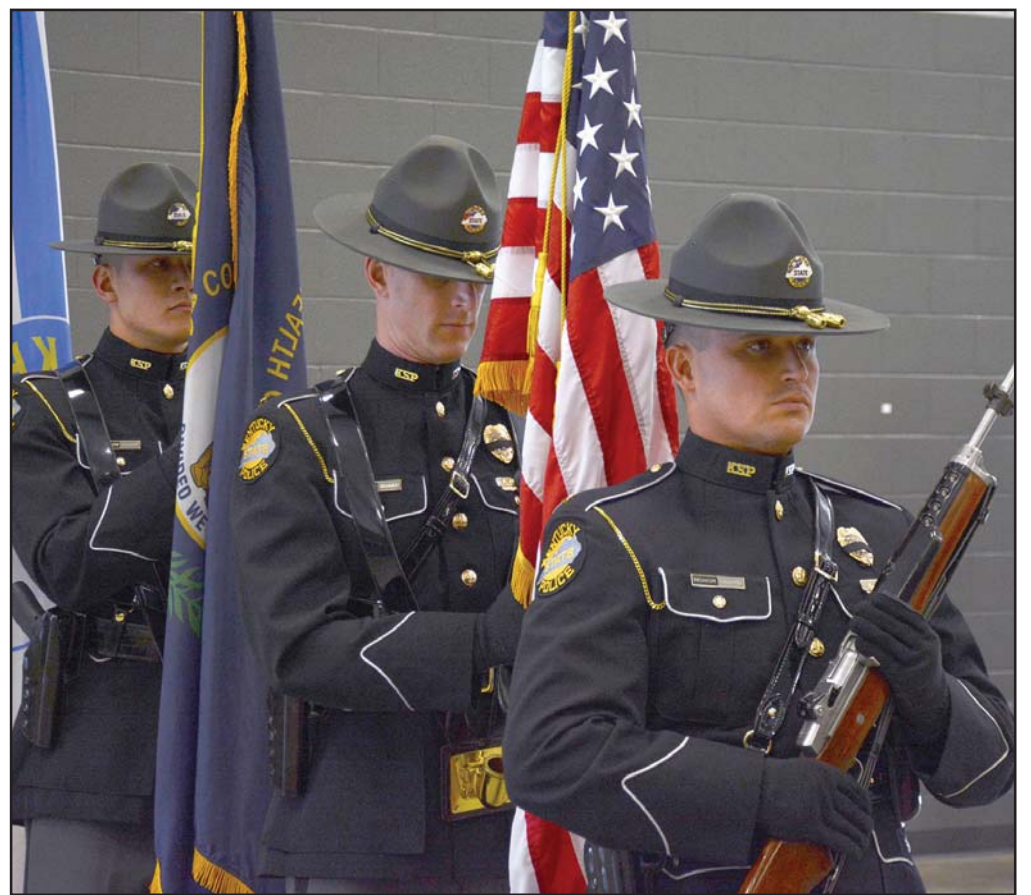
remembrance plaque permanently installed in the cadet barracks at the KSP Academy in Frankfort include patrolmen James Hays (1935), Robert Rowland (1935), Mose H. Littrell (1938), Houston Green (1944) and Vadas Richardson (1944).

Sanders shared that his own family makes up four generations of law enforcement, beginning with his grandfather and extending to his sons.

"There's a special love in my heart for anyone in law enforcement who serves in the Commonwealth. They are truly servants of Christ that are called to do this job."

He went on to say that there were 144 law enforcement officers who died in the line of last year in the U.S.

"It's important that we remember our brothers and sisters who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. What struck me - was the number 55. This represents the men and women who were killed during felonious attacks, which is a trend in



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Officials honored 29 Kentucky State Police troopers, one Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer and one KSP Water Patrol Officer who died in the line of duty during a ceremony in Frankfort on June 21.

law enforcement, that is troubling to me."

Twenty-nine Kentucky State Police Troopers, one Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer and one KSP Water Patrol Officer lost their lives in

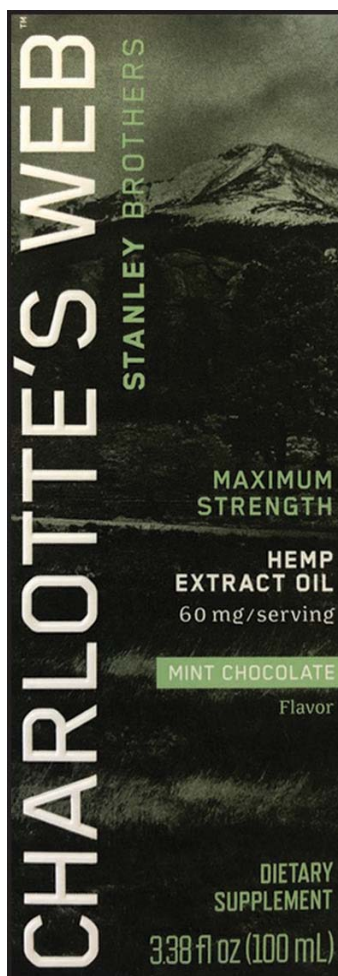
the line of duty. Kentucky Justice Secretary John Tilley called these men and women heroes.

"Our commonwealth owes an eternal debt to the fallen heroes at KSP, and we are called to live

every day in a way that honors and justifies their sacrifice," said. "I hope everyone will join me in praying for those we have lost, their families and those who continue to serve."

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Williams tells Bartley to 'stand firm'

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Fiscal Court members praised County Attorney Keith Bartley last week for taking steps to file a lawsuit to collect delinquent taxes owed by Kentucky Fuel, a company that's affiliated with West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice.

Bartley filed a notice of the county's intent to enforce a lien against Kentucky Fuel Corporation for a tax delinquency of \$670,300 — some of which has been pending since 2013.

The state settled delinquent tax payments the company owes in other Eastern Kentucky counties this month, but Floyd County was not included. Bartley balked at that settlement, saying it cut interest and penalties out of the total amount owed by businesses affiliated with Justice. About \$360,000 of the delinquency in Floyd County stems from interest and penalties owed by the company, Bartley reported this month. He said he would be willing to nego-

tiate with Kentucky Fuel regarding some of the interest and penalties, but not all of it. He reiterated that stance at the fiscal court meeting.

"For whatever reason, Floyd County was left out of the negotiations at the state level. The state and, I believe, three or four counties, all entered into an agreement with the Justice companies that included them waiving 100 percent of all interest and penalties in order to get paid, essentially, money that they've been due for years," Bartley said. "Some may fault me for it. Some may pat me on the back, but once that information came to me and that proposal was made to me after the fact, I said, 'No way. Not going to do it. I wouldn't do it for anybody else in this world, you know, that can clearly afford their bills.'"

He said he doesn't know why a "West Virginia billionaire" like Justice "shouldn't pay his share" of taxes.

"So, we've given them the 45-day notice,



County Attorney Keith Bartley, right, talks about a tax delinquency owed by Kentucky Fuel Corporation during a fiscal court meeting last week.

and we've got that on our calendar," Bartley said. "If they want to make payment arrangements in the next 45 days, I'm willing to listen, and if they don't, I know how to find the courthouse."

Judge-Executive Rob-

bie Williams agreed with Bartley. "I appreciate your efforts on that," he said. "I mean, I'm like you. If he can afford to fly around the world in a Learjet, he can pay his taxes to Floyd County."

Bartley noted that

Justice's lawyers have said the governor does not personally owe the debt because his companies owe it and that Kentucky Fuel is no longer in business and does not own anything in Floyd County.

Bartley said that's not "technically true," noting the company does own a couple of pieces of property and "there are means of collecting."

"Stand firm. That's what we like," Williams told him.

Reynolds: Trash collections will improve

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

Floyd County Code Enforcement Officer Joe Reynolds reported last week that county officials have been working with Waste Connections to improve solid waste collections in the county.

Reynolds said the county has been having a "little bit of trouble" with garbage collections, reporting that the county has received complaints

from residents who say their garbage is not getting collected on regular days. He said the delay causes "garbage to set out, get spread out."

Reynolds also reported that commercial dumpsters in the county need to be repaired.

He said he and Judge-Executive Robbie Williams met with officials at Waste Connections and the company agreed to repair and/or replace dumpsters and

"have more people here" to get the garbage collection route back on a regular schedule.

"Hopefully, that will solve it. Now, we've have them in here twice and asked them about this, and they're working on it," Reynolds said. "So, we are working on it. We understand that citizens deserve the service they pay for, and we're trying our best to get it to them."

Magistrate Ronnie

Akers suggested that the company needs smaller trucks that can access homes in hollows with narrow roads.

Williams said Waste Connections reported it has smaller trucks that could be used.

"We did establish a

good line of communication with them to address the complaints," Williams said.

Reynolds said Waste Connections will not pick up anything that weighs more than 50 pounds and will only pick up household products, not paint

and other items.

He said residents who have problems with trash collection to call Waste Connections at, (606) 285-0033.

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Broadway comes to Pikeville

By NICOLE ZIEGE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — The Appalachian Center for the Arts brought Broadway to Pikeville during the kickoff of its Appalachian Masterclass Series last week.

During the class, young aspiring local performers received professional arts training from two cast members of the "Hamilton: An American Musical" national Broadway tour, Josh Tower, who plays "Aaron Burr," and Andy Tofa, a member of the cast ensemble. "Hamilton" is the hit Broadway hip-hop musical about the life and legacy of American founding father Alexander Hamilton, created by composer and playwright Lin-Manuel Miranda.

The center expected about 90 participants at the class, and 60 of those 90 who reserved their spot in the class were observers. Participation cost \$50, and observation-only seats cost \$20. The class took place from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

During the class, Tofa taught the choreography to one of the show's most popular songs, "My Shot," to the nearly 30 young performers, and Tower coached the participants on how to perfect a singing audition.

Robin Irwin, execu-

tive director at the Appalachian Center for the Arts, said the series is designed to allow people interested in the arts to learn from skilled people in artistic fields and better their craft. She said she wants to invite a variety of performers and artists to come and teach in the series, including writers, singers, songwriters, authors, artists and dancers.

"It's all a unique opportunity for the people who live around this area," Irwin said.

For this specific class, Irwin said helping young performers with their audition techniques can significantly help them gain more confidence in their future auditions.

"A lot of people, when they're nervous, they're not able to shine," Irwin said. "That's what you have to do when you audition. You have to be able to tell a story, and you have to show yourself at your strongest."

Cheyenne Jarvis, 13, of Prestonsburg, is a competitive dancer who came to participate in the class. She said she was excited to come to the class and work with the cast of the "Hamilton" Broadway tour.

"It seemed like a good opportunity," Jarvis said, referring to the class.

Kassidy Blackburn,



Appalachian Newspapers photo by Nicole Ziege
Andy Tofa, "Hamilton" national Broadway tour cast member, leads young performers from around the region in choreography from one of the show's famous musical numbers, "My Shot," during the "Appalachian Masterclass Series" kickoff at the Appalachian Center for the Arts. During the class on Monday, Tofa taught choreography to the students, while Josh Tower, who plays "Aaron Burr" in the show, coached them on how to perfect a singing audition.

14, of Prestonsburg, is also a competitive dancer, and she said she wanted to participate in the class after hearing about it.

"I thought it was a good opportunity," Blackburn said. "We don't get opportunities like this very often."

For more information on future classes in the "Appalachian Masterclass Series," go to theapparts.org or check out "The Appalachian Center for the Arts" on Facebook.



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A female participant at the first class of the "Appalachian Masterclass Series" follows Andy Tofa, "Hamilton" national Broadway tour cast member, as he teaches her and about 30 other young performers some of the show's choreography. About 90 participants were expected to attend the class from around the region, with about 60 of them being observers.

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Little League All-Stars



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 North Floyd's Keaton Brown heads to first base after connecting on a pitch. The North Floyd 11- and 12-year-old squad outlasted Belfry 7-6 in the District 7 Little League Tournament at StoneCrest on Saturday. Remaining in the win column one day later, North Floyd pulled away to beat Phelps 19-5 on Sunday.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
 Prestonsburg batter Kyle Rose connects on a Knott County pitch. Rose started on the mound for th Prestonsburg 10- and 11-year-olds on Saturday. Prestonsburg topped Knott County 13-3.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
 Prestonsburg 10- and 11-year old shortstop Luke Fugate delivered a throw to first base. The Prestonsburg 10- and 11-year-olds topped Knott County 13-3.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
 North Floyd pitcher Grant Jenkins delivered a pitch to home plate during a district tournament game against Belfry on Saturday. The North Floyd 11- and 12-year-olds picked up a 7-6 win over Belfry on Saturday and a 19-5 win over Phelps on Sunday.

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North Floyd's Carter Parsons (9) eyes a ball hit into the outfield in a district tournament match-up against Belfry on Saturday.

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North Floyd 11- and 12-year-olds



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North Floyd's Logan Meade slides into second base ahead of a Phelps tag on Sunday. North Floyd outlasted Belfry 7-6 in the District 7 Little League Tournament at StoneCrest on Saturday. Remaining in the win column one day later, North Floyd pulled away to beat Phelps 19-5 on Sunday.

Prestonsburg 10- and 11-year-olds



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Prestonsburg's Luke Hall connects on a pitch. Prestonsburg topped Knott County 13-3 in four innings in the District 7 10-11 Little League All-Stars Tournament at StoneCrest on Saturday



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Mason Anderson works his way to third base during North Floyd's game versus Phelps over the weekend.



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Prestonsburg pitcher Max Bingham, working out of a relief role, eyes a Knott County base runner (not pictured).

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Sports physicals to be conducted in Wayland, Wheelwright



Highlands Regional Medical Center's Christie Burchett, MA; Cindy Maynard, Nurse Practitioner and Lacy Russell, Nurse Practitioner administered 87 sports physicals for area students during the day-long free sports physical clinic at Prestonsburg High School on June 17.

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

McDOWELL — Student-athletes in Left Beaver and other parts of Floyd County as well as additional area counties will have an opportunity to receive a free sports physical in July. During the month of July, McDowell ARH Hospital will conduct free sports physicals in Wayland and

Wheelwright. Free sports physicals will be offered at ARH Family Carer at 2662 King Kelly Coleman Highway in Wayland from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Monday, July 8. ARH Family Care-Wheelwright, located at 30 KY RTE 306 in Bypro, will host free sports physicals from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Wednesday,

July 24. Area high school student-athletes are receiving a break following the start of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period on Tuesday. The Dead Period ends on July 9. McDowell ARH Hospital is a critical access hospital located in McDowell and part of Appalachian Regional Healthcare.

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By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

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The registration fee for the tournament is \$125 for members and \$165 for non-members. The field for the tournament will be limited to 112 entries. Two rounds of golf on Saturday and Sunday will make up the tournament. There will be a shootout following play in the tournament on July 13. Lunch and two drink tickets are included in the registration

fee. Dinner will be provided by Prestonsburg Pig In A Poke on Saturday. There will be a Calcutta held following the dinner. The StoneCrest Invitational is a tradition-rich tournament which has featured accomplished golfers from multiple states. For more information on the upcoming golf tournament, call the StoneCrest Pro Shop at 606-886-1006.

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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARING

LOCATION: PHA COMMUNITY ROOM

DATE & TIME: 12th day of August, 2019 @ 1:30 PM

Agenda: 2019 Annual Plan & Town Center Take-over by Corps of Engineers

The Housing Authority of Martin will conduct a public hearing, at the date and time shown above, to discuss and receive comments and suggestions

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on its 2019 Annual Agency Plan, and to further discuss the Corps of Engineers take-over of the Town Center Development. (Note: This is not the "Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan", but the PHA will discuss any matters that concern the residents.)

The "Annual Plan" is primarily of summary of certain PHA policies and goals that guide the PHA's operations. This public hearing will also cover the current status of construction projects and the plans for future modernization. Please contact the PHA staff if you have any questions on this matter.

Billie Webb Executive Director Housing Authority of Martin June 20, 2019

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SECTION 202 TOWN OF MARTIN LOW-INCOME HOUSING FACILITY FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, by this Notice of Availability (NOA), advises the public that the Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment (DSEA) for the Town of Martin Nonstructural Project, Low-income Housing action is complete and available for public review. The project is located in Floyd County, Kentucky. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is anticipated for this project.

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proposed project. A Draft FONSI is included with the DSEA for public review.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1501.4, the DSEA and draft FONSI must be available to the public in the affected area for thirty (30) days for review and comment. Final determination regarding the need for additional NEPA documentation will be made after the public review period, which begins on or about June 26, 2019. Copies of the documents may be viewed at the following location:

Floyd County Public Library 161 N Arnold Ave Prestonsburg, Kentucky Phone: (606) 886-2981 The documents may also be viewed at the following website: <http://www.lrh.us>

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ace.army.mil/Missions/PublicReview.aspx. Copies of the DSEA and draft FONSI may be obtained by contacting the Huntington District Office of the Corps of Engineers at (304) 399-5924. Comments pertaining to the documents may be submitted by letter to:

Ms. Rebecca Rutherford Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch Huntington District Corps of Engineers 502 Eighth Street Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is intended to inform the residents of Floyd County, Kentucky that the Floyd County Fiscal Court is in process of closing out the Harold Sewer Phase III Project 14-038. The project was funded in part by

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

CITY OF MARTIN

ORDINANCE NO. 19-001

SUMMARY

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE CITY OF MARTIN'S INTENT TO ANNEX TERRITORY LOCATED ALONG AND INCLUDING KY RT. 80, KY RT. 2554, KY RT. 777, OLD KY RT. 80, KY RT. 680, KY RT. 122, KY RT. 550, SAID LAND LYING AND PRIMARILY BEING ON THE LEFT AND RIGHT FORKS OF BEAVER CREEK, CONSISTING OF 603.27 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

This is an Ordinance declaring the intent to annex certain land into the City of Martin identified as territory located in Floyd County, Kentucky, including and along KY Rt. 80, KY Rt. 2554, KY Rt. 777, Old KY Rt. 80, KY Rt. 680, KY Rt. 122, and KY Rt. 550, said land lying and primarily being on the left and right forks of Beaver Creek, consisting of 603.27 acres more or less.

The proposed Ordinance can be viewed in full text at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is an accurate summary of the contents of the above-entitled Ordinance.

James D. Adams, II
James D. Adams, II, City Attorney

Samuel Howell
Samuel Howell, Mayor of City of Martin

Attest:

Ethel Clouse
Ethel Clouse, City Clerk

First Reading: 2-20-19

Second Reading: 4-10-19

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION

Per KRS 81A.420, this publication shall serve to put on notice all resident voters, businesses, and organizations with a physical address within the territory proposed to be annexed, and real property owners within the territory proposed to be annexed by the City of Marti Ordinance 2019-001, of their right to petition the mayor of the City of Martin to be placed the question of annexation on the ballot for a vote. The territory proposed to be annexed is more fully described in the City of Martin Ordinance 19-001.

A valid petition may be presented to the City of Martins mayor at Martin City Hall within 60 days from this publication, which is on or before July 2, 2019. A valid petition must be signed by either 50% of the resident voters within the territory described above proposed to be annexed OR 50% of the real property owners within the territory proposed to be annexed.

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Operation UNITE (Unlawful Narcotics Investigations, Treatment and Education, Inc) is seeking a full-time Program Director for its UNITE Service Corps (USC), an AmeriCorps program, across 32 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. Duties include training & supervising 54 USC members, program implementation (math tutoring & Too Good For Drugs curricula), working with school districts and state/federal agencies, and compiling monthly reports. Position will be based in London, KY, with travel throughout the region expected.

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the Kentucky Community Development Block Grant Program. A public hearing will be held at the Fiscal Courtroom, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY, on July 8, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this hearing is to review past use of funds and program performance. If there are any questions or comments about the project, please direct them to the following: Robbie Williams, Judge/Executive Floyd County Courthouse 149 South Central Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606) 886-9193 or 1-800-648-6056 TDD

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Written comments will be received until the date of the hearing on July 8, 2019. "Floyd County is an Equal Opportunity Employer"

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do Hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before July 31st, 2019 at 10:00 am.

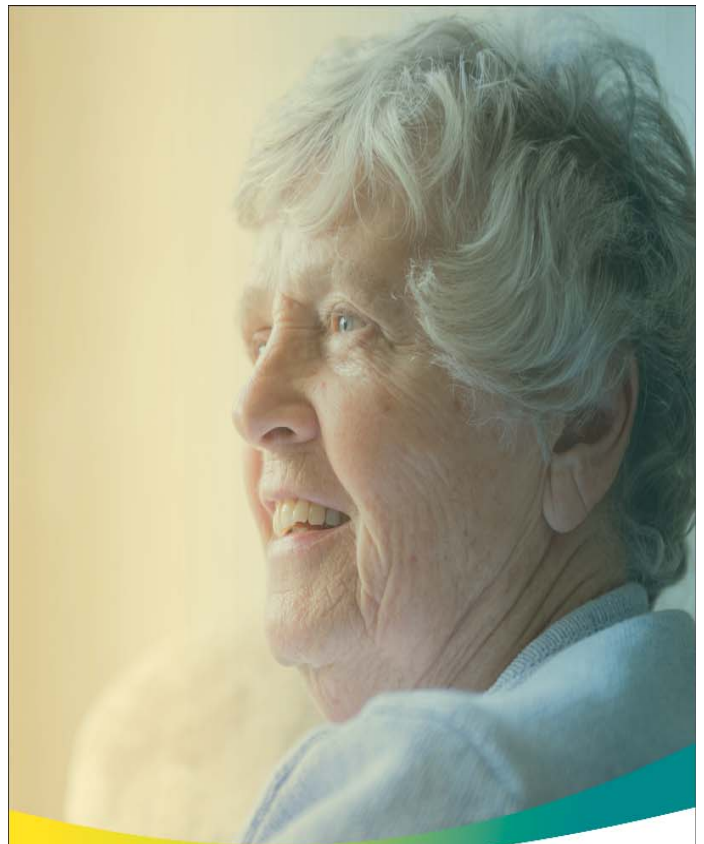
SETTLEMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF:	FIDUCIARY	DATE FILED
FINAL	10-P-190	ADA MILLS HUNTER	LESLIE MINIX	4/29/10
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FINAL	17-P-454	MARYLAND JERVIS	COLUMBUS JERVIS	11/28/17
FINAL	18-P-14	ALMA CONLEY BURRUSS	GARY R. BURRUSS	1/17/18
FINAL	18-P-90	OKEY MILLER MARSILLET	RICKY MILLER	2/28/18
FINAL	18-P-419	EULA STUMBO	GWENDOLYN HAMMONDS	11/5/18
FINAL	18-P-435	EDWARD ALLEN STUDER	MARTHA BATTEN	11/16/18

LEGAL NOTICE: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of Floyd District Court, Do Hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All person indebted to an Estate should settle with the Fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

DATE OF APPOINTMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF:	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY
5/23/19	19-P-197	SALLY RUTH ADKINS	ADAM ADKINS	
5/24/19	19-P-199	EARL HUGHES	RONALD HUGHES	MARTIN L. OSBORNE
5/24/19	19-P-200	LEONA HALL	BARBARA JAMES	
5/28/19	19-P-201	MILLIE JANICE HENSON	SHEILA GOODSON/JENNIFER HENSON	
5/28/19	19-P-202	FLOYD DOUGLAS DAVIS	NANCY DAVIS	
5/29/19	19-P-203	BILLY JAMES MULLINS	MARY MULLINS	
5/30/19	19-P-204	DENNIE TACKETT	JAMES TACKET JR	
5/30/19	19-P-205	ANN JOHNSON	ROCKY S. JOHNSON	
5/30/19	19-P-206	LYDIA MAE ROBERTS	DEBORAH ROBERTS BOYD	LARRY D. BROWN
5/30/19	19-P-207	GOLDIE LEE JONES	BRENDA HAYES	
5/30/19	19-P-208	TOMMY THORNSBERRY	ELIZABETH THORNSBERRY	
6/4/19	19-P-212	JOHN E. HICKS	VIRGINIA HUGHES	
6/5/19	19-P-213	SHARON K. ROBERTS	CLARENCE C. ROBERTS	
6/6/19	19-P-211	BERTHA DANIELS	WILLIAM P. WISE, III	
6/6/19	19-P-214	JUDITH D. FRALEY	PAMELA BOLEN	
6/6/19	19-P-215	DEWEY L. ROGERS	BRYAN ROGERS	
6/10/19	19-P-216	ROBIN HOLBROOK	ANGELA HOLBROOK	
6/13/19	19-P-220	WILLIAM C. HART	ANGELENE HART	
6/14/19	19-P-222	PAUL E. KENDRICK	JOY D. KENDRICK	JACOB MOAK
6/14/19	19-P-223	LOLA JEAN STRATTON COLLINS	KATHY COLLINS CLARK	
6/14/19	19-P-226	MARIE GOBLE	ELLA L. MCCRAY	
6/17/19	19-P-227	JAMES THOMAS BURCHETT	SHARLENE BURCHETT	
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