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No charges against Rudder

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

County Attorney Keith Bartley and Sheriff John Hunt say no charges will be filed against Martin Tourism Director Kris Rudder, who was accused last week of threatening to kill two people and making racial slurs.

"At this point, based on the information that is known to me that was gathered either by myself or by Sheriff Hunt, there will be no charges because there were no statements that would be tantamount to a direct threat sufficient to fall within the guidelines of the Kentucky criminal statute," Bartley said.

Hunt said officials found no evidence of a direct threat.

"Well, there's elements of the law that must be met before a charge can be filed, and for a terroristic threatening charge, which is what you would probably consider this as, a threat, there has to be

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows
'Bloodsong: The Story of the Hatfields and the McCoys' begins with the portrayal of the death of Asa Harmon McCoy (1828-1863). Director Jason Justice portrays McCoy and several other characters in the play.

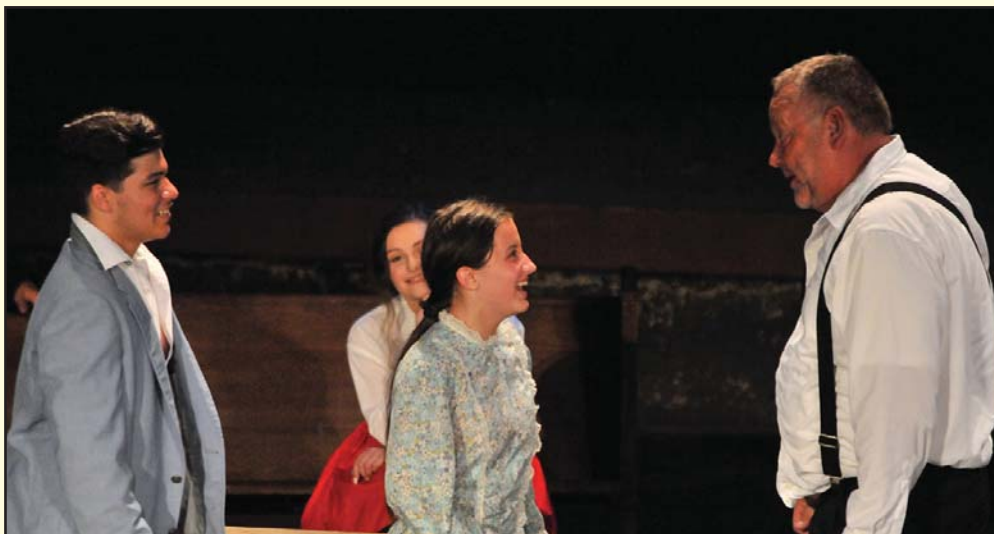
'Bloodsong' on stage at Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A play that depicts the infamous Hatfield and McCoy feud opened at the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre this past weekend.

"Bloodsong: The Story of the Hatfields and McCoys," which opened on July 12 and continues this month, was voted by the legislature as Kentucky's

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Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton, right, portrays Wall Hatfield who conducts a marriage ceremony for Roseanna McCoy and Johnse Hatfield (portrayed by Belfry High School students Lil-lee Hatfield and Trey Fields).

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Rural and Municipal Aid Commissioner Gray Tomblin II listens to concerns from Bill Stewart about roads in Mud Creek during a July 16 fiscal court meeting.

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Floyd Fiscal Court seeks \$1.3 million for road repairs

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is asking the state to provide \$1.3 million in discretionary funds for road repairs.

The request came prior to a July 16 meeting, during which Kentucky Transportation

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Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District Engineer Mary Westfall-Holbrook and Section Engineer Matt Moore answer questions during a July 16 fiscal court meeting.

Southern officials testify

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Public Service Commission amended an order this week in which all Southern Water and Sewer District customers are charged a flat rate of \$58.82.

The amendment was filed July 17, a day after district officials testified in Frankfort as part of an investigation into high water loss in the district.

The PSC "reluctantly" approved that across-the-board temporary flat rate in June — an increase of about 42 percent over what Southern Water customers using 4,000 gallons per month typically pay. Southern Water is currently seeking a rate increase of about 32.3 percent, and the PSC permitted the flat rate because the district is struggling financially.

On July 17, the PSC amended the order, citing testimony provided on

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official play on the infamous feud.

"We pride ourselves in being the most historically accurate play of the feud that's been produced and we take great love with our people," said Jason Justice, who directs the play. "We want to show these as real human beings who lived and loved and died and fought — fought and died, I guess is a better order. But regardless of what happened in the feud, we want people to understand that these are real people who are making the best decisions they could. We come from these people, so we love them and we want to portray them as mountain people."

The Pike County-based Hatfield & McCoy Arts Council commissioned the play from playwright Chelsea Marcantel, with help from a group of historians who researched the feud.

"I tell people every time we do it, I'll have somebody come up and say, 'I'm from the McCoy's, I don't think you did the McCoy's right,' and then I'll have somebody from the Hatfields come up and say, 'I'm from the Hatfields and I don't think you did the Hatfields right,'" Justice said. "And that makes me know that we're doing everybody right because it's a real story that really happened and we're very proud to let people see a little part of our heritage. It's who we are."

Justice said attendees can expect to have a good time when they



The Hatfields and McCoy's argue during the famous hog trial that took place in Pike County in 1878 during "Bloodsong: The Story of the Hatfields and the McCoy's." To view a video about the July 12 performance, visit, floydct.com.

watch the play. "It's a drama, but there's laughter. There's gunfire. There's blood. There's death. There's happiness. There's sadness. There's joy. There's life," he said. "That's what real life is."

The play comes to Prestonsburg via a collaboration between the Hatfield & McCoy Arts Council, University of Kentucky Extension Office's Pike Arts program, Artists Collaborative Theatre, Prestonsburg Tourism, the City of Prestonsburg and the Mountain Arts Center.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West praised that partnership,

pointing out that Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton even volunteered to play a role.

"Seeing the full community come together on it has been really, really special," West said.

The play starts with the murder of Asa Harmon McCoy in 1883 and continues with several stories about things that happened during the feud, including the hog trial that took place in Pike County in 1878, the marriage of Johnse Hatfield and Nancy McCoy in 1881, the Paw Paw tree incident in 1882, the New Year's Massacre and, among other things, the hanging of Ellison "Cot-

ton Top" Mounts in 1889. Performances will continue this month with performances at 8:15 p.m. on Friday, July 19, Sunday, July 21, Tuesday, July 23 and Friday, July 26.

Tickets are \$12 general admission and are available at the door or online at, macarts.com.

Justice said that officials are still searching for people who are interested in acting in the play.

"We're always looking for new, new men and women to come out and

join us," he said. "So, if anyone wants to come out and join us, we're still going to travel it back to McCarr, and put it on there. We'd love to

have them. Love to have them."

For more information, visit the Hatfield & McCoy Arts Council on Facebook.

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Cabinet Rural and Municipal Aid Commissioner Gray Tomblin II addressed the fiscal court, reporting that when he was appointed, Gov. Bevin asked him to travel to rural areas to discuss infrastructure needs and to “never play politics.” He said he was there to learn about the county’s infrastructure needs.

“So, we want your feedback. We want to work with you and see what we might be able to do to help Floyd County out,” he said.

Judge-Executive Robbie Williams referenced requests made prior to the meeting.

“But we do, we do appreciate what you do for us,” he said. “And I do think that you will take into consideration the concerns that we’ve expressed and, we do have needs with our roads, some safety needs that need to be addressed, and anything that you can do, we certainly will appreciate it.”

Tomblin said he will take the county’s submission — a list of road funding requests that Williams and Road Foreman Dale Kimbler said totals \$1.3 million — and will “definitely be in touch in the very near future.”

Magistrate Ronnie Akers requested an update on the Ky. 680 project, the Minnie-to-Harold connector that was stalled after Gov. Matt Bevin took office. Akers and other fiscal court members have repeatedly complained about the lack of progress on that project, reporting that only two miles of construction is needed.

District 12 Chief District Engineer Mary Westfall Holbrook said the project is in the Transportation Cabinet’s six-year road plan and could, depending on the budget, go to bid as early as next year in the new six-year plan which is under development.

The current state highway plan includes \$34.6 million to improve the Minnie-to-Harold Connector from Little Mud to the Mouth of Tackett Creek — projects that are designated for completion in 2022 and 2023.

Tomblin said it’s “probably a running joke” that projects are put in

the six-year plan and never funded. He said the process has been revised and improved, however. He and Holbrook also reported that 14 of 1,000 bridges set to be replaced statewide are funded under a plan Bevin had to fix the 1,000 worst bridges in the state. Tomblin said 200 bridges were added to the total number statewide because some projects came in under estimated costs.

Akers also asked about repairs needed on U.S. 23 at the red light at Harold — an issue he previously asked District 12 Section Engineer Matt Moore about during a fiscal court meeting. Moore said that section of road will be added to another section set to be paved next year, and the Cabinet will patch potholes there until that time.

Akers also reported he’s been getting calls on six or seven breaks on Branham’s Creek, calling them “really bad,” and voicing concerns about bus travel when the school year starts in August.

Moore told him the county experienced two federal disasters in the past two years and it takes time to go through the process for federal funding. He said problems caused by the 2018 disaster are under contract and the Federal Emergency Management Agency is scheduled to visit next week to inspect damages caused by a disaster declared this year.

Williams voiced concerns about the state closing a portion of Branham’s Creek for repairs, reporting repairs to a slide on neighboring Tinker Fork may cause issues for drivers in the area.

“We’ve got a, it looks like, a project in Tinker Fork, that may turn into an emergency fairly quick for us, and we’re concerned about you all shutting the roads down on the Branham’s Creek side until we get this completed,” Williams said. “The residents could be stuck and not have a road out.”

During the meeting, the fiscal court voted to seek bids to repair the slide on Tinker Fork, located in District 4, and a slide on Plumber’s Fork, located in District 2, with officials reporting these roads are dangerous for school bus travel. Offi-

cialists discussed the possibility of providing temporary fixes on these roads at the meeting.

After the meeting, Williams and Kimbler reported the county submitted a \$1.3 million request for discretionary funding to fix county roads in every magisterial district.

“We’re trying to improve some of these safety issues,” Williams said. “I’m concerned about a lot of these buses. We’ve had this erosion over the years. We’ve not had the money to go out and fix these roads. Listen, we’ve got roads in District 2 that aren’t fit for travel. You can’t drive ATVs on them.”

Kimbler said that while reviewing roads to find those in need of repair for the discretionary funding request, officials decided to turn three roads in the Wayland and Garrett areas “back to gravel because they were so bad.”

“There was more gravel on them than blacktop, where gravel had been used to patch,” he said.

Williams said the county doesn’t receive half of the money it needs to maintain 400 miles of county roads.

“I don’t know how we do it,” he said.

He said his administration is working on a seven-year road plan.

“We’re doing a seven-year plan, and the way we’re looking at it is if we can get into each district each year and we can asphalt five, six, seven hollers in each district each year,” Williams said. “Let’s say we get six hollers. In seven years, we’ve got 42 hollers. We’ve got that district done, and then we circle back around.”

He said officials are working on long-term fixes for county roads.

“We’re not patching, making people happy today,” he said. “We want to fix them so that they’re going to last.”

He reported that this is not a written plan. It has not been discussed or

approved by the fiscal court.

The fiscal court also approved allowing Kimbler to compile a list of old equipment to sell as surplus, allowing Williams to declare those items as surplus and allowing Williams to seek bids and sell them to the highest bidder. The resolution also gave Williams the authority to use the funds to buy two new excavators for District 1 and District 2. It reports that Williams spoke with Caterpillar about buying two excavators for \$152,000, and says that amount is the “state bid price” so the county doesn’t have to seek bids for the purchase.



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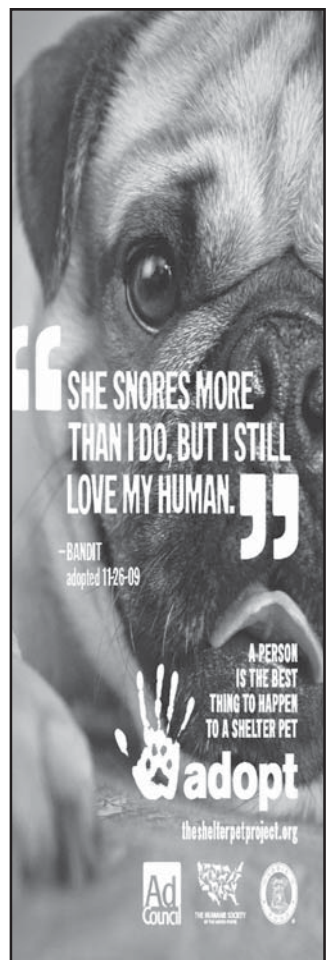
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Campbell appointed director at MAC

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Mountain Arts Center hired Joe Campbell as its new director last week.

Campbell, 39, of Prestonsburg, has been serving as interim director there since March.

He worked his way up the ladder at the MAC, where he said he has worked for approximately 20 years, "off and on."

He started out working backstage when he was a teenager.

"I started right out of high school, running spotlight, my senior year of high school in 1999," Campbell said. "Then, I worked there until 2007, and I left and came back."

Campbell previously worked in the information technology department at Big Sandy Community and Technical College and when the City of Prestonsburg approved an agreement in 2016 to allow BSCTC to operate the MAC, Campbell was hired as the programming and marketing director there.

He maintained that role, reeling in well-known local, regional and national artists and expanding the musical offerings at the MAC until this March, when he was appointed interim director. Former Director Clayton Case, who resigned to become a full-time pas-

tor, still maintains his role with the MAC's signature show, the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry.

He said the appointment feels "surreal."

"It's surreal," he said. "I started there when I was a 19 years old running a spotlight and all of these years, I thought, it might be cool to get back over there. It'd be cool to actually be director there one of these days. And when Clayton come over there in the partnership in May of 2016, I thought, well, maybe when in about 10 years when Clayton moves on, maybe I'll try for it. But it came quicker than I thought."

When concerts are held at the MAC, Campbell said he enjoys watching the audience.

"I like the tourism aspect of it, and just the entertainment of seeing 500 or 700 people in there enjoying the show," he said. "At the beginning of the show, I sit back and just watch the start of it and see everybody's reaction. I like to be behind the scenes of entertainment. It's always fun."

In his new role, he wants to place more of an emphasis on the educational programs offered by the MAC.

"We have kids every evening taking lessons — 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., every evening, is guitar lessons, voice lessons, piano, violin, drums. We real-

ly want to get that out there, that we're there for education," he said. "That's what Ms. Billie Jean was wanting to use that facility for when she was getting the money to build that facility."

The MAC hosted a free concert to celebrate the end of the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros camp, which was held there last week.

"The Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros, that's the educational system that feeds the Kentucky Opry," Campbell said.

For details about upcoming concerts and programs, visit, macarts.com.



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Mountain Arts Center Director Joe Campbell says he loves working at the MAC.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Rural Kentucky is the perfect target for FCC's telehealth project

Life in rural Kentucky is already pretty great. We've got much less traffic, much more clean air, a heap more natural beauty, tons of birds and fish and a little less stress than our big-city neighbors. But we can also struggle with access to health care.

A new proposal from the Federal Communications Commission could help address that shortcoming. The idea is to give more people access to "telehealth" services — essentially video chats with doctors that serve

as an appointment without the drive or the waiting room. The FCC could accomplish this by paying for a large chunk of the costs needed to make those telehealth services available.

"If adopted, this pilot program could provide health care providers with funding needed to purchase the communications services that will support their connected care efforts," FCC Chair Ajit Pai said.

The "Connected Care Pilot" proposal would use \$100 million to pay for

up to 85% of the cost of "connectivity for broadband-enabled telehealth services," according to the FCC.

Connected Care Pilot is still in its infancy — the FCC just this month is asking for input on how it should design the specifics, including what types of healthcare companies and internet service providers should be allowed to participate; and which groups of people should be targeted with the internet subsidies.

We think there's a great case to be made for

focusing this project on rural areas. Rural areas in Kentucky and other nearby states face health problems many other areas do not. We are taking the hardest hit from the opioid epidemic and our population also deals with diabetes and heart disease — all of which the FCC has already identified as possible qualifiers for receiving Connected Care support.

On top of that, greater distances between people and their doctors in rural areas creates a barrier to health care that

can be harmful for both patient and medical provider.

"If you live in a rural area, seeing a specialist can mean missing work, driving several hours — each way — and finding a local hotel if returning home the same day isn't feasible," Pai said. "Even worse, some patients may choose to forego necessary medical treatments just to avoid these additional costs."

Rural hospitals and health care providers face increasingly difficult budgetary battles every year

just to keep their doors open. As many as one in five rural hospitals in the U.S. is at risk of closure unless it gets financial assistance, according to an analysis by the global consulting firm Navigant. In Kentucky, that number is almost one in four.

If rural doctors could offer their patients telehealth services, it could go a long way to keeping them around, ensuring quality health care for rural residents for years to come.

— The Advocate-Messenger

GUEST COLUMN



By SJ RUTH
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Go back

pared with other group cheers we fell back on when victory was assured and we wanted to assert our superiority through poetry.

But it could bring the ire of school officials, who were quick to point out that most of our schools were in the woods and there was nothing wrong with being a farmer and just because we were winning by 27 didn't really mean their team was no good. The team was just having a bad night.

Most importantly, it was the kind of chant most of us got over once we'd left high school and entered the world. Once graduated, it was easy to figure out the only difference, in general terms, between Elkhorn City and

Virgie and Johns Creek and Millard was spelling. And once you'd spent a few nights in Lexington or Johnson City, Pikeville wasn't so shiny, either.

In other words, our crude cheers were just the kind of incantations you'd expect from a bunch of un-self-aware and accomplishment-lite adolescents. Give us a couple of years and most would be slightly embarrassed by the silliness of the taunt. Go back to where you came from is as pointless and empty as "so's your mother."

Which brings us to today. The self-absorbed spoiled brat in the White House has decided to prove, once again, what a raging twit he is by going full "go back where

you came from" on four women who were popularly elected to represent their communities in Washington, D.C.

By being popularly elected, they're all ahead of the Fraud-in-Chief right out of the gate. How on earth can he make America White Again when these four ... all darker than his spray-on tan ... question everything he does?

When he tweeted they should go back to where they came from, he wasn't talking about New York, Michigan, Massachusetts or Minnesota, the actual places they came from. No, he was referring to wherever that place is that brown-skinned people come from.

Well, one of them came from Somalia first, some of Trump's intellectual peers point out.

True, say the grown ups, and she's been a U.S. citizen longer than that refugee married to Cadet Bonespurs.

The only time he'd suggest she go back to where she came from is when a younger version of herself shows up at his back door. You know, like he did with his other wives.

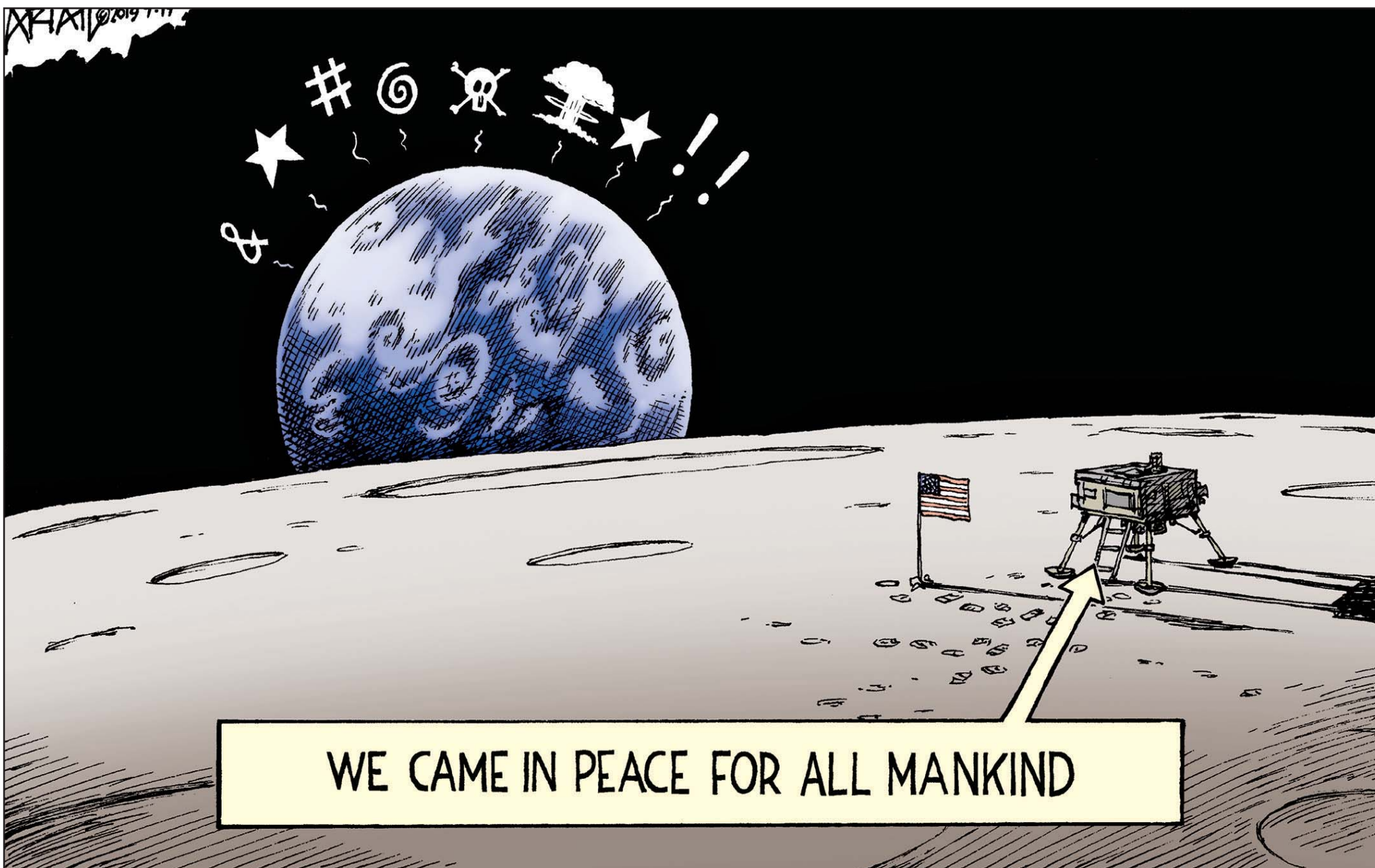
So when the Donald singles out four women — all of color, all with religious beliefs very different than his (none of them worship money) and all legitimately elected to congress by their constituents — and demands they go back to where they came from, he's not being a racist, just himself: an immature, un-self-aware, accomplishment-lite, uninformed, self-centered adolescent with racist aspirations.

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Prestonsburg corrects 50-year-old annexation

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The Prestonsburg City Council took steps this week to correct an annexation that was approved 50 years ago.

During a July 15 meeting, the council unanimously approved a resolution that adopts a legal description of property the city annexed at Goble Roberts in 1968 and 1970.

City Clerk Sharon Setser said the resolution concerns about 24 acres in Goble Roberts that includes public housing apartment complexes.

According to the resolution, ordinances annexing this property in 1968 and 1970 did not include the submission of maps of the area of annexation to the Kentucky Secretary of State's office, as required.

The "city failed to make a correction to the map" to include the annexed areas, the resolution says.

It notes that the city "does not intend to replace" the prior ordinances annexing the property, "but rather to interpret the defined boundaries of the territory previously annexed and adopt a modern legal description" of it.

Land Surveyor Thom-

as Nairn prepared the legal description for the property.

The city recently approved a similar ordinance adopting a legal description for annexed property on Mays Branch. Setser said the same issue impacts other areas of the city that was previously annexed, and the city expects to correct those legal descriptions as well.

In other news, city officials reported that the city has been cutting grass on property that is owned by a private individual.

The discussion came at the request of Council Member Harry Adams, who asked that the city continue to cut grass on property next to city hall that is owned by Roland E.

Gray Sr. Gray sent the city a letter in April, asking Prestonsburg to vacate the property, posting signs calling it dangerous and unsafe. He alleged that the city failed to maintain and keep the property safe and free of "hazardous and attractive nuisances."

"Roland's property out here, he was good enough to let us use it for as long as he did. I'd like to finish cutting the grass this season for him until

he can figure out what he's going to do with it," Adams said. "In all fairness, he didn't charge us anything. He's good enough to let us have it, and I'd like to cut his grass for him until that's —."

Stapleton said he talked about that issue with Gray. He said the city has been cutting the grass, but wasn't able to do so during the holidays.

"I agree with you 100 percent," Stapleton said. "We're going to cut it. It's just we've not had a chance."

The council also:

- Approved \$42,000 in bills, with the majority, \$25,000, paid to auditors White & Associates, PSC.

- Discussed issues with dogs, with officials reporting people are not cleaning up excrement left by dogs on sidewalks. Stapleton advised the public to send pictures or videos of people not cleaning up after their dogs so they can be charged with littering. Officials emphasized the need to raise awareness about the issue, with business owner Sheena Maynard offering to hold a social media campaign through her business, Lou's Place for Pets, and visitor Cliff Latta suggesting the city offer more garbage cans in the city.

Stapleton also reported the city is still working on creating an ordinance that would impose fines on people who leave pets in hot vehicles.

- Learned that the sell of property on Stonecrest, approved at a prior meeting, is pending deed work.

- Approved the renewal of an Air Evac contract for about \$15,000. Through the contract, Prestonsburg residents who are flown out for medical care in the Big Sandy region are not charged more than what their health insurance pays for the flight.

- Reported progress on the construction of the Pikeville Medical Center urgent care center, which is being built on South Lake Drive, with Stapleton reporting the hospital has a "very aggressive schedule" to complete it.

- Learned from Mountain Arts Center Director Joe Campbell that the Kentucky Ballet inquired about renting the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre to host "Ballet under the Stars" next year.

- Stapleton encouraged the public to attend the BackPack to School Bash, which begins at 6 p.m. on Friday, July 19, at the sports park on Stonecrest.

Nancy Howard
Nancy Jeanette Hill Howard, 83, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Direct burial was held Tuesday, July 16, at J.P. Hill Cemetery, Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg.

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

Jimmy Ray Johnson
Jimmy Ray Johnson, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 14, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Friday, July 19, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in Gethsemane Gardens, Prestonsburg.

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

Carolyn Leigh Likens

Carolyn Leigh Likens, 65, of Martin, died Monday, July 15, 2019.

Visitation will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 19, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 20, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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Allen resident faces animal cruelty charges

An Allen resident was recently arrested for allegedly abandoning three dogs inside a residence three years ago.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Joy McKenzie, 31, of Gas Fork Road, Allen, was charged with three counts second-degree cruelty to animals, which are misdemeanor charges.

According to the arrest warrant filed by Josh Davis of the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, McKenzie allegedly abandoned three dogs inside a residence she vacated from July 4, 2016, to July 15, 2016.

"One dog was found dead, and the two other dogs were found malnourished, with multiple wounds, and fleas," Davis wrote. A Kentucky State

Police trooper served McKenzie with the arrest warrant last week, charging her with failure to appear in the 2016 case.

McKenzie denied the allegations during her arraignment in Floyd District Court last week, entering a not guilty plea. District Judge Jimmy Marcum placed her under a \$1,000 surety bond and scheduled a pretrial conference for Aug. 19 in the animal cruelty case.

In a separate case, McKenzie is also charged with driving on a suspended license, possession of license when privileges are revoked, failure to produce insurance card and failure to maintain insurance. In that case, she's scheduled to return to court on Aug. 28.

Wayland resident denies child porn allegations

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man facing 55 counts of possession of child pornography is denying the allegations against him.

A not guilty plea was entered in Floyd Circuit Court on July 11 in the case against Kyle McFaddin, 25, of Wayland, who is charged with 55 counts of possession of a matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

The indictment, issued on June 12, claims that the alleged crimes

took place between November 2018 and April 2019 in Floyd County.

McFaddin was initially arrested in April following an Internet Crimes Against Children investigation of the Kentucky State Police's Electronic Crime Branch. At the time, he was charged with 50 counts of possession of matters portraying a sexual performance by a minor, the KSP reported.

When the grand jury indicted him in June, the number of charges against him, however, in-

creased to 55.

McFaddin was arrested on the indictment last month his bond was set that month at \$5,000 cash — the same bond he had when the case was in district court.

Additionally, he was ordered to not have contact with minors, not to possess any type of weapon, not to consume alcohol or drugs, undergo random drug testing and refrain from posting anything on social media about the case.

Last week, Circuit Judge Tom Smith sched-

uled a pretrial conference in the case for Oct. 24.

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Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams administers the oath of office David Layne a July 18 meeting. The fiscal court approved a resolution appointing Layne to a four-year term as treasurer, retroactive to July 1. Layne's salary remained the same, \$2,200 bi-weekly.

Man arraigned on sexual abuse charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A man who was indicted on two counts of first-degree sexual abuse in 2018 was arraigned in Floyd Circuit Court last week.

Jarrod B. Slone, age and address unavailable, was arraigned by Circuit Judge Tom Smith on July 11 in a case in which he is charged with two counts of first-degree sexual abuse.

Details about Slone and the nature of the charges against him are not open to public in-

spection, as the case was sealed in Floyd Circuit Court and has not been unsealed since Slone was arrested this month.

Information provided on the circuit court's database, however, shows a warrant was issued against Slone when he was indicted in January 2018 and another warrant was issued on July 1.

The second warrant was served on July 5, the database says. Smith scheduled a preliminary hearing for Oct. 24, but no other information is publicly available in the case.

Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd County

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

Billy Joe Holt, 21, of Prestonsburg; third-degree assault of a police officer, resisting arrest, two counts of third-degree terroristic threatening, first-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespassing

Chris Henson, 29, of McDowell; fraudulent use

of a credit card

Misdemeanor cases filed

Michelle Hall, 44, of McDowell; third-degree criminal trespassing

Joshua Martin, 20, of Allen; fourth-degree assault

Clay Dials, 45, of Inez; no/unapproved personal flotation device

Corey R. Fields, 21, of Flat Gap; riding on a bow while boat is underway

Ogie M. Moore, 52, of Garrett; theft by unlawful taking

Jake Estep, 20, of David; third-degree terroris-

tic threatening

Lillian B. Huff, 27, of Keavy; DUI, improper passing, failure to produce insurance card, possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container

Brandon Hale, age unavailable, of Hi Hat; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Michael D. Johnson, 29, of Melvin; resisting arrest, public intoxication of a controlled substance, fourth-degree assault, second-degree wanton endangerment,

endangering the welfare of a minor

Christian R. Hopkins, 26, of Minnie; two counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, two counts of third-degree terroristic threatening, Chad B. Jarrell, 35, of Printer; third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree wanton endangerment

Danielle Curtis, 32, of Auxier; harassment

Scotty Parsons, 67, address unavailable; third-degree terroristic threatening

Kimberly A. Kelly, 44, of Flatgap; theft by un-

lawful taking

Joy McKenzie, 38, of Prestonsburg, three counts of second-degree animal cruelty, driving on a suspended license, possession of license when privileges are revoked, failure to produce insurance card and failure to maintain insurance

Lawsuits filed

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance vs. Perry S. Crider, Wanda Crider, Kentucky Housing Corporation, Kentucky Division of Collections, Floyd County; foreclosure

Arvest Central Mort-

gage Company vs. Nathan R. Looney II, Carla Looney, Floyd County; foreclosure

Eastern Kentucky Federal Credit Union vs. Dana Taylor, James Taylor; motion and affidavit for writ of possession

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

Felony charge filed for alleged fight between father, son

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Hi Hat resident was arrested on Monday following an alleged domestic dispute with his 22-year-old son.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Charles Hall Sr., 41, of Hi Hat, was arrested for fourth-degree

assault and first-degree wanton endangerment following an alleged fight that occurred that afternoon.

Kentucky State Police Trooper Billy Ball reports in the citation that he was called to investigate the fight in Hi Hat and spoke witnesses who alleged Hall used a knife while he was fighting with his son.

Ball reported in the citation that Hall's son claimed his dad "was mad" and accused him of stealing a motorcycle. He alleged that his dad assaulted him, Ball reported, during a fight that started inside a vehicle, continued in the driveway and, later, in a neighbor's garage.

"(Hall's son) attempt-

ed to protect himself throwing punches back at Charles Sr.," Ball wrote. "After a brief fight, (Hall) produced a knife and (his son) ran out of the garage where he fled back to his residence next door."

He reported that after arresting Hall, he complained of chest pain and requested an ambulance. Ball reported, how-

ever, that he was advised there was no ambulances near the area.

"I transported (Hall) as quickly as possible to ARH McDowell with my emergency equipment activated," Ball wrote. "One inside the ER, (Hall) collapsed in the floor. Hospital staff conducted tests and medically cleared (him) for trans-

port to FCDC."

Hall appeared in Floyd District Court on Tuesday for an arraignment. He was placed on a 24-hour hold and ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim in the case. District Judge Eric Hall placed him under a \$5,000 cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing for July 22.

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd County

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Marriages

Crystal Elaine Brownfield, 52, of Martin, to

James David Reynolds, 66, of Martin

Brandi Michelle Blocker, 36, of Whitesburg, to Jeffery Duane Newsome, 53, of Martin

Tasha Neshea Watkins, 27, of Prestonsburg, to Marcus Ryan Gayheart, 23, of Prestonsburg

Vanessa Rene Os-

borne, 32, of Melvin, to Nicholas Derek Mullins, 36, of Melvin

Chelsea Woods, 20, of Wayland, to Chris Marcantel, 31, of Wayland

Property transfers

Billie O'Quinn, Danny O'Quinn to Kevin O'Quinn; property at Right Beaver

(Deeds Book 646; pg. 544)

Inez Justice, Charlene Wilson, Henry Wilson to Brenda May (Deeds Book 646; pg. 548)

Inez Justice, Brenda May to Charlene and Henry Wilson (Deeds Book 646; pg. 557)

Burnis Goble, Zina

Goble to The Burnis Goble and Zina M. Goble Family Living Revocable Trust (Deeds Book 646; pgs. 565, 568, 570)

Billy K. Burns to Ernest Campbell Jr. (Deeds Book 646; pg. 578)

Jordan and Lacey Baldrige to Christina Simpson (Deeds Book

646; pg. 582)

Dora Webb to Joann Garavaglia (Deeds Book 646; pg. 585)

Stone Financing LLC to Lindsey Anderson (Deeds Book 646; pg. 588)

Amy Jane Charles to Frank Charles (Deeds Book 646; pg. 592)



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July 16, so that businesses pay for water based on the volume used instead of the flat rate. The change came at the request of Southern Water officials, who reported businesses aren't paying their fair share with the flat rate. Commercial customers will now pay a minimum bill of \$33.34 and \$11.51 for every additional 2,000 gallons of water used.

Officials said the expectation is that the flat rate for residential customers will decrease because Southern Water will get more funds from businesses.

The PSC held the hearing in Frankfort on June 16 in a case in which the agency is investigating water loss rates at 10 Kentucky utilities that have water losses of 35 percent or more.

Southern Water had a water loss rate of more than 62 percent in 2018, causing a loss of \$474,299, the PSC reported.

PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said the high water loss was a "symptom" of a mismanagement problem. He said some of the information gathered in this hearing would be used to make a determination in Southern Water's pending rate case.

Schmitt gave an overview of several issues Southern Water currently faces, including the fact that commissioners were appointed in February and have not received formal training. He said the resignation of the former commission members came after the PSC "basically had prepared charges or civil penalty assessments" against them.

Chairman Jeff Prater testified about several issues that have already been highlighted publicly, including the discovery that 750 meters were "zero read" meters and that meters have not been tested, as required,

in 10 years.

Prater said Utilities Management Group, which manages the district, identified "the most pressing needs" as meter replacements and installing master meters, saying that accurate meters are needed in order to keep the district financially afloat and to detect water loss.

The commission called a special meeting to be held after press deadline on Thursday to receive bids for the replacement of all district meters — a project that officials previously reported could cost more than \$1 million.

Prater told the PSC about that project, telling them that getting funding would be the biggest challenge. When Schmitt suggested the district seek a temporary surcharge as part of its rate application, Prater said officials believe getting financing through the water meter company would be the "fastest way to get all meters changed out." Schmitt said, however, that a surcharge could temporarily provide funds until a loan is secured.

Prater also testified that he believes Southern's customer base will decrease over the next 10 years, a comment that lead PSC officials to question him about selling the district. Kentucky American Water recently expressed interest in buying Southern Water, but Prater said he does not favor a sell.

He said that officials would rather the district have a local board instead of selling it to a privately-owned corporation.

"Could they do any worse by Southern's citizens and ratepayers than its own people did, and the prior board, over the past 15, 20 years?" Schmitt asked. "How could they, whatever they did, how could they do any worse?"

Schmitt pointed out that in a recent rate case, Kentucky American Water customers are now

and Terry Thornsberry, and Compton raised questions about city finances and the tourism commission.

Bartley said Wednesday that Rudder's comments appeared to have been directed at Mullins and Thornsberry.

"I think there's not much doubt that they were made toward Terry Thornsberry and Deanna, I believe her last name is Mullins ... I'm fairly confident that, based upon all the information available to us, those are the two individuals that Rudder was referring to," Bartley said.

One text read, "Her and terry needs bullets in their heads, don't know what their talking about especially that little Mexican (explicative deleted) sucker."

In response to that text, Compton asked Rudder to "calm down," saying, "We are trying to get clarity out to the people."

Rudder responded, "Oh old dad here will give



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Toler Creek resident Barry Justice complains about his Southern Water and Sewer District water bill to the Floyd County Fiscal Court on July 16. He said his bill, which includes fees for garbage collection, used to be \$30 and is now \$70.

paying \$20 less than they were, citing a bill that's less than those at Southern Water.

Several people testified about financial matters at Southern Water, including around \$2,000 in questionable purchases at restaurants, \$35,000 that was allegedly embezzled by a former employee and, among other things, the \$150,000 loan that Southern Water was required to pay back to the fiscal court by July 16 before a \$100 daily penalty kicks in.

Southern Water is seeking a loan to repay the fiscal court.

The fiscal court did not mention the late payment during its meeting Tuesday.

PSC Assistant General Counsel Nancy J. Vinsel suggested that the former employee may still owe \$500 to the district, according to documents supplied in the case, and she asked for proof that all payments were made. She also pointed out that, according to documents provided, Southern Water overpaid Frasure's Electric by \$3,000 in 2016 and underpaid the company \$600 in 2017.

"This goes to one of the core issues that I think created the Southern problem," PSC Vice Chairman Robert Cicero said. He suggested that Southern Water seek

restitution for overpayments.

Auditor Richard Paulmann and CPA Jeff Reed answered numerous questions about finances during the hearing.

Paulmann reported he didn't catch the alleged \$35,000 embezzlement because he wasn't informed about it. He also revealed that his audits did not catch questionable credit card receipts and purchases at restaurants because they were less than \$160,000 — less than the "tolerable measurement" he uses when reviewing financial records for audits.

Paulmann, who also does audits several Floyd County cities, said any incident below that \$160,000 would not necessarily be considered a material weakness in internal controls in the audit.

Among other issues, Vinsel asked Paulmann whether allowing a former manager, who is the sole user of a credit card, to approve all purchase would be considered a material weakness in an audit.

"It's poor internal control, but I don't know if I would go to a material weakness there or not," he said, saying that it would be a material weakness if it met that \$160,000 threshold.

Cicero appeared

to take issue with that \$160,000 threshold.

"Are you saying that any incident, to be material, has to be \$160,000?" he asked.

Paulmann said that "there's not a lot of looking at items" below that amount.

"Any materiality would be based on the size of the organization, not on a standard \$160,000, correct?" Cicero asked.

Paulmann said it would depend on the situation. He said the threshold is based off of Southern's assets.

"But in this case, where you had the general manager who was charging items to a company credit card, approving them and authorizing payment, I would think somewhere in the sampling process, you would at least check some of those to see if there was an issue or not," Cicero said.

Paulmann said the sampling of a \$1,000 purchase at Southern is not normally done during an audit.

Calling the reasons for the district's financial problems a "complete mismanagement of the system," Cicero voiced frustration that previous audits didn't catch the problems.

"I know you're performing an audit and it

sounds like you know what you're talking about, but it leaves us with questions on what to expect when an audit is complete if these kinds of situations can arise even after an audit and you're left with a complete — well, at this point, if we let it go — would be a complete failure of the system," Cicero said. He said Southern Water is basically "at the doorstep of bankruptcy."

"Okay," Paulmann said.

"I didn't ask for an answer, but you understand the position that we're in," Cicero said.

"I do, yes," Paulmann said.

Cicero continued, "So, I guess there is no bar there that would prevent this from happening, based on the fact that you've done a complete audit and we are still in this situation."

"Okay. Yes," Paulmann said.

At the hearing, it was suggested that the PSC may be required to help Southern Water and Prestonsburg City Utilities finalize the asset transfer that was approved in 2017 and has not been finalized.

Prater said negotiations to unwind the agreement have stalled. Prater said it's a "hindrance" to both utilities, moving forward.

RUDDER

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a first-person kind of delivery of the message," Hunt said. "And he has to come out and threaten somebody, not wish harm on somebody. He has to say that he was going to commit a crime. And in those messages, there's never a message that says he is going to commit a crime."

Last week, Rudder denied sending the texts, telling the Floyd County Chronicle and Times that he was camping and did not have cell service when they were sent. Bartley and Hunt said, however, that Rudder admitted to sending the texts to Council Member Bonita Compton.

Compton disclosed the texts, which were sent to her on June 25 — the night of the last city council meeting.

At the meeting, several people complained, including Martin business owners Deanna Mullins

clarity to them two, my hand to god."

Hunt said it would have been difficult to show Rudder intended to threaten anyone with those texts.

"There is no direct threat," Hunt said. "He's never said that I'm going to do this, or I'm going hire this done or I'm going to have somebody to do it. It's kind of like a wish list," Hunt said. "But that's why there's no charges to be filed."

He also said, "He's skating on the very edge of what would be a crime. But, then again, he stopped on the side, probably, that benefited him, as far as being charged with anything."

Bartley said that Rudder claimed he was upset when he sent the texts.

"I'd rather that he speak for himself, but I will say that he led the sheriff and I both to believe that he was upset at the time he made those statements and that he now recognizes that he shouldn't have done it,"

Bartley said.

Rudder did not answer a call seeking comment.

Bartley condemned the racist comments in the texts and a Facebook post that Rudder also allegedly made in which he allegedly told another person to "start checking for green cards and work visas."

"I think, just in general, that type of hate speech, that type of racist comments, certainly can never lead to any good," he said.

Bartley said Mullins asked police to inform Rudder that "she doesn't want him having contact with her or her property or place of business." He said officials "have relayed that sentiment" to Rudder.

Although no charges were filed in this investigation, court records show that Rudder has faced several misdemeanor charges during his employment with the City of Martin.

In Oct. 2015, he was

arrested during the Red, White and Blue Days Festival for driving an ATV while under the influence. He plead guilty in a case in which he was charged with DUI, operating an ATV on a roadway, failure to maintain insurance and two other traffic violations. He was ordered to pay fines totaling more than \$1,000 and to undergo alcohol and drug education.

In March 2016, Rudder was arrested by Kentucky State Trooper D. Marsillett during a traffic stop. Marsillett reported in the citation that Rudder told him he drove another person to a location near the National Guard Armory and "stated that he knew (the man) either purchased or was given drugs." A pill in a plastic baggie was located on the passenger floor mat of the vehicle, Marsillett reported.

That year, Rudder entered an Alford plea — not admitting guilt, but agreeing that there could be enough evidence to

convict him — in that case, in which he was charged with failure to wear seat belts, third-degree complicity to traffick in a controlled substance and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

In exchange for the Alford plea, the seatbelt charge was dismissed and the two drug-related charges were merged in the district court case in 2016. Rudder was sentenced to 14 days of home incarceration. He was given a 90-day sentence that was probated. He was placed on unsupervised probation for a year and ordered to not to have any further violations of the law.

The following month, he was charged with a traffic offense, driving 26 miles over the speed limit. That traffic violation was amended to driving 25 miles over the limit and it was dismissed.

No other charges have been filed against Rudder in Floyd County since that time.

In Frankfort



Photo courtesy of LRC Public Information
Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, talks about the Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority during a meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology on July 11.

Input sought on alternative tests

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Kentucky Department of Education seeks public comment through July 30 on its request to the U.S. Department of Education to extend its waiver on the number of students who can be tested using an alternate assessment on the annual statewide Kentucky Performance Rating for Educational Progress tests.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act, requires that students with the most significant cognitive disabilities participate in statewide testing through the use of alternate assessments aligned with alternate academic achievement standards. The federal law requires that no more than one percent of all students participating in a statewide assessment such as K-PREP may take the alternate assessment in each subject area tested.

The most recent preliminary data from the 2018-2019 school year shows that slightly more than one percent of Kentucky's students took alternate assessments. Preliminary data for the 2018-2019 school year is the raw number of stu-

dents participating in state assessments provided by KDE assessment vendors. The preliminary data does not include state required review and validation at state, district and school level.

In accordance with 34 C.F.R. §200.6(c)(4), if a state anticipates that it will exceed the cap with respect to any subject for which assessments are administered in any school year, the state may request that the secretary of education waive the cap for the relevant subject for one year. The KDE plans to submit a waiver request to the U.S. Department of Education in the areas of reading, mathematics, writing, science and social studies.

To receive a waiver, the KDE must gather data on the characteristics of students participating in the alternate assessment to determine whether students who do not have significant cognitive disabilities are participating. Also, the KDE must monitor alternate assessment data and request justification from all districts exceeding one percent participation in any subject. The department will address any disproportionality in the percentage of students taking the alternate assessment.

As a result of Kentucky's waiver approval for the 2018-2019 school year, KDE, regional special education cooperatives and school districts have worked in collaboration to develop and implement guidance, training and monitoring to ensure only the students with the most significant cognitive disabilities are participating in the alternate assessment. The substantial progress made is cited in the proposed waiver for alternate assessment participation the KDE will submit to the USED.

The proposed waiver is available on the KDE website. General information on Kentucky's Alternate Assessment is available online at, <https://bit.ly/2XOGJn3>.

Send written comments on the proposed waiver to Sylvia Starkey, Director, Division of IDEA Monitoring and Results, Office of Special Education and Early Learning, Kentucky Department of Education, 300 Sower Blvd., Fifth Floor, Sower Building, Frankfort, Ky. 40601. Comments also may be submitted by email to, Sylvia.Starkey@education.ky.gov, by telephone at, (502) 564-4970, or by fax at, (502) 564-4124.

Wayland resident accused of littering

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County resident is denying allegations that he created an illegal dump in Wayland.

Randy Short, 27, of Wayland, was charged with one misdemeanor count of criminal littering

in the case.

He entered a not guilty plea to the charge during his arraignment on Wednesday, July 17.

Floyd County Code Enforcement Officer Joe Reynolds reports in the criminal complaint that Short allegedly threw multiple bags full of gar-

bage over a hill in Wayland.

"An eyewitness saw (Short) throw the bags over the hill and multiple pieces of the trash had (his) and his wife's name on it," Reynolds wrote.

District Judge Eric Hall scheduled a pre-trial conference for Oct. 7.

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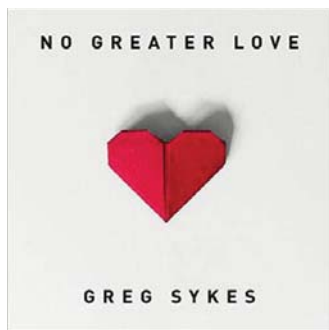
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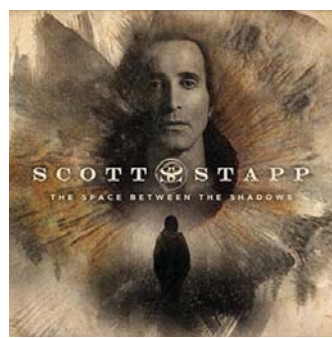
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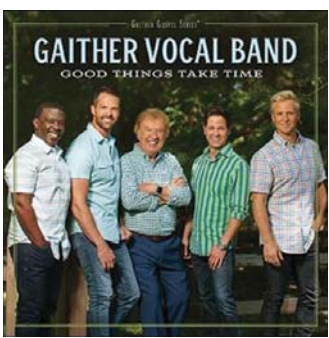
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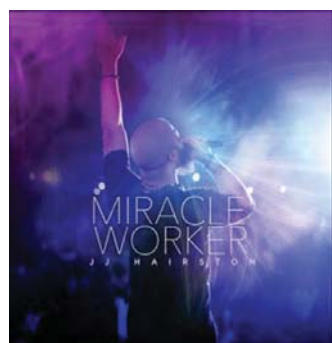
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Back Again
by Mac Powell and the Family Reunion
Genre: Country/Southern Gospel

Embracing diversity

“When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Will you give me a drink?’ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink? (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans).’”
— John 4:7-9 NIV

There is ample evidence that more diverse workforces are more creative and do better work on a variety of measures. One of the interesting results to come from research on diversity is the finding that people who have deeper experiences with different cultures are more creative and have more transformative experiences. Dating or marrying someone from a different culture, or living for an extended period of time in a different country or culture, for instance, will have a more transformative effect than just having friends from a different culture.

We may think of the Bible nowadays as a paradigm of traditional conservative values, but it is important to see that the Bible in both the Old and the New Testament, is a historical record of vast and radical upheaval, which resulted, at least in part, because of the diversity of cultures in close proximity in the Near and Middle East. Perhaps one of the most important benefits of embracing diversity is that it allows us to feel empathy for the person who was once seen only as a stranger, or perhaps even our enemy. Think of Jesus’s response to the Samaritan woman at the well. Jewish men in Jesus’s time wanted nothing to do with women or Samaritans, and here is Jesus engaging in a conversation with someone who is both.



—Christopher Simon

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Zimbabwean says America is in trouble



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Several years ago, Jonathan Daniel spoke to our congregation about how our country is in trouble. Daniel lives in North Carolina, but is originally from Zimbabwe. In Zimbabwe, the life expectancy is 35. All of his childhood friends are dead. How did Daniel beat the odds? He was one of the children helped by missionaries. When Daniel was 18, he became a Christian. However, he was then rejected by his family. Yet, it was Daniel’s life that led his family to become believers.

Following his first visit to the United States, those in Daniel’s homeland wanted to know what America was like. Daniel explained to them how people here have three houses. They had the home they lived in. They had a vacation home they only went to once a year. And then they had another house. The third house they rented monthly and it was a place where they stored all of their things.

Daniel pointed out that we have so much stuff, and for what?

When the church was founded, believers helped other believers. “They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need (Acts 2:45).” Today the church is not operating that way. We as a church are missing the mark. We’re not taking care of the people in our own church. Not only are we not helping them, but we do not know what’s going on in people’s lives. Instead, we are concerned about things that don’t matter – such as someone sitting in “our” designated pew.

America has an overabundance and one of them is our use of cellphones. Daniel states that cellphones have become an idol. A study revealed that the total time we spend in prayer during the course of one year, is equivalent to time spent on our cellphones over the course of only two days!

Daniel asked a very pointed question. If we spend more time texting than in prayer, how do we expect to be filled? If we’re driving a car, and the gas hand is almost on empty, we’re not going to continue to drive around. We’re going to pull into a gas station and fill up so that we can continue onward. In our Christian

lives, we need to be doing the same thing. The Holy Spirit is a filling station for Christians. In order to be filled, we must spend our lives in the Word of God. We must be in prayer.

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In our current times, we must pray for boldness. Especially now when our country is in trouble. We need boldness so that people can see Christ in us. When we become Christians, we leave the past behind and live a life for Christ. Daniel explained that in Zimbabwe you knew who was a Christian and who wasn’t. It was easy to tell because believers wear the colors of their church. Believers may not wear the colors of their church here, but people will know that we are Christians by the fruits we bear.

The Bible tells us that “the acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits

of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law (Galatians 5:19-23).”

Daniel contrasted the stark differences between America and Zimbabwe. In his homeland, people don’t have so many possessions. Those who don’t have much, focus more on God. Daniel described a trip back to Africa. While there, he was invited to an all night prayer service. After being there for a period of time, he inquired how long it would last. They answered, “All night.” In Africa they don’t have anything, but they worship. They pray. Daniel states that in America, we have diluted Christianity. In doing so, it has lost its power.

Thirty-nine years ago, Daniel was a teenager saved by missionaries. Those missionaries were sent by Americans to Africa. Now, Daniel is trying to return the favor and help us realize America is in trouble. We must pray for our country and pray for boldness in our own lives as Christians.

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Bus drivers undergo safety training

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

With just weeks left before the start of the new academic year, officials at Floyd County Schools are hosting a bus driver training this week.

The district employs around 87 bus drivers who drive more than one million miles per year, district Transportation Director Joe Marson said.

Bus drivers trained with an obstacle course set up on Wednesday and Thursday at the athletic field at Floyd Central High School, Marson said.

"They've got all kinds of skill-building exercises set up, where they're parallel parking, going through diminishing distance runs. They're doing some two-point backing. They're doing some figure-eight and tight-quar-

ter turning, just all of these things that we do," Marson said.

The state requires all bus drivers to have Class B CDL, and the district offers a training update for drivers each year.

"We do what we call an eight-hour update, which, it doesn't have to be this intensive," Marson said. "This is something we do that's, it just kind of hones their skills and gets them to revisit some of the things that they had to do to qualify. It's just a real productive way to spend some of that eight hours."

Some of the obstacles set up at Floyd Central gave drivers a two-inch clearance between the bus and railings.

Officials said the state used to host driver safety courses like these for bus drivers, with some local drivers qualifying at the



A Floyd County bus driver trainer shows drivers how close they have to park next to the railing to successfully complete a parallel parking challenge during the safety training on Wednesday.

state level and moving on to compete at the national level.



Floyd County bus driver trainer Gary Gearheart watches a driver navigate a school bus through an obstacle course of tennis balls during training on Wednesday. Drivers lost 10 points for every tennis ball they hit on this course.



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Local students earn scholarships

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Four graduates from high schools in Highway District 12 earned the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's college scholarships this year.

Three are enrolled this fall in the civil engineering technologist associate degree program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, and one is registered in the Civil Engineering bachelor's degree program at the University of Kentucky.

They include the following students:

Lindsey Lockhart, the daughter of Jennifer and Kevin Lockhart and a graduate of Pikeville High School, started her on-the-job training with Vince Hayes at the Pikeville Section Office. She is pursuing a bachelor's degree at UK.

Dalton Stepp, the son of Stacy and Katrina Stepp, is working with Chris Allen and the D12 Bridge Team. A graduate of Pike County Central, he is enrolled in the civil engineering technologist associate degree program at Big Sandy.

Kyle McPeek, assigned to the Pikeville Section Office for the summer, is the son of Roger and Tina McPeek. He will be a sophomore at Big Sandy Community & Technical College, enrolled in the CET associate degree program.

Nicholas Maynard is the son of Bryan Maynard and Rebecca and Trinity Crank. He is working this summer at the Prestonsburg Section Office, and will be a sophomore at Big Sandy this fall in the CET associate degree program.

"We want to welcome these young people to our D12 family," said Mary Westfall-Holbrook, the chief district engineer. "It is exciting that they all have an interest in civil engineering and impressive that they all qualified for KYTC scholarships. It isn't often that a district can boast four scholarship students in one year."

The civil engineering bachelors' degree competitive scholarship, established in 1948, has been awarded to more than 1,800 students from throughout the state. Currently, the scholarship



Submitted photos
State Highway Engineer Andy Barber, Deputy Transportation Secretary Paul Looney and District 12 Chief District Engineer Mary Westfall-Holbrook present a scholarship to Nicholas Maynard, who works at the Prestonsburg section office of District 12. He was one of four local students to earn the honor in District 12.

is worth up to \$51,200 for a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering for students who attend or plan to attend the University of Kentucky, University of Louisville, Western Kentucky University or Kentucky State University. Students are offered the opportunity to work for the Cabinet



Lindsey Lockhart
Pikeville



Dalton Stepp
Pikeville



Kyle McPeek
Pikeville

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AppalRed receives grant from the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky recently donated \$7,500 to the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalRed).

The funding is part of a larger effort to address food security issues in the region, a statement from the foundation said. It was made possible through the Educational Foundation of America and the Appalachian Impact Fund at the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky to help local organizations through the mountains work on solutions in their communities.

The purpose of this grant is to support work that AppalRed does in Floyd and Pike counties for the SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the program formerly known as food stamps. With the grant, AppalRed will be providing information on



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The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky recently donated \$7,500 to the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky (AppalRed) to support work that nonprofit is doing in Floyd and Pike counties.

SNAP, conducting outreach to food pantries and other food assistance programs on client rights, helping people with SNAP-related legal issues and sharing information.

According to the most recent national data, more than 660,000 Kentuckians were considered food insecure in 2017, including an estimated 186,000 children. In the eastern part of the

state, rural counties had food insecurity rates at 20 percent or higher.

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky is a community foundation serving the coalfields of eastern Kentucky by connecting people in local communities with tools and resources to address issues that matter to them. It helps philanthropists and "charitably-minded" people "responsibly contribute

to the causes they care most about."

Residents who want to offer donations to the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky or its affiliate, the Floyd County Community Foundation, may do so online at, appalachiaky.org, or by mailing a check to: Floyd County Community Foundation, PO Box 1734, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

'Sons of the Revolution' Chapter opens in P'burg



Submitted photo

Kentucky Sons of the Revolution Vice President of Chapter Development Jackie Dean Miller I, left, presents Dr. Larry Milford Leslie a charter certificate for the new Big Sandy Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution during a July 13 meeting. Dr. Leslie also was given the Ensign William Bates Chapter #1 SR Distinguished Service Award, where he holds dual membership. The Big Sandy Chapter charter was approved on July 4 by Buzz Carmichael, president of the statewide organization. Membership is open to people who have an ancestor who fought in the American Revolution. Local residents interested in joining the Big Sandy Sons of the Revolution chapter for men, the women's auxiliary and the children's auxiliary should contact Dr. Leslie at, larrymleslie@hotmail.com.

BSCTC expands visual communication program to Pike

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Big Sandy Community and Technical College announced this week that it is expanding its visual communication program to its Pikeville campus.

BSCTC President/CEO Dr. Sherry Zylka said in a press release, "We are experiencing such positive growth in central Appalachia and it demands the support of marketing specialists who have

vision and the technical expertise to promote the work that is being accomplished. There is a great need for everyone, especially artistic people, to participate to make our region productive and economically viable."

The program includes tracks for graphic design, interactive design and production design, and each track requires completion of general education components such as introduction to drawing,

graphic design concepts and computer graphics.

Students may also choose to receive a certificate in these areas and an additional certificate for digital photography.

The graphic design track emphasizes several aspects of design in advertising, packaging, print media and corporate identity. Students completing this track will design advertising for newspapers, magazines, promotions and indoor/

outdoor signage. Students will also identify and design a variety of packaging and printed materials, such as labels and boxes, brochures, menus, stationary sets, booklets and newspapers.

The interactive design track provides students with a mix of computer animation, webpage design and digital video production.

Students completing this option are prepared

for entry-level positions in advertising agencies, graphic design studios, web design and video production studios.

The production design track provides students training in the operation of various print production equipment and vinyl graphics.

Students will learn skills to design and produce a wide variety of printed materials, promotional items and signage. Students completing this

option are prepared for entry-level positions in various types of printing and signage companies.

The program is available on the college's Mayo and Pikeville campuses. Students can earn an associate in applied science degree in two years if they maintain full-time status.

To enroll, call Assistant Registrar Carla Branham at, (606) 889-4827 or email, Carla.branham@kctcs.edu

Slone earns local, state scholarships



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The Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club awarded its annual \$1,000 Scholarship to MaKayla Slone at the Prestonsburg High School's Baccalaureate service, which was held last month at Destination Church in Prestonsburg. Slone is also the recipient of the Democratic Woman's Cub of Kentucky's 2019 Scholarship. She will receive an additional \$1,000 as the state winner. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky.

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during summer months, as well as secure full-time employment upon graduation. Students agree to work one year for KYTC for each year of scholarship assistance. Students are chosen based on performance in high school, ACT scores, aptitude in math and science, and an interest in engineering as a career.

Lockhart is one of 18 students statewide to receive the civil engi-

neering scholarship this award cycle.

The civil engineering technology scholarship, established in 2009, has been awarded to students from throughout the state. Currently, the scholarship is worth \$12,000 toward an Associate of Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology, thanks to a partnership between KYTC and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. Students are offered the opportunity to work for the Cabinet during summer months,

as well secure full-time employment upon graduation. Students agree to work one year for KYTC for each year of scholarship assistance. Students are chosen based on performance in high school, ACT scores, aptitude in math and science, and an interest in engineering as a career.

Stepp, McPeek, and Maynard are three of eight students statewide to receive the civil engineering technology scholarship this award cycle.

Community Events

Friday, July 19

•6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: City of Prestonsburg and partners to host Back to School Bash, featuring free school supplies, health and wellness screenings, activities, Prestonsburg Sports Park.

•7 p.m.: Front Porch Pickin," Mountain Arts Center. Free admission. macarts.com

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

•9 p.m.: Comedy Night, Dewey's Bar and Grill, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. (606) 889-1790

Saturday, July 20

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

•11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg, to host "Rocket Rumpus," allowing visitors to build a rocket "with a little boom." For location of the event, call, (606) 886-2981

•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

•7:30 p.m.: Rocky Ridge Stables hosts horse show, Prestonsburg Equine Center,

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Sunday, July 21

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

Monday, July 22

•5:30 p.m.: Southern Water meets at the district's office, McDowell

•6:30 p.m.: Floyd County Board of Education meets at Duff-Alen Central Elementary, Eastern

Tuesday, July 23

•9 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg, to host "Mini Space Camp" for kids in upper elementary, middle and high school, in partnership with the East Kentucky Science Center. (606) 886-2981

•5 p.m.: Floyd County Public Library, Eastern, to host Solar System Necklace craft program. Registration required. (606) 377-2860

•6 p.m.: Martin City Council meets, city hall

•6 p.m.: Extension Master Gardners Club, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

•7 p.m.: Big Sandy Area Community Action Program to meet, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park May Lodge. Location "subject to change."

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•7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, The Brickhouse, Prestonsburg. (606) 886-1341

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Through July 26, week days

(All meals are free to kids up to age 18. No registration required.)

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

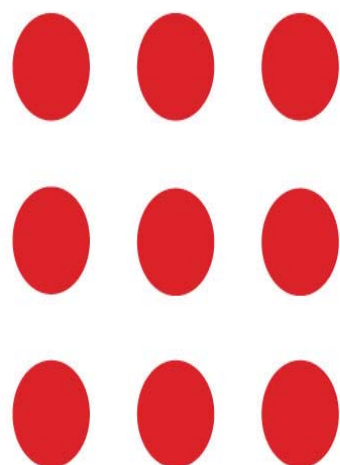
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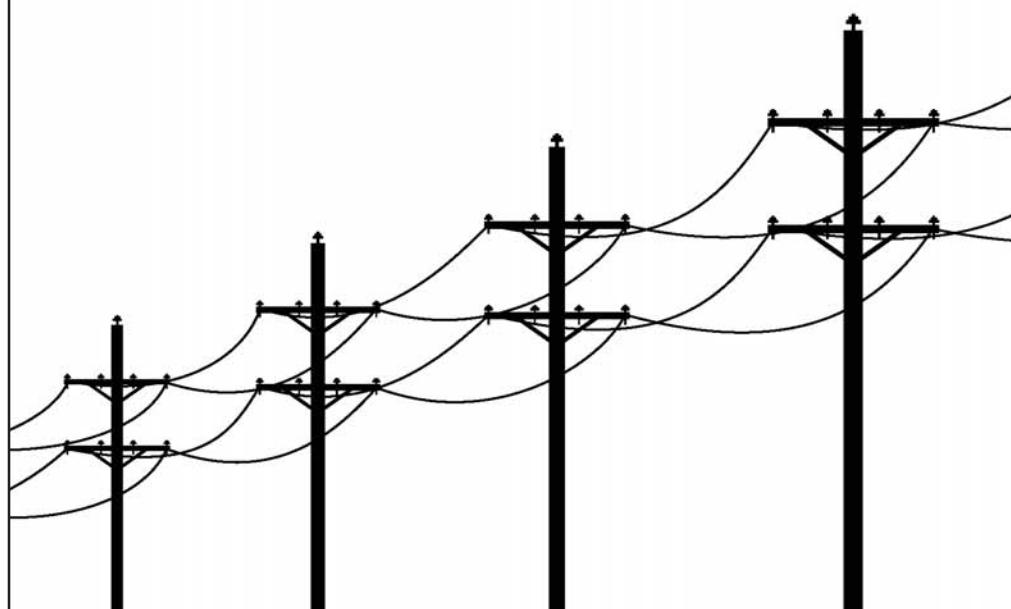
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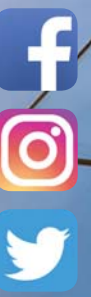


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PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



PMC OFFERING NEW SUPPORT GROUP FOR HEART FAILURE

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has implemented a new support group designed to meet the needs of the growing number of patients who suffer from heart failure. The heart failure support group will meet on Thursday, August 1, 2019, at PMC's Top of the Tower Restaurant in dining room three at 11 am.

The American Heart Association defines heart failure as a chronic, progressive condition in which the heart muscle is unable to pump enough blood to meet the body's need for blood and oxygen. The heart becomes unable to keep up with the amount of work required from it.

Heart failure affects 23 million individuals worldwide. If a patient has a clear understanding of the diagnosis and takes all medication as prescribed, heart failure may be controlled.

Symptoms of heart failure are often weight gain, shortness of breath, swelling in the feet and legs, dry cough, fatigue and palpitations that feel like your heart is racing.

The heart failure support group is designed to reduce a patient's readmission to the hospital. The class will offer patients and caregivers more

information about heart failure and how to live with life-long diagnosis accurately.

"As nurses caring for these patients daily, it was imperative for us to take the initiative to improve the health of our patients suffering from heart failure," said PMC Director of Cardiac Nursing, Amanda Whitt. "We work with these patients on a day-to-day basis and truly want the best outcome for their health."

The support group will help patients understand the importance of medication compliance, heart-healthy diet, weight management, fluid restriction and an overall understanding of how to live with heart failure.

"We want a better patient outcome. Most people do not understand heart failure and what they need to do to stay out of the hospital," added Whitt. "By offering this support group, we hope to reduce the number of patient re-admissions and educate people, so they have a better result when they are caring for themselves at home."

She says if you have coronary artery disease, heart attack, cardiomyopathy or overworking of the heart, you may be a risk for heart failure.

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Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn more about heart failure.

For more information, call 606-218-2201.

Source: American Cancer Society

PMC WELCOMES NEW PHYSICIANS



By: Amy Charles

Jimmy D. Gentry II, MD, nephrologist, obtained his bachelor's degree in biology at Tennessee Technical University and also minored in chemistry. He went on to earn his medical degree from Ross University School of Medicine in the Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies. He later completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Kentucky, where he was also appointed Chief Resident. Dr. Gentry finished his fellowship at Vanderbilt Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, where he served as Chief Fellow.

Dr. Gentry is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. His specialties include kidney failure, chronic kidney disease, dialysis, post kidney transplant care, resistant hypertension and kidney stone prevention.

Dr. Gentry decided on his specialty while interning at the University of Kentucky.

"There are so many things about nephrology that I enjoy, but I think the most important one is the ability to build long-term and meaningful doctor-patient relationships in the setting of highly complex medical issues," Dr. Gentry stated.

Dr. Gentry said his patients can expect honesty, transparency, and an unrelenting effort to provide the best care available.

"My goals are to provide the most comprehensive and up-to-date medical care available to the patients of eastern Kentucky suffering from kidney disease," Dr. Gentry said.

During his visit to PMC, he was impressed by how welcoming everyone he met was and how easily he felt at home.

When he is not taking care of patients, Dr. Gentry enjoys weightlifting and running. He has a young son, Jay, who will be starting Kindergarten this fall. Dr. Gentry says he is excited to see the natural beauty that this region offers. He also likes being outdoors, particularly hiking and kayaking.

Dr. "J.D." Gentry is located on the 8th floor of the PMC Clinic Building.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please visit pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-2208.



By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Dr. Kevin Farthing joins PMC's highly specialized group of family practice physicians. He will be treating patients at PMC's Clinic in Prestonsburg.

Dr. Farthing received his Bachelor of Science in chemical engineering from the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He completed his medical degree from the University of Pikeville Kentucky College Of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Farthing completed his residency at PMC.

Dr. Farthing grew up in Prestonsburg and chose to practice medicine in his hometown to provide quality healthcare to his community.

"The community and people of Prestonsburg are dear to my heart. It is a dream come true to be able to work and care for the community I love," said Dr. Farthing.

Dr. Farthing said his patients could expect him to go above and beyond for them.

"My goals are to simply provide the best medical care I can," said Dr. Farthing. "I want to be a physician that my patients know they can depend on in their time of need."

He says he will care for his patients and treat them all like they are his own family.

"I want the community to know they can always count on me and see I will be a part of helping them get well," said Dr. Farthing.

Several factors drew Dr. Farthing to PMC.

"I chose PMC for a few reasons," he said. "I completed my residency here working and learning from PMC's finest physicians. I could not imagine practicing anywhere other than here."

Dr. Farthing says PMC has the region's most advanced equipment and is growing to serve the needs of people in this area.

"PMC's specialized technology allows me to go above and beyond for my patients." Dr. Farthing added.

Dr. Farthing is the son of Steve and Emma Farthing of Martin. Dr. Farthing married his high school sweetheart, Youtha, and together they reside in Prestonsburg. They have twin children, Gabriel and Aliza. They enjoy spending time with family and friends.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 606-886-1495 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.



By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Heart and Vascular Institute recently named the addition of Arun Nagabandi, MD, (Dr. Arun) to their cardiology practice.

Dr. Arun specializes in interventional cardiology, advanced training in cardiovascular disease, and focuses on the invasive management of heart disease.

Dr. Arun received his Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery at Osmania Medical College in India. He completed his internal medicine residency at Creighton University Medical Center in Omaha, Nebraska. He then attended Augusta University at Medical College of Georgia to complete his cardiovascular disease fellowship. He completed his interventional/structural cardiology fellowship at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Miami Beach, Florida.

Dr. Arun is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Diseases and Nuclear Cardiology.

"Growing up, I was always interested in physics, math and biology in school. My interest in cardiology sprouted from a combination of those early interests, as well as my desire to care for the sickest patients," said Dr. Arun. "Interventional cardiology allows me to offer very time-sensitive and lifesaving treatments."

"My goals are to educate patients about heart-healthy lifestyles and to educate them regarding all the medical advancements and treatment options for various heart conditions," added Dr. Arun.

He says he will treat every patient as he would want his family members to be treated.

Several factors drew Dr. Arun to PMC.

"I joined PMC because I believe this medical center is committed to providing top-tier patient care," said Dr. Arun. "During my visits here, I have seen a genuine commitment to patient care, unlike anywhere."

When he is not providing patient care, Dr. Arun enjoys spending time with his wife, Sushma. Together they enjoy playing tennis and cooking.

For more information or to schedule an appointment call, 606-218-2201 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

North Floyd to host state tournament



The North Floyd All-Stars are set to compete in the Little League State Tournament at StoneCrest this Saturday. North Floyd's Grant Jenkins is pictured heading to third base during a district tournament game. Coverage of the Little League State Tournament will appear in future editions.

Bobcats to host Blue/White Night Aug. 9



Paul Hall is among the seniors back on the field for the Betsy Layne football team. Betsy Layne will host its annual Blue/White Night on Friday, Aug. 9.

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE - Football fans will have an opportunity to catch a sneak peak at the Betsy Layne Bobcats during Blue/White Night on Friday, Aug. 9.

Betsy Layne's Blue/White Night is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

The Bobcats, under

the direction of head coach Scotty McCoy, opened preseason practice earlier in the month, following the end of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period.

Betsy Layne will look to carry some momentum over into the 2019 high school football season. The

Bobcats pulled away to beat visiting Jenkins 48-8 in a 2018 regular-season finale. With the win over Jenkins, Betsy Layne finished the 2018 high school football season 1-9.

Betsy Layne is slated to kick off the 2019 high school football season in an opener versus visiting Martin County on August

23. The Bobcats have additional regular-season games scheduled versus Morgan County (home, Aug. 30), East Ridge (away, Sept. 6), Magoffin County (home, Sept. 13), Knott County Central (home, Sept. 20), Phelps (away, Sept. 27), Raceland (away, Oct. 11), Paintsville (away, Oct. 18), Fairview (home, Oct.

25) and Jenkins (away, Nov. 1).

Following an alignment move from the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, Betsy Layne is preparing to compete in Class 1A, District 6, along with Fairview, Paintsville and Raceland. Betsy Layne dropped down from Class 2A, District 8.

Quarterback Chase Mims is poised to return for his sophomore season with the Bobcats. Mims started for Betsy Layne throughout his freshman season.

Prior to kicking off the 2019 high school football season, Betsy Layne will face in-county rival Floyd Central in a scrimmage at 7 p.m. on August 16.

Betsy Layne, P'burg to meet in 15th Region All 'A' Classic

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PHELPS - The opening round schedule is set for the volleyball version of the 15th Region All "A" Classic. Long-time 58th District volleyball rivals Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg will meet in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at Phelps High School on September 3.

Dwayne Johnson was tabbed as the new head coach of the Betsy Layne volleyball program in the spring. Johnson, who made the move up from Betsy Layne Elementary School, replaced Larry Hodge as the Ladycats' head coach.

But Hodge is still leading a high school volleyball program. A longtime assistant coach at Allen Central prior to guiding Betsy Layne, Hodge was named the new head coach at Prestonsburg in the spring. He replaced Bobby Hackworth.

Betsy Layne ended the 2018 season 6-20.

Prestonsburg compiled a 9-20 record in 2018.

Along with Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg, the 15th Region All "A" Classic volleyball tournament will feature other area squads. Pikeville is the reigning 15th Region All "A" Classic volleyball champion. The Lady Panthers edged Paintsville 2-1 (19-25, 25-23, 25-14) in the 2018 15th Region All "A" Classic title match.

Prior to competing in the 15th Region All "A" Classic, Betsy Layne will travel south to neighboring Pike County to vie for a title in the Champions of the Mountains Classic. Matches in the Champions of the Mountains Classic will be played at Pikeville High School, Pike County Central High School and the University of Pikeville.

Both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg opened preseason practice shortly after the conclusion of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period earlier in the month.



Prestonsburg's Olivia Young goes up for a kill in action last season. Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

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Prestonsburg to hold fall sports media day

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School will hold its annual fall sports media day on August 2. The event — dubbed Blackcat Nation! Black & Red Invasion! — will feature all of Prestonsburg's fall sports teams.

A celebration of student-ath-

letes from Prestonsburg High School and its feeder schools, the event will start at 6:30 p.m.

Prestonsburg cross country, football, golf, boys' soccer, girls' soccer and volleyball teams are preparing to compete in the fall.

All Prestonsburg fall sports teams will be available for photos and interviews during the media day event.

Prestonsburg student-ath-

letes from various fall sports opened preseason practice earlier in the month. The Prestonsburg fall sports teams will make season debuts in August.

Pulling double-duty, Prestonsburg football head coach Brandon Brewer serves as the school's athletic director. Brewer is headed into his second schoolyear in Prestonsburg.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

The Prestonsburg boys' soccer team will be among the squads in attendance at a fall sports media day in early-August.

Floyd Central Baseball Camp set for July 23-26

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN - Area youth baseball players will have a chance to attend a quality camp close to home later in the month. The Floyd Central Baseball Camp will be conducted on the Jaguars' home field July 23-26.

The youth baseball camp is for student-athletes ages 6-14 and will be held from 6-9 p.m. each day. Veteran coaches from various levels will make up the camp coaching staff.

"The Floyd Central Baseball Camp will be ran by myself along with members of the high school and middle school coaching staffs," said

Floyd Central Middle School Coach Greg Horne. "We had a great turnout of about 30 kids last year and expect more this year. The camp is open to players of all skill levels."

The youth baseball camp will include instruction on hitting, pitching, catching, fielding, throwing and base running.

Signups for the youth baseball camp will start at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23. The youth baseball camp will begin at 6 p.m.

The fee for the baseball camp is \$50 per player.

For more information on the baseball camp or to pre-register, contact Greg Horne (606-226-2312) or Byron Patton (859-533-6790).

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Look over your personal documents and update anything that is overdue or could stop you from moving forward with your travel, educational or contractual plans.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Look for an investment you feel comfortable making. Use your strengths and knowledge to help you instead of depending on someone who may have a different agenda or motive than your own.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - The most challenging situation to deal with will involve deception. When in doubt, ask questions. Trust in your judgment, not in hearsay. A personal change will turn out well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You know what's expected of you and what you are capable of doing. Be honest about what you are willing to do and put up with. Don't fold; call the shots.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - A change at home may seem daunting at first, but once you start seeing results, you will discover that a transformation is what's needed to improve your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Think big, but don't go overboard. A little will go a long way if you plan everything out and are prepared to do the work yourself. Don't depend on others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Bring it on. A can-do attitude will help you reach your

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



goals, impress a loved one and forge a better future. Romance is on the rise.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Don't change things midway. See matters through to the end before you start something new. Inconsistency will not help you gain support. Keep your life simple and your plans doable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - If you want to make a change, be prepared to do the work. Personal gains are within reach, and sharing your success with a loved one will have its rewards.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - A journey that will teach you something new or give you information that helps you recognize your options should be taken. It's up to you to do the legwork.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Keep your wits about you when dealing with emotional issues. Letting your anger take control will make you look bad. Do something productive and be proud of what you accomplish.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Your charm will help you out when dealing with work-related matters. Taking part in an interview or discussing a professional plan you have mapped out for yourself is favored. Avoid indulgent people.

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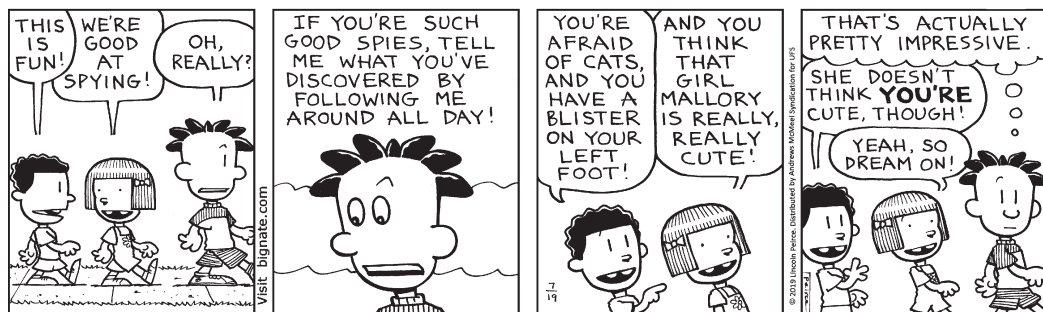
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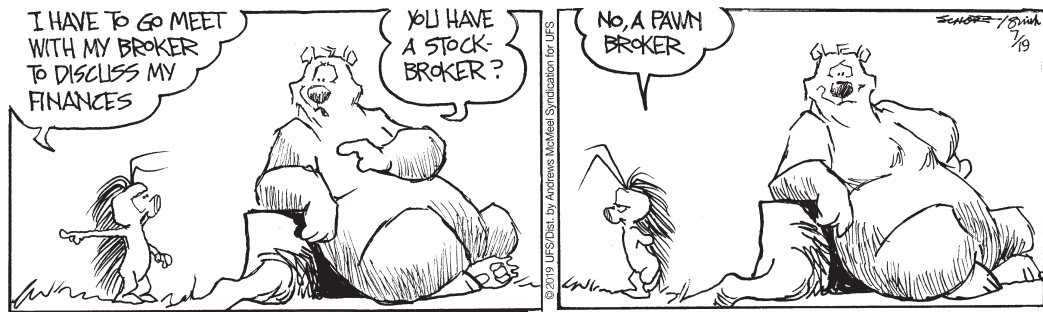
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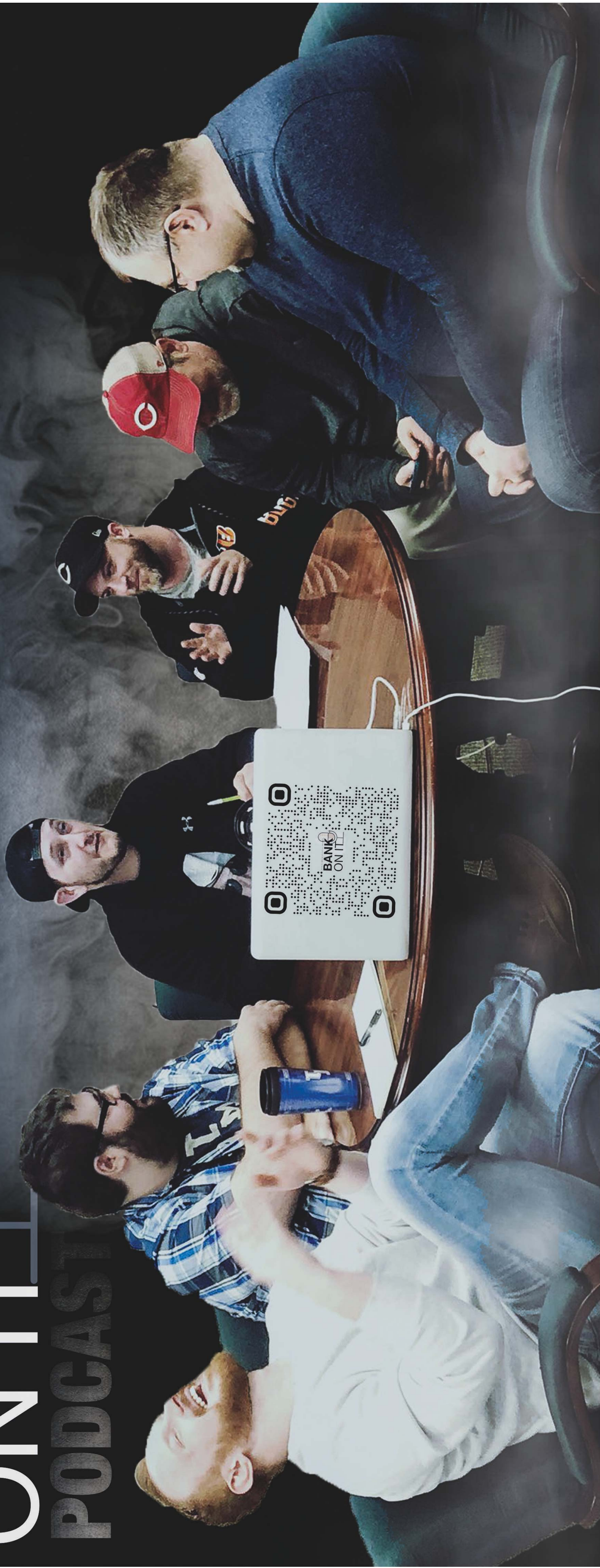
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

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 County. 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.

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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NOTICE SECOND READING OF Ordinance Number #19-004

will take place on July 30th at 10:00 am. Raising the counties purchasing threshold to \$30,000.00, without having requiring competitive bidding, per KRS 424.260 and KRS Chapter 45A.

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NOTICE TO BID

Floyd County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bid proposals for a Multiple Purpose Gym Floor (non-wood product), located at the Community Center in Martin, KY. Estimated to be 120x80 feet, for further information or to schedule a site inspection please contact the County Judges Office at 606-886-9193. Please submit all bids to the office of the Floyd County Judge Executive Robert Williams by Thursday, August 16th, 2019 by 4:00 pm. The bids will be opened by Judge Williams at the next court meeting.

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formation on this bid, or the bid process, contact Shelly Crisp at (606) 889-9125 or by e-mail at shelly@macarts.com. Mountain Arts Center reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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NOTICE THE MOUNTAIN ARTS CENTER

is currently accepting bids for cleaning services. Bid packets will be available at the Mountain Arts Center July 18, 2016 through July 31, 2019 from 9:00am - 6:00pm daily, Monday thru Friday. Sealed bids are due at the MAC Box Office no later than 6:00pm Friday August 9, 2019. For more in-

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NOTICE TO BID

Floyd County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bid proposals for Steel Rail and Cribbing to complete FEMA repairs at the following location: Left Fork of Tinker Fork CR-1147 Latitude: 37.401562 Longitude: -82.626895 120' embankment failure @ 3' spacing Double Row Railroad Pilings 120'x10' Cribbing Bid are geotechnical boring, railroad rail piling, cribbing, excavation and backfill, using filter fabric. Please submit all bids to the office of the Floyd County Judge Executive Robert Williams by Monday, July 29th, 2019 by 4:00 pm. The bids will be opened at a special court meeting on July 30th, 2019 at 10:00 am. For further information or to schedule a site inspection please contact Floyd County Road Supervisor Dale Kimbler at 606-477-8391.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that The Extra Mile, LLC, PO Box 72, Beauty KY 41653, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to place a small amount of fill material affecting approximately 0.3 acre in the floodplain. The property is located at Betsy Layne approximately 1.1 miles north from the intersection of US 23 and KY 979 near the Levisa Fork Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. 3rd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone:

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(502) 564-3410.

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 65A.080 (2), KRS 424.220, of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the financial report and supporting data may be viewed on the Department of Local Government Special Purpose Governmental Entity (SPGE) website or inspected upon request by the public at the Floyd County Conservation District Office located at 18 Mayo Branch Brandykeg, Prestonsburg, Kentucky between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Floyd County Conservation District holds its regularly scheduled monthly board meetings at 5 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of each month at the District office. All meetings are open to the public.

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