

Bevin makes coal severance promise



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Gov. Matt Bevin speaks to the crowd gathered outside the Pike County Courthouse in April for the annual Hillbilly Days Stump Speaking event. Bevin announced Friday that, if elected, he will have 100 percent of coal severance funds collected sent back to the coal-producing counties. Currently, 50 percent of the funds collected go into the state's general fund.

BY NICOLE ZIEGE **A**PPALACHIAN **N**EWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — Gov. Matt Bevin, who lost Pike County in the Kentucky Republican primary gubernatorial election in May, made a new campaign promise to the people of Eastern Kentucky and coal-impacted counties on Friday.

Bevin announced that he would give 100 percent of Kentucky's coal severance dollars to coal counties in the 2020-2021 state budget if elected, according to a press release from his campaign. For the last 20 years, state revenue collected

from coal severance taxes has been split in half between the state general fund and coal counties. This would bring an additional \$30 million to Eastern Kentucky, according to Bevin's campaign.

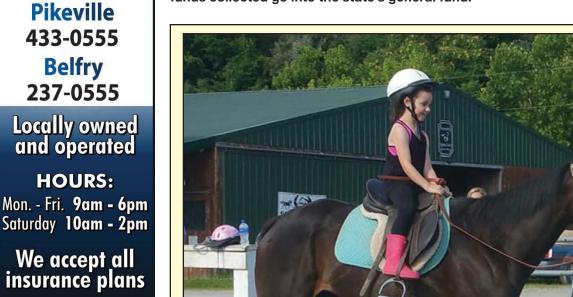
About \$11.4 million in remaining single county coal severance funds is currently distributed to coal counties in Eastern Kentucky each fiscal year, and about \$600,000 from the remaining coal severance funds is distributed each fiscal year to the Local Government Economic Assistance Fund, according to Kentucky's

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Celebrate the Fourth of July in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

residents Local have several activities to choose from when they're deciding how to celebrate Independence Day in Floyd County this week.





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Children learn skills at StoneCrest **Horse Camp**

Students flocked to Rocky Ridge Stables at the Prestonsburg Equine Center last week for the first-ever StoneCrest Horse Camp, hosted by Jessica Lee Lewis. Rocky Ridge is planning to host another camp for children this month. See story on Page 2A.



Star City Day will feature live music, arts and activities in downtown Prestonsburg on Thursday, July 4, while the cities of Martin and Wheelwright are also hosting community events and fireworks shows that day.

This weekend, the Left Beaver Fire Department will also host its fourth annual "Light Up the Night" celebration in Minnie, and several other activities are also planned, including performances at the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre and the Mountain Arts Center.

The lineup of activities includes the following events:

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Inmates indicted on assault, contraband charges

By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County grand jury sent a message with indictments issued last week against more than a dozen inmates accused

of assault, promoting contraband and other charges.

The Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney office released indictments issued by the tions officers and the rest grand jury against 16 in-

indicted for allegedly trying to start a fire at the jail, four of whom were or assaults on correcof whom are accused of

mates, one of whom was trying to bring drugs or other illegal contraband into the jail.

"It's something that indicted for alleged fights we're not going to let up on or stop," Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert said. "It don't matter who, what,

when or where. I think in the four-and-a-half years that I've been here, this should be about 230 or 240 indictments that we've got, and I'm not

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Horse show planned this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

There's been a lot of horsing around on Stone-Crest lately.

Earlier this year, the Prestonsburg City Council entered into a lease agreement with Sarah and Jason Rohr, owners of Rocky Ridge Stables, for the Prestonsburg Equine Center.

They officially opened at the equine center in March and have hosted numerous events since that time, including bi-monthly horse shows, weddings, horse boarding, a trail ride and, for the first time last week, the StoneCrest Horse Camp.

The camp, hosted by Jessica Lee Lewis, offered lessons about the

basics of horseback riding, responsible horsemanship and other skills. It also offered farm-related activities and projects for the campers, who came from throughout the region to attend.

"The kids had a wonderful time," Jason Rohr reported.

He reported that officials are working to host another camp at the stables during the last week of July, but a date has not yet been set.

It's one numerous activities hosted by Rocky Ridge Stables at Stone-Crest.

Rocky Ridge hosts horse shows there on the first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Hundreds of people attend these shows each month, Sarah Rohr recently told the

Prestonsburg City Council.

The next horse show will be held on July 6, Rohr reported, and it will feature pacing and pleasure classes, some with "guaranteed paybacks." Some of the trophies that will be given away stand five- and seven-ft. tall, he reported.

Admission to the horse shows is \$6 per person and free to children age 12 and under. Rocky Ridge also hosts a footrace for children during the intermission at these shows.

For details about the services and events hosted by Rocky Ridge Stables, visit its Facebook page or call, (606) 367-1386.



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Department of Local Government.

"Kentucky's coal counties are in the best position to determine how coal severance dollars should be spent in their local communities," Bevin said in a statement. "For the first time in Kentucky history, we are committing to return 100 percent of the coal severance money gener-

ated in the counties. This additional \$30 million will be used to meet local needs and spur economic development. This is how good government should work and I am proud to emphasize more local control of these funds."

Pike County Judge-Executive Ray Jones, a former state senator, expressed support for Bevin's campaign promise Friday.

"I fully support this decision," Jones said in

have been done years ago. I filed legislation to accomplish this as did other legislators, but we could never get it passed. This effort is vitally important for coal counties like Pike County that have lost nearly all of their coal severance tax revenue. Without a bigger share of the coal severance tax, many counties simply will not be able to provide essential services to their residents."

Bevin failed to gain a statement. "It should support from voters in

Pike County during the Kentucky Republican primary election in May. Pike County's voters backed his primary challenger Robert Goforth, with Bevin mustering 41.35 percent of the vote and Goforth pulling in 49.16 percent, according to the unofficial results for Pike County.

Bevin ultimately won the nomination statewide and will face Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear in the November general election.

Beshear's campaign responded to Bevin's new campaign promise, saying the promise is a desperate move to gain voters in coal counties.

"Faced with a tough re-election, Matt Bevin is desperately promising to take actions he has refused to take for the past four years," Beshear said in a statement. "This governor failed to create good-paying jobs in Eastern Kentucky, wages are falling, and coverage for pre-existing conditions

and public schools are under attack. He's failed to address the hepatitis A outbreak and even made it harder for coal miners with black lung to get the care they need. I'm focused on actually putting our working families first. That means Eastern Kentucky should not only gets their coal severance dollars, but we also need to create new jobs that pay a living wage and provide benefits like affordable health care and a secure retirement."



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Star City Day, Prestonsburg

Star City Day will return to Prestonsburg for July 4, with live music, arts and crafts, live painting, activities for children and vendors. It will be held from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the municipal parking lot.

The event, geared to highlight local artists and entrepreneurs, will feature booths by local entrepreneurs and artisans offering art, jewelry and other items, as well as food and "brews."

Live music will be provided by Bedford Band, Brandon Campbell and Nicholas Jamerson, who started Star City Day years ago.

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said this year's fireworks show, hosted by the Prestonsburg Fire Department, will be "second-to-none." The show is expected to start around 10 p.m. and will be best seen from downtown Prestonsburg. Stapleton reported that it will last approximately 30 minutes this year and will be "one of the best shows of all time."

4th of July Celebration, Martin

The City of Martin is bringing inflatables, live music, wrestling and fireworks for visitors on Independence Day.

The city's Fourth of July Celebration will start at 1 p.m., with inflatables for children and offer an evening of live music, beginning at 5 p.m.

The lineup includes Big Sandy Idol winner Kassidy Clatworthy at 5 pins Jr. on stage, Jen-

'Light Up the Night' in Minnie

Left Beaver Fire and Rescue will host its fourth annual Light Up the Night event this weekend at the Minnie ballpark.

The event will start at noon on Saturday, July 6, and feature food, inflatables, live music and a fireworks show at dark.

Attendees are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets.

Entertainment begins at 4 p.m. with Dakota and Megan, followed by Anthony Stumbo and Tommy Webb (5 p.m.), Austin Newman (6 p.m.), Troy Burchett (7 p.m.), Kassidy Clatworthy (8 p.m.), Teddi Leigh Cyrus (8:30 p.m.) and Bobby Cyrus (9 p.m.).

Other activities to enjoy this weekend

There are several other activities taking place this weekend, including the following events:

Friday, July 5

•7 p.m.: Front Porch Pickin,' Mountain Arts Center. Free admission

•8:15 p.m.: Mary Poppins Jr. on stage, Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Tickets are \$12

Saturday, July 6

•7:30 p.m.: Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry, Mountain Arts Center. Tickets are \$16 per adults, \$14 per senior citizens.

•7:30 p.m.: Rocky Ridge Stables to host horse show, StoneCrest. Admission is \$6 per adult, free to kids age 12 and under.

Sunday, July 7 •3 p.m.: Mary Popp.m., The Buzz at 6:15 ny Wiley Amphitheatre Park. Tickets are \$12.

Schmitt reappointed to PSC

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A former Floyd County Schools District attorney will serve another term on the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Gov. Matt Bevin recently re-appointed Michael J. Schmitt as the chairperson of the PSC.

Schmitt left his work at the Porter, Schmitt, Banks & Baldwin law firm in Paintsville — and his role as school board attorney in Floyd County - when Bevin appointed him to his first term as PSC chairman in 2016. Bevin's announcement



Mike Schmitt

about Schmitt's reappointment came a few days before Schmitt's term was set to expire on June 30. He will now continue serving as PSC chairman through July 1, 2023.

Schmitt, a University

of Kentucky College of member of the Mid-Atlan-Law graduate, is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association, has served as a special justice for the Kentucky Supreme Court, previously worked for the Kentucky League of Cities, the Kentucky Association of Counties and the Kentucky Department of Education. He's a member of the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissioners, serving on its Committee on Water and Subcommittee on Pipeline Safety. He also serves as second vice president of the Southeastern Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and as a

tic Conference of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

Schmitt serves on the PSC with Robert J. Cicero and Dr. Talina R. Mathews, the former executive director of the PSC.

The agency oversees public utilities in the state to ensure "that every utility customer receives fair and reasonable rates and that all services are adequate and efficient," a press release from the governor's office said. Utilities controlled by cities or political subdivisions are not regulated by the PSC.



p.m. and the tribute Jenny Wiley State Resort band, AC/DC Thunderstruck at 8 p.m. The city will host a BCW Wrestling match at 7 p.m.

Food vendors will also be set up downtown. The Martin Volun-

teer Fire Department will hosts is annual fireworks display at dark on July 4.

Independence Day in Wheelwright

Hundreds of people are expected to turnout in the City of Wheelwright on July 4 for the annual Independence Day celebration.

From 6 p.m. until dark, the city will offer free food and refreshments and activities for children.

The Wheelwright Fire Department will host the annual fireworks display at dark on July 4.

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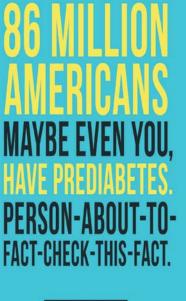
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Floyd tourism moves forward with river access project

By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission reported progress on a project that would provide a river access off of U.S. 23 in Floyd County last week.

The commission has discussed the possibility of developing a new river access for more than a year, and officials have been working for several months with a private landowner who owns property that the commission hopes to purchase or lease. Treasurer David Tackett said the property encompasses is finalized, the properabout an acre near the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, and it's located just off of U.S. 23 between Allen and Banner. He would not disclose the name of the property owner, as the transaction is pending.

In April, the commission gave Tackett the authority to spend up to \$10,000 to get a survey, design and appraisal needed on the property. On Thursday, June 27, he updated commission members about that work.

He reported the commission paid Bocook Engineering \$2,240 for the survey and engineering present, the commis-

work required on the property and he said a local appraiser donated an appraisal at no charge to the commission. The property has been appraised at \$4,250, he said.

He said the appraiser will reach out to the property owner to see if he/she will agree to sell it.

"It's up to them now to say, 'We'll take this,' or 'We'll donate it,' or whatever they want to do for us on that," Tackett said. "I will say that the appraiser donated his work to us so we don't have to pay him."

He said if the deal ty will be transferred to the Floyd County Fiscal Court. He said the property owner has requested that the area be fenced off if it is used as a boat access on the river.

"The fencing would be the last thing that'd we do," Tackett said. "So, anyway, we're further than we were. And, believe it or not, you wouldn't believe the people that have asked me when we're going to get this thing done."

The commission approved \$80,000 for the river access project in its 2019-2020 budget.



Floyd tourism commission members discuss topics on the agenda during a June 27 meeting. The group meets at 5 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the fiscal courtroom.

sion approved numerous items during the meeting, including:

•Approved the financial report, showing total funds of \$208,600.

•Spending \$5,225 to buy three billboards to advertise the golf course at Allen and \$2,500 to pay for fencing that's been installed there.

•Spending \$5,200 to pay for a stage that was built at the park at Minnie.

•Spending \$5,000 for With all members the fiscal court to map ATV trail routes in the

county.

•Spending \$50 for photography by Allen Bolling, \$1,000 for an advertising partnership with Prestonsburg Tourism at the Appalachian Wireless Arena in Pikeville and \$300 for a new pop-up display banner, reporting the one purchased last fall is broken.

•Spending \$2,800 for two full page ads in Kentucky Waterways and spending \$1,000 for memberships with two tourism agencies, Eastern Highlands North

Tourism Region and the agencies in the Kentucky Kentucky Travel Industry Association.

sponsor Floyd County Arts Center. The MAC retourism's participation quested a \$10,000 grant with other local tourism earlier this year.

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For starters, you'll want to determine what financial independence means to you. Is it the liberty to meet all your cash flow needs? The freedom to retire comfortably, at the age you choose? The ability to set up the kind of legacy you'd like to leave? If any or all of these things are important to you, consider the following suggestions:

· Liberate yourself from oppressive debts. The cost of living is certainly not cheap, so it's hardly surprising that so many people incur significant debt. Yet, the higher your debt load, the less you'll have available to invest for the future. Debt might be one of the biggest barriers you face on the road to your financial independence. To avoid piling on too much debt, live within your means. Take steps such as saving for a vacation, rather than putting it all on your credit card, and getting just one more year out of that old car. Look for bargains everywhere - and find out what you can live without. And if you have sizable debts, see if you can consolidate them and lower your interest payments.

· Free yourself from chaotic investing. The financial markets can be unpredictable - but that doesn't mean your investment moves have to be chaotic. So, for example, instead of responding to a sudden plunge in stock prices by selling stocks that still may be fundamentally sound with strong growth potential, you might be much better off by holding your ground. And you'll be in a better position to do nothing during periods of market volatility when you've already done something - namely, built an investment portfolio that reflects your goals, time horizon and risk tolerance. With this type of portfolio in place, you'll be in a good position to overlook the day-to-day fluctuations in the market and keep your focus on your long-term goals.

• Unleash the potential in your retirement plan. Your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan is a great way to save for retirement. You can contribute pre-tax dollars, so the more you put in, the lower your taxable income, and your earnings can grow tax deferred. (With a Roth 401(k), you put in after-tax dollars, but your withdrawals are tax-free, provided you meet certain conditions.) But despite these tax advantages, your 401(k)'s full potential won't be realized unless you fund it adequately. Try to contribute as much as you can afford each year and increase your contributions as your salary goes up. Another way to uncap your 401(k)'s potential is by choosing appropriate investments. Your 401(k) likely contains a dozen or more investment options, so you'll want a mix that offers the greatest possibilities for growth within the context of your personal risk tolerance

Gaining your financial independence requires time and commitment. But once you've achieved this freedom, you'll know it was worth the effort. And who knows? You might even want to wave a sparkler or two to celebrate.

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Edward **Jones** MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Editorial Happy birthday, America!

This week, we celebrate America's 243rd Independence Day, an annual observance that stems from the founding of our country.

On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence. That document declares that all men are "created equal" and "endowed by unalienable Rights" such as "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

lays out the case for the Judge of the World for break with Great Britain, reporting "that whenever any form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its Powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness."

It reads, "We, theretheir Creator with certain fore, the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress, Assembled, Section by section, it appealing to the Supreme

the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full Power to levy War, con-

Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all oth-INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm Reliance on the Protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our fortunes, and our sacred Honor."

It's been a while -243 years is quite a long while to be separated from the mindset of those who came together to eral holiday in 1941, and land they love and tell declare and publish those words for all of the world

clude Peace, contract to read. Yet America still America's independence stands, its own nation.

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That accomplisher Acts and Things which ment has come with overwhelming support of thousands of veterans, who have sacrificed their lives and put themselves at risk to guard our freedoms and keep us safe. It continues with their help today, and with the help of their families, who support them, and the help of our law enforcement this country. Educate officials, who risk their lives every day.

> July 4 became a fed-Americans have been celebrating it as a birth of

since that time with fireworks, festivals and parades. With all of that fun, it's easy to overlook what makes this holiday so important and so special in the first place. We hope you take the time this week to remember the history of it.

This year, we hope vou take the time to reflect on the founding of your kids about it.

Teach them how democracy came to this them why it matters.

GUEST COLUMN

U.S. Court of Appeals upholds Kentucky ethics law, sends strong signal to other states and Congress

By JOHN SCHAAF KENTUCKY LEGISLATIVE ETHICS COMMISSION

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit recently put its stamp of approval on Kentucky's legislative ethics law, sending a clear signal for strong public ethics laws across the nation.

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Schickel lost his lawsuit in a unanimous decision by a panel of judges appointed by Presidents G.W. Bush, Carter and Trump.

The federal court ruling is an important message to the other 49 states, hundreds of cities Kentucky's ethics law and counties and to the to influence state policy. was challenged in a law- U.S. Congress, that they Legislators did not have a suit filed by John Schick- can adopt strong ethics el, a state senator from laws like Kentucky's and help public officials and lobbyists avoid corrup-

ed state government in Frankfort. The General Assembly was a part-time afterthought, meeting for less than three months every other year.

The governor had all the power, so lobbyists and special interests went to the governor's office when they wanted significant role in governing the Commonwealth. Starting in the 1970's, legislators took more responsibility for making the state budget and other policies that affect their constituents. With increasing responsibility came more involvement with lobbyists.

lators, take them on trips, fund their campaigns and exert influence in ways not available to citizens and small businesses who don't have the resources to employ paid lobbyists.

In the early 1990's, when wining, dining, trips and cash were connected to public policy decisions, legislators and laws and the FBI investigated. Lives and careers were ruined, people went to prison and public confidence in the General all-time low. In 1993, the remaining members of the General Assembly passed the nation's strongest ethics law to change the culture

could wine and dine legis- in Frankfort and help future generations of legislators, lobbyists and citizens avoid the type of corruption that undermines the public's faith in government.

Kentucky's law bans lobbyists from giving campaign contributions to legislators and legislative candidates. That means our state's legislative tributions for legislators, elections do not include lobbyists broke federal the outrageous money chasing that Washington D.C. lobbyists and members of Congress engage in on a year-round basis.

are handled by committees of members who are judging their legislative colleagues, creating a public perception that legislators are not held to a high ethical standard.

In 2014, the General Assembly strengthened the legislative ethics law to prohibit lobbyists from soliciting campaign conprohibit PAC contributions during legislative sessions and strictly prohibit lobbyists and their employers from paying for meals, beverages and trips for individual legislators.

In his lawsuit, Schickel claimed he has a right tion. under the U.S. Constitution to accept lobbyist-funded meals, beverages and campaign contributions, all of which are prohibited by Kentucky's ethics law, enacted 26 years ago in the state's 1891 Constitution,

To understand why Kentucky is a national leader in legislative ethics, it's helpful to know some history:

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There were very few ethics rules, so lobbyists

The 1993 law also Assembly plunged to an created the independent Legislative Ethics Commission, which includes nine citizens and no sitting legislators. In every other state and the U.S. Congress, ethics issues

Schickel was the only one of 138 legislators to vote against the stronger ethics law.

When he lost that vote in the Legislature, Schickel went to federal court, claiming he has a constitutional right to take meals, beverages and campaign contributions from lobbyists.

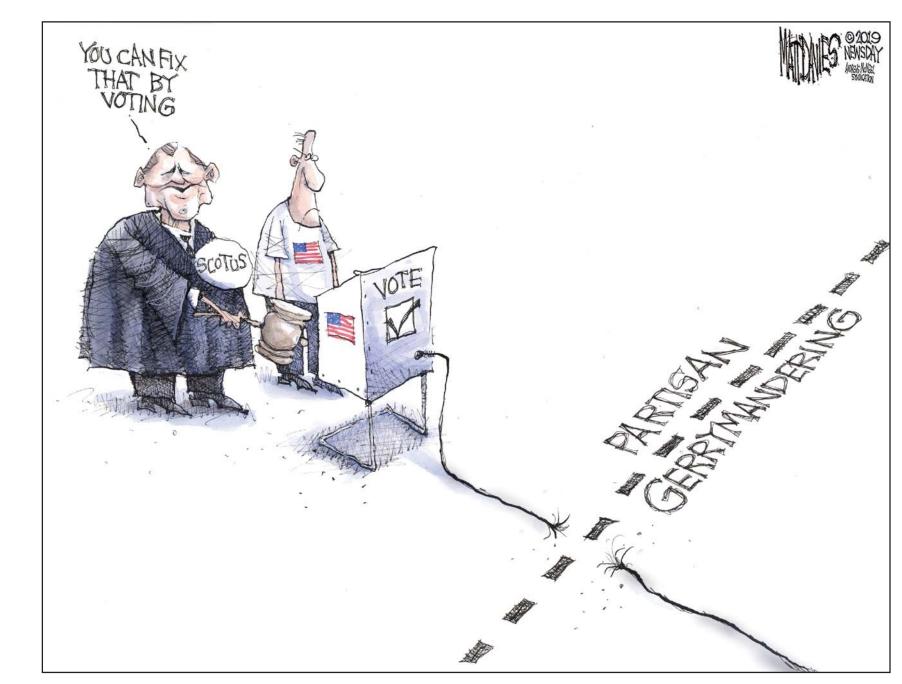
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going to stop. I mean, I know it will never stop, but I'm not going to let up, either. It's just something that we're trying to do to make the jail safer, erode drugs and everything."

Halbert said officials will seek stiff penalties in these cases, particularly in cases in which inmates are accused of assaulting officers.

"If we have an assault on an officer ... we'll see that those are prosecuted to the fullest," Halbert said. "And we will not let up and we will not give in. They'll get the maximum amount of whatever we can do by law for those. That's something that will not be tolerated."

The jail now has cameras in every cell, he reported, and the videos will be used to prosecute inmates when incidents occur. He's been pushing Floyd County judges to sentence inmates convicted on assaults so that their sentence runs consecutive to time they get in other cases.

"I'm not going to stop and my staff aren't going to," Halbert said. "That's what we're actually trying to do is to send a message to them and let them know that it's not going stop."

Keson Lee, 21, of Detroit, Michigan, was indicted on one count of first-degree arson, a Class D felony, for allegedly trying to start a fire at the jail in April. According to documents filed when Lee was initially arrested on the charge, he allegedly piled up toilet paper and notebook paper at the door of his cell and used an legedly hitting Deputy Jailer Justin Isaac in March, causing him to fall and hit his head.

Darrell Hill, 34, of Melvin, was indicted for third-degree assault of a corrections officer and for allegedly being a persistent felony offender in the first-degree. He was arrested at the jail in March for allegedly punching Deputy Jailer William Henegar four times on March 27. The persistent felony offender charge, which could increase his sentence if he is convicted, alleges he has been convicted of at least two other felonies.

Kevin Moore, 29, of Hi Hat, was also indicted for third-degree assault of a corrections officer and for allegedly being a persistent felony offender in the second-degree.

The assault charge was filed for an alleged incident that occurred in January, during which Moore is accused of assaulting deputy jailers Tyler Musick and McKay McFaddin.

Joshua Henson, 34, of Myra in Pike County, was indicted on one count of second-degree assault and one count of first-degree wanton endangerment following an alleged fight that occurred at the jail.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court when Henson was initially arrested, he allegedly got into an altercation in March with another inmate, James Hall. Hall received a broken jaw during the fight and multiple stitches in his head, the court record says.

The cases in which inmates were indicted for allegedly promoting contraband include the last week for first-degree following:

contraband, promoting first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree persistent felony offender

•Mark Tackett, 31, of Beaver; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree persistent felony offender

•Joshua Yates, 29, of Printer; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Slone, 40, Justin of Garret; first-degree contraband, promoting first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree persistent felony offender

•Misty Lamartz, 34, of Teaberry; first- and second-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence

•Heather Slone, 37, of Water Gap; first-degree promoting contraband

•Bertle Bailey, 42, of Hueysville; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree persistent felony offender

•Jonathan Howell, 36, of Beaver; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree persistent felony offender

•Belinda Shelton, 43, of Martin; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree persistent felony offender

The grand jury also indicted several people

Police: Grethel resident arrested for falsely reporting murders

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County man was arrested Friday afternoon after allegedly sending local law enforcement officers on a frantic "all units respond" call to find the shooter responsible for at least three murders at a home in Grethel.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department arrested Jimmy Hall, 35, of Grethel, following the incident. He is charged with falsely reporting an incident and public intoxication (controlled substance)

Floyd County The Sheriff's Department, the Kentucky State Police and Lifequard Ambulance were called to the scene on Friday, June 28, after Hall allegedly reported that at least three people were dead and three other people were barricaded at his home on Hall Branch in Grethel.

There were no murders in this case, however, and Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt said Hall was allegedly high on drugs.

"Thank God it didn't happen," he said.

Hunt said Hall first reported that his five-yearold son had been killed.

"He first called and said that his own son had been shot," Hunt said. "When police got there, he ran out there telling them there were bodies in the house and several people were killed."

Deputies responding to that call issued an alert seeking help from all units on duty and Lifeguard Ambulance and Kentucky State Police also responded. Upon investigation, however, officers "cleared" the home, reporting no shooting had taken place there.

among several false reports that local police of-

ficers have received lately from people who are high on drugs.

"We're getting more and more of these phone calls where people are saying somebody's after them, somebody's trying to kill them ... You can't afford to not take it somewhat serious. Now, you get to the point where you wonder when you get a call if this is just another druggie," Hunt said.

He said calls like these are dangerous for law enforcement because of the state of mind these individuals are in at the time. He said there have been calls which result in deputies investigating calls about people who are hallucinating, running through the hills with guns, claiming that someone else with a gun is chasing them.

"You never know Hunt said this call is what these people are thinking," he said.

Charlie Daniels to perform at **Appalachian Wireless Arena**

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

Appalachian Wireless Arena announced a country show aimed at bringing a legendary act to the area.

According to a state-

ment issued recently, the Appalachian Wireless Arena will host The Charlie Daniels Band at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 26. Opening acts will include The Kentucky Headhunters and Kyle Daniel.

\$38.50, \$48.50 and \$58.50, will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday.

To obtain tickets, visit the Community Trust Bank Box Office, Ticketmaster.com or by phone at, (800) 745-3000.

Tickets, which are



e-cigarette battery to start a fire.

"He then got a town and covered his nose and mouth and sit down on his mat," Lt. Parker DeRossett wrote in the arrest citation. Halbert said Lee was inside an isolation cell when the fire started and it was detected with a video camera.

Shawn Hamilton, 32, of Harold, was indicted for third-degree assault of a corrections officer, a Class D felony, for al-

 Stephanie Little, 35, of Weeksbury; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

•Randa Hamilton, 26, of Harold; first-degree contraband, promoting first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree persistent felony offender

•Jesse Keathley, 32, of Galveston; first-degree

bail jumping. They include Criscella Robinette, 26, of Pikeville, Shawn D. Wright, 40, of Martin, Banner, died Wednesday, Brittany Hall, 25, of Prestonsburg and Michael Ray Bailey, 37, of Prestonsburg. If convicted, those individuals face a sentence of between one and five years.

Editor's note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the de- under the direction of fendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

Bernice Brown

Bernice Brown, 92, of June 26, 2019.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 30, at Funeral Nelson-Frazier Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Tackett Fork Cemetery, Beaver.

Arrangements were Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Steve Birchel Conley

Steve Birchel Conley, 67, of Garrett, died Friday, June 28, 2019.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 2, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Conley Family Cemetery, Garrett.

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

Sandra Stambaugh

Sandra K. Hall Stambaugh, 60, of McDowell, died Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 1, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in Gethesane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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

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legislators a daily salary plus \$163.90 a day, seven days a week, for meals and lodging when the General Assembly is in session. Taxpayers pay so their legislators will not have to rely on outside interests to pay their legislative expenses.

During the interim between sessions, Schickel and all legislators receive a salary and are reimbursed for meals, mileage and lodging for each day they attend a legislative meeting, plus they receive \$1,788.51 per month to pay for other legislative expenses. Also, Schickel and 137 others have won legislative elections without receiving campaign money from lobbyists who are paid to influence them on public policy.

In response to Schickel's lawsuit, Ken-

paid \$37,000 (and more if Schickel appeals) for the Attorney General to defend the ethics law.

Fortunately, at this point, Schickel has lost and Kentucky's ethics law is strengthened by the powerful ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals that our state's law is consistent with the U.S. Constitution.

For 26 years, the ethics law has helped Kentucky avoid the legtucky taxpayers have islative corruption that has plagued most other states. In those years, no Kentucky legislator has been indicted or convicted for misusing his or her public office, while dozens of legislators in other states have gone to prison.

All Kentuckians can be proud of that record. In light of the federal court ruling, the U.S. Congress and state and local governments across the country can seriously consider creating new ethics laws and strengthening their current laws to help prevent corruption.

John Schaaf is Executive Director of the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission and his email address is John. Schaaf@LRC.ky.gov





PMC CEO: 'A lot of great things happening'

By AUSTIN BLANKENSHIP APPALACHIAN **N**EWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE _ Recently Pikeville Medical Center announced the opening of its new clinic location in South Williamson. However, hospital CEO Donovan Blackburn urges everyone to "stay tuned" because, according to him, great things are happening, as PMC continues working towards increasing its footprint in the region to ensure patients all over are provided with the same "world-class" healthcare.

"I've made the promise from day one that any time there is something going on in our organization, we want to make certain we update our employees and patients first." Blackburn said. "Pikeville Medical Center has made a tremendous investment in quality of care here, specifically at our Pikeville campus.

"But we have over 450,000 people in our service area," he added.

According to Blackburn, that number is all within a 45-mile radius. More specifically he said, 75 percent of the hospital's business is represented by five markets: Whitesburg, Prestonsburg, South Williamson, Martin and Pikeville, in which he said the hospital has focused making investments to let those in PMC's service area know just what type of service it provides.

"When we talk about investments we've looked at, Pikeville is obvious, because we're already here," he said. "But Martin and Whitesburg, we've made investments with our clinics in Martin, which we opened and are doing well.

"And then again, we bought the Super 8 Hotel in Whitesburg and we opened that, which we just had an open house for recently and we were very warmly received by the community," he added.

According to Blackburn, the Martin clinic sees a little bit of primary care, with more specialty services in Whitesburg, something he said, helps support a lot of the hospital's partners in those and other areas, as having a strong network of partners ensures the best care for patients throughout different markets.

"Whitesburg for example, we have a lot of great partners over there, like Dr. Van Breeding and the group that do a lot of wonderful things for that market," Blackburn said. "And of course we have a lot of others throughout the area.

"We're very appreciative of those markets and the patients we've been able to serve over the years and we'll continue to serve, and that is being proven because our business continues to grow exponentially."

PMC has been focused on a couple of markets recently, he said. The first being South Williamson, which the hospital announced Wednesday, was relocating its clinic and moving it inside the Southside Mall. The 20,000-squarefoot location will be in the former Magic Mart and will be used for primary and speciality care, with Blackburn alluding to the possibility of urgent care. It has a target opening date of opening on Sept. 30.

The hospital had previously bought an 8,500-square-foot module unit and placed it on a property beside of Food City and across from Walmart in South Williamson. However, Blackburn said he had concern that even though it was a great, highly visible location, at a great price, parking was going to be an issue.

"We were sort of restricted," he said. "We were looking at some off campus parking, so that our patients would have preferential parking, but we didn't want to put our employees in the position because, just as our patients are, our employees extremely importare ant."

Because of the concerns and the fact that the hospital didn't want to open something and have to redo it, "We want

to do it right the first as it has with its other moving to floor 5E of the time," Blackburn said. So, PMC went back to the board and that's when the opportunity to move inside the mall arose.

"We put the module unit specifically on that location, because I knew, whether it be a year, two years, or five years, we would outgrow that location." he said. "That's why we wanted to be able to pick that thing up and move it somewhere."

That brings the hospital's other recent focus market to the forefront. The module unit will be moving from its current location to its new home of Prestonsburg and will be PMC's first urgent care facility in the area, which is a "wonderful" market, according to Blackburn, who said the hospital did the some market research and the people in that market think very highly of the services PMC offers its patients.

"Prestonsburg and South Williamson are almost comparable in markets," Blackburn said. "We have a tremendous amount of patients, we get a lot of transfer and referral business, so we have great partnerships with other hospitals and other physicians in those markets, as a whole."

The hospital acquired two pieces of property in downtown Prestonsburg, one of which was purchased from the city, because the hospital, just

market areas, wanted to be apart of the community and helps support other local business.

"One of the things we're focused on in our market area is, it's just not about having a facility there," Blackburn said. "It's about being in the right location, and what I mean by being in the right location, it's about being a member of the community."

Blackburn said everything is finished with the Prestonsburg location, and the only thing left to do is dissembling the module and hauling it from South Williamson to Prestonsburg, which will begin in the middle of July and will be open the same date as the South Williamson clinic, on Sept. 30.

According to Blackburn, the additions to these markets will help create jobs and opportunities for the respective areas, but most importantly its about the healthcare.

"Its's about providing world-class healthcare in a Christian environment," he said. "But it's also about being in the right location and supporting other businesses, because they're supporting US."

Another move, Blackburn said that will be coming by Sept. 30, is the moving of PMC's pain clinic, which will be hospital's main campus from its current location. He then shifted gears to the recent hospital announcement, regarding PMC adding a specialty pharmacy program that will be coming to the main campus.

"I made the announcement just this week," Blackburn said. "We're getting ready to go into a specialty pharmacy program."

That program will create more jobs, said Blackburn, while also providing a different type of service that the hospital has never provided before.

"It keeps people at home and makes it more convenient for them," he said. "So, by the end of the year we'll be in the specialty pharmacy business.

"There's been a lot of decisions that's been made to do what we need to do, which is to make sure we're taking care of our patients in their own home areas, in ways that are beneficial to them," he added.

Blackburn said that once these moves are finished and the hospital makes sure it is providing the best care possible for that 75 percent customer market, PMC will take a deep breath and then get back to work looking to continue expanding its already large footprint throughout the region.

Floyd Fiscal court approves new budget

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

penses of \$17.5 million in all funds, with \$7 million allotted in the gen-

management and 911.

The \$17.5 million budget is about \$500,000

from taxes, with more rowed money, \$400,000 than \$2.4 million coming from property and motor The Floyd County eral fund, \$3.9 million less than the most re-vehicle taxes, \$1 million collections, insurance premium tax, \$100,000 from the transient room tax, \$30,000 from a telecommunications tax, \$200,000 from coal severance taxes, \$970,000 from mineral severance taxes and \$50,000 from an occupa-Martin County.

for housing state prisoners, \$2.3 million in trash

During the meeting, the fiscal court also held the first reading of \$400,000 an ordinance that would Fiscal Court approved its allotted in the road fund, cent fiscal year. It re- coming from the county's from the transportation amend the county's adcrease the competitive bidding threshold to increase from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The increase is permitted via a new state law. The ordinance will become effective if it is approved during a second reading.

2019-2020 budget during \$2.4 million allotted in a June 28 meeting.

There were no changbudget since it was presented for the first reading at a May 24 meeting. The second reading was approved without discussion from fiscal court loan, \$1.6 million in the members.

total revenues and ex-

the jail fund, \$1.85 million allotted in the Local es in the line items on the Government Economic Assistance Fund, about \$34,700 in state and federal grants, \$330,000 in federal disaster funding, \$16,000 from a revolving water and sewer fund The budget reports (construction) fund and

\$367,000 for emergency

flects a \$1.7 million decrease in the county's general fund, a \$200,000 increase in the Local Government Economic Assistance Fund and an \$800,000 increase in the road fund over the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which ended on June 30.

According to the budget, the fiscal court will receive most of its funds

Other revenues include \$10,000 in bor-

cabinet, \$1.4 million in ministrative code to inroad aid, \$300,000 from the Administrative Office of the Courts and, among other revenues, \$1 million in Local Government Economic Development grants.

The county expects tional tax that is split with to carry more than \$2.4 million from this fiscal year into the new fiscal year.



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Fiscal court accepts higher bids for pipes

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

When the Floyd County Fiscal Court opened bids for gravel, asphalt and other items earlier this month, officials decided to table awards for pipe, reporting that a spreadsheet would be developed so they can be reviewed.

The fiscal court ap-

meeting, voting to spend more money for some types of pipes.

In the plastic pipe categories, an out-of-county company, Kentucky Supply, was the low-bidder in five size categories, while Drains Unlimited of Prestonsburg was the low bidder in three size cateaories.

In the metal pipe catproved the awards for egories, Kentucky Sup-

pipes during a June 28 ply was the low-bidder in 11 size categories, while Drains Unlimited was the low bidder in six categories

> The fiscal court unanimously voted to approve the bids from Drains Unlimited, with officials reporting that the other company could not be contacted to clarify whether its bid included the cost of delivering the pipe to Floyd County.

"What we have, guys, is Kentucky Supply, they're a high bidder, or excuse me, low bidder, on a couple of pipes. Drains Unlimited is the low bidder on a couple of pipes," Judge-Executive Robbie Williams said. "We called Kentucky Supply probably for four days. We can't get a return call from them. We wanted to make sure that they understood that the bids were for delivery

on the pipes. They haven't called back. So, I'm going to make a suggestion that we go with Drains Unlimited."

"We got to have pipe. We got to have pipe," Magistrate Mike Tackett said prior to the vote.

Drains Unlimited had the lowest prices for 15inch plastic pipe (\$6.85 per foot), 18-inch (\$16.25 per foot) and 30-inch (\$21.65 per foot).

That company also had the highest prices bid in five categories.

Compared to bids provided by Kentucky Supply, the county will be paying 65 cents more per ft. for 12-inch plastic pipe, four cents more per ft. for 24-inch pipe, \$4.75 more per ft. for 36-inch pipe, \$5.45 more per ft. for 48inch pipe, and \$6.50 more per ft. for 60-inch plastic pipe.

Pikeville man accused of endangering children

Court documents detail widespread chaos in wake of party, minors being allowed to drink, use drugs **AN APPALACHIAN**

PIKEVILLE — A investigation involving the second-degree unlawful resulted in the arrest last Wednesday evening of a Pikeville man on several charges of unlawful transaction with a minor and endangering children.

Anthony Baker, 51, was arrested by Pikeville Police on June 26 at his residence on Hamb-

Newspapers Staff Report two charges of endangering the welfare of a minor, two charges of Pikeville Police Depart- transaction with a minor, ment and other agencies a charge of third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor and a charge of second-degree wanton endangerment linked to several incidents involving Baker and children, including his own minor son, attending parties and allegedly using drugs.

ley Boulevard in Pikev- documents, the inves-

Pikeville Police Department began investigating a potential case of human trafficking involving Baker and allegations of minor females being brought in from Louisville and from out-of-state.

During the course of the investigation, court documents show, investigators became aware of parties being held at Baker's residence involving his minor son.

During one of the According to court parties, court documents said, investigators noted

ille on charges including tigation began as the underage drinking going on and Baker's son being present. The investigator wrote in the warrant that he obtained photos of marijuana blunts being rolled during the party and a photo of Baker's son with a blunt in his mouth.

> In late May, court documents said, police were called to a party at Baker's residence at 5:30 a.m. and arrived to find approximately 50 people in the parking lot causing a disturbance.

In the ensuing cha-

os of the officers' arrival, the warrant said, people fought with police and each other and police chased several party-goers on foot. Baker, the warrant said, came out of the residence and started a disturbance. When police attempted to arrest him, the documents said, he resisted.

disorder, the The warrant said, was so large that the Pikeville Police Department's first shift had to be called in to help.

parties and other issues, documents said, Baker allowed his son to become truant by not forcing him to attend school for more than a month of total missed days.

According to investigators, if parents have concerns about the potential of their child attending parties or being involved in this situation, they're asked to call the Pikeville Police Department at, (606) 437-5111.

The investigation is continuing.

In addition to the

'Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine' Local police join speed enforcement blitz

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several local police departments are participating in a statewide "speed enforcement blitz" this month.

"Obey the Sign or Pay the Fine" will be observed across the state through July 13.



iff's Office and Pikeville more than 32 percent of twice as likely to result in Police Department.

According to KOHS Acting Executive Director Jason Siwula, speed limits are established by Kentucky statutes.

"These limits are put in place to protect all road users," said Siwula. "Driving over the limit greatly reduces a driver's ability to steer safely to save lives." around another vehicle, unexpected curve."

crashes in Kentucky involve a speeding or aggressive driver.

"We frequently hear from officers and Troopers that they would rather write a ticket than make a death notification," said Siwula. "I assure you that the goal is not to write tickets, but According to the Naa hazardous object or an tional Highway Traffic Safety Administration, According to the a crash on a road with KOHS, crash reports and a speed limit of 65 mph citation data indicates or greater is more than

a fatality than a crash on a road with a speed limit of 45 or 50 mph, and nearly five times as likely as a crash on a road with a speed limit of 40 mph or below.

Funds for the campaign were provided by NHTSA and distributed by KOHS to law enforcement agencies that applied and were approved for full-year grants. Each grantee was provided a map showing locations of speed-related crashes within their jurisdictions.

of Highway Safety (KOHS) is partnering with law enforcement agencies across the state to host the campaign, which, a press release said, "in-

The Kentucky Office tensifies enforcement of speed violators, with an emphasis on roadways with a high number of speed-related crashes." Local police depart-

ments that are partici-

pating in the campaign include the Prestonsburg Police Department, Kentucky State Police, Hazard Police Department, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, Pike County Sher-



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KDMC donates AED to Floyd Sheriff

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

On Friday, June 28, King's Daughters Health System and King's Daughters Health Foundation presented 25 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) to 14 community agencies throughout its service area, including the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

AEDs are medical devices that can deliver an electrical shock to an individual suffering from sudden cardiac arrest, a condition that affects more than 350,000 incredibly supportive." Americans each year.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Thacker traveled to Ashland on Friday to pick up the department's new AED. Devices were also distributed to law enforcement and schools in Ashland, Greenup. Portsmouth, Westwood and Wurtland.

The kits include the defibrillator, two batteries, adult and pediatric pads and a hard-shell Cann said. "Projects like carrying case.

King's Daughters AED donations were made possible through the generosity of King's Daughters team members, who purchased special Heart

Month T-shirts, water bottles and grocery tote bags in January and February. More than \$21,000 was raised through the sales, the hospital reported.

"Our team members are among the most generous and enthusiastic people to be found anywhere," said Scott Hill, executive director of community engagement for King's Daughters. "When we announced proceeds from the T-shirt sale would be used to buy AEDs for the community, our team members were

King's Daughters purchasing department negotiated a discounted price for the Philips HeartStart defibrillator kits, which normally sell for \$2,000 each. The hospital's health foundation oversaw the application and donation process.

"We were thrilled to sponsor and facilitate this project," Foundation President Kim Mcthis one, along with our support of King's Daughters mobile health units, scholarships for high school students, and the Oncology Center of Excellence are just a few of



Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Thacker accepts an AED that was donated to the department by King's Daughters Health System and King's Daughters Health Foundation in Ashland on June 28.

the ways the Foundation community."

Only about 10 percent of people who experience a sudden cardiac arrest outside of a hospital setting survive, the hospital reported in a press release.

Sudden cardiac armakes a difference in the rests occur when the heart starts beating erratically, often quickly and with little effect. A heart attack occurs with a part of the heart muscle doesn't receive the oxygen it needs to function and begins to die.

Heart attacks often come with symptoms, such as shortness of breath or chest pain. Sudden cardiac arrest does not. Its victims suddenly lose consciousness, stop breathing and show no signs of life. Although CPR can help, the only

way to restore regular heart rhythm to someone in sudden cardiac arrest is through a shock to the heart. In the community, this is best achieved through a device called an automated external defibrillator, or AED, the hospital reported.

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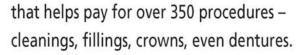
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'Summer Scrubs' camp held

Highlands Regional Medical Center, in partnership with the Area Health Education Center, hosted its three-day Summer Scrubs camp recently for middle and high school students who are interested in health care careers. Campers learned about the hospital's radiology and lab departments, learned how to suture and how to swab themselves for bacteria during a microplate demonstration.

Submitted photos



Free summer meals this month

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

•12:35 p.m.: Branham Heights •12:50 p.m.: Warco



Floyd County Schools is wrapping up its Lunch, Literacy and Learning program on July 5, but the school district will still offer free summer meals throughout the month at several locations.

These meals are free Hills to children up to age 18 and no registration is required. They will be provided at the following times and locations:

Through July 26, week days (excludes July 4)

•8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Stumbo Elementary, Prestonsburg Elementary and South Floyd Elementary

•11:10 a.m.: Wesley Christian and Cliffside •11:30 a.m.: Archer

Park.

•11:45 a.m.: Wheelwright Park

Beaver Townhouses •12:20 p.m.: Dixie Apartments

Apartments

•1:10 p.m.: Grigsby Heights and Highlands Heiahts

•1:15 p.m.: Weeksbury Community Center •1:30 p.m.: Pageant Hill

•1:45 p.m.: Indian

•2:05 p.m.: Ivy Creek Townhouses

•2:10 p.m.: Green Akers •2:45 p.m.:

Creekside •2:50 p.m.: Regency

Apartments •3:20 p.m.: D's Gro-

cery

July 8-9

•8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): The former Allen Central High School

July 8-12

•8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): •12:05 p.m.: Left May Valley Elementary •6:15 p.m.: Praise

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Welcome Baby Little



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Meshana Linn Ray and Weston Kyle Little, of Wheelwright, announces the birth of their daughter, Kiaya Joleigh Little. She was born on April 23, 2019 at 7:50 a.m. at the Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville. She weighed 6 pounds 2 ounces and was 19.4 inches long. Her maternal grandparents are Johnny and Shawntel Ray on London, and paternal grandparents Eddie and Betty Little of Wheelwright.



MEALS

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Assembly, Watergap

July 12 and July 17-18 •8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Floyd Central

> July 15-17 •5 p.m.: McDowell

First Baptist Church

•8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Duff-Allen Central Elementary

July 25-26 •5:45 p.m.: River of Life Church, Teaberry

GREEN

July 17

Drop-in for Science features activities for parents and children,

Monday, July 1-Fri- East Kentucky Science

Community Events

day, July 5 •12 p.m. to 5:30 Archer Park p.m.: Swimming Pool open to the public

July 1-3

•8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at May Valley Elementary. All meals are free to kids up to age 18. No registration required.)

Tuesday, July 2

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center hosts the "Back to Basics" summer daycamp with several activities for children. \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. (606) 889-8260

•1:15 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.: Activities for children ages one to six at Warco Housing, Langley, offered through the Floyd County Schools Literacy & Learning program. Parents must attend. Free.

•6 p.m.: Floyd **Beekeepers** County meet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

Wednesday, July 3 • 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.:

Center.

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

Thursday, July 4

•1 p.m. until dark: City of Martin to host its Fourth of July Celebration with inflatables opening at 1 p.m., Big Sandy Idol winner Kassidy Clatworthy performing at 5 p.m., BCW Wrestling at 7 p.m., The Buzz band performing at 6:15 p.m. and the tribute band AC/DC Thunderstruck performing at 8 p.m. All concerts are free. Fireworks will begin at dark.

•5 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Star City Day in down-Prestonsburg, town featuring live music, live painting, arts and crafts vendors, business vendors, activities for children. The Prestonsburg Fire Department will start the fireworks show at 10 p.m.

•6 p.m. until dark: City of Wheelwright to host its annual Independence Day Celebration in the park, featuring free food and refreshments, activities for children and fireworks at dark.





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Ord, of McDowell, are of McDowell and the late pleased to announce Daniel Ord and Maudie the engagement of their daughter, Chelsea Nicole, to Kyle Walker, son of of London.

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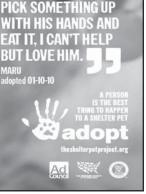
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Kyle is the grandson Johnny and Shawntel Ray of the late Jerry W, Robinette and Denise Robi-Chelsea is a 2012 nette of Virginia Beach, Va., Rosetta Collins of London, and Larry Ray and the late Wanda Ray of Wheelwright.

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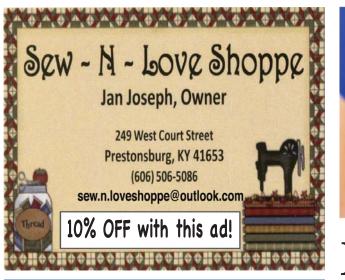
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As fun as July 4th festivities typically are, injuries, particularly those involving fireworks, are a concern that celebrants should not take lightly. An estimated 11,000 people visited the emergency room for fireworks-related injuries in 2016, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. However, fireworks aren't the only danger this time of year. In order to remain safe, individuals can heed these tips.

 Do not drink and drive. Alcohol consumption may

accompany Independence Day festivities. For those planning on using a car to get to and from parties, it is essential to designate a driver who will not imbibe. Otherwise, utilize any number of ridesharing services or available taxis.

· Swim smartly. Always swim with a buddy, and consider hiring a lifeguard if you'll be hosting a pool party and cannot keep a watchful eye on guests in the pool. Adults also should not swim intoxicated, as it can impede the ability to stay afloat and may lead to risky behaviors. · Leave fireworks to the

professionals. Watch a public fireworks display instead of lighting fireworks on the street or in the back-

yard.

 Exercise caution with sparklers. Kids running around with sparklers in hand could be a recipe for disaster, as sparklers burn extremely hot. Make sure children do not wave them around or others can get burned. Keep a bucket of water handy to properly extinguish the sparklers. Review safe boating

practices. If July 4th festivities find you out on the water, be sure that life jackets are worn and set boating and water safety rules for the family.

 Check in with a vet. The Fourth of July can be traumatic for pets not accustomed to fireworks and other loud noises or crowds. Behavior therapy, medication and ensuring that pets do not run away from home and get lost may be necessary.

· Watch food temperatures. Do not leave food out in the hot sun for too long; otherwise, harmful bacteria can grow and potentially cause foodborne illnesses. The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service says to never leave food out of refrigeration for more than two hours. If the temperature is above 90 F, food should not be left out for more than one hour.

These are some of the safety strategies that can keep Independence Day celebrations both safe and enjoyable.









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Kash comes home



Kash Daniel (left) is met by Paintsville mayor and legendary coach Bill Mike Runyon (right) Wednesday morning at the Paintsville Rec Center.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

BY RANDY WHITE **REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR**

The Big Blue Caravan rolled into Paintsville Wednesday morning.

The caravan delivered the Citrus Bowl trophy and four University of Kentucky football players, including Paintsville's own Kash Daniel.

"It means a lot to me because I get to bring three of my best friends back here with me to see my hometown," Kash Daniel said. "They get to hear about it a bunch. I talk about it so much. Being in Lexington and

To see all of these kids come out here, I got to talk to a bunch of Little League and Cal Ripken kids and see them and their parents and talk to them about having fun playing baseball and whatever sport they're playing to cherish it because it goes by so fast. To see these kids come in here and have a smile on their face and for us four to come here and give back to Paintsville and the people of Paintsville, it really means a lot to me and I couldn't be happier to be back."

Kash Daniel will be entering his senior season at UK.

solo tackles and a sack last season. The Wildcats finished with a 10-3 record and won the Citrus Bowl with a 27-24 win over Penn State on New Year's Day.

For an hour and 1/2, the residents of Johnson County and Paintsville came out to show support of Kash Daniel and his teammates.

"It goes hand-in-hand," Kash Daniel said. "Just like I tell everybody when I come back, wherever you go you always see a UK T-shirt, a UK flag, a UK bumpersticker, it's bleed Big Blue country down here. The people of Eastern the last couple of years. To come down here and be able to give back and say, 'UK is coming to you guys instead of you guys coming to UK,' is really special and means a lot to us and we are really glad we were able to do it."

Daniel was joined by teammates Jamin Davis, Terry Wilson and Deandre Square.

"It was wonderful," Terry Wilson said. "It's just a great feeling to be out here with Kash (Daniel) and see his hometown and see how much it means to him. When we were walking up here he was just going on about the

it was a good ride out here to nanny's kitchen. get some good support."

Daniel's father Scott Daniel and his nanna Paige Daniel were there to support Kash as well.

"I'm extremely proud of Kash and I'm extremely proud of the entire Kentucky football team because it's a team effort," Paige Daniel said. "He grew up around a ball. A baseball, a basketball, a football, it was always a ball. I'm just really proud of Kash, he's done so well. Hopefully his health will continue and they won't kill him. I always told him, 'Kash, they're trying to kill you.' He's done well." Kash Daniel only had one place in mind to go eat while back in his hometown - his

"My nanna's kitchen," Daniel said. "I don't usually eat out when I'm back home. I usually eat breakfast, lunch and dinner there. I eat a lot when I'm in Lex, but when I'm back here, I like a good home cooked meal."

There were plenty of other familiar faces there to see Kash Daniel and his teammates.

"This is a big honor for the city of Paintsville," Paintsville mayor and legendary basketball coach Bill Mike Runyon said. "For a small town like us to have a kid like Kash Daniel who's made it as big as he has, it's a real good

me from Kentucky, they get to hear about me a lot. They get to see wild west Paintsville, I guess. It's pretty fun.

Kash Daniel had a big junior season for the Wildcats. The starting linebacker had 84 total tackles including 42

Kentucky have done an unbelievable job of supporting UK athletics, of supporting me and my teammates over

baseball field and about all of the memories he had on that field. It's cool to see that and I've never been out here, so

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ABOVE: University of Kentucky quarterback Terry Wilson laughs with Kyler Salyers Wednesday morning at the Paintsville Rec Center. The Wildcats came to the Paintsville Rec Center last week with the Big Blue Caravan. Wilson was the starting guarterback last season and the Wildcats had a 10-3 record and won the Citrus Bowl last season.

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Gearheart named June Buchanan head coach

By Steve LeMaster SPORTS WRITER

PIPPA PASSES — Former Prestonsburg head coach Brandon Gearheart is set to guide another boys' high school basketball program. Gearheart was announced as the new head coach of the June Buchanan School boys' basketball program on Tuesday.

A Floyd County native, Gearheart replaces Wes Smith on the June Buchanan bench. He spent the 2018-19 boys'

high school basketball season as an assistant coach on Smith's coaching staff. June Buchanan is a member of the neighboring 14th Region.

"I'm blessed to get the opportunity to be a head boys' basketball coach again," said Gearheart. "I graduated from Alice Lloyd College, so I've always had strong ties and roots to the community and JBS. Since last serving as Prestonsburg High boys' basketball coach I've stayed active in coaching. Last year, I

coached middle school girls' basketball at John M. Stumbo and served as an assistant coach with the June Buchanan boys' team under Wes Smith. I really enjoyed my time at John M. Stumbo and at JBS as an assistant. My love and passion for the game never wavered. I was very disappointed and frustrated with the way things ended for me at Prestonsburg. I felt like I had given a lot to both the girls' and boys' programs and I loved every minute of it. I prayed that

somewhere down the road I'd get another shot. I'd interviewed for several jobs and had no luck and was going to help with the high school girls' team at Pike County Central when Dean Amanda Clark from JBS called. I'm so grateful for the chance to serve such a magnificent school. The athletic facilities at JBS and ALC are being renovated with new gyms for both that are state of the art. The weight rooms are new and modern and it's just an exciting time on campus. I can't wait to get started and hopefully we can build something special at JBS. I know that good things take time and I'm going to dedicate and throw myself into doing everything I can to better the program. I've had so many people reach out and congratulate me, former coaches I've worked with, former players. I appreciate them so much. It's an exciting time for sure."

Gearheart has served as a head coach in both boys' and girls' high

school basketball.

June Buchanan competes in the 53rd District, along with Knott County Central, Letcher County Central and Cordia. The Crusaders concluded the 2018-19 season 8-22 following a loss to Knott County Central in the 53rd District Boys' Basketball Tournament Semifinals.

Gearheart will open preseason practice with the June Buchanan boys' basketball team in mid-October.



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thing for the city of Paintsville, but more than that, it's a big thing for the kids of the city of Paintsville. You can tell by what's going on in there that they're having a great time."

A lot of the Paintsville and Johnson County Little League and Cal Ripken All-Stars stopped by to see Kash Daniel and the Wildcats as well.

Kash Daniel spoke to the kids and also had a message about playing multiples sports. Kash Daniel was a standout three-sport athlete during his time at Paintsville.

"It's just not Eastern Kentucky, it's kids in general," Daniel said. "I was watching the College World Series and listening to one of the analyst say one of the coaches wouldn't sign a guy if he just specialized in one sport.

I think if you specialize it cheats you in life because it cheats you out of experiences you can have in other areas of sports with people who don't play your other sport. It creates more bonds I believe. It helps you become a better athlete because you basically use all of the same tools in baseball, basketball and football, it's just different motions and different times you use it. Maybe the speed in basketball can help someone with the speed on the football field or the twitchiness of the baseball field can help somebody with the twitchiness on the basketball court. Everything really goes hand-inhand, so you can't specialize on one thing and say hey, 'I'm going to focus on this,' and expect yourself to get better. Obviously you can if you go hard at it and dial into it, but I believe in playing all three or four or how many sports you want to play. Just don't

cheat yourself. Go out there and experience some things that if you didn't play all three sports you wouldn't get to experience."

"Let's talk about the kind of athlete he was," Runyon said. "He was a really good three-sport athlete. He's probably as good of a threesport athlete that's ever come out of Paintsville High School. He chose football and that's fine, but he was a kid who could play everything. I've coached a lot of kids in my lifetime and I've coached a lot of competitive kids, but I don't think there's one ever been as competitive as Kash Daniel."

Kash Daniel was excited to show his teammates his hometown.

"Half of the drive I was asleep," Wilson said. "Kash (Daniel) woke me up to tell me everything. He was like, 'Here's the jail, here's my high school,' and all types of stuff,

so I was like, 'Wow, wow, wow,' looking everywhere. It was cool, though. It's a small town, but I'm kind of used to a small town, so it's cool to be out here and see where he's from."

Kash Daniel and the rest of the UK players are in the middle of summer workouts, but as the season nears, he had a message for high school kids getting ready to start the season.

"Message for high school kids in general, go out enjoy Friday nights," Daniel said. "There is noting like playing underneath the lights on Friday nights with your buddies. There's not that much pressure, you're not on national TV or anything, just go out there and have fun and cut loose and hit some people."

Kash Daniel is in the spotlight and was able to shine a light on the talent in Eastern Kentucky, but he was quick to point out that he wasn't the first player from Eastern Kentucky to play at a high level.

"For me, it was I just wanted to do something that I knew would get me to college and something I love to do," Daniel said. "I'm really glad that when colleges came in to look at me, they got to see some glimpses of some other kids and brought a lot of attention here. I don't pride myself on saying, 'I did this or I did that,' because ultimately there were a lot of guys who got offers before me, but to be mentioned in that category really means a lot to me. Hopefully, a lot more mountain kids get attention since I've been recruited which is great. You know we'e hitting them, so for these kids to get some of that exposure and get some coaches looking at them, means a lot to this area."

"We've had a lot of kids go to big time schools and then come right back home,"

Runyon said. "Kash (Daniel) is one of those kids who when he sets his mind to do something, he's going to do it. That's going to help kids in Eastern Kentucky. If they can just realize how hard he worked throughout his high school career to get where he is today, then they will be better off."

The Big Blue Caravan visit was good for the team and it was good for the city of Paintsville.

"I'm just extremely proud of Johnson County and Paintsville," Paige Daniel said. "I thank the Rec Center for hosting this. It's a nice facility and it's hard to find a facility that would do this, so we're proud and I don't know what else to say except thank you for coming for everybody that came out today."

"I'm just proud of him," Runyon said.



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nal 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:

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Kentucky Phone: (606) 886-2981

The documents may also be viewed at the following website: http://www.lrh.us 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

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PUBLIC NOTICE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FUNDS AVAILABLE

Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board have been chosen to receive \$17,182. to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consist of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need area around the country.

A Local Board made up of the County Judge/Executive or his designee, local representatives of national social service agencies, and interested citizens, will determine how the funds awarded to Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter previously with St. James Fishes & Loaves, Middle Creek Com. Dev. Club, Mud Creek Com. Health Corp., Jacobs Ladder, Auxier Food Pantry, Heavens Harvest Food Pantry and St. Vincent Mission. These agencies were responsible for providing emergency food.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must call Auxier Food Pantry 886-0709. Application packets may be picked up at the Auxier Food Pantry 21 South River Street, Auxier, KY 41602 by July 8, 2019. Meeting for allocations is set for July 9, 2019 at 5:30PM Auxier Food Pantry.

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