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Man accused of injecting woman with drugs, sexually abusing her

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man is facing felony charges for allegedly injecting a

woman with drugs and sexually abusing her.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Eric Roberts, 23, of Harold, is facing a

felony count of first-degree assault and one count of third-degree sexual abuse.

Darrin Lawson of the Floyd County Sheriff's

Department reports in the arrest warrant that Roberts allegedly held a woman down and injected methamphetamine into her arms and "then

proceeded to grab her" in a sexual manner.

The alleged incident occurred on June 22, the

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Eric Roberts



James William Miller

Miller to serve 15 years

Feds say he sold meth for two years

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man will spend the next 15 years in prison, linked to a federal methamphetamine trafficking case.

According to a statement from the office of U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky Robert Duncan, James William Miller, 34, of Heywood Lane, Prestonsburg, was sentenced Monday by U.S. District Judge Robert E. Weir to serve 15 years on charges of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Under federal law, the statement said, Miller must serve at least 85

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The Shattered Glass camp, held at the former Allen Central High School on Monday and Tuesday, featured activities to inspire girls to learn Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) skills. Teachers spent time during their summer vacation to undergo training that will help them bring these skills to all subjects at county schools.

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Floyd schools hosts 'STEM' camp

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Schools teamed up with a Hardin County organization this week to encourage girls to seek careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills, and officials say preparation for the camp also served as professional development for teachers.

The camp, hosted Monday and Tuesday at the former Allen

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Community art project vandalized

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Police Department is searching for the person or persons responsible for vandalizing two canvases that were painted by community members during Star City Day on

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The Prestonsburg Police Department is searching for the person or persons who vandalized two canvases that were painted by community members on July 4. Any person who saw the incident is asked to call the police department at, (606) 886-1010.

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CAMP

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Central High School, offered STEM activities for female students in the school district, but it also required teachers to spend part of their summer break undergoing training about how they can provide STEM education while teaching any subject.

"Our organization exists to provide opportunities for girls to explore Science, Technology, Engineering and Math and to really just develop and empower them to become leaders and world changers," said Brooke Whitlow of Shattered Glass.

The organization started in central Kentucky about three years ago, Whitlow said, and this camp marked the first visit to Floyd County.

The camp was offered through federal funding geared to offer STEM education to under-served communities. It featured activities with robots, computers and other STEM skills.

"It's just a way to really help school districts spend that federal money in a really innovative way to provide opportunities to really begin to empower the girls in their community," Whitlow said.

Teachers from all Floyd County schools spent weeks training to host this camp.

"Each station has a teacher from a different school in the district," Whitlow said. "We have worked with those teach-



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Students use an iPad to control a "Sphero" robotic toy during the Shattered Glass camp this week.

ers over the past four weeks, digitally, to help them sort of re-think the way that STEM is integrated into their regular content."

She said her organization learned that teachers don't often know how to integrate STEM skills into other subjects, so Shattered Glass started offering professional development to give them ways to accomplish that.

"That is the goal, is for us to not only empower our girls in Floyd County, but to empower our teachers to rethink and re-imagine what their classroom instruction looks like," Whitlock said.

Denise Isaac, the district's chief information officer, said teachers who trained to be STEM leaders at this camp will provide instruction to other Floyd County teachers.

"My focus is instruction with my teachers and we're wanting to implement these STEM activities in all content areas," Isaac said. "We're getting the STEM bus, so we want everybody to know that STEM is not just for science and math teachers. You can integrate this into all content areas. That's going to be our focus this year with the STEM bus."

The Floyd County Board of Education ap-

proved a bid to modify an existing school bus into a STEM bus in May, with officials reporting at the meeting that the \$200,000 project would include \$75,000 worth of STEM equipment on the bus.

Isaac said the STEM bus is expected to be available for tours at the Mountain Arts Center on Aug. 5, when the school district hosts an opening day event for personnel. It will be rotated to district schools and the STEM leaders will oversee the scheduling of the bus at each school.

"We're super excited," Isaacs said. "We've got principals here. I've

got principals who have not been on board here today looking to make sure they have kids here. I'm telling you, it's a big movement, and I think we're making real progress."

South Floyd student Chloe Hall said she signed up for the camp because she loves science and technology. At the camp,

she helped program Ozobots, a small robot that teaches students how to write code with colored markers.

When asked if writing code is difficult, Hall said, "Not really."

She laughed. "It just doesn't cooperate with me sometimes, but, really, technology never does," she said.

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VANDALS

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July 4.

Two large canvases were hung on the brick wall of a building as a community art project that was geared to be displayed throughout the city. The canvases were decorated by hundreds of people on Star City Day. They featured hand-prints of children and toddlers, paintings of the sun, flowers and other things, as well as numerous messages wishing people a happy Independence Day. Sometime after July 4, a person or persons spray-painted over the artwork, making some of it illegible, and also spray-painted pieces of block laying on the nearby pavement and sidewalk.

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said the police department launched its investigation on Wednesday, after the vandalism was reported. Surveillance cameras are being reviewed to determine the person or persons responsible, he reported.

"It's just sad," Stapleton said. "It's sad that people feel like they have to do stuff like that. We had a good little thing going for kids there. They would get to come, look at their pictures, and now, we've got that."

Artist Jenna McGuire said seeing the vandalism was devastating to her.

"I was devastated. I was heartbroken. I cried," McGuire said. "I just cried because I knew how many people had put love into this, how many children had painted and were excited about what they created, the adults that contributed to this. I just, honestly, the feeling of everybody who put their time and their love into creating this for our community and for that day of celebration, and to think all of that was covered over and we can't get that back."

She said the project brought families together, with parents and chil-

dren painting together on Star City Day.

She hosted the community art project as part of Star City Arts, which provided free paint for people of all ages to contribute. She said she was working with Prestonsburg Tourism to find locations to display the canvases in other areas of the city. Frames were being constructed to mount the canvases, she said.

"We created this in hopes to display it for the next month," McGuire said. "These were local people's artwork, children's artwork, and if you can drive by and see something you've created, you feel happiness immediately, and that's what we were trying to do, was to make it something that you could look at and smile."

McGuire acknowledged that the person or persons who vandalized the canvases were "also creating."

"I really feel like, if you look at it, it's a way that they can express themselves. It doesn't have bad words. It's not making fun of anything. They are also creating," she said. "But then that leads me to feel like they still felt like their art was more important than everybody else's, and I think that's an issue within our society."

She continued, "For some reason, they felt like they were more important than everybody else that contributed to this. And I would have loved to have them contribute on the day. I would love to set up something that they could contribute to. If their art is spray paint art, let's find a place so they can do that, but to cover over everybody else's stuff is just a sign of not really respecting each other, not respecting what was put there first."

Any person who saw the vandalism take place is asked to contact the Prestonsburg Police Department at, (606) 886-1010.



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documents say.

Roberts was placed under a \$5,000 cash bond and ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim in the case. It was referred to the grand jury for consideration last week.

His attorney, Public Advocate Keyara Moye filed a motion for bond reduction in the district court case on July 9, reporting that Roberts has "limited financial resources" and has been unable to post bond since his arrest. A hearing has been scheduled for July 12 on that request.



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MILLER

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percent of his sentence and will be under supervision of the U.S. Probation and Parole Office for four years after his release.

The statement said an investigation revealed that Miller was trafficking in methamphetamine for approximately two years in and around Floyd County. A search of Miller's residence by law enforcement in August, the statement said, revealed eight firearms, including a semi-automatic AR-15, digital scales, distribution baggies and a "distribution quantity" of methamphetamine. Miller was convicted in December of 2014 in Floyd County Circuit Court on a charge of trafficking in methamphetamine, according to court documents. As a result of that conviction Miller was prohibited from possessing firearms, the statement said. As of presstime Thursday, Miller remained lodged in the Pike County Detention Center, where he has

been held on the charges since October. According to the statement from Duncan's office, the case against Miller is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program, "bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and make our neighborhoods safer for everyone."

"The PSN program was reinvigorated as part of the Department's renewed focus on targeting violent criminals, directing all U.S. Attorney's Offices to work in partnership with federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement and the local community to develop effective, locally-based strategies to reduce violent crime," the statement said. The announcement of the sentence was jointly made by Duncan, James Robert Brown Jr., special agent in charge for the Louisville Division of the FBI, Kentucky State Police Commissioner Richard Sanders and Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt.

GUEST COLUMNS



By SJ RUTH
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The price of freedom

In the week after Independence Day, you should know the price of freedom has gone up. How many million have you got?

The truth is, in this particular country at this particular time, the only truly free people are the ones with over 900 or so million in the bank.

The rest of you are

in the virtual freedom category. That's the one where you continue telling yourself how free you are while your smart phone tracks your every move, your employer turns your pension over to a hedge fund manager, and your preacher tells you exactly who to vote for and who to be afraid of.

Evangelical preachers and Hannitys have a lot in common these days. Both are going to tell you times are better now the serial-adultering, business-bankrupting, fact-phobic, refugee-splitting, race-baiting draft-dodger is in charge instead of the last presi-

dent, who actually knew the words to "Amazing Grace."

Trump thinks "Amazing Grace" is a reality show on HGTV, but would be a better name for a drive-up fast-prayer franchise. It's about time somebody made some real money off all these thoughts and prayers Trumpets are so fond of offering. Amazing Trump Grace would be golden!

But I digress and I like it. If Trump were to quote Amazing Grace, he'd have to read it off of a teleprompter, which is a problem because we know the Donald can't read. His recital would go

something like this:

"Amazing Grace" ... I knew a chick named Grace ... She was totally into everything about me ... I once was lost but then I invented GPS and I have 20/10 vision because there's never been a guy in such good shape at my age ... that Grace was amazing ... but not as amazing as me!

You get the idea. That version's going to be so popular amongst the believers.

Speaking of believing, proof of God's existence could be found on Independence Day right in the heart of Washington, D.C., where it rained

and rained on Trump's Parade. Surely nobody prayed for that did they?

According to God, there were a lot of whippers for fire and brimstone to fall from the sky, but that seemed a bit too heavy-handed. There might be a few saints amongst all those sinners and we don't need to lose any these days. Saints are as rare as successful Trump businesses.

But we started with freedom and we're going to end with freedom. Not that you have any but one or two of you may know a billionaire. That's the free person we love to talk about.

Billionaires are free from laws, free from taxes. Billionaires are free from the responsibility of living in a working society and free from the mystery of how they'll afford to retire. Billionaires don't need universal health-care.

This is the land of the free and the home of the brave. While fewer and fewer can actually afford the price of freedom, more and more have to be brave enough to deal with the delusion that freedom exists.

Trumpets boast of freedom while crying for a king. That's independence for you.



By JK COLEMAN
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Heavens to Betsy

themselves where they now have some of their 12-year-old girls sewing shoes in one room while others secretly sewing Betsy Ross flags in the sweatshop down the hall?

The phrase "heavens to Betsy" can't be conclusively connected to Betsy Ross for many, but it can for me dag nabbit. I admit that when expressing shock I've more often used the modern day hells bells, but since these liberal dividers are now attacking her, I'll now use the words that include the name of a true American patriot instead. My mother would consider it more Christian too, as do I.

I've had a Betsy Ross flag flying on my deck

out back for years and not once did I associate it with anything racial until this clown Colin Kaepernick threw another hissy fit. But this flag controversy wasn't what caused me to boycott Nike, I stopped buying their products long ago, the same day they decided to sponsor this kneeling, ungrateful traitor.

Colin's life story actually exemplifies what a blessing it is that the 13 colonies represented on Betsy's flag came to be and led to the greatest country in which to live in the world. And yet he chooses to criticize and disrespect everything about it while kneeling for the anthem and wearing socks that depict cops as

pigs. A lot of good men and women of every color fought and died so that this punk could live free.

Enough is enough. It's high time Colin got himself a one-way plane ticket right the hell out of here and take a load of liberal Democrats with him: Democrats like those who condemn ICE and the Customs and Border Protection; those that want illegal aliens to vote, get a driver's license, free healthcare, free tuition and a tax refund check; Democrats that don't want the simple question of are you an American citizen on the census form. Hells bells, uh, I mean heavens to Betsy, what's wrong

with these people?

Can you imagine being from a foreign country and planning to break United States law by coming across the border illegally and, as you're going out the door, your buddy says "now you know at some point they're gonna ask you if you're an American citizen." It reminds me of when Gomer was out of work and applied for a job as a butcher in Mayberry. Andy asked, "You know anything about cutting meat Gomer?" Gomer replied incredulously, "You think they'll ask me that?"

Heavens to Betsy, I'm out of space! Happy birthday America and thank you Betsy Ross.

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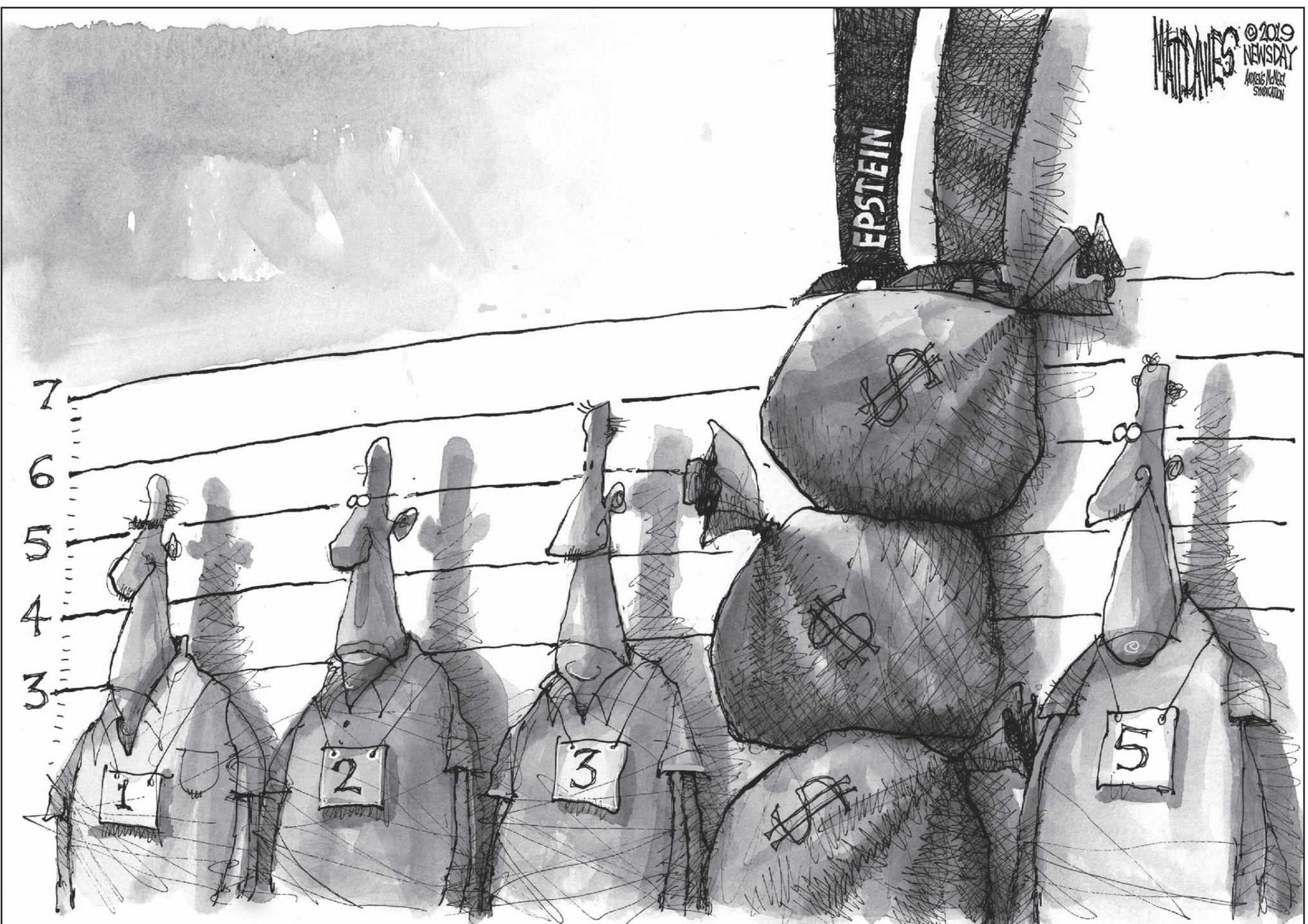
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Court documents: Homeowner fought with burglar

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Fleming County resident is facing burglary and other charges after allegedly being caught — and fighting — with a homeowner.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Brett N. Meade, 37, of Flemingsburg, was arrested on July 5 for first-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Timothy Hurtt alleges in the citation that he was called to investigate an alleged burglary of a home in McDowell that morning.

The homeowner, identified as Darren Sexton, claimed that he came home at 7 a.m. and discovered that his Yukon "had been severely damaged and broken into," court documents say, and that his residence had been burglarized and "had been destroyed."

"Darren advised that he then went into his

bedroom and discovered (Meade) was asleep in his bed and was holding a shotgun," Hurtt wrote in the citation. "He advised that he confronted (Meade) and got into a physical altercation (with Meade). He advised that he then contacted KSP for further assistance."

Hurtt reported that when he arrived on scene, he saw the shotgun that Meade was allegedly holding. He reported that Meade appeared to be under the influence and "his actions were lethargic."

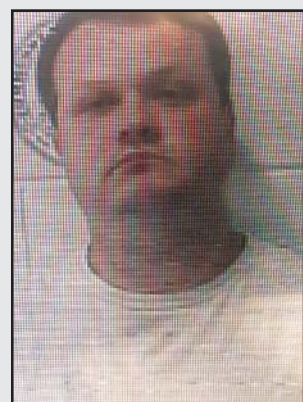
"It was evident that he was under the influence ... and a danger to himself, others, and property," Hurtt wrote.

Meade was transported by Lifeguard Ambulance to McDowell ARH, where he was treated for injuries received during his alleged altercation with Sexton, Hurtt reported.

Meade entered a not guilty plea in the case when he was arraigned in Floyd District Court on Monday. A preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held on July 16.

FCSO: July 4 altercation leads to domestic charges

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES



Trenton Tackett

A Grethel man was arrested last week after, deputies say, he attacked his wife and pushed the couple's daughter to the ground during an altercation near midnight on July 4.

According to Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Thacker, he and another deputy were on patrol after midnight on July 5 when a woman stopped and said her husband, Trenton Tackett, 35, of Dark Hollow, Grethel, had assaulted her.

According to court documents, he was arrested on charges of second-degree wanton endangerment and fourth-degree assault.

The woman said she had taken the couple's children to Tackett but while she was getting the children's belongings out of the vehicle, "(Tackett) threw one of the children ... to the ground," the citation in the case said. The child suffered "visible injuries" including bruising and abrasions to the left knee, the citation said.

The woman said Tackett then attacked her, punching her in the "face, head and neck," according to the citation. Deputy Thack-

er noted in the citation that she had sustained swelling and a purplish color around both eyes, blood coming from her nose, an abrasion and laceration on her left arm and a knot on top of the woman's head.

Tackett's father stopped the assault after the woman screamed for help before Tackett "grabbed a pipe," but his father was able to get the item away from him, the citation said. At that time, according to the citation, the woman was able to get the two children and leave the residence.

Deputies located Tackett at the residence and upon contact, "he immediately advised he was exercising his Fifth Amendment rights," the citation said.

He was placed under arrest and taken to the Floyd County Detention Center where he was later released on a \$2,000 surety bond, court records show.

Man allegedly shot with pellet gun on Arkansas Creek

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County resident was shot in the arm with what appears to have been a pellet gun during an incident that occurred on Arkansas Creek on Monday.

Tommy Crum, 57, of Martin, is facing misdemeanor counts of second-degree wanton endangerment and third-degree terroristic threatening in connection with the incident.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court by Kentucky State Police Trooper Dylan Mullins, the alleged shooting occurred at about 2 p.m. on Mon-

day, July 8.

He reported that a female called 911 to report that James Bradley had been shot in the arm by a pellet gun in the Arkansas Creek community.

Mullins reported that Bradley said he was walking down the road when Crum "yelled at him and told him to walk over to his house so that the two could talk."

"(Bradley) then stated that as he was walking up the hollow to (Crum's) house that (Crum) had a shotgun in his hands and was screaming ... that he would kill him," Mullins wrote in the citation. "(Bradley) advised that at that time (Crum) shot the shotgun over (Bradley's)

head while screaming at him. (Bradley) stated that he turned and started walking back towards his residence when he noticed that his left hand was bleeding."

Mullins reported that Bradley believed Crum put the shotgun down and allegedly shot him with a pellet gun.

Crum denied the allegations, however. He told Mullins that he fired a "warning shot" in the air and told Bradley "to go away or he would kill him," the citation says.

"(Crum) advised that (Bradley) went back up the hollow screaming at him," Mullins wrote. "(Crum) stated that he did not own a pellet gun

and that he did not fire at (Bradley). (Crum) also stated that he did not know he was not allowed to shoot warning shots to keep people away."

Bradley was transported by ambulance to a local hospital.

Crum entered a not guilty plea to the charges during his arraignment in Floyd District Court on Wednesday. District Judge Jimmy Marcum placed him under a \$250 cash bond and scheduled a pretrial conference in the case for Aug. 19. He also ordered Crum to not possess firearms or pellet guns and to have no contact with the alleged victim.

Allen man faces wanton endangerment, DUI, other charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury will determine if there's enough evidence to convict a Floyd County resident accused of endangering the lives of others while driving under the influence of heroin.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Keith Osborne, 44, of Allen, waived his right to a preliminary hearing on July 8 and the case against him was referred to the grand jury.

Osborne was arrested and charged with DUI, fourth offense, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, first-degree fleeing/evading police and first-degree wanton endangerment following the alleged incident on July 1.

Darrin Lawson of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department alleges in the citation that he saw a vehicle, allegedly driven by Osborne, run off the road on U.S. 23 near Allen that evening.

"(Osborne) couldn't stay in his lane and was going back and forth between lanes," Lawson wrote. "(Osborne) continued to travel through the grass, almost hitting the hillside before jerking it back onto the shoulder of the road."

Lawson claims Osborne "could barely stand," had slurred speech and was "nodding in and out of consciousness."

"While talking to (Osborne) he had stated that he had just shot up heroin in the Dairy Queen parking lot in Prestonsburg," Lawson wrote. "(Osborne) also stated

that he had taken over 10 Xanax."

He claims Osborne injured himself at the jail.

"While pulling into the sally port of the jail (Osborne) slammed his head off of my back glass and was stating that he was going to have my bade for police brutality," Lawson wrote.

Blood toxicology results are pending, Lawson reported.

On July 8, District Judge Eric Hall amended Osborne's bond to \$10,000 cash.

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Progress made at community center



Submitted photo
Litter abatement workers, dubbed the "Floyd County Clean Team" by Code Enforcement officer Joe Reynolds spent some time this week clearing out the floor in the former Martin Community Center. The building has been recently painted and flooring still needs to be installed. Judge-Executive Robbie Williams reported that the community center should be ready to open soon.

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Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

Debbie Kail Hall
Debbie Kail Hall, 48, of Garrett, died Tuesday, July 9, 2019.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 12, at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, Hi Hat.
Burial will follow in the Matthew Tackett Cemetery, Melvin.
Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Garnett Spradlin Fairchild
Garnett Spradlin Fairchild, 96, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, July 10, 2019.
Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 13, at Carter

Court documents: Woman ate baggie of marijuana, bit trooper

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

An assault complaint led to a felony case against a woman who is accused of biting an officer who tried to remove a bag of marijuana from her mouth.

Kathy Stevens, 39, of Prestonsburg, was arrested on Cow Creek on Monday, July 8, for third-degree assault of a police officer, resisting arrest, menacing, tampering with physical evidence and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Billy Ball reports in the citation that Stevens called 911 and reported that her husband had been assaulted that evening. He claims Stevens appeared to be un-

der the influence when he arrived on the scene.

"Kathy attempted to tell me what had happened but her intoxication level prevented that," Ball wrote. "I took both individuals' information and told them stand of the porch."

He reported, however, that Stevens refused and walked, instead, back into the residence. He claims that Stevens exited a window and "ran into a wooded area, screaming and causing public alarm in the area."

KSP Trooper Derek Coleman "talked Kathy into coming off the hill," the citation says, and she allegedly admitted to possessing marijuana.

"I told Kathy to take the drugs out of her pocket," Ball wrote.

"Kathy removed a small baggie with a green leafy substance inside. Next, Kathy placed the baggie inside her mouth."

He reported that he and Coleman "attempted to prevent" Stevens from eating the marijuana.

"At this time Kathy become irate and combative," Ball alleges in the citation. "Due to health concerns from Kathy's safety, Tpr. D. Coleman attempted to remove the baggie from her mouth when Kathy bit (his) finger."

He reported that Stevens was "having trouble breathing" after eating the marijuana.

"After a brief struggle, I was able to apply handcuffs on Kathy and administer aid," Ball wrote. "Kathy was hav-

ing trouble breathing after swallowing the baggie of marijuana. I provided Kathy water and placed her in the back seat of my cruiser."

He claims that during the ride to the jail, Stevens "slipped out of her handcuffs" and started hitting the cage of his cruiser. He reported that he transported her to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where she was cleared and released prior to being lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center.

A not guilty plea was entered in the case during Stevens' arraignment on July 9. District Judge Jimmy Marcum scheduled a preliminary hearing for July 16. He placed Stevens under a \$10,000 surety bond.

Man pleads guilty to unlawful imprisonment, other charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Tennessee resident pleaded guilty this month to unlawfully imprisoning his elderly uncle.

Christopher Ryan Keller, 35, of Portland, Tennessee, was arrested on July 1 and charged with second-degree unlawful imprisonment, public intoxication of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, fourth-degree assault and third-degree criminal trespassing.

He pleaded guilty to the charges during his arraignment in Floyd District Court last week.

Danny Martin of the

Prestonsburg Police Department reports in the arrest citation that the incident occurred on the evening of July 1, when he and officers Nick Bingham and Randy Woods were called to investigate a 911 call about a man "trying to gain entry to a family member's residence."

"After I arrived at the scene (Keller) was observed outside in front of the door, (Keller) was acting frantic and tried to fight," Martin wrote.

He reported that Keller's elderly uncle opened the door to the residence and Keller went inside and "slammed the door" on Martin's arm before locking the door.

Martin reported that

Woods "kept visual" on Keller through the window of the residence while he was at the door.

"When the elderly male would get up and try to unlock the door for us (Keller) would grab his uncle and push him back into the chair," Martin reported. "Entry was forced and (Keller) ran to the bathroom where he was apprehended and handcuffed. (Keller) still maintained resisting us while trying to fight."

The elderly homeowner reported that he repeatedly told Keller that he didn't want him on the property, the citation says.

District Judge Eric D. Hall sentenced Keller to serve 90 days in jail and

ordered him to pay \$293 in fines in the case.

Community Events

Friday, July 12
•1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Big Sandy Area Community Action Program to host Community Health Fair at Wesley Christian School. Free health screenings, giveaways. •2 p.m.: Floyd County Chamber of Commerce to host ribbon cutting at You, Me & Pottery, 202 Irene St., Prestonsburg
•6 p.m.: Princess Royalty Ball, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com
•6:30 p.m.: Car Guys for Life hosts Prestonsburg Cruise In, municipal parking lot
•8 p.m. to 11 p.m.: Karaoke Night, Dewey's Bar and Grill, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.
•8:15 p.m.: Bloodsong: The Story of the Hatfields and the McCoys, Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre, Prestonsburg. Tickets are \$12, general admission. macarts.com

Fri.-Sat., July 12-13
•St. Vincent Mission, David, to host a Women's Retreat. (606) 886-2513

July 12-July 18, week days
•8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (Breakfast) and 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Lunch): Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at Floyd Central. All meals are free to kids up to age 18. No registration required.)

Saturday, July 13
•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's Kentucky Opry, Mountain Arts Center. Tickets are \$16 per adult, \$14 for seniors age 55 or older. macarts.com

Sunday, July 14
•8:15 p.m.: Bloodsong: The Story of the Hatfields and the McCoys, Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre, Prestonsburg. Tickets are \$12, general admission. macarts.com

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Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony cases filed

Eric Roberts, 24, of Prestonsburg; first-degree assault, third-degree sexual abuse

Matthew Ousley, 37, of David; two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, first-degree wanton endangerment, resisting arrest, two counts of third-degree assault of a police officer, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, menacing, two counts of first-degree fleeing/evading police, public intoxication of a controlled substance

Jill Howell, 21, of McDowell; first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, theft by deception

Keith Osborne, 44, of Allen; DUI, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree fleeing/evading police

Trenton G. Mahaney-Pitcher, 19, of Cambridge City, Ind.; fugitive

Brett N. Meade, 37,

of Flemingsburg; first-degree burglary, first-degree criminal mischief, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, public intoxication of a controlled substance

Heather Castle, 34, of Langley; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, three counts of prescription not in original container, three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, three counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance

Misty Duncan, 40, of Betsy Layne; first-degree wanton endangerment

Jason D. Kerr, 38, of Centre, Ala.; second-degree burglary, second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree criminal trespassing

Kathy Stevens, 39, of Prestonsburg; resisting arrest, menacing, tampering with physical evidence, third-degree assault of a police officer, public intoxication of a controlled substance

Misdemeanor cases filed

Gregory K. Tackett, 37, of McDowell; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct, controlled substance not in original container, third-degree possession

of a controlled substance David P. Ousley, 54, of Prestonsburg; violation of an emergency protection order

Michael A. Morrison, 64, of Prestonsburg; failure to illuminate/no navigation lights

Christopher R. Keller, 35, of Portland, Tenn.; resisting arrest, fourth-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree unlawful imprisonment, third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree disorderly conduct

Eric Gayheart, 34, of Hi Hat; third-degree criminal mischief

Laura Horne, 45, of Prestonsburg; failure of parent to send child to school

Mathew S. Goble, 40, of Flat Gap; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting), third-degree criminal trespassing

Daniel L. Lewis, 18, of Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault

Trenton Tackett, 35, of Grethel; fourth-degree assault, second-degree wanton endangerment

Teresa Rowe, 50, of Prestonsburg; DUI, second-degree wanton endangerment, disregarding stop sign

April Hamilton, 27, of Banner; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting), third-degree criminal

trespassing Christopher Fitzpatrick, 20, address unavailable; harassing communications

Kitty N. McNeely, 28, of Pikeville; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Tina Margie Bridgeman, 29, of Richmond; two counts of second-degree possession of a controlled substance, two counts of controlled substance not in original container, two counts of public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Ronnie Bridgeman, 61, of Pikeville; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Bradford Ward, 53, of Staffordsville; fishing without a license

Tommy Crum, 56, of Martin; second-degree wanton endangerment, third-degree terroristic threatening

Jerry Hill, 43, of Wheelwright; harassment

Destiny Kilgore, 23, of McDowell; harassment, third-degree criminal trespassing

Amanda Bradford, 35, of Auxier; failure of parent to send child to school

William H. Ward, 61, of Prestonsburg; fishing without a license

Mark Anthony Hall, 29, of Naugatuck, W.Va.;

fishing without a license

Lawsuits filed

Patrick Allen Cole Porter vs. Chandra Nicole Porter; divorce

American Express Bank vs. Roxanne Gaulinski; complaint concerning debt

Crystal E. Brownsfield vs. Gregory Brownsfield; divorce

Emily P. Hall vs. Kyle Hall; divorce

Nicholas B. Stumbo vs. Marissa Stumbo, family court case transferred from another county

Gregory Newsome vs. Stephanie Adkins; personal injury complaint

Velocity Investments LLC vs. RJ Kidd; complaint concerning debt

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance vs. Tim Short Ivel, doing business as Tim Short Honda, Hannah Thomas, Brenda Moore; complaint concerning contract

Lafferty Enterprises, doing business as Trans-Star Ambulance vs. Highlands Hospital Corporation, doing business as Highlands Regional Medical Center; complaint concerning debt

Citibank Vs. Charles T. Hamby; complaint concerning debt

Jefferson Capital Systems LLC vs. Marline Burchett; complaint con-

cerning debt

Reao Hamilton vs. Tiesha Hamilton; personal injury complaint

Community Trust Bank vs. Terra Blackburn; complaint concerning debt

Landmark Financial Services vs. Rebecca Boyd, Harold Boyd; complaint concerning debt

Paul Branham vs. Patsy Goble; personal injury complaint

Jennifer Newsome, as mother of a minor child, vs. April Akers; personal injury complaint

Noah Nava vs. Clarita V. Vicher; personal injury complaint

Barbara Lawson vs. Corey Tipton, Jimmy Lawson, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance; personal injury complaint

Bobby J. Loper vs. George E. Pash; personal injury complaint

Kevin Hamby vs. Sandra Moore; personal injury complaint

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

PPD: Former corrections officer indicted in assault

Holland terminated on issuance of indictment which could result in 10-year sentence

By Russ Cassidy
REGIONAL EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — A former corrections officer with the Pike County Detention Center was indicted by a Pike County grand jury on Wednesday, linked to the alleged assault of an inmate on July 5, while the officer was still employed at the jail.

According to Pike County Jailer Brian Morris, Michael Holland, who was serving as an officer at the jail when the assault occurred July 5 was indicted on a charge of second-degree assault, linked to the alleged assault of Shannon Hay, a Haysi, Virginia, man who had been arrested on a DUI charge that morning.

Morris said the investigation into the incident revealed that Holland had assaulted Hay during the process of Hay being booked into the jail.

"(Officers) were booking in a DUI suspect, at which time a verbal altercation occurred," Morris said. "While (Hay) was being escorted to isolation, it escalated to a physical altercation."

Pikeville Police Chief Chris Edmonds, whose agency was immediately called in by Morris to investigate once the assault was discovered, said the department's investigation found that, while several hours elapsed between when Hay was assaulted and when he was taken to Pikeville Medical Center for treatment, that was because Hay had refused treatment.

After a shift change, Edmonds said,

agreed to be transported to PMC.

Morris said that, after he discovered the assault had occurred, he immediately began investigating and reviewing records as well as video and audio recordings from the jail.

"I determined excessive force had been used," Morris said, at which time he contacted the Pikeville Police Department to investigate the case.

The charge against Holland, second-degree assault, is a class C felony which carries a prison

sentence of between five and 10 years if Holland is found guilty.

Morris said Holland was suspended without pay on July 6 and Holland's employment with the jail was terminated "immediately and permanently" upon the issuance of the indictment.

Edmonds said Hay suffered a nasal fracture and injuries to the head and face, including a laceration on his face.

Hay, Edmonds said, was treated at Pikeville Medical Center and released the same day as

the alleged assault, and drove on Tuesday to meet both Edmonds and investigators to discuss the incident.

Morris said he has already begun the process of training all jail personnel on de-escalation and the jail's policies and procedures, but he remains confident that the PCDC's personnel are among the best in the state and capable of doing the job without an incident such as the one alleged to have occurred on July 5.

"I'm confident my staff knows the prop-

er way to deal with inmates," he said. "And I'm confident my staff knows

I have zero tolerance for excessive force. I stand by my staff."

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Marriages, property transfers filed

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The following marriages and property transfers were recently filed in Floyd County:

Marriages

Savanna Leshae Vickers, 20, of Prestonsburg, to Tommy Lee Dean Jr., 28, of Dunlap, Tenn.

Rebecca Ann Lawson, 47, of Melvin, to Chad Preston Hall, 45, of Weeksbury

Kevin Lee Slone, 48, of Prestonsburg, to Pamela Jay Sammons, 42, of Prestonsburg

Melinda Newsome, 41, of Grethel, to Jason Lafferty, 34, of Grethel

Ashley Ann Martin, 27, of Prestonsburg, to David Keith Duncan, 30, of Prestonsburg

Diana Kimberly Bowman, 47, of Kimper, to Jeffery Slone, 40, of Garrett

Carol Lynn Moore, 54, of Prestonsburg, to Brian Franklin Wells, 42, of

Prestonsburg Taylor Elizabeth Lee, 28, of Prestonsburg, to Jason A. Hughes, 33, of Prestonsburg

Laura Renae Hicks, 50, of Van Lear, to Bobby Murrell, 52, of Van Lear

Property transfers

Jonathan R. Mulkey, Ruby M. Mulkey to Sherria Bryant; property at Betsy Layne (Deeds Book 646 pg. 335)

Ronnie D. Prater, Carol S. Prater to Carol S. Prater, Ronnie D. Prater (Deeds Book 646 pg. 339)

David Little to Danny McCown (Deeds Book 646 pg. 343)

Marilyn R. Pruitt Risner to David Daniels, Ellen Daniels; property at Abbott (Deeds Book 646 pg. 346)

Beulah F. Hayes, Ralph B. Hayes to Earl and Sheila Webb (Deeds Book 646 pg. 349)

Alta Reo LLC to Atlantica LLC (Deeds Book 646 pg. 358)

Atlantica LLC to Jeff Chaney (Deeds Book 646 pg. 366)

Abby L. Elliott to Britany Hale, Samuel Hale (Deeds Book 646 pg. 370)

Joann Innis Biliter to Joan Innis Biliter, Della Joann Innis (Deeds Book 646 pg. 397)

Tonda Hughes to Joshua and Brittany Pennington; property at Prestonsburg (Deeds Book 646 pg. 400)

JP Morgan Chase Bank to James and Joann Mullins, property at Frasure's Creek (Deeds Book 646 pg. 403)

Jimmy Branham, Pamela Branham, Peggy Compton, Royce L. Compton to Melissa Reynolds (Deeds Book 646 pg. 409)

Billy Moore to Michaela and Ricky Bolen (Deeds Book 646 pg. 413)

Vicky Slone to Ricky J. Slone (Deeds Book 646 pg. 418)

Maxine Newsome, Derek Newsome to

Claude Isaac, Maxine Newsome (Deeds Book 646 pg. 424)

Malinda Hamilton, Warren K. Hamilton to Bryan P. Hamilton, properties at Mink Branch and Tram (Deeds Book 646 pg. 427, 431)

Theresa M. Scott, Thomas Scott to Shannon Daniels, Robert Kirkpatrick-Daniels (Deeds Book 646 pg. 434)

Beverly Murray to Jerry Taylor (Deeds Book 646 pg. 437)

John W. Lacket Jr. to Bettie Fullum (Deeds Book 646 pg. 441)

U.S. Bank National Association to 2019 Castle LLC (Deeds Book 646 pg. 488)

Federal Home Loan mortgage Corporation to Curtis Hall Rentals LLC (Deeds Book 646 pg. 493)

Phyllis Schafer, Phyllis Schafer Trust, Phyllis Schafer, trustee to Bernedetta and Donald Kidd (Deeds Book 646 pg. 497)

J&N Land Company

Inc. to Dwight and Raquel Newsome (Deeds Book 646 pg. 500)

Elizabeth Halbert, Regina Halbert, Jimmy Halbert, Robin Pritchett, Paula Ramey, Rodney Ramey to Jeffrey Turner (Deeds Book 646 pg. 504)

Anthony Buckley to Anna Bakay Hall (Deeds Book 646 pg. 514)

Esta Cottrell to Rhonda R. Goble (Deeds Book 646 pg. 517)

Estate of Christine Goble to Leyton and Mara Childers, property on Old U.S. 23 (Deeds Book 646 pg. 520)

Shannon Stephens Family LLC, Christopher G. Stephens and Shannon Stephens Family LLC to Elizabeth and Levi Martin (Deeds Book 646 pg. 525)

Nicki Perkins to Walter Reynolds (Deeds Book 646 pg. 528)

Billie D. Shepherd to Melanie Shepherd (Deeds Book 646 pg. 531)

PMC to host job fair

Pikeville Medical Center is recruiting employees in Prestonsburg.

The hospital, which is building a new urgent care center on South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, will host a job fair on Monday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center.

The hospital is seeking to hire nurses, medical assistants, nurse assistants, medical technicians, lab technicians, phlebotomists, pharmacy technicians and other non-clinical positions, including cooks, clerks, patient accounting coordinators and others.

All open positions may be viewed online at bit.ly/31YMkud.

McGrath raised \$2.5 million on her first day as candidate against Mitch McConnell

By DANIEL DESROCHERS LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Former Marine Corps pilot Amy McGrath brought in a whopping \$2.5 million in the first day of her campaign to challenge U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, according to her campaign, a formidable number that could help her clear the field in a potential Democratic primary.

Mark Nickolas, McGrath's campaign manager, said the \$2,501,166 in the 24 hours after the campaign's launch came from 69,188 donors with the average donation of \$36.15.

McGrath had proven herself to be a prolific fundraiser during her 2018 campaign — one reason why Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer recruited her into the race — but the number indicates she will be able to raise the money necessary to be competitive with McConnell should she make it to the general election.

"It's an impressive number," said Matt Erwin, a Democratic strat-

egist in Kentucky. "That said, if someone else has something to offer in a campaign, anyone running and using Mitch McConnell as a foil has the potential to raise money. McConnell will be like an ATM between now and election day."

McConnell, a prolific fundraiser himself, has already raised \$7.9 million for the 2020 campaign, not including donations to his leadership PAC, the Bluegrass Committee. He pulled in \$2.1 million in the first quarter of 2019 alone.

Money does not necessarily mean support. McGrath decision to stiff-arm local media and focus on the national cable networks drew criticisms from both Democrats and Republicans who said it indicated she was ignoring Kentucky.

"She's not talking to them (Kentuckians), she's talking to the national liberal donor set," said Billy Piper, a former McConnell chief of staff and founder of Fierce Government Relations. "She's going to try and raise as much money as possible, but she's not running a Ken-

tucky race."

Erwin, a Democrat, defended McGrath, saying the national focus prevents McGrath from stepping on Attorney General Andy Beshear's efforts in the 2019 gubernatorial race.

"It's not a bad idea to try and fill your campaign coffers and try to rein things in until the 2019 governor's race is over," Erwin said. "That's probably the best thing for the party."

Back home, McGrath's announcement was met with mixed reaction.

Progressives took issue with one of the talking points she used on the network shows, when she accused McConnell of blocking some of President Trump's initiatives that could help Kentuckians. It was an attempt to create space between McConnell and Trump.

Others, citing the national forecasters like Jennifer Duffy of Cook Political Report who say it would be difficult for McGrath to defeat McConnell, were calling for other candidates to enter

the race.

Kentucky Sports Radio host Matt Jones said Tuesday he was still considering running despite the splash McGrath's announcement made nationally.

Jones, a lawyer who has been able to launch several successful business ventures with the popularity of his radio show, thinks he appeals to a different type of voter than McGrath and thinks he would be able to win over the Trump voters necessary to defeat McConnell in 2020.

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Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, also has the ability to appeal to rural Kentucky Democrats and is one of the few remaining anti-abortion Democrats who has run a statewide campaign after he lost in this year's Democratic gubernatorial primary.

Adkins did not return a request for comment.

McGrath's entry into the race drew the attention of several national politicians, including President Trump.

On Tuesday night, the president tweeted his support for McConnell, saying "...Why would Kentucky ever think of

giving up the most powerful position in Congress, the Senate Majority Leader, for a freshman Senator with little power in what will hopefully be the minority party. We need Mitch in the Senate to Keep America Great!!"

Earlier in the day Democratic Presidential hopefuls Elizabeth Warren and Kamela Harris tweeted their support of McGrath in the race, after she spent the day distancing herself from some of the more progressive stances that have been taken by candidates like Warren in the presidential race.



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Wayland opposes rate increase

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission officially stamped its disapproval of a rate increase for the Southern Water and Sewer District.

On July 9, the commission approved a resolution declaring the city's opposition to the district's rate increase and the flat rate recently imposed by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

The resolution approved Tuesday is planned to be mailed to Southern Water and submitted as a public comment in a pending PSC case in which Southern Water is seeking a rate increase of 32.3 percent.

In that case, the PSC issued an order on June 6 granting a temporary flat rate of \$58.82 for Southern Water, while "strongly" encouraging the district to sell its assets or merge with another utility. The flat rate increased average customer bills by about \$17, the PSC reported, from \$41.40 to \$58.82.

The PSC approved a flat rate for Southern Water retail customers "reluctantly," a press release said, because Southern Water has not tested meters in 10 years, has no replacement meters in stock and "cannot rely on the accuracy" of its meters.

Last month, Mayor Jerry Fultz shared a table of rates, reporting that Wayland residents with both water and sewage services through Southern will pay more than \$122 monthly. That total also includes \$16 added to the bills for trash collection.

Fultz reported that residents who only have water and trash collection on their bills will pay nearly \$75 monthly for that service, and senior citizens, who receive discounted trash bills from the Floyd County Fiscal Court, will pay about \$70 per month.

Fultz said the resolution came about after concerns about the rate increase were raised at the city's last meeting.

"It essentially says that the city commission opposes any rate increase as well as the current emergency in-

crease," City Attorney Tyler Green said.

Fultz told him, "Of course, as a resolution, it carries only the weight that someone would be willing to give it. Is that true?"

Green agreed, but noted that it's a "formal opinion of the city commission."

"I have no trouble with saying that the rates are too high," Fultz said. "And this does it formally."

The resolution notes that a "large portion" of Wayland residents are "financially indigent and/or poor" and the rate increase requested by Southern "would be detrimental if granted or if continued at the rate in the emergency rate increase."

The vote was unanimous.

During the meeting, the commission also voted to send a letter to the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals informing them that Quest is no longer allowed on the property the company has been mining in Wayland. The commission previously ended the contract it has with the company, with officials reporting that Quest owes Wayland at least \$30,000 and that the total has probably increased over that amount.

In other news, the commission also:

- Received complaints from community members who asked for help dealing with dog



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Wayland City Attorney Tyler Green, right, reads a resolution that the Wayland City Commission approved in opposition to a rate increase requested by Southern Water and Sewer.

excrement on city sidewalks. Fultz asked them to file a formal complaint with the police department. He also reported in the meeting that Wayland sidewalks are deeded to property owners in the city.

- Received complaints from a community member who voiced concerns about speeding drivers. Fultz reported that Police Chief Brian Ratliff recently received a new radar gun and will be writing tickets for those who speed.

- Approved bills and the financial report, showing the city has \$38,000 in road aid and \$155,000 in its general fund.

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Attorney General, FTC cracks down on scam call operations

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Recently, Attorney General Andy Beshear, a coalition of attorneys general and the Federal Trade Commission announced a “national sweep” on illegal scam call operations.

The joint effort, “Operation Call it Quits,” includes federal, state and local enforcement actions against more than 94 illegal scam call operations across the U.S. and an educational campaign to help citizens stop unwanted calls.

“Nearly 100 scam call operations from across the country, which are responsible for more than 1 billion scam calls, have now had law enforcement actions taken against them and are being shut down,” said Beshear. “Today is a victory for Kentuckians who want to see more being done to stop the barrage of illegal scam calls.”

The operation includes four new cases and three new settlements from the FTC, bringing the FTC’s total actions against illegal robocallers and Do Not Call Registry violators to 145, and 87 enforcement actions from other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

The new FTC complaints announced Tuesday include allegations against:

•**First Choice Horizon LLC** — The defendants are accused of running a maze of interrelated operations that used illegal robocalls to contact financially distressed consumers with offers of bogus credit card interest rate reduction services. The

case is pending in a Florida court, where company assets have been frozen and a receiver appointed.

•**8 Figure Dream Lifestyle** — The defendants are allegedly using a combination of illegal telemarketing robocalls, live telephone calls, text messaging, internet ads, emails, social media and live events to market and sell consumers fraudulent money-making opportunities. A California court granted the FTC’s request for a restraining order, including an asset freeze.

•**Derek Jason Bartoli** — The FTC’s complaint alleges Bartoli is the developer and provider of a computer-based telephone-dialing platform, known as an autodialer. He used the autodialer to blast out millions of illegal robocalls and calls to numbers listed on the DNC Registry. The complaint claims Bartoli, in the last six months of

2017 alone, sent over 57 million calls and initiated millions of calls using spoofed caller IDs. The proposed court order settling the charges bans Bartoli from illegal robocall practices and imposes a \$2.1 million civil penalty, which has been suspended.

•**Media Mix 365, LLC** — The complaint alleges the company and its owners made illegal calls to develop leads for home solar energy companies. The defendants allegedly called one number more than 1,000 times in a single year. The proposed court order settling the charges permanently bans the defendants, Nicholas and Nicole Long, from calling phone numbers listed on the DNC Registry and from robocalling. The order imposes a \$7.6 million civil penalty, which will be suspended upon payment of \$264,000.

In March, Beshear

and 53 state attorneys general sent a letter to the U.S. Senate urging lawmakers to enact legislation to curb illegal scam robocalls and caller ID spoofing. The proposed act would require voice service providers to participate in a call authentication framework, which would aid in blocking unwanted calls, reduce scam calls and help hold those who barrage Kentuckians with robocalls accountable.

In January, Beshear sent a letter to Rep. Kevin D. Bratcher of Louisville, supporting his legislation — House Bill 84 — which aims to combat scam callers who spoof Kentucky phone numbers. The bill was signed into law and took effect on Thursday, June 27.

Tips provided to help Kentuckians avoid, block scam calls

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear provides these tips to help Kentuckians respond to and avoid scam calls. Beshear said educating consumers, especially seniors, about robocall scams is the most effective way to protect Kentuckians from falling victim to scams. The tips include:

Don't Trust Caller ID

Scammers may call from out-of-state, but use technology to “spoof” local phone numbers to try and trick Kentuckians into answering.

Don't Answer

The best way to avoid scams and robocalls is to not answer calls from unknown phone numbers. If it is important, the caller will leave a message and you can call them back.

Hang up on Pre-recorded Messages

If you do answer the phone and hear a pre-recorded message, hang up. It is likely a scam call. If you press any numbers or participate in the call in any way, you might become a target for more calls.

Use Call-Blocking Technology

Call-blocking technology offered through your phone carrier, Internet service provider, call-blocking devices or downloadable apps can help stop most scam calls.

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"Bloodsong: The Story of the Hatfields & McCoys" will open at the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre on Friday.

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Mayor to perform in 'Bloodsong'

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

History will come alive at the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre this weekend, starring several local actors, including Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton.

Performances will open on Friday for the play, "Bloodsong: The Story of the Hatfields & McCoys," at the amphitheatre, located at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in Prestonsburg.

The city leased the theatre from the state last year and collabo-

rated with several local organizations to host events there.

This performance is possible with collaboration between Prestonsburg Tourism, the City of Prestonsburg, Mountain Arts Center, the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Office's Pike County Fine Arts Program, the Hatfield & McCoy Arts Council and Artists Collaborative Theatre.

Stapleton said he is playing the part of a judge in the play. He's been preparing for the role for about a week.

"What we're trying to do is we're trying to grow a community theater here," Stapleton said. "It's going to take a few years for us to do that, and we know that, and they've partnered with us to do productions at the amphitheatre. Well, due to some scheduling stuff, they had some male parts that were not available, the actors weren't. So, I got my script on Monday and I'm studying every chance I get."

Stapleton admitted he is a bit nervous about performing on stage. On Wednesday, he joked

that his wife Karen knows the script better than he does.

"I'm going to be so nervous about getting nervous that I'll get nervous," he said.

The play, written by Chelsea Marcantel, follows the lives of members of the Hatfield and McCoy families, who instigated a bloody family feud that caught national attention. It highlights the murder of Asa Harmon McCoy during the Civil War and other aspects of the feud, including the hanging of Ellison "Cotton Top" Mounts in

1890.

Stapleton encourages the public to turn out to watch the play, one of several plays that have been hosted at the amphitheatre this summer.

"It's community theatre. It's the collaboration of five different entities coming together to make this happen, to give people another option in Eastern Kentucky," Stapleton said. "It's not just Prestonsburg. It's Eastern Kentucky. It's a regional thing."

He continued, "What I will say is it's the story of the Hatfields and Mc-

Coys as told from as honest a view as you could have, and some of more experienced actors with it are outstanding actors. Me, I'll be green, but they're outstanding."

The play will be performed at the amphitheatre at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, July 12, Friday, July 19 and Tuesday, July 23. It will also be performed at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 14 and Sunday, July 21.

Tickets are \$12, general admission.

For tickets, visit, macarts.com, or the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre on Facebook.

Chamber hosts networking session



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams addresses the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce during a networking luncheon at the Mountain Arts Center on Wednesday, July 10. He talked about various topics, including steps being taken to improve economic development, a coalition of nine county judge-executives who will help leverage "buying power" for Eastern Kentucky counties and, among other things, the need to emphasize participation in the upcoming U.S. Census.



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PMC receives national accreditation for weight loss surgery

By AMANDA JO LAWSON

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) recently achieved National Accreditation from the Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP).

MBSAQIP is a joint program of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS).

This designation effectively highlights PMC's commitment to providing safe, high-quality bariatric surgical care, in-depth education and support.

PMC had a national team of surveyors conduct a thorough review of the practices performed for bariatric patients.

To achieve this accreditation, PMC met a rigorous set of standards.

Some of the standards include a commitment to excellence in the care of bariatric patients and a surgeon whose primary focus is bariatric surgery, who continually completes medical education pertaining to the most advanced treatments in weight loss surgery.

PMC offers support groups for patients and long-term patient follow-up care that consistently monitors patient results.

Patients looking to have bariatric surgery can elect to travel anywhere to receive care.

"This accreditation lets patients who are looking to have a procedure, know that PMC's quality program is nationally recognized and meets the highest



standards for patient safety and quality care," said PMC Bariatric Practice Manager, Susanna Potter.

"Meeting these standards tells patients that they will receive a quality program, not just a surgical procedure," added Potter. She says this improves patient outcomes and long term success.

PMC's Weight Loss Center is the region's most comprehensive program offering a multi-disciplinary team that works together, to achieve excellent results.

"I am proud to announce that we have been awarded the national title of 'Comprehensive Accredited Bariatric Center' following a rigorous review of our outcomes and our program in general," said PMC Bariatric Surgeon, Amy Johnson, MD. "In our seventh accredited year, we continue to have a comprehensive program including dietitians, nurse practitioners, a certified

bariatric nurse coordinator and a psychologist who help take care of our patients."

She says being an accredited center requires an extremely high level of commitment from all facets of the team and dedication from hospital administration and all departments who provide care to bariatric patients.

"The bottom line is we want the best care and excellent outcomes for our patients," said Dr. Johnson.

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PMC welcomes new hospitalists

By AMY CHARLES

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) proudly announces the addition of Ramya Akella, MD, and Shyam Patel, DO. Both physicians are joining the growing list of PMC providers as hospitalists.

A hospitalist is a doctor, typically specializing in internal medicine, who cares for patients admitted to the hospital.

Dr. Akella received her medical degree from Siddhartha Medical College in India. She went on to complete her internship and residency in internal medicine at East Tennessee State University. While there, she was nominated for the 2019 Outstanding Resident Award and received the Humanism Award in the memory of her co-resident, Dr. Manisha Nukavarapu.

Internal medicine became her focus while in medical school, so Dr. Akella naturally chose this as her specialty.

"I felt passionate about internal medicine during my final years of medical school and decided to pursue it as a career," explained Dr. Akella. "During residency, I realized I was also passionate about hospitalist work, because it allowed me to see a wide variety of cases. The inpatient setting and working my way through the differentials has intrigued me since the beginning of medical school." Dr. Patel earned his bach-

elor's degree in molecular biology and biochemistry from the State University of New Jersey in Rutgers. He went on to receive his master's degree in biomedical sciences from UMDNJ-Graduate School of Biomedical Science in Newark. Dr. Patel earned his medical degree from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine.

He completed his residency in internal medicine at Saint Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick where he most recently served as Associate Program Director, responsible for training and educating new residents. He is also board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He chose this specialty because he enjoys the critical thinking aspects of internal medicine and getting to the root cause of a patient's medical concerns.

"Each patient has a unique history and I enjoy getting to know what makes my patients tick," explained Dr. Patel. "I chose hospital medicine as a career because it gives me the opportunity to think on my feet and every day is different."

Both physicians bring with them extensive backgrounds in research and leadership. They are looking forward to providing quality care in our region.

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Experienced quarterbacks to lead teams



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Floyd Central quarterback Caleb Hager picked up yardage during a game at Prestonsburg in 2018.

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

FLOYD COUNTY - Each Floyd County high school football team is returning its starting quarterback from the 2018 season. With an experienced quarterback, each prep football squad will look to show improvement during the upcoming gridiron campaign.

A look at the veteran signal-callers follows.

Betsy Layne: As a freshman, Chase Mims

started all 10 games for Betsy Layne in the 2018 high school season. Mims showed improvement throughout the season, helping to lead Betsy Layne to a win in its regular-season finale. Betsy Layne beat Jenkins 48-8 for its lone win last season.

Betsy Layne (1-9) has dropped down from Class 2A, District 8. The Bobcats are a new member of Class 1A, District 6. Along with Betsy Layne, Class 1A, District 6 features Fairview, Paintsville

and Raceland.

Mims and his Betsy Layne teammates will host much-improved Martin County in a home opener on Friday, Aug. 23.

Floyd Central: Caleb Hager is headed into his junior season after leading Floyd Central in passing and ranking second in rushing for the Jaguars as a sophomore. During his sophomore season, Hager completed 51-of-129 passes for 869 yards and 10 touchdowns while throwing five in-

terceptions. The versatile Hager rushed 69 times for 475 yards and six touchdowns during his second varsity season on the gridiron.

With Hager helping to lead the way, Floyd Central compiled a 5-6 record in 2018. The Jaguars fell to perennial state title contender Boyle County in the first round of the Class 4A KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl.

Hager and his Floyd Central teammates will kick off the 2019 high school football season

on the road at Clay County on Friday, Aug. 23.

Prestonsburg: As a sophomore, Brayden Slone attempted less than 50 passes as Prestonsburg's quarterback during the 2018 season. Slone led Prestonsburg through the air and ranked as the Blackcats' third-leading rusher.

With his sophomore season behind him, Slone is expected to show more poise for Prestonsburg during the gridiron campaign

ahead.

In Brandon Brewer's first season as head coach, Prestonsburg finished 2-9, falling to Lexington Christian on the road in the opening round of the Class 2A KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl.

Prestonsburg is slated to visit familiar foe Pike County Central for a 2019 high school football season opener on Friday, Aug. 23.



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photos by Steve LeMaster
Prestonsburg quarterback Brayden Slone rolled out during a regular-season game in 2018.



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Betsy Layne quarterback Chase Mims delivered a pass while under heavy pressure from an East Ridge defensive player during the 2018 high school football season.

Floyd Central to compete in Rocky Top Classic



Caley Howard delivered at the net for Floyd Central during the 2018 58th District Volleyball Tournament. Floyd Central will compete in the prestigious Rocky Top Classic during the 2019 high school volleyball season.

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN - Floyd Central is slated to compete in one of the nation's top high school volleyball

tournaments. The Lady Jaguars are among the teams set to participate in the Rocky Top Classic in Sevierville, Tenn., Sept. 13-14.

The Rocky Top Clas-

sic, Sponsored by Phoenix Rising, will be held at the Sevierville Event Center. The largest high school volleyball tournament in the Southeastern United States, the Rocky

Top Classic will run on a two-day format, beginning late-afternoon on Friday, Sept. 13. The tournament will continue through Saturday, Sept. 14. Varsity, junior varsity and middle School teams will all play under one roof during the Rocky Top Classic.

All divisions will have formats designed to guarantee each team at least five matches. The tournament will feature a one- or two-wave format depending on the number of entries. Middle School

teams will be playing on the second day of the tournament only.

Floyd Central will join high school volleyball teams from multiple states in the Rocky Top Classic.

Darlene Moore is poised to guide Floyd Central in her first season as the Lady Jaguars' head coach. Floyd Central compiled a 28-7 overall record in 2018, capturing the 58th District championship. The Lady Jaguars finished as the 15th Region runner-up in 2018.

Floyd Central has placed runner-up behind Paintsville in the 15th Region in each of its first two seasons.

The two-time defending 58th District champion, Floyd Central is scheduled to host its invitational tournament on September 21. Then, one week later, Floyd Central is due to travel to Lexington for another tournament.

Floyd Central will open its 2019 season in August.

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Spradlin adds transfer, bolsters MSU roster

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

MOREHEAD - Kevin "K.J." Hunt, a transfer from Division I McNeese State, has joined the Morehead State men's basketball program.

Hunt, a native of Little Rock, Ark., will sit out the 2019-20 season due to NCAA transfer rules and will be eligible for the Eagles in 2020-21. He is a 6-foot-3, 180-pound combo guard.

"KJ comes to us from a really solid program in McNeese State, and we had some familiarity with their coaching staff down there," said Morehead State Coach Preston Spradlin, a Floyd County native. "He will benefit from this year, getting bigger and stronger, and getting acclimated to the way we do things. He will also give us a leg up on next year's recruiting as we already have someone in the program."

Hunt averaged 6.9 points and 2.8 assists per game as a sophomore at McNeese State, leading the Cowboys in helpers, in 2018-19. He dotted double-figures in scoring eight times, including a season-best 19 points against Loyola (La.). He also contributed 15 points versus Arizona State.

He played his freshman campaign at the College of Central Florida. Hunt averaged 8.8 points, 4.0 assists, 2.7 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game and twice had double-digit single-game assist efforts. He netted 18 points against the No. 3 ranked team in the NJCAA and scored 15 against another top-15 ranked team.

"KJ can play a number of different guard

positions, and he shoots the ball effectively and passes well," Spradlin added. "He is a multi-dimensional player who we are excited to have. He'll benefit from being involved in the culture of our program this season."

Hunt is a product of Bryant High School near Little Rock. He was a two-time Class 7A All-State selection and was his school's Scholar Athlete of the Year.

Jaden Stanley-Williams joins MSU men's basketball program: With a proud Native American heritage, Jaden Stanley-Williams has joined the MSU men's basketball program and will suit up for Spradlin's squad in the 2019-20 season.

Stanley-Williams comes to MSU after a season at Columbia (Tenn.) State and grew up in Montana on the Rocky Boy's Native American Reservation before investing in his basketball and academic career by enrolling at Discovery High School in Lawrenceville, Ga., for his junior and senior years. Rocky Boys is a Chippewa-Cree reservation located in North Central Montana, about 40 miles from the Canadian border.

He will have three seasons of collegiate availability remaining.

"He checks a lot of boxes for us," said Spradlin. "He has great character, good motor, high academic skills and a value to getting his degree. We are excited about the maturity he is going to add to our roster. He already has a great body and shoots it well from the perimeter."

"I am really close with my family and proud of my heritage," said Stanley-Williams. "I had

a really good feeling on my visit that Morehead State is a place where I could fit in not only with basketball, but off the floor with the campus and community. I am a small-town guy who likes school and playing basketball."

Stanley-Williams, a 6 foot 7 forward, averaged 9.0 points and 9.0 rebounds per game for head coach Winston Neal at Columbia State in 2018-19, helping his team to a 20-win campaign. Stanley-Williams follows in the path of recent Eagle senior A.J Hicks, also from Columbia State.

"I really enjoyed how the coaching staff recruited me. I can remember (Assistant) Coach (Scott) Combs calling me as soon as he went from Martin Methodist to Morehead State," Stanley-Williams added. "I know there are a ton of guys hoping to get that call with the scholarship offer, and I am sure glad they called on me. I told Coach Spradlin and the rest of the coaches that I will work my tail off and help the team out anyway I can."

Stanley-Williams completed Morehead State's latest recruiting class.

Big Sandy Valley Conference to host preseason grid

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE - The upstart Big Sandy Valley Conference will host a preseason grid at Betsy Layne High School on Saturday, Aug. 10.

Six different schools are set to compete in the preseason middle school football event. In all, squads from five different counties will take the field in the Big Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid.

The format for the Big Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid will be as follows: Two sets of 10 plays for each team from the 40-yard line; Two sets of five plays for each team from the 20-yard line;

Down and distance for 30 minutes.

Betsy Layne, Paintsville, Adams, Hazard, Martin County and Shelby Valley are slated to compete in the Big Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid. The Big Sandy Valley Conference members for the 2019 season are Betsy Layne, Paintsville, Adams, Hazard and Martin County. Shelby Valley will compete in the Big Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid but not remain a member for the upcoming campaign.

Following the regular-season, the Big Sandy Valley Conference will hold a postseason grid at Prestonsburg High School.

The middle school

football conference plans to expand and add new members in 2020.

The schedule for the Big Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid follows.

Big Sandy Valley Conference Preseason Grid Saturday, Aug. 10

B-Team (5th-6th) Betsy Layne vs. Paintsville, 10 a.m. Adams vs. Hazard, 11:30 a.m.

A-Team (7th-8th) Betsy Layne vs. Paintsville, 5:30 p.m. Hazard vs. Martin County, 7 p.m. Adams vs. Shelby Valley, 8:30 p.m.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Get out and mingle with people who make you smile. Don't waste time on those who can see only the negative and always criticize. Make romance and socializing priorities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – You may want to rethink your plans. Make adjustments that will offset what someone else has decided to do. Depend on only yourself if you want things to run smoothly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Precision and detail will be required when dealing with home and family issues. Make sure your personal documents are up-to-date. A change of scenery will lift your spirits.

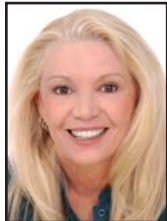
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Don't let a negative individual bring you down. Surround yourself with people who enjoy the same things you do. If someone complains, suggest they join you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Taking a day trip or attending a reunion will be enlightening. Sharing the experience with a loved one will lead to positive changes. Romance is encouraged.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – You can enthusiastically talk about what you want to do without actually going overboard or over-spending. With a practical plan in place and an enthusiastic attitude, much can be accomplished.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Listen to common sense, not some harebrained idea

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



that someone is trying to sell you. A change should be made because it is beneficial, not because you want to impress someone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Do something because it's what's best for you. Don't alter your plans if someone decides to pull out after agreeing to participate.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Easy does it when you are tinkering with someone's emotions. Getting along with your peers will be in your best interest if you want to avoid being left out.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – An opportunity may not turn out as planned. Make sure you have your facts right before you ask others to get involved. A change of plans will affect you physically.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – As long as you are consistent, you can avoid controversy. Kindness and understanding will help ease any stress between you and someone you care about. Romance is recommended.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Try to avoid getting caught in someone else's plan, or you'll end up taking care of responsibilities that will eat into the time you should be spending taking care of your own affairs.

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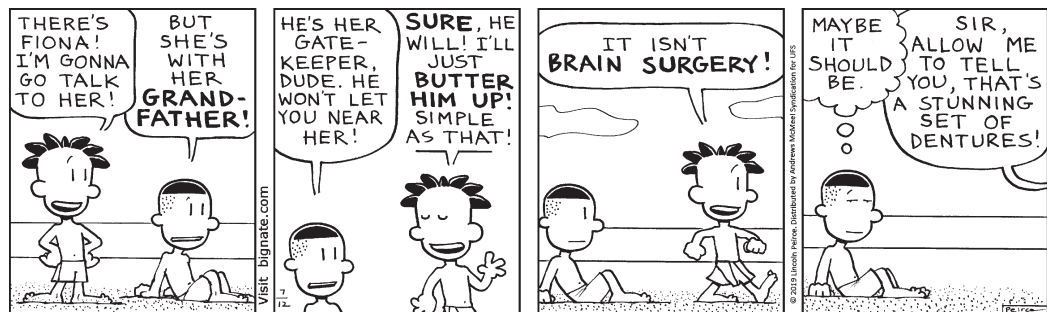
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Quoting Joanna Weaver

FROM WEAVER'S BOOK HAVING A MARY HEART IN A MARTHA WORLD: FINDING INTIMACY WITH GOD IN THE BUSYNESS OF LIFE

...though we all applaud the thought of transformation, most of us don't appreciate the process that gets us there. To be transformed means we have to change, and change too often hurts.

"We only trust people we know," says Martha Tenison... "If you're struggling to trust God, it may be because you don't really know God."

All over the world, people go to unimaginable lengths to find God--which is sad when you consider the unimaginable lengths God has already gone to find us...

The fact is, until we stop doubting God's goodness, we can't experience God's love.

Take my struggles and use them for your glory. But whatever you do, please don't leave me the same.

When we're distracted and discouraged, tired and overwhelmed, there is no better place to go than to our Father. He alone has what we need. Don't snivel under a broom tree. Don't hide in a broom closet. Go to the Lord and let him sweep away your discouragement.

"We are as intimate with God as we choose to be." The only limitations of God's presence in our lives are the limits we ourselves set--the excuses we set up to avoid being filled to the measure with God.

...being teachable, in essence, involves three things: being willing to listen acting on what we hear responding to discipline...

"Do not be anxious about anything," Paul wrote in Philippians 4:6-7, "but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We all want a testimony, but we'd rather skip the test

that gives us one.

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7, KJV)."

And Jesus' words to Martha are the words he wants to speak to your heart and mine: "You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed." The "one thing" is not found in doing more. It's found by sitting at his feet.

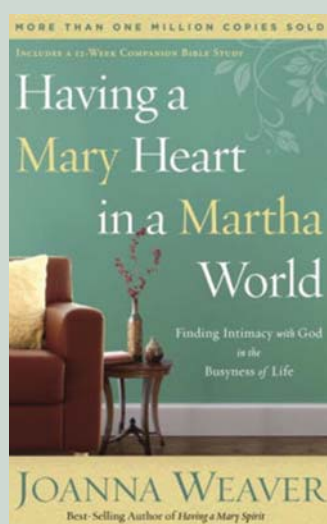
...we do need to learn how to say no, but only so we are able to say yes to God when he wants to give us an assignment.

...missed that point for a long time. I had spent so much of my life concentrating on the "fruit" of my own personal holiness, that I missed out on the connection, the sweet intimacy of being attached to the Vine. And as a result, what I tried to do was as ludicrous as an apple tree branch trying to produce apples by its own effort. "Be good, be good. Do good, do good," the broken branch chants as it lies on the orchard grass. "That apple should be popping out anytime," says the helpless, lifeless stick.

Someone has said that Jesus went from place of prayer to place of prayer and did miracles in between.

"You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed (Luke 10:41-42)."

Its been said that worry is like a rocking chair--it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere.



Better living through humor

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit." Proverbs 15:13 NIV

We all know that laughter lightens a heavy heart, and sometimes when the world has us down, we just need to laugh instead of cry. The switch that flips us from crying to laughing demonstrates that things can always be taken in more than one way. One way of looking at the situation is tragic and makes us cry while another way is comic and makes us laugh. It isn't always possible, or wise, to turn tragedy into comedy. Trying to offer comic relief at a funeral may be inappropriate, although many eulogies contain some humor. Those of us who love a good joke or a funny turn of phrase probably won't mind if there is some laughing at our funerals. In fact, we might insist on it. While there aren't a lot of jokes in the Bible, there are lots of examples of humorous situations, or funny turns of phrase. One of the first instances of laughter in the Bible occurs when Abraham and Sarah (who is ninety years old) are told that Sarah will bear a child. They both laugh, but when their child is born, they name him Isaac, which means "he will laugh" in Hebrew. Many of the Proverbs contain witty turns of phrase: "As a dog returns to its vomit, so fools repeat their folly (Proverbs 26:11 NIV)." And many of the Proverbs are straightforward prescriptions to lighten up: "A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones (Proverbs 17:22 NIV)." Make an effort to smile and laugh more, and if you're feeling down, do something that will make you laugh. —Christopher Simon



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More like Martha or Mary?



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

The air was warm and muggy, as I sat down on the cinder block a few feet back from the others. A group of teenagers occupied two rows of chairs sitting in a semi-circle beneath an open tent. They faced the teacher and podium at the front.

It's Vacation Bible School at our church. I'm working registration, but at that point in the evening my job was complete. I had checked in kids, marked volunteers and adults, counted and recounted to make sure I had the right numbers. Readjusted numbers when latecomers arrived. Despite the work I was doing as a volunteer, I was missing out on the "fun stuff" that was happening. Outside, the older children were playing games and listening to a lesson (not at the same time). Inside, children were having meals and creating crafts (again, not at the same time).

I got up from the registration table and started wandering around, not

quite sure what to do with myself. I walked outside. The group of teenagers was quiet, listening to the teacher as she taught. I wondered what the lesson for the evening was, so I walked to the back of the open tent, then decided to have a seat on a cinder block. The story for the night was about Martha and Mary. Martha was busy making preparations for Jesus, whom was their guest that evening. Mary left the work and went to Jesus. Martha was aggravated at Mary for not helping her with the preparations. She complained to Jesus, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her" (Luke 10:40-42).

The NIV version of the Bible says that "Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made (Luke 10:40)." Notice the word distracted. It doesn't commend Martha on making sure the house was spotless for Jesus. It doesn't talk about what a great cook that Martha was. Instead, it says that she was distracted by these things. She had a guest in

her home and was attempting to make things nice for Him. She was busy taking care of all these preparations for Jesus because she thought they were important. However, Jesus said that Mary had chosen what is better. Instead of helping with the preparations, Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to His words. That's what is

But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made.

— Luke 10:40 NIV

important.

How often do we allow ourselves to get distracted by the things in this life? We're focused on taking care of the kids. They have to go to school, go to extracurricular activities, etc. We're focused on work. We're busy putting in long hours and working hard because we need the job, we need the money to pay the bills. And then when we have a little bit of downtime, we want to relax, forget today's troubles and aggravations. We zone out in front of the television or one of the various

social media platforms that are out there. We find ourselves distracted by the world in which we live. All of these things around us have engrossed us. Therefore, we lose sight of what is really important, what is truly necessary, and that is spending time with God.

I'm guilty. At this current moment in my life I'm about as guilty as it gets. I work. I go home. I'm tired. I find myself scrolling through social media, watching videos or reading news articles. I'm not making the time or the effort to do what I need to be doing — spending time with God. I need to get back and make time for digging into the Word of God. I need to make it a point to spend time talking to Him. Because if I don't have a relationship with Christ, than I have nothing. Living a Christian life is not a one way street. It's not just God that has to do the work. We have to do the work. We have to stay in the Word. We have to talk to Him, worship Him, pray to Him.

Like Martha, I've allowed myself to be distracted by the things of this world instead of being focused on the One who made this world. I need to be more like Mary, focused on Jesus and clinging to His every word. Who are you being more like today? Are you being more like Martha or more like Mary?

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

LEGALS

Pursuant to Application Number 836-9017 Renewal 5 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Matt/Co., Inc.; 439 Meadows Branch; Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 has applied for a renewal of a permit for a refuse disposal facility located 0.5 miles northeast of Emma in Floyd

LEGALS

The proposed operation will disturb 21.10 surface acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.24 miles north from KY Route 1428's junction with KY Route 194 and located 0.08 miles east of the Levisa Fork. The proposed operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Eddie B. Merritt.

LEGALS

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601.

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