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Floyd BOE approves raises for all employees

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education approved an across-the-board 1 percent raise for all employees this week.

During a July 22 meeting, the board approved a 1 percent raise for all certified employees who have a base salary schedule of 187 days and for all classified employees who are paid hourly.



Danny Adkins

The raise is retroactive to July 1 and will cost the district about \$296,000 in its general fund and about \$19,000 in the food service fund, the district reported.

"I'll tell you, it's an amazing act to be able to give this raise and here's why," Superintendent Danny Adkins said, "because we have one of the hardest working staffs, probably the hardest working staff, in Eastern Kentucky ... It's a reward, a monetary reward, for a great job being done by our staff. And I know what that means to a family, especially our classified (employees) and our teachers, too. I know what it means to a family, that raise. So, it's awesome."

The raises come a year after the board created what officials called at the time the district's "own minimum wage" for classified employees. In July 2018, the board changed salary schedules for classified staff so that no employee works for less than \$10 per hour.

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Backpack to School Bash held

The City of Prestonsburg and its partners welcomed children and parents to the Prestonsburg Sports Park on July 19 for the annual Backpack to School Bash, which featured 650 free backpacks filled with school supplies, gifts and informational resources from numerous vendors and activities for children. The event was sponsored by Prestonsburg, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, ARH, Highlands, Walmart, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and others. For more photos, visit, floydct.com.

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Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton, center, shares a map of the Sugarcamp Mountain Trails on StoneCrest with officials from the City of Berea.

Stapleton participates in 'Mayor to Mayor' program

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The City of Berea traveled to Prestonsburg last week to get a glimpse of some of the city's

A group of officials from

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Daniel Brown of United Systems & Software gives Southern Water Chairman Jeff Prater a meter that his company hopes to provide the district. It's one of seven companies that submitted bids.

Southern Water considers meter replacement project

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Sewer District Commission heard proposals for water meter replacements that will cost

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more than \$1 million and addressed concerns highlighted by Kentucky Public Service Commission during a marathon meeting that lasted more than four hours on Monday.

The meeting following another two-hour meeting held last Thursday to discuss the water meter purchases.

Seven companies submitted bids for the replacement of 5,500 meters in Southern Water's system, with bids ranging from \$1.1 million to \$1.7 million. Utility Management Group officials emphasized that the district isn't seeking the lowest cost with these bids because they're weighing other factors, like warranties, meter accuracy and services provided.

"We were plain with everybody," UMG Special Projects Manager Don Compton told commissioners Thursday. "We made it pretty clear that this is a situation where the low bid is not necessarily going to be the winning bid."

Some companies are offering mechanical meters and readers, while others are offering ultrasonic systems with no moving internal parts. Some companies are offering to install these meters in-house for Southern Water, while others plan to hire contractors.

Repeatedly, Compton told Southern Water officials that this is the biggest decision the board has ever made.

"There's no pressure," he told them Thursday. "It's just the most important project in the history of Southern Water."

Officials believe replacing the meters will help the district decrease its high water loss rate, which was more than 60 percent last year and, the PSC said, cost Southern Water \$474,300 in 2018. Compton said water loss has now decreased to 49 percent — still higher than the 15 percent water loss permitted by the PSC.

On Monday, five companies were scheduled to provide 15-minute presentations about their products, and three of them answered questions for about 30 minutes.

They included Allied

Utility Solutions with a bid of \$1.15 million; Consolidated Pipe & Supply, with a bid of about \$1.15 million; United Systems & Software, with a bid of \$1.40 million; Neco Equipment, with a bid of more than \$1.45 million, and RG3, with a bid of \$1.29 million.

Two companies, CI Thornburg, with a bid of \$1.65 million, and Core & Main, with a bid of \$1.73 million, were not selected as one of the top five finalists.

Southern Water asked these companies to provide information about providing financing directly to the district. Most of the companies said that financing would be contingent on Southern's credit rating. On Thursday, Compton reported that United Systems & Software, the company that already provides billing services for Southern Water, can offer a "financing package that will not need PSC approval" because it would be a "contracted obligation." The company offered to include all billing as part of Southern's system if its bid is approved, which officials said would cut postage and labor costs for the district.

Commission Chairman Jeff Prater told the PSC during the hearing this month that officials could approve a winning bid, contingent on PSC approval, at this meeting on Monday. Commissioners, however, tabled the matter, pending further information requested from some of the companies.

CPA Jeff Reed reported the district has \$71,400 in its general fund. Revenues increased in June, Reed said, to nearly \$418,000, thanks to the flat rate ordered by the PSC. District expenses totaled about \$339,000, leaving a net income of about \$61,000. When appreciation is accounted for, however, Reed said the district ended June with a loss of about \$29,000.

Judge-Executive Robbie Williams reported that the flat rate increased district cash by about \$68,000. The district is in default on a \$150,000 loan from the fiscal court and the agreement requires the district to pay the fiscal court \$100 per day after July 16, when the payment was due.



James Baker of RG3 displays a meter that his company hopes to provide the district. Seven companies submitted bids for a meter replacement project at Southern.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

The commission addressed several matters highlighted during this month's PSC hearing, the first of which is the district's reimbursement policy.

Under the previous administration, the former district manager approved all credit card purchases, and the PSC questioned about \$2,000 in purchases at restaurants and stores. PSC officials suggested monthly approval of credit card payments.

Commissioners voted to review credit card receipts each month to verify credit card expenses until the reimbursement policy can be re-written.

"The reimbursement policy, I think it needs to be revised in the long run, but I don't think, you know, we've got some more pressing matters to do right now," Prater told the commission.

A folder of receipts was reviewed by at least one commissioner at the meeting. The information was not publicly disclosed or approved.

Commissioners also approved a new contract with Michael Spears CPA, presented by Reed, who also testified this month in Frankfort. PSC officials asked Southern Water to submit a revised engagement letter with this company, specifically detailing what services the firm provides Southern Water.

"The PSC said that we had to amend our engagement letter with you all, give more detail with what we actually do for you, which, in my opinion, that's sort of out of their bounds, but anyway," Reed said.

He explained that they will change the previous four-year contract

to a contract that ends in December.

"Everything we're doing is going to stay the same. Nothing's going to change," Reed said.

He detailed the list of things the firm provides Southern Water. Commissioner Rick Roberts talked about suggestions from the PSC that the firm was providing the same services a bookkeeper could provide the district.

"Was the PSC wanting that? Was the PSC saying you're doing enough, you're charging too much ... if you're charging too much based upon what you're providing?" Roberts said. "We should just put it on the table."

Prater said Spears suggested a new contract.

"He did this voluntarily. I didn't ask him to," Prater said. "Mike called me and he felt like this was the best thing to show good faith, that we

would do a new engagement letter with them that specifies what they do for us. And then that free us from his contract. It only obligates us for the rest of this year, and, of course, we can choose to use them next year if we want."

The commission approved the new contract, pointing out that it supersedes the contract currently in place. It does not disclose how much Southern Water is paying the company.

The commission also discussed changing the district's tariffs and revising water bills.

Compton said the PSC received a written complaint on Southern's billing.

He explained that the district is required to send out disconnection notices five days prior to the day meters are set to be pulled for nonpayment. The bill says payment is due on the 20th of each

month, he said, and the disconnect reminder is sent out on the 15th, five days before the payment is actually due.

"I've bitched about that for 10 years, I'm telling you," Commissioner Steve Dawson said.

Compton suggested not pulling meters non-payment until he 25th of each month.

The commission gave him and attorney Steven Bailey permission to get approval from the PSC to change the tariff to make that change.

In closed session, the commission discussed a pending lawsuit and the transfer of assets between Southern and the Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission, citing an exemption in the open meetings laws that permits closed sessions to discuss the sale or transfer of real property if open discussions could impact the value of the property.



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adventure tourism opportunities.

Berea Mayor Bruce Fraley and Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton met several months ago through the Kentucky League of Cities' "Mayor to Mayor" program. That program is offered to newly-elected mayors, like Fraley, who started his term in January. It links them with experienced mayors who offer advice about procedures and issues related to local government.

"It gives you an opportunity to have someone that you can call on because there's the old saying that it's lonely at the top. And, really, what that means is there's not a lot of people who have the same experience as you do as a mayor," Fraley said, talking about the need to seek advice on some mayoral issues. "So, being able to call someone like Mayor Stapleton is really valuable."

On July 18, Fraley, a relative of Prestonsburg Tourism Commission Member Tim Branham, brought three experienced bikers with him — Berea City Council member Steve Caudill, Tom Moreland, the city's GIS director and Jason Coomes of the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development — to learn about the development of the Sugarcamp Mountain Trail System in Prestonsburg and ride the trails. He said Berea has been working with an organization to help map out a mountain bike trail on property in that city and officials wanted to learn more about the development in Prestonsburg.

"One thing I told Mayor Stapleton is that all over central Kentucky, you hear about how people really like Prestonsburg's trails," Fraley said. "None of these guys have been here to ride the trails, but they've heard about it, which, really, to me, speaks volumes on how well-known Prestonsburg mountain biking system is throughout central Kentucky, and, I'm sure, Eastern Kentucky and other parts."

Stapleton shared information about the trail system — explaining that it includes 30 to 50 miles of trails that were built with more than 100,000 volunteer hours on about 400 acres of property owned by the city, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The trails vary in the level of difficulty offered to bikers.

He talked about how the trails increase tourism in the city and boosts the economy, making a point to note that mountain bikers enjoy craft beers. He also told them the trail was designed and marked so that Prestonsburg emergency responders can access areas quickly.

Stapleton also took the group on a short tour of the David rail-to-trail project, which is under development. He said that project is progressing and is planned to eventually connect to the Dawkins Line Trail in Magoffin County, which would create a 74-mile loop for bikers. Berea officials suggested the possibility of creating camping areas for bikers who want to spend two days on the rail-to-trail.

As part of the Mayor to Mayor program, Stapleton toured Berea earlier this year.

"It gives me, definitely, a different look. I'm looking at things from a different angle now," he said. "When he calls and asks a question, I'm like, well, you know, that's a pretty big city and I'm having the same problem here in a smaller city. And, you know, they've got a lot of different things than we do and a lot of the same things that we do."

He praised Berea's tourism development in the arts and history.

"It gives me a great opportunity to learn, and they're learning from us, with the trails," Stapleton said. "It just makes a partnership that you can't, I mean, you can't put a value on it. You really can't."

He also works with the mayor of Somerset in the program. Prestonsburg is also in the Sister Cities program with Beatyville.



Officials with the City of Berea review a map of the Sugarcamp Mountain Trail System prior to going on a trail ride on July 18.
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Several board members have suggested raises for teachers since that time, as did Floyd County Education Association President Angela Coleman, who has repeatedly asked the board to give raises to teachers.

"I've been asking for a raise every board meeting since I've been

president," she said. "We thank the board of education for the 1 percent and I'm sure that they will continue to work to give us another percent, and another percent, to get us up to where we need to be, compared to other surrounding counties because Floyd County teachers work really hard."

She also said, "I'm glad to get the 1 percent. Maybe we'll get another percent next year and another percent the following year. That'd be good. I know times are hard, but they said they would give us a raise and they did. I appreciate them following up and

doing what they said they were going to do."

During the meeting, the board approved its pre-audit financial report, which details finances for the 2018-2019 fiscal year prior to adjustments in revenues and expenses that must be made before the audit is completed. The report shows that the district budgeted receipts and expenses of about \$54 million in the general fund and, to date, the district has received \$55.4 million and spent about \$49 million, leaving \$6.4 million available to carry forward in the new fiscal year.

Adkins said that increase in carry-forward

funding is one of the reasons the raise was possible.

"Actually, well, obviously, last year, we were pretty good stewards," Adkins said. "We started the year at \$6.1 (million) last year. Well, this year, we're going to carry forward almost \$6.4 (million). So, we've done a pretty good job at keeping a handle on our finances."

Among other actions taken, the board also renewed its subscription to UPSLOPE at a cost of \$3,300. The program coordinates employee discipline by providing a uniform reporting system for the district.

Free dental mobile clinic offered

The Floyd County Health Department is partnering with Big Sandy Healthcare and the Mud Creek Clinic to offer free dental screenings and treatments for adults.

The health department is currently taking appointments for dental appointments that will be available from July 29 through

Aug. 2.

Eligible adults must be age 18 or older and be a resident of Floyd County.

Each participant will receive one free procedure, which includes one extraction or one filling.

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Financial Focus

with Sarah Lange Hyden

Don't Chase Last Year's Mutual Fund Category Winners

The world of mutual funds can be confusing. With more than 9,000 funds on the market, how can you choose the ones that are right for you?

One way to start is by considering the various categories of mutual funds – and there are quite a few of them: Small Cap Growth, Large Cap Growth, Large Cap Value, Diversified Emerging Markets, Foreign Large Cap Blend and more – the list is extensive, and for many people, confusing.

However, with a little study, you can understand why these funds have their names – for example, a Small Cap Growth fund will contain stocks of smaller companies thought to offer growth potential. Once you know the goals of different categories of mutual funds, you can determine which ones fit into your overall investment strategy.

This is important, because you want to ensure your portfolio is appropriately diversified. For example, if you find that almost all of your mutual funds come from the above-mentioned Small Cap Growth category, you may be taking on more investment risk than you'd like, because funds that offer the greatest growth possibilities also usually carry the highest degree of market volatility. Typically, you may be better off owning an array of mutual funds drawn from several different categories, with the percentage each category occupies in your portfolio based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. (Keep in mind, though, that while diversification can help reduce the effects of volatility, it doesn't guarantee a profit or protect against losses in a declining market.)

You might be tempted to choose categories by looking at which most recently outperformed the others, and just stick with those groups. But is this a good idea?

It probably isn't – and the main reason you shouldn't chase performance this way is things change very quickly in the mutual funds arena. It's quite possible – and has happened many times – that the top category last year can fall into one of the worst-performing ones this year, and vice versa. Consequently, your efforts to capture a winning trend may be futile.

Of course, within the context of investing in various mutual fund categories, you still need to choose individual funds. And, as is the case with categories, you might be tempted to give considerable weight to a fund's track record. But, similar to the situation with fund categories, "chasing performance" is typically not a good strategy – after all, last year's "hot" fund may have cooled off considerably this year. Nonetheless, reviewing a fund's longer-term track record can help you understand how it might perform through the ups and downs of the financial markets. Always keep in mind, though, that past performance can't guarantee how the fund will perform in the future.

Mutual funds are popular investments – and for good reason. Since each fund generally contains dozens of securities, you get a degree of diversification you can't achieve from owning individual stocks or bonds. And, as discussed above, you can diversify further by owning funds from several categories. Just remember, though, that as you build your mutual fund portfolio, don't get caught up in last year's results – because old news just may not be that relevant today.

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EDITORIAL

One is too many

Overdose deaths decreased, but work is still needed

Last week, the Kentucky Office of Drug Control Policy released the 2018 statistics showing the number of overdose deaths at the county level.

For the most part, the numbers are down in Eastern Kentucky, the statistics show, from where they were in 2012. That is true in Floyd County, as well, where we've seen a nearly steady decline in deaths from overdoses over the past several years.

According to the data, since 2014, when

the county saw 21 people die from overdoses, the number has fallen to 11 deaths in 2018.

That's the good news.

The bad news is that 11 people died last year of a most likely preventable set of circumstances.

Some progress has been made. Police and law enforcement have undoubtedly made a dent in the illegal trafficking and trade in many of the drugs of abuse, which lead to overdoses — particularly in the area

of prescription opiates.

That has led to a reduced accessibility to these drugs, which has had a definite impact.

There's also the increase in access, especially locally, to rehabilitation programs, intended to help those who are addicted to these substances, which is helping to drive down the number of overdoses. Added to that is the increasing access to naloxone, a drug that can stop the effects of an opiate overdose if administered to the overdosing person

quickly enough.

All of these things working together have reduced the number of deaths we saw as a result of the drug problem, but we're not yet where we want to be.

In other words, we're glad the numbers are down, but until we reach zero, we won't be satisfied.

Each number in this report represents a person whose life was unnecessarily cut short, likely because of an accidental overdose taken in an attempt to feed

an addiction. Their families and friends are left behind to suffer and the potential they held is snuffed out forever.

Overdoses leave parents childless and children without parents, and many of the deaths are avoidable.

While we as a state should take time to recognize the 15 percent decrease in overdose deaths statewide in 2018, we also must continue looking to the future.

How will we continue to reduce the numbers of those addicted? How will

we continue to reduce the damage wrought by those who, unconcerned with the well-being of others, continue to traffic in drugs? How will we ensure that a lack of access to the drug naloxone is never a factor in an overdose death?

We must recognize the progress, but as long as one person dies of a preventable cause like this, we must continue to be dedicated to fighting the scourge of overdoses and willing to do what it takes to save lives.

GUEST COLUMN



By JK COLEMAN
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Holy moly

ing council twerp named Rigel Robinson pushed this through with no discussion, and if you don't believe me look him up. Seems that liberals like Rigel are hung up on her-holes and he-holes in general these days, which only makes them look like A-holes in the end.

Here in Pike County, we call holes in the road what they are — potholes. Yes, there may be two or three manholes in the streets of downtown Pikeville, but I don't look for our city commission to address their gender anytime soon. That's because we don't elect no Rigel's around here. Furthermore, ever since the

busybodies in Frankfort outlawed sex with barn animals, the term "maintenance hole" will probably never be uttered again.

The City of Pikeville is digging a large hole up at Bob Amos Park so we'll all have a place to do cannonballs and belly flops. The mayor said the old pool was nothing but a maintenance hole itself so he filled that hole in and he's building us a new and improved hole. I'm all for it, but the day he installs gender neutral bathrooms up there I'm putting on my red, white and blue Speedo and peeing in the deep end just for spite.

President Trump told

a squad of America-hating women in Congress to ride on back to the hole they came from. To that I say preach on brother Trump, but don't hold your breath. Given that not one liberal seems to despise this country quite enough to where they'd actually pack up and leave, I'd say we're stuck with all of them. They threaten it, but they never seem to get around to it. A shame, too, as I hear the Dominican Republic is nice this time of year.

Speaking of city councils, the ones ran by liberals like to pick and choose what should be considered racist and discriminatory. Just a while back snowflakes in

San Antonio slammed the door on doing business with Chick-fil-A over the company's Christian beliefs. The party of equality and inclusion strikes again. But the Republican governor of Texas just shot holes in that bigotry by signing a law protecting religious freedom.

There's nothing racist about being proud to be white, heterosexual and Christian. In fact, every morning that I get up I thank God that I'm all three. And then I thank God to be living in the greatest country in the history of the world.

By the way, I just read where a black hole is a concentration of nothingness and yet it consumes everything. Holy moly, that shows what I know about astronomy. All this time I would have sworn it was the definition of a liberal Democrat.

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**Dr. Christopher
 Ryan Maynard**

A local chiropractor died on Friday.

Dr. Christopher Ryan Maynard, 44, of East Point, died following an extended illness on July 19 at the University of Kentucky Bluegrass Hospice Care Center.

Maynard, a native of Huntington, W.Va., graduated from Marshall University and the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in 2002. He originally opened his practice in Prestonsburg in 2003 and has been working with Dr. Allan Baldwin at the Dr. Ryan Maynard Chiropractic LLC at East Point.

He is survived by his wife Alicia Nelson Maynard, a registered nurse and office manager at the clinic, and sons Christopher and Beau, as well

as other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 24, at 1 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home in Martin with Kenneth LeMaster and Fred Ramey officiating. Dr. Maynard will be buried in the Nelson Family Cemetery at Dwale.

The office will be closed for Maynard's funeral on Wednesday.

will be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

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

Margaret Wright

Margaret Newman Wright, 79, of Grethel, died Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Visitation will be held at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 25, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, July 27, at the funeral home.

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

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Visitation will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Friday, July 26, at the funeral home.

Burial will follow in the Mullins Family Cemetery, Hippo.

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

**Elder Donald
 Parker**

Elder Donald D. Parker, 76, of McDowell, died Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, at the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church (IBA), McDowell.

Burial will follow in the Curt Hamilton Cemetery, McDowell.

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

Eugene Shepherd

Eugene Shepherd, 79, of Hueysville, died Friday, July 19, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 23, at Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial followed in the Press Shepherd Cemetery, Hueysville.

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

Dianne May Whitten

Dianne B. May Whitten, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July 21, 2019.

Funeral services

Lou Edith Bailey

Lou Edith Bailey, 76, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, July 19, 2019.

A memorial service was held Sunday, July 21, at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

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

Stephanie Goble

Stephanie Denise Chaffins Goble, 44, of David, died Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Thornsberry Cemetery, David.

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

Randall Hall

Randall Hall, 69, of Topmost, died Friday, July 19, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 23, at Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church.

Burial followed in the Lackey Cemetery, Lackey.

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

Carl Dean Hamilton

Carl Dean Hamilton, 74, of Teaberry, died Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, July 23, at Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, Teaberry.

Burial followed in the Hamilton Family Cemetery, Teaberry.

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

Lexie Jessie

Lexie Jessie, 89, of Greenup, died Friday, July 19, 2019.

Graveside services were held Monday, July 22, at Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

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

**Dr. Christopher
 Ryan Maynard**

Dr. Christopher Ryan Maynard, 44, of East Point, died Friday, July 19, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 24, at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Burial will follow in the Nelson Family Cemetery, Dwale.

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

Rozetta McCoy

Rozetta McCoy, 75, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, July 16, 2019.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 21, at Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church, Brushy.

Burial followed in the McCoy Cemetery, Brushy.

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**Charles Edward
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Charles Edward "Doc" Mullins, 72, of Prestonsburg, died Sunday, July

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Teleworks USA is hosting a virtual job fair this week for people who are interested in working from home. The virtual job fair for Transcom will be held on Friday, July 26, beginning at 1 p.m. Participants can join the job fair from home or at any Teleworks USA location, including one located in Pike County and in Perry County. Those hired will be taking inbound calls for the company. The company will provide all equipment needed to work from home. Those hired will earn \$11 per hour during training and \$13 per hour afterwards. Technical and sales experience is required. To obtain log-in information for the virtual job fair, call Pike County at, (606) 438-5535, or email, bcarrico@teleworkusa.com, or Perry County at, (606) 438-9931, or email, tnoble@teleworkusa.com.

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PSC investigates gas line damage

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A year after taking over enforcement of the state's call-before-you-dig statute as it relates to natural gas or hazardous liquid lines, the Kentucky Public Service Commission has issued more than 400 citations for violations of the law.

The PSC assumed responsibility for enforcing the law on July 14, 2018. Since then, the PSC has received nearly 1,000 reports of excavation-caused damage to natural gas line.

"This level of excavation damage to natural gas lines is unacceptable and poses a significant threat to public safety," PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said. "The PSC hopes that consistent enforcement, combined with a comprehensive effort at educating stakeholders and the public, will start reducing the number of dig-in inci-

dents in Kentucky."

Last year's changes to the underground facility protection statute require operators of natural gas lines to file reports with the PSC on all incidents of excavation damage. The PSC then evaluates the reports, conducts any needed additional investigation, and assesses financial penalties if violations are uncovered.

Of the 966 gas line damage reports filed with the PSC through June 29, 557 have been reviewed and closed, with 146 requiring no further action and penalties imposed in 411 cases. The other incidents remain under review.

About 44 percent of the violations thus far involve contractors who either failed to call 811 to have gas lines located or didn't follow the statutory requirements for excavation near gas lines; 42 percent involve natural gas operators who

did not locate lines accurately or properly; eight percent involve people doing excavation on their own property and either not calling 811 or not following proper excavation practices; the remaining 6 percent involve a variety of entities.

Jefferson County has had the most damage reports, with 236, followed by Fayette County with 80 and Daviess County with 49. Damage reports have been received from 87 of Kentucky's 120 counties.

PSC Executive Director Gwen R. Pinson explained that all penalties collected are being used to fund expanded outreach, training and education efforts aimed at excavators, pipeline operators, municipal utilities and the public.

"This is a statewide problem that requires a statewide effort to inform and educate not just utilities and excavation contractors, but also the

general public," Pinson said.

Members of the PSC staff have made presentations at 40 meetings with various stakeholder groups, interacting face-to-face with nearly 1,800 people. Further training and public outreach activities are being planned, Pinson said.

The changes to the law were made to bring Kentucky into line with federal pipeline safety standards, which the PSC enforces under an agreement with the US Department of Transportation.

Like every other state, Kentucky has a statewide 811 service that, by law, must be called at least two working days prior to beginning excavation. This advance notification is intended to allow ample time for utility lines to be located and marked so that excavation can proceed safely. Natural gas providers and hazardous liquid pipeline operators are required to provide

the location of their lines to the 811 center.

Excavators, including homeowners, could be penalized for not calling 811, ignoring location markers or using improper excavation methods. Operators could be penalized for not responding to requests to locate lines or for improperly or inaccurately locating or marking underground facilities.

About 240 entities operate natural gas or hazardous liquid pipelines in Kentucky.

They include local gas distribution companies fully regulated by the PSC and municipal natural gas providers and other entities, such as housing authorities, that are regulated by the PSC for safety only.

Penalties are up to \$1,250 for a first violation, \$2,000 for a second violation, and \$4,000 for subsequent violations.

John Lyons, PSC deputy executive director,

noted that the PSC has been reducing penalties for first-time violators who attend a two-hour training session at the PSC.

About 120 people in total have attended the first three training sessions, he said. The sessions are held every three months.

"We are planning to expand our training efforts beyond the considerable stakeholder outreach that we have done thus far," Lyons said. "Although enforcement is important, we would prefer to be able to focus on education and prevention."

Lyons urged any group or organization that wants to learn more about the state underground facilities protection law or the PSC's role in natural gas safety to contact the PSC.

Agency staff are available to make presentations to interested stakeholders, he said.

Delays expected: Road work underway in Wilson Creek

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Road work closed KY 2554, Wilson Creek, in Floyd County on Tuesday, July 23, and it is expected to continue on Wednesday, July 24.

Motorists will need to find an alternate route or be prepared for long delays, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 reported.

According to a press release, work will start at 8 a.m. each day and last

until early evening, the agency reported.

Highway District 12 Superintendent Garland Rogers said that the Minnie Maintenance crew will replace a failed cross drain at that site.

He said they will try

to keep traffic moving, working on one side at a time.

Depending on weather and how the work progresses, there may be long delays, Highway District 12 reported.

To replace the cross

drain, the pavement must be removed and a trench dug down to the drain so that it can be lifted out and a new structure installed.

"As much as possible," Rogers said, "we plan to let traffic through

when it is safe to do so. People need to slow down and be aware of their surroundings as they approach the work zone. Flaggers will direct traffic and try to let people know how long the wait might be."

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Farmer's Market to host 'Christmas in July' event

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Farmer's Market is hosting a "Christmas in July" event this weekend.

Organizers are seeking craft vendors and artisans to participate in the event, which will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 27, at the Prestonsburg office of Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear.

Members of the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros are scheduled to perform during the Christmas in July celebration. Admission is free.

The market sells fresh produce, canned goods,



bread and other items supplied by farmers and residents of Floyd and surrounding counties. The list of items available includes beans, cabbage, cucumbers, tomatoes and other produce, as well as pies, jams, jellies, eggs and other items.

To sign up as a craft vendor, call, (606) 791-9614. For more information about items available for sale at Saturday's market, visit the group's Facebook page.

A ride for the kids



The main event for Hillbilly Christmas in July was held Sunday morning in Pikeville, as motorcyclists from across the region took to Pike County's roadways. Wearing buttons with the names of children benefiting from the host organization's mission, the dozens of riders were part of the first Hillbilly Christmas in July ride to be held exclusively in Pike County, traveling from MineShaft Harley-Davidson in Pikeville to Dorton, Elkhorn City, Phelps and back to the dealership. The ride helps raise funds for the Shriners Hospital for Children Medical Center in Lexington.

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Community Events

Wednesday, July 24

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

Thursday, July 25

• 11 a.m.: Veterans Stand Down and Job Fair, Pikeville City Park

• 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Floyd County Public Library, Eastern, to host "Mini Space Camp" for kids in upper elementary, middle and high school. (606) 377-2860

• 2 p.m.: Floyd County Chamber of Commerce to host a ribbon cutting to celebrate the relocation of Edward Jones at 359 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

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

• 5:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at River of Life Church, Teaberry. All meals are free to kids up to age 18. No registration required.

• 6 p.m.: St. Vincent Mission, David, to host "Book Talk and Pot Luck" with author Bill Mueller about his book, "Time to Ship Another Steer." Guests are asked to bring side dishes for the meal.

• 7:30 p.m.: Tim Michaels "Back to You" Tour, Dewey's Bar and Grill, Jenny Wiley State

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• 5:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens at River of Life Church, Teaberry. All meals are free to kids up to age 18. No registration required.

Friday, July 26

• 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Brothers Keepers Motorcycle Club to host Burn Run, a fundraiser for Camp Ytiliba, a burn camp offered to children by Shriners Hospitals, Archer Park. Activities include Front Porch Pickin' at 7 p.m., an auction at 9 p.m., a bike show with registration starting at 5 p.m., vendors, biker games, inflatables and other activities.

• 5:45 p.m.: Free Summer Meals for Kids

& Teens at River of Life Church, Teaberry. All meals are free to kids up to age 18. No registration required.

• 8:15 p.m.: Blood-song: The Story of the Hatfields and McCoy's, Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre

Saturday, July 27

• 8:30 a.m.: Levisa Fork Paddlefest begins at park behind Billy Ray's Restaurant, Prestonsburg

• 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market features Christmas in July vendors with crafts at the Attorney General's office in Prestonsburg.

• 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.: Brothers Keepers Motorcycle Club to host Burn Run, a fundraiser for Camp Ytiliba, a burn

camp offered to children by Shriners Hospitals, Archer Park. Activities include a 5K Run/Walk at the City Stage in downtown Prestonsburg at 8 a.m., a cornhole tournament, inflatable games, a car show, a dice run, live music and other activities.

• 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. Vincent Mission, David, to host Family Fun Day and School Supply Giveaway. (606) 886-2513

• 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Plum Point Baptist Church will host a Back to School Bash, offering free lunch, activities for children, clothing, food pantry items, new shoes

and school supplies. All items to be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

• 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.: The Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg, is teaming up with the East Kentucky Science Center for the "Science Center Extravanga" at the center as part of its summer

reading program. Activities include science experiments with slime, sun beads and coloring. (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

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Elementary



Patricia S. Hackworth,
assistant principal at
Betsy Layne High School



Jeremy Hall,
assistant principal at
Betsy Layne High School



Melissa Turner,
principal at Prestonsburg
Elementary



Brandon Maynard,
assistant principal at
Prestonsburg Elementary



Charles Rowe,
principal at Adams
Middle School

New administrators announced at Floyd schools

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins announced changes in administration in some Floyd County schools last week.

Adkins announced the hiring of Jonathan Parsons as principal of Betsy Layne Elementary, Patricia Slone Hackworth and Jeremy Hall as assistant principals at Betsy Layne High School, Melissa Turner as the principal at Prestonsburg Elementary, Brandon Maynard as the assistant principal at Prestonsburg Elementary and Charles Rowe as the new principal at Adams Middle School.

"We have more vacancies throughout the district and we hope to fill them all before school starts," Adkins said in a press release. "We have reorganized, re-energized and have renewed enthusiasm for the 2019-2020 school year."

Adkins reported that speaker Hal Bowman will inspire school district staff to "Be the One" for students during opening day at the Mountain Arts

Center this year. He said the district is "excited about our new administrators."

"We want this school year to be phenomenal and we need our families and community members to support our students and our schools in every way they can to make this happen. Everyone working together is what it takes to make our students achieve everything they can achieve."

The district released the following information about the new administrators:

Parsons started as a substitute teacher and then became a special education teacher before becoming assistant principal. He has served as a member of the district Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction (CIA) team and coached several sports. He obtained his teaching certificate through Campbellsville University and his administrative certification through Union College. He married his "high school sweetheart" Ashley. Together they live with their three children, Cater, Kaylee and Toby, in

level. When asked about who inspired him, he replied, "My parents. They always had high expectations."

Hackworth's goal is to help all students and staff become the "best Bobcats possible," the press release said. With 22 years of experience, she has served in various roles at the school, district and state levels. Some of those roles include Kentucky Council of Teachers of English Board of Directors, Floyd County Education Association Vice President, CIA member and Striving Readers Literacy grant coordinator. He inspiration has been "a lifetime of amazing teachers who helped her understand the complexities of being an educator," the press release said. She and her husband Keith live in Prestonsburg with Lady Macbeth, their puppy.

Hall, a 19-year veteran teacher, graduated from Morehead University. He has taught social studies at Duff-Allen Central, been a council member almost and coached high school football. He has served on district

level teams and sponsored clubs. "His dad has been his role model and that is why he sees this move as joining the Bobcat family," the press release said. "He hopes to help students find the right path to achieve their goals." He and his wife Beth live at Eastern with their daughters Lara Beth and Mila Rose.

Turner has 20 years in education. She has spent most of her career at Prestonsburg Elementary, teaching multiple contents and grade levels. She has been a member of the school council and has coached cheer and forensics. She is a member of the 2019 Kentucky Women in Education Leadership cohort and is experienced in leading professional development sessions at the district, state and national levels. She brings years of administrative experience to her new role as principal at Prestonsburg Elementary. She lives in Prestonsburg.

Maynard is new to this administrative role but has been an educator for over a decade. After obtaining his degree at

Morehead State University, he started teaching at Prestonsburg Elementary after obtaining his degree at Morehead State University. He has coordinated an after school choir, worked extensively with technology throughout the school and served on district level teams. One of his goals for the school year is to support teachers and students in their efforts to continue to personalize learning and meet the needs of all students, the press release said. He and his wife Courtney live in Prestonsburg. They have four children, Ashton, Ava, Mackenzie and Ian.

Rowe has been in

education for more than 18 years with almost a decade of administrative experience. He graduated from Morehead State University and began teaching math. He has coached multiple sports, served on the school council and district level teams and as an assistant principal and principal. His goal for this school year is to "inspire students and teachers to be excited about every student being ready for high school and on track for success in college or career," the press release said. He and Leslie, his wife of 20 years, live in Prestonsburg with their son Jacob.

Town of Martin Project - Public Meeting Notice

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntington District, is hosting a public meeting for the Town of Martin project. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update to the public on the project, to solicit input from consulting parties and the public in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act.

A public meeting with USACE staff available to discuss the project will begin at 6 p.m. on July 30, 2019 at the Fire Station on the Redevelopment Site (1 Randy Caudill Loop, Martin, Kentucky). In addition, office hours will be available from 1pm - 4pm to allow for individual questions or discussion at the USACE Resident Engineer's Office (Construction Trailer) on the Redevelopment Site.

Questions regarding the public meeting can be sent to Ms. Rebecca Rutherford, Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch, Huntington District Corps of Engineers, 304-399-5924, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070.

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'Burn Run' to be held this weekend

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
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Members of the local chapter of the Brothers Keepers Motorcycle Club will host its two-day "Burn Run" in Prestonsburg this weekend.

The event is scheduled to be held from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 26, and from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday,

July 27 at Archer Park.

The BKMC Chapter 28, made up of active and retired firefighters from Floyd, Pike, Johnson and surrounding counties, hosts the Burn Run annually as a fundraiser for "Camp Ytiliba," which is hosted by Shriners Hospitals for Children for kids who have overcome severe burns.

Activities include live mu-

sic, vendors, biker games, inflatables, a car show, dunking booths, live animals from Raven Rock Wolf Dogs, a cornhole tournament and other activities. Participants do not need to have motorcycles to participate.

The event will start at 4 p.m. on Friday, July 26, with vendors open and live music. Biker games will also be held at Archer Park that evening.

On Saturday, July 27, activities will also include a show from Bluegrass Championship Wrestling. Tickets are \$7 and the wrestling will begin at 7 p.m.

Admission is free, but wristbands for the inflatables are \$5 on Friday evening and \$8 on Saturday.

For the first time this year, a 5K Run and Walk will be held at

8 a.m. on Saturday in the Prestonsburg municipal parking lot across from Kickin' Ash. Registration will begin at 7 a.m. for the race. The annual BKMC Dice Run will also be held on Saturday, with registration starting at 9 a.m. at the park.

All revenue will be donated to the Shriner camp. For details, visit BKMC Paintsville Ky. 28 on Facebook.

2019 Kentucky Administrator of the year



Submitted photo

Allen Elementary Principal Rachel Crider, center, receives the Kentucky Association of School Administrators 2019 Administrator of the Year honor.

Shop and Share food drive a success



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Jean Rosenberg, Debbie Amburgey of God's Food Pantry East, John Rosenberg, Patsy Goble and Judi Calhoun, pictured left to right, pose with food collected last month during the Floyd County Democratic Woman's Club annual Shop and Share food drive at Food City in Prestonsburg. "The club would like to thank the Food City staff who were so gracious in helping them with this food drive," a press release said. "A special thank you to the donors who purchased and donated items totaling \$1,956.11. A total of 1,007 pounds of food was collected."



'Alien Animal Show' at Floyd library

The Floyd County Public Library welcomed children last week for its "Alien Animal Show," hosted by Silly Safari. The event featured hands-on interactions with mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and bugs. It's part of the library's "A Universe of Stories" summer reading program. Upcoming activities are detailed on the library's Facebook page.

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Mid-America Prospects crowned champions



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Cruiz Clark, of Prestonsburg, was named the Rumble at The River MVP. Clark starred for the Mid-America Prospects 7-U team.



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The Mid-America Prospects 7-U team went undefeated and was crowned the champions of the Rumble at The River in Maysville on Saturday.

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P'burg to hold Boys' Soccerama at Blackcat Stadium



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Prestonsburg is set to hold its annual Boys' Soccerama at Blackcat Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 3.

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg will hold its annual Boys' Soccerama at Blackcat Stadium on Saturday, Aug. 3. The Boys' Soccerama will be played on a turf field for the first time. The 2019 version of the

Boys' Soccerama will feature teams from the 14th, 15th and 16th regions. Boys' high school soccer teams slated to compete in the preseason event are Prestonsburg, Belfry, Perry County Central, Fleming County, Lawrence County, Powell County, Jackson City and Martin County.

Boys' high school soccer teams opened preseason practice earlier in the month. Prep soccer squads from throughout the area will take the field for season-openers in August. The Boys' Soccerama will be split into two sessions - morning and afternoon. The schedule for the

Boys' Soccerama follows. Boys' Soccerama at Blackcat Stadium Saturday, Aug. 3 Morning Session 9 a.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Belfry 9:35 a.m. - Perry County Central vs. Fleming County 10:10 a.m. - Perry County

Central vs. Prestonsburg 10:45 a.m. - Fleming County vs. Belfry 11:20 a.m. - Perry County Central vs. Belfry 11:55 a.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Fleming County Afternoon Session 1 p.m. - Lawrence County vs. Powell County 1:35 p.m. - Jackson City vs. Martin County

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Prestonsburg to host Girls' Soccerama at StoneCrest

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg will host its annual Girls' Soccerama at StoneCrest on Saturday, Aug. 3. Girls' high school soccer teams from the 14th, 15th and 16th regions will participate in the Prestonsburg-hosted Girls' Soccerama. The preseason girls' high school soccer event will feature the following teams: Prestonsburg, Johnson Central, Martin County, Lawrence County, Pikeville, Hazard, Belfry, Fleming County, Powell County and Shelby Valley. The Girls' Soccerama will be split into two sessions - morning and afternoon. Girls' high school soccer

teams from throughout the area will take the field for season-openers in August. The schedule for the Girls' Soccerama follows. Girls' Soccerama at StoneCrest Saturday, Aug. 3 Morning Session 8:30 a.m. - Johnson Central vs. Martin County 9 a.m. - Martin County vs. Lawrence County 9:30 a.m. - Johnson Central vs. Pikeville 10 a.m. - Lawrence County vs. Johnson Central 10:30 a.m. - Martin County vs. Hazard 11 a.m. - Pikeville vs. Martin County 11:30 a.m. - Hazard vs. Johnson Central Noon - Lawrence County vs. Pikeville

12:30 p.m. - Hazard vs. Lawrence County 1 p.m. - Pikeville vs. Hazard Afternoon Session 2 p.m. - Belfry vs. Fleming County 2:30 p.m. - Powell County vs. Belfry 3 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Fleming County 3:30 p.m. - Fleming county vs. Powell County 4 p.m. - Belfry vs. Shelby Valley 4:30 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Belfry 5 p.m. - Fleming County vs. Shelby Valley 5:30 p.m. - Powell County vs. Prestonsburg 6 p.m. - Shelby Valley vs. Powell County 6:30 p.m. - Shelby Valley vs. Prestonsburg



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In this file photo, Prestonsburg's Makayla Ousley tries to make a sliding save before the ball goes out of bounds.

Pocono looking different in 2020



Racin'
Steve Mickey

The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series will be making its second stop of the season at Pocono Raceway this weekend for the running of the Gander RV 400. The track can boast of having one of the most unique layouts on the entire schedule as the giant two and a half mile track only has three turns which it why it is known as the "Tricky Triangle. Three turns are unique but each of those turns has a different banking which makes racing at the Pennsylvania track a nightmare for crew chiefs trying to set up their cars.

The 2019 Cup schedule has the two races at Pocono only seven weeks apart but while that may seem close when compared to races at other tracks, it will not compare to what we will see in the 2020 Cup season. Pocono will still host two Cup races next season but both races will be held during the same weekend on Saturday June 27th and Sunday June 28th. It's part of the major shakeup that NASCAR announced earlier this year for next season's schedule and Pocono is not the only track to have its races moved to another date on the calendar.

NASCAR keeps hinting that the schedule changes that we see for next season may only be the beginning of what could be a major overhaul of the schedule moving forward. Next season is the last year of the TV deals with the individual tracks so the sanctioning body was somewhat restricted on the changes that it did announce but for some tracks like Pocono their future may be taking on a completely different look as to where they fall on future schedules.

Two back-to-back Cup races in the same weekend will be a ma-

ajor undertaking for Pocono next season but it may be the only way that the track can continue to host two races in the same season moving forward. When talk arises about the series cutting back on the number of races on the schedule in future seasons, Pocono is one of the first tracks to be mentioned about a date being taken away.

The track itself will face a tremendous amount of questions about how to pull off two races on consecutive days but the same can also be said about the race teams that will have to come up with a strategy of getting ready to race again in less than 24 hours. Preparing a car for a Saturday race is common in the sport but having to prepare one with such a short turnaround will be tough for even the most experienced of crew chiefs and teams. It will definitely add to the excitement surrounding the weekend.

PIT NOTES: The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series is in the dog days of summer but now is the time that drivers and owners are trying to either find a seat or fill a seat for next season. There has been no big announcements of a driver leaving an

organization or retiring at the end of the season but there are some drivers that are looking to finalize their 2020 plans as soon as possible. Kurt Busch with his win at Kentucky Speedway a couple of weeks ago remains the most talked about driver that does not have a contract for next season. He presently drives the #1 Chevrolet for Chip Ganassi Racing and there has been no official word about what either side's plans are moving forward at the end of the season. Kurt has a history of winning at every stop during his career. He won the series title while driving for Jack Roush and has won races at Penske Racing and Stewart Haas Racing before beginning the season with Ganassi. If Kurt wants to continue driving next season, he should have no problem finding a ride but it appears that he is may be too valuable of an asset to Ganassi to see him walk at the end of the season. He just brings a level of experience to that organization that it has lacked in the past and he could be the teammate that helps Kyle Larson get over the hump in what many believe could be a very promising career.

Prestonsburg Fall Flag Football signups

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg Fall Flag Football has announced signups for the 2019 season.

Signups for Prestonsburg Fall Flag Football will be held at Archer Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The fee for Prestonsburg Fall Flag Football is \$50 per player.

Evaluations for the fall flag football league will be held during the signups. Players are asked to dress appropriately for the evaluations.

Area players ages 5-10 are eligible to partic-

ipate in Prestonsburg Fall Flag Football.

The league's season will be played throughout the fall. Prestonsburg Fall Flag Football will kick off its 2019 season with games in early-October.

For more information on Prestonsburg Fall Flag Football, contact Tim Welch at 606-217-1704.

Blackcat Futures Camp set for July 29-Aug. 1

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Area youth football players will have another opportunity to participate in a camp prior to the start of the 2019-20 school-year. The Prestonsburg High School football program will host the 2019 Blackcat Futures Camp Monday, July 29-Thursday, Aug. 1.

The camp will be held from 7-8 p.m. each day at

Josh Francis Field/Blackcat Stadium.

Players in grades K-8 are eligible for the 2019 Blackcat Futures Camp.

The fee for the youth football camp is \$25 per player. Checks for the camp should be made payable to Blackcat Football.

Each camper will receive a 2019 Blackcat Football T-shirt and a football.

Players attending the youth football camp

should wear athletic clothing and shoes/cleats.

Concessions will be available each day of the camp.

The entire youth football camp will be under the direction of the Prestonsburg High School coaching staff.

For more information on the 2019 Blackcat Futures Camp, contact Prestonsburg Coach Brandon Brewer at 606-481-1503.

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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 a proximately 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: (502) 564-3410.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 1 and 5 of permit number **836-0445** which was last issued on June 22, 2018. Increment 1 covers an area of approximately 15.43 acres and Increment 5 covers an area of approximately 24.62 acres located 0.6 miles south of Hite in Floyd County, Kentucky. The permit area is approximately 0.6 miles northwest from the junction of KY Route 122 and KY Route 2030 and located in the vicinity of Osborn Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$75,000. Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$75,000 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 5 is a surety bond in the amount of \$112,200. Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$112,200 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed for Increment 1 includes backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Summer of 2015. Reclamation work performed for Increment 5 included backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall 2017. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by August 30, 2019. A public hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, P.O. Box 851, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 30, 2019.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5617

Renewal No. 7 In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.5 miles south of McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 0.93 surface acres. Proposed operation is approximately 0.5 miles east from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located 0.01 miles southwest of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Andy Mitchell. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, P.O. Box 851, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. **This is the final advertisement of the application.** All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 intends to apply for a Phase 1 bond release on Increments 2 and 11 of permit number **836-8079** which was last issued on July 26, 2018. Increment 2 covers an area of 25.40 acres and Increment 11 covers an area of 27.02

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acres located 1.90 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 1.4 miles southeast from KY Route 122's junction with KY Route 2030 and located 0.004 miles northeast of Spurlock Creek. The bond now in effect for Increment 2 is a surety bond in the amount of \$106,000. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$106,000 is included in this application for re-

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lease. The bond now in effect for Increment 11 is a surety bond in the amount of \$127,000. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$127,000 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 2 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas.

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ation of disturbed areas. Reclamation work performed for Increment 11 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Spring of 2014. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by August 30, 2019.

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