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Martin City Council member April Gayheart speaks to visitors at City Hall on July 23. She was one of three council members who turned out for a meeting that was canceled for lack of a quorum.

Disarray in Martin

Martin council has not approved bills since February; meeting minutes deficient

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The lack of a quorum of the Martin City Council on Tuesday led a council member and audience member to ask how city bills have been getting paid.

On Tuesday, July 23, the city's regular meeting as council members failed to have a quorum.

Mayor Sam Howell and council members Charles Justice, James Reynolds and Gary Akers were absent. Council members who were

present, however, talked to about 20 audience members and discussed some issues before the meeting was canceled on Tuesday.

The council has not approved a budget for

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Harold man sentenced to 15 years

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

A Harold resident was sentenced last week to serve 15 years — in addition to time he is already serving in federal court — in three cases in which he admitted to rape, drug trafficking and related charges.

Marcelo Salinas Hernandez, 44, of Harold, was sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court to collectively serve 15 years in the three cases against him in Floyd County, with the sentences set to run consecutive to another sentence he received in federal court.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent



Marcelo Hernandez

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Abe moving to new home



Appalachian Newspapers photo by Aaron K. Nelson
On Monday, Modern Contracting of Stanville removed the statue of Abraham Lincoln from its base at the former law complex of Eric C. Conn. Jerry Flannery, who bought the Conn property after it was seized by authorities, said he was happy to see the statue on its way to a nearby business for refurbishing before it is taken to its new home at the Middle Creek National Battlefield.

Missing WWII veteran to be laid to rest

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The family of a local World War II veteran who was missing in action reports that his remains were found and he will be returned to Floyd County for burial later this year.

Judi Calhoun reports that the remains of her grandfather Jacob Givens, who was reported Missing in Action in WWII, were found recently in Germany, and the family expects his remains to be returned to Floyd County in November.

She said Givens' remains

will be brought in with "full military honors" into the U.S. and the family is planning a funeral for her grandfather that month at Hall Funeral Home in Martin.

Calhoun's mother, Zelma Givens McDowell, of Prestonsburg, was only eight years old when her father went missing during the war.

"She was an only child," Calhoun stated. "Her life was forever changed and not for the better. She finally knows what happened to him and will get to give him the honor he deserves and bury him in our family cemetery where she will

be buried."

Givens was born in Ohio in 1914, and entered the army in 1944 — the same year he went missing. He was assigned to K Company, 3rd Battalion of the 60th Infantry Regiment, part of the 9th Infantry Division in the U.S. Army.

He served in the European Theater of Operations during WWII, and he went missing on Oct. 20, 1944, following an extensive battle in Germany.

The Department of Defense reported in a press release that

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U.S. Army Pvt. Jacob W. Givens

Data shows flood of pills coming into Floyd, region

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Prescriptions for hydrocodone and oxycodone pounded Floyd and other Eastern Kentucky counties during the height

of the opioid crisis, according to federal data released by the Washington Post last week.

According to the report, from 2006 to 2012, more than 47.4 million hydrocodone and oxycodone pills were supplied

to Floyd County, and three local pharmacies received more pain pills than other pharmacies in the state.

In that time, more than 1.9 billion of these pills were supplied in Kentucky, and three lo-

cal pharmacies ranked in the top five for the number of these pills received, the Post reported.

Value-Med Pharmacy in Paintsville received around

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the 2019-2020 fiscal year, something Council Member Bonita Compton complained about at the last city meeting in June. City meetings were also canceled for lack of a quorum in March and May. In April, the council tabled the approval of bills for February and March, and the council has not approved bills since that time.

One audience member asked on Tuesday, "Who takes care of the day-to-day functions of the city if they don't show up?"

Compton voiced her concerns about that lack of approval of bills. She told him, "Well, my understanding is, and I can't tell you that, but I know this, when we don't approve to pay the bills, how are the bills getting paid if we've not approved it? That's my question."

City Clerk Ethel Clouse told her that council members were given copies of check registers. "No. This is the book that says you've already written the checks out," Compton told her.

That was one of three concerns voiced by council members on Tuesday. Council Member April Gayheart voiced concerns because public comment was not on the meeting agenda, saying, erroneously, that a meeting is not a public meeting without public comment.

Compton told her, "We are sitting here for your all's tax dollars, that you pay to have spent in this building, and you all have a right, whether we agree with it or we don't, you all have a right to voice your concerns. And if we can't take it, then we have to just not show up or not come. I mean, folks, we're adults here. We have to agree to disagree."

Compton also voiced concerns about the way the city's June 25 meeting was recorded in the city record.

That meeting lasted about two hours, but the minutes presented to council members on Tuesday for approval contained only one statement. It read, "Bonita Compton was advised by Attorney Doug Adams that the agenda could

not be altered."

A review of the recording of that meeting, however, shows that Adams made no such comment on June 25.

Prior to canceling the meeting Tuesday, Compton clarified that Adams informed her that regular meeting agendas may be changed. State law prohibits any change to the agendas of special meetings, which must be announced at least 24 hours in advance.

Stating that a Kentucky League of Cities handbook explains that regular meeting agendas can be changed, Compton asked Sharon Caudill, who recorded the June 25 meeting, whether she has the minutes showing what was discussed.

"Yeah. I'd say they're recorded on my phone because we had a problem with this," Caudill replied, pointing to the city's voice recorder.

Audience member Deanna Mullins offered to loan the city her recording of the meeting.

"I have the minutes written down, but, I mean, that's what we were told to do, so," Caudill said.

She reported that Howell told her to use that statement as the meeting minutes for June 25. She said, "I was just doing what I was told."

On June 25, the council voted to approve appointing Compton as "acting mayor" to oversee the meeting, to change the agenda to add new business, old business and public comments, to appoint Caudill as acting city clerk to keep meeting minutes and to approve meeting minutes for April 23.

At that meeting, Council Member James Reynolds provided an update about the water-line project for the Renaissance Learning Center and Compton voiced concerns about city finances, asking to hold a worksession on July 22 so members could discuss these issues prior to a regular meeting.

After that discussion, several meeting attendees also addressed the council, complaining about the city's proposed annexation of outlying areas, financial issues, problems with the city ballpark and other things.

During a June 25 discussion about the city tourism, Caudill voiced



Martin Council member Bonita Compton, center, speaks to Council member Harold Case on July 23. City Attorney Doug Adams is also pictured, left.

frustration about a check she issued for that agency.

"Some money is spent that not everybody knows about. I could tell you that right now. Absolutely," Caudill told the council on June 25. "Today, I give Dwight McKinney a check that upset me rather highly because of the stuff that it had on it, the receipts showed me. I'm telling you."

No one asked for more details about the check to McKinney, who attendees said oversees a Little League team. The issue has not since been addressed by the council. Gayheart apologized to meeting attendees for the lack of a quorum on Tuesday.

"I have something to say before you all leave," she said. "I appreciate you coming. I appreciate you all coming last night, and you've put your time in to come down here, and I'm sorry that this has happened again. And we are here because that's our position and it's what we're supposed to be doing. But there are legalities that we have to follow also, and I just want you to know that. So, we'll be here when we're supposed to be here, unless it's for sickness or something, but, now, we can only answer for ourselves."

Visitor Kathryn "Catbird" Isaac said the city should apologize to Jonathan Newman of Summit Engineering, who said he attended the meeting because he needed signatures for close-out documentation and an addendum to the contract for the waterline project for the RLC school. He

gave those documents to the city clerk prior to the meeting, but, without a quorum, there was no vote to approve them.

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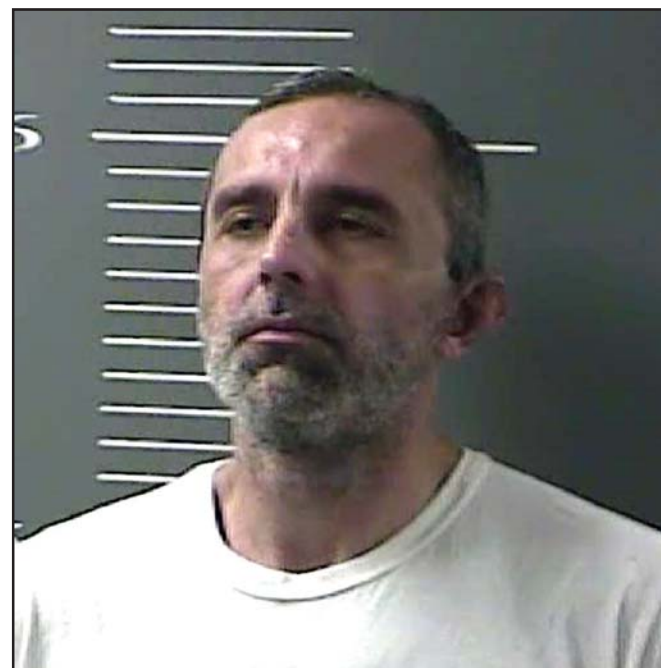
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Bond reduction denied for accused murder



Wesley Martin

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Circuit Judge Tom Smith denied a request this month to lower the bond for a man accused of killing a 26-year-old Jordan Tackett and burying him in his yard.

An order was filed on July 18 in the case

against Wesley Martin, 44, of Wayland, denying a request to lower his \$250,000 cash bond.

Assistant Public Advocate Brandis Bradley filed a motion last month seeking the bond reduction to a "more reasonable and appropriate method of pretrial release." That motion was considered during a July

11 hearing in Floyd Circuit Court.

Martin was indicted in April on one count of murder and one count of allegedly being a persistent felony offender in the second degree. He is currently incarcerated at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County.

The Kentucky State

Police alleges that Martin murdered Tackett by shooting him in February. Tackett's body was allegedly discovered in April in a shallow grave near Martin's home, the KSP reported.

Martin was scheduled to appear in Floyd Circuit Court again this week for a preliminary hearing in the case.

Jail seeks restitution for inmate's X-ray

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Detention Center is seeking restitution from an inmate who an official claims lied about swallowing a razor.

According to doc-

uments filed in Floyd District Court, inmate Christopher Keller, 35, of Prestonsburg, was arrested at the jail last week for allegedly falsely reporting an incident.

Lt. Parker DeRossett alleges in the citation that Keller told officials at

the jail that he had swallowed a razor.

After he told officials that, the nurse was notified and an X-ray was ordered, DeRossett reported. Keller was placed in a "suicide suit" and he later told officials that he did not swallow a razor.

"He was too late in notifying officers of that and an x-ray still has to be performed for his safety," DeRossett reported. "After he was X-rayed and the results came back negative for any foreign bodies he was advised he would have to pay for

the X-ray."

DeRossett reported that X-rays cost \$75 at the jail.

"FCDC requests that restitution of \$75 be paid to the jail," DeRossett wrote in the arrest citation.

Keller denied the

charge against him, entering a not guilty plea during an arraignment in Floyd District Court on Monday. A pre-trial conference is scheduled to be held in the case on Sept. 30.

Public pension relief passed in special session

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky legislature passed a House Bill during the special session this week that requires quasi-governmental agencies to chose to pay more for employee retirement or move all or part of their employees from that system into a 401k-style plan.

House Bill 1 was approved on a 27-11 vote in the Senate on Thursday after passing the House by a vote of 52-46 on Monday. It was signed into law by Gov. Matt Bevin on an emergency basis, meaning it takes effect immediately.

He applauded the bill's approval, calling it a "positive step forward" in the effort to reduce the state's unfunded retirement obligations.

It allows 118 quasi-governmental agencies — health departments, universities and community colleges, domestic violence shelters and others — to keep employees in the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems nonhazardous plan at increased costs, or move all or a portion of their employees to an alternative retirement program.

Agencies that leave KERS would have to pay their unfunded liabilities, which are earned but yet-unfunded benefits, in either a lump sum or in installments.

Floyd County's representatives, Rep. Ashley Tackett-Laferty, D-Martin, and Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, both voted against this bill, as did other local legislators.

In a statement issued after the special session was called, Tackett-Laferty voiced concerns about a violation of the inviolable contract for state employees.

"The pension challenges we are facing need serious attention and there seems to be no easy, cheap or quick solution," her statement said. "As it has been said, we did not get into this situation overnight, and

it will not be solved overnight. Still, I believe it is our job, to work toward a reasonable compromise, which not only offers long term solutions, and grants reasonable relief to our quasi governmental agencies, but does so without stealing the retirement security that thousands of dedicated public servants have been counting on for years if not decades."

According to a press release issued by the Legislative Research Commission, HB 1 sponsor Rep. James Tipton, R-Taylorsville, said during Monday's House floor debate on HB 1 that Kentucky's quasi-governmental agencies provide essential services that are at financial risk without passage of the legislation. He said the KERS nonhazardous plan currently has only 12.9 percent of the funds it needs to pay future benefits.

"And, while legally these quasi entities have a legal obligation to pay ... we understand the difficulties they have and the problems that might arise without passage of legislation that might provide them some relief," Tipton told the House.

The cost of implementing HB 1 is projected to potentially be \$58.5 million in fiscal year 2021 and \$110.5 million in fiscal year 2022, according to a fiscal note provided. Included in the cost is the rate freeze, the employer cost to leave the KERS plan and continued state General Fund appropriations of around \$50.2 million per year.

HB 1 extends the one-year freeze on employer retirement contribution rates for quasi-governmental agencies in the KERS non-hazardous plan into fiscal year 2019-2020 while giving

agencies the choice to remain in the KERS plan or to voluntarily leave the plan, the LRC reported.

Agencies that choose to leave the KERS non-hazardous plan would be required to set up a new defined-contribution, 401(k)-type retirement plan for their employees and pay their unfunded liabilities to KERS. Agencies that remain in KERS would have to pay the full actuarial cost of that decision as determined by system actuaries in accordance with HB 1. Agencies could also allow current defined-benefit employees hired before 2014 to remain in KERS by paying the full actuarial cost, LRC said.

Employees now in the KERS nonhazardous defined-benefit plan who are moved to a new plan would retain their earned benefits, but would not be eligible for a defined-benefit plan under HB 1.

House State Government Committee Chair Jerry Miller, R-Louisville, told the House that HB 1 "gives options to avoid layoffs, to avoid bankruptcies." He challenged an assertion made by opponents to HB 1 that the bill violates what is known as the "inviolable contract" — language in state law that many say guarantees public pension benefits earned.

House Minority Caucus Chair Derrick Graham, D-Frankfort, who voted against HB 1, said 2015 HB 62 was a response to a federal bankruptcy ruling in the case of Seven Counties Services, a Louisville-based community mental health center that was allowed to withdraw from the state pension system after the agency filed bankruptcy.

Floor amendments proposed to the bill in

both the House and Senate were defeated before the final votes on the bill were taken in both chambers.

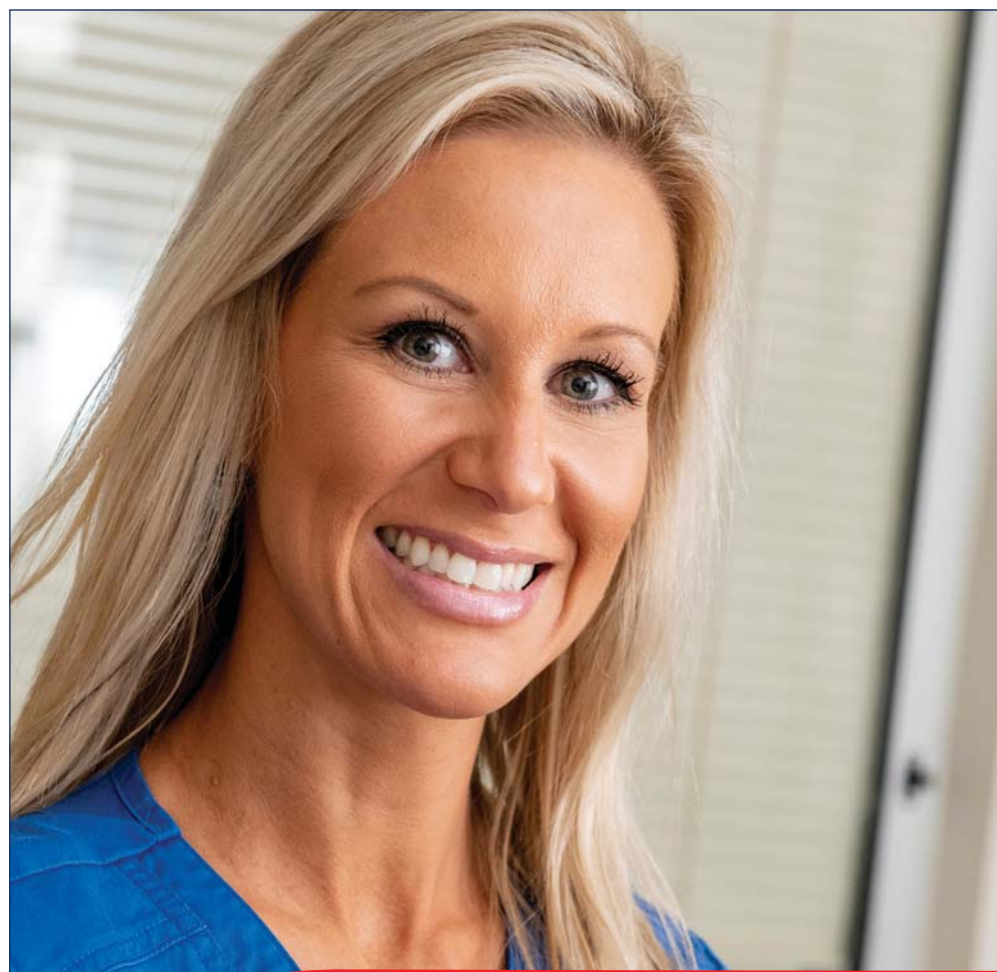
Rep. Joe Graviss, D-Versailles, who filed HB 2 as an alternative bill this special session, said his bill — defeated by a vote of the House State Government Committee last Saturday — was more actuarially sound. He also challenged a nonseverability clause in HB 1 requiring that the legislation be voided if any of provision in the bill

is found unconstitutional or unenforceable. He called the clause "throwing the baby out with the bath water."

Also proposed but voted down in committee was HB 3, sponsored by Rep. Angie Hatton, D-Whitesburg, who also voted against HB 1. Hatton's proposal had the

singular goal of enacting a retroactive one-year freeze on employer contribution rates for quasi-governmental agencies and regional state universities and colleges to serve as what she called "insurance" in case other legislation considered this special session hits a roadblock.

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Turner said after serving this sentence and the federal court sentence, Hernandez will be deported from the U.S.

In one case, Hernandez was indicted in Sept. 2015 for two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana, trafficking in a legend drug and first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance. In exchange for his guilty plea, the Commonwealth agreed to drop all but one first-degree trafficking charge against him, and offered a five-year sentence to run consec-

utive to the other cases.

In the other case, Hernandez was indicted in Sept. 2017 for two counts of complicity to traffick in a controlled substance (cocaine). In exchange for his guilty plea in that case, the Commonwealth agreed to dismiss one of those charges against him, and offered a five-year consecutive sentence.

Those two sentences are set to run consecutive to another five-year sentence Hernandez received in another Floyd County case in which he was charged in 2015 with seven counts of second-degree rape, second-degree sodomy and first-degree sexual abuse. In exchange

for his guilty plea, the Commonwealth agreed to dismiss all but one rape charge, and offered a consecutive five-year sentence. Turner said the victim in that case was an underage juvenile.

He said Hernandez "went on the run" after he was charged with rape and he was later charged in several drug-related cases, both in this county and at the federal level.

In federal court, Hernandez was indicted in 2015 on eight counts of cocaine trafficking.

He was sentenced in federal court in August 2017 and ordered to

serve 63 months on each count, with those counts to run concurrently to each other, but consecutive to sentences that were to be imposed on Hernandez in the Floyd County cases. Upon completion of the sentence, Hernandez would be placed on supervised release for six years, the federal court order says.

"So, he's been serving that while these cases were still pending," Turner said. "So, what we've been working on for the last year and a half or so was to try to either try all of these cases, begin trying them, or get him

to agree to a plea deal on everything. And after a lot of time and negotiating, we were able to come up with the sentences that he received the other day, which total up to 15 years, including the pleas on the sex case that were with the agreement of the victim in that case. They will run consecutive to his federal time, and then, the ultimate goal and the end result of all of this will be that once he has served out every last day that he owes his federal case and on our cases, he'll be remanded back to federal authorities to be deport-

ed." Turner said Hernandez will also have to register as a convicted sex offender, as requested by the victim.

"But in the end, if he's deported after serving all of his time, that's about as good as you can do in any case," Turner said. "There's a lot of people I've prosecuted in Floyd County that I wish I could deport, but I can't."

Hernandez appealed his federal court sentence and sought other remedies in federal court, but his requests were denied.

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in Oct. 1944, Givens' company was engaged in battle against enemy forces in the Raffelsbrand sector of the Hürtgen Forest, near Germeter, Germany.

"He was reported missing in action as of Oct. 20, 1944, when his company reorganized after a severe counterattack and he could not be accounted for," the press release said.

His remains were accounted for on June 17, the department reported.

Givens' name is engraved on the Wall of Missing at the U.S. Cemetery in the Netherlands. He will now be buried in the family cemetery, Calhoun said.

"We are amazed that they are still looking for these who scarified everything for our coun-

try and sending them to their loved ones," Calhoun said.

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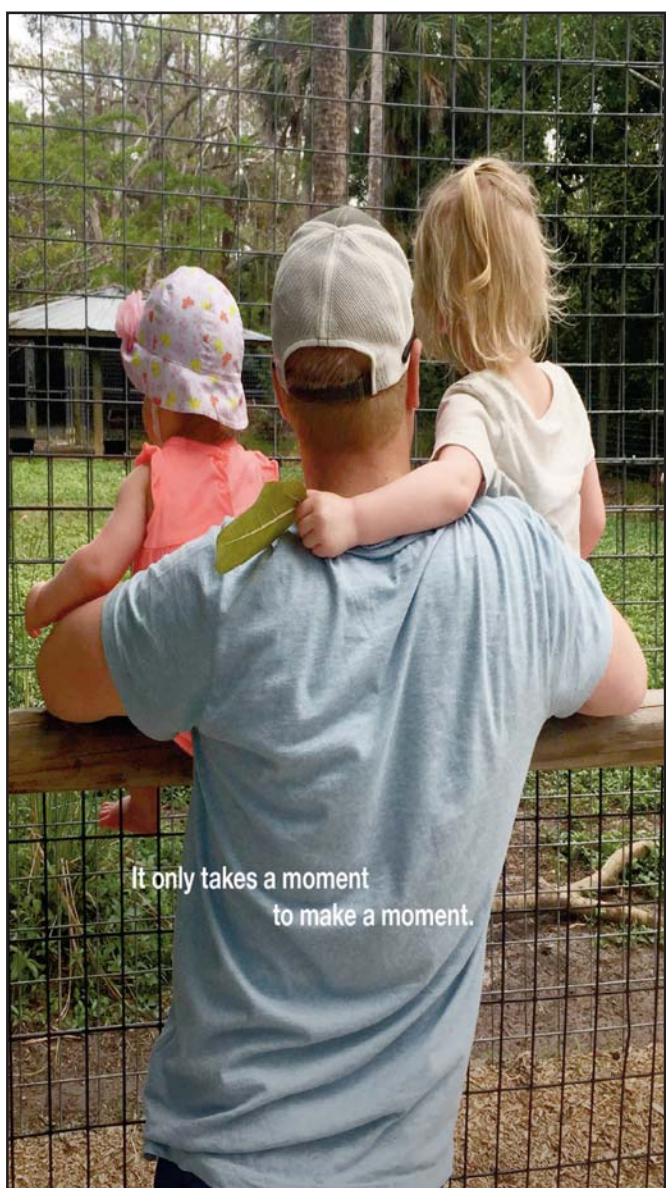
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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntington District, is hosting a public meeting for the Town of Martin project. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update to the public on the project, to solicit input from consulting parties and 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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EDITORIAL

Come out from behind the closed doors It's time for Martin to begin to operate as a government for the people, where the people can see

We imagine it can be difficult to serve in any capacity for a public governing body.

And for that reason, we always attempt to express understanding, as far as possible, in dealing with these agencies.

We often run into situations where a public body, sometimes unintentionally, doesn't follow the laws on the books which govern, for example, how their meetings are to be conducted in a manner which ensures the public has complete and unfettered access to the organizations which represent them.

Sometimes, when that happens, we simply contact the agency and let them know about the issue. More often than not, that results in the agency either correcting the issue or working to prevent it from happening again.

In other cases, however, we take the information public or pursue it through the legal relief to which we

have access.

That has been the case with the City of Martin. The city has, in the past, refused to turn over relevant, basic records, and we have pursued that all the way to the Kentucky Attorney General's Office. If you're a regular reader, of course, you know that, because we took you on that journey with us.

Our intent in doing that was not to embarrass the City of Martin or to hold it up for ridicule, but instead, to take the only means through which we have access in order to ensure that the city government is following the law.

Recently, we learned, however, that some city officials believe business needs to be discussed in "work sessions" outside of the public eye.

First and foremost, there is no provision in Kentucky's Open Meetings Act which allows for a "work session." Public bodies are to hold a

regular meeting, set at a regular time and place, at which their business is to be conducted.

That helps ensure that, when the public has a question or problem, they know where to go and when to be there. In cases where business must be conducted outside of those regular meetings, there are provisions for special meetings to be held. The requirements on those meetings are quite stringent, and certainly require that the public be notified not only of the meeting time, date and place, but also that all business be set on an agenda 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

There is a very limited set of circumstances under which a public agency can discuss business outside the public's view. Simply to discuss potentially controversial issues outside the view of the public is definitely not included in that set of circumstances.

Add to that the fact

that we recently learned that there are very serious questions about whether the official meeting records — the minutes — are even being kept by city officials.

That's incredibly dangerous and points to much bigger issues going on in the city.

Are we being nitpicky? No. Here's why, there's a great principle at stake and a number of dangers created by the way Martin's government is operating.

When the people of Martin incorporated the city nearly 100 years ago, they were entering into a contract in which they decided that the best way to conduct the public's business was to elect a group of individuals to represent their interests and make the tough decisions on their behalf.

That's just elementary government, sure. But it seems that, in Martin, some officials have forgotten their elementary civ-

ics, and have abandoned their duties in order to serve their own interests.

Further, the actions such as those we see in Martin detrimentally undermine the essential democratic process. One of the slogans of the founders of our nation was, "No taxation without representation."

When the people are intentionally shut out. When public business is conducted without the people having a say. When records, essential to allow leaders to be held accountable, are not kept, this is what is happening — "taxation without representation."

Decisions are being made in Martin to which the public has no access or say. Our reporting has revealed that the city's financial record keeping calls into question its financial viability and we would argue that the city is in disarray. The city council has not approved payment of bills since February and it

did not approve a budget for this fiscal year.

However, without this newspaper and a dedicated group of residents and interested citizens continuing to doggedly pursue the truth, it would all be done behind closed doors. The people would truly be simply paying taxes without any knowledge of how that money is being spent.

Something must change in Martin, and it must change soon. The way the city is currently being run makes it susceptible to a level of corruption and mismanagement which could endanger the city's very existence.

The people of Martin deserve better. The democratic process deserves better. And the officials in Martin know better.

It's time to come out from behind closed doors, warts and all, and begin to deal with the city's issues in a real way. We're watching, and so are the people there.

Do the right thing.

GUEST COLUMN



By **JOHNNY RAY TURNER**
STATE SENATOR
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Concerns about House Bill 1

The 2019 Extraordinary Session delivered another blow to the already struggling pension system and legislative independence. The governor called this special session and from its inception, it was obvious there were no intentions to compromise. Instead of coming to Frankfort and working across the aisle to formulate solutions, we found

ourselves in a political standoff.

Democrats in the Senate and House stood firm in opposition to House Bill 1 (HB 1), a measure proposed by the governor and supported by the Republican majority, to deal with the rising pension costs of quasi-governmental agencies and regional universities. These agencies include local health

departments, regional state-supported universities and community colleges, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers and others.

This is an issue we had to confront immediately following the Governor's veto of the pension bill passed by the majority during the 2019 Legislative Session. As of July 1, there were significant increases

in the employee contribution rate to the pension system for employees of quasi-governmental agencies and regional universities.

HB 1 will allow the 118 quasi-governmental agencies to keep their employees in the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems (KERS) nonhazardous plan at increased costs or move all or a por-

tion of their employees to a defined contribution retirement program, which directly conflicts with the inviolable contract. Agencies that leave KERS would have to pay their unfunded liabilities, which are earned but yet-unfunded benefits, in either a lump sum or in installments. The bill was approved on a 27-11 vote in the Senate after passing the House by a vote of 52-46.

I voted no. The vetoed pension bill was a bad piece of legislation and so was HB 1. I believe this bill jeopardizes the retirement of public employees that have paid their dues and

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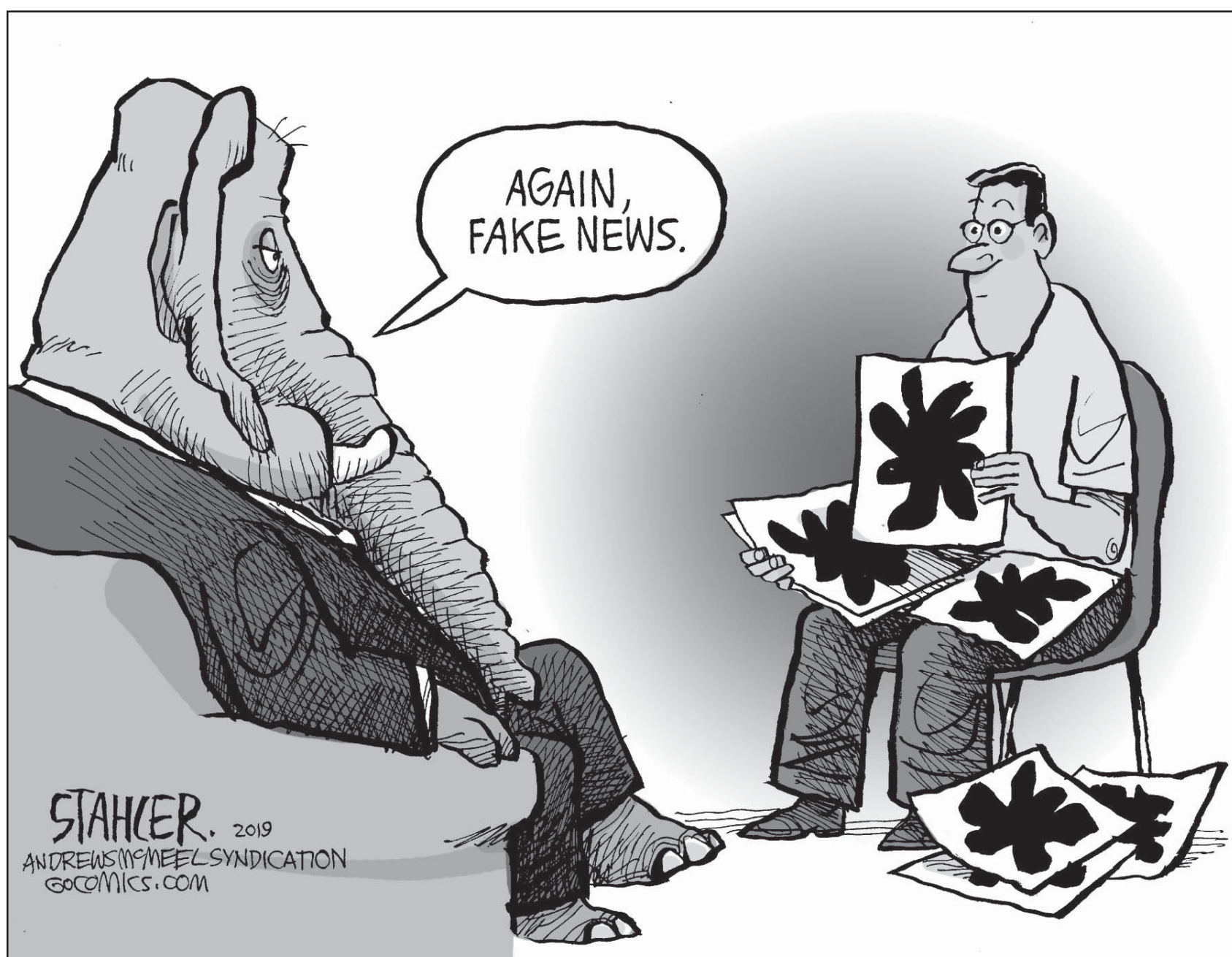
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Floyd woman killed in Pike wreck

A Floyd County woman was killed in a crash over the weekend in Pike County.

According to a statement from Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville, just after 3 p.m. Sunday, a two-vehicle collision occurred at an intersection on U.S. 23 in Coal Run Village. According to

the statement, the investigation into the wreck determined that Margret Wright, 79, of Grethel, was driving southbound on U.S. 23 when another vehicle attempted to make a left-hand turn onto North Mayo Trail and the two vehicles collided.

The collision occurred at the intersection at Big

Lots and Kentucky Power's Pikeville offices.

The statement said Wright was transported to Pikeville Medical Center and was pronounced dead by the Pike County Coroner's Office. A passenger in Wright's vehicle and the driver of the second vehicle involved in the crash were also transported to

PMC.

Alcohol or drugs are not suspected to have been factors in the crash, the statement said, but toxicology reports are pending. The investigation is ongoing, the statement said, and further information on the wreck will be released as more details becomes available.

FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Norman Keith Johnson

Norman Keith Johnson, 58, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, July 22, 2019.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 26, at Wheelwright

Freewill Baptist Church, Bypro.

Burial will follow in the Johnson Family Cemetery, Weeksbury.

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

McDowell resident faces drug possession, wanton endangerment charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A McDowell resident is facing several charges in a case in which he is accused of allegedly endangering the lives of children by having drugs within their reach at his home.

According to documents filed in Floyd District Court, Chris Henson, 29, of McDowell, was arrested on Monday morning at a home on Ky. 680 and charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, three counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, resisting arrest, menacing

and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Kevin Thacker reported in the citation, Henson was "hiding in a closet" on top of a water heater that morning when he came to a home in an attempt to serve an arrest warrant on Henson.

"When he was asked to come out of the closet he refused and threw a cordless phone and a pack of cigarettes at me," Thacker reported.

"He had to be pulled out of the closet and was placed on the bed face down and refused to put his hand behind his back.

After a brief struggle (he) complied and was taken into custody."

Thacker claimed he found a baggie containing a substance believed to be methamphetamine in Henson's pocket as well as suspected methamphetamine in the home and syringes.

"These items were within reach of children present at the residence ages 3, 4 and 6," Thacker reported. He contacted the Department for Protection and Permanency for placement of those children, the citation says.

Henson was also served with an arrest war-

rant in another case in which he is charged with felony theft by unlawful taking.

That complaint warrant alleges that Henson stole a truck and wrecked it.

Henson entered not guilty pleas in these cases during arraignments on Tuesday, July 23. He was given a \$1,000 cash bond in both cases and scheduled to return to court on July 29 for a preliminary hearings.

In another case, Henson was also recently arrested on a felony count of fraudulent use of a credit card.

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committed their careers to public service. Seventy-75 percent of the unfunded liability rests with our retirees and this bill does nothing to address that issue. Nor does this legislation aid our quasi agencies or regional universities — it foots the bill to the taxpayer at a cost of \$870 million, increases pension debt, and further harms the pension system.

I worry this pension bill will steer us closer to insolvency and greatly affect the Kentucky Retirement Systems. This precedent opens the possibility for the General Assembly to act on pensions of other employees in the system. When dealing with an unfunded liability, you have to find funding. A topic that was absent in any of these discussions was new revenue. We have been shortchanging our public institutions for the past decade and instead of fixing them, we continue gutting them. These employees now fear for the security they were promised when they first committed themselves to

a career in public service.

There were no bipartisan efforts to work across the aisle when formulating this legislation. The voices of stakeholders were ignored and any attempt to offer alternatives were disregarded. Our caucus offered numerous, legitimate amendments that were immediately shot down on the Senate floor by the majority party.

A promise made is a promise kept and HB 1 breaks that promise. I will continue my work on behalf of public employees and fighting so that those promises are kept. I anticipate a long legal battle to come and will keep you informed on any updates in regards to HB 1.

Interim meetings will continue monthly throughout the remainder of 2019. Unless we are called into another Special Session, the legislature will reconvene for Regular Session on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020. I encourage you to stay engaged and share your input. You can contact me on the Legislative Message Line at, (800) 372-7181, or by email at, johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

Schools prepare for opening day

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County families are gearing up for the start of the new school year in August, and schools across the district are hosting open house events, starting this month.

The 2019-2020 school year begins on Aug. 7 and, barring any closures for inclement weather, will end on May 8, 2020.

The first day for Head-Start and preschool students is Aug. 12.

The school district will host special "Kindergarten Camp" programs to show kindergarten students what to expect during a school day on Monday, July 29, at all elementary schools. That program will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at all elementary schools.

All county schools are also hosting open house events for students, with

some schools offering "digital drivers' license" training to students on these days. They include:

Monday, July 29

•11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Open house for freshmen, Betsy Layne High School

Tuesday, July 30

•9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Open house for Prestonsburg High School sophomores

•11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Open house for Prestonsburg High School juniors

•1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Open House for Prestonsburg High School seniors

•5:30 p.m.: Open house for South Floyd Elementary students in kindergarten through third grade

•6 p.m.: Open house for Prestonsburg High School freshmen

Wednesday, July 31

•5 p.m.: Open house

for Duff-Allen Central Middle sixth, seventh and eighth graders

•5:30 p.m.: Open house for South Floyd Elementary students in fourth through eighth grade

Thursday, Aug. 1

•4 p.m.: Open house at John M. Stumbo Elementary

•5 p.m.: Open house at Betsy Layne Elementary School

•5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Open house for sophomores, juniors and seniors, Betsy Layne High School

•5 p.m.: Open house for Duff-Allen Central; kindergarten through fifth-grade students

•5 p.m.: Open house for May Valley Elementary

•5 p.m.: Open house for Allen Elementary

•5 p.m.: Open house for Prestonsburg Elementary

Monday, Aug. 5

•5 p.m.: Open house

for freshmen, Floyd Central High School

Tuesday, Aug. 6

•5 p.m.: Open house for seniors, Floyd Central High School

•5:45 p.m.: Open house for juniors, Floyd Central High School

•6:30 p.m.: Open house for sophomores, Floyd Central High School

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AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY HOUSE AND LOT LOCATED AT 22 SLONE LANE, PRESTONSBURG, KY 41653 IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY



This is a three bedroom home on public water and septic. It is well located in a quiet neighborhood. It consists of three bedrooms, living room, kitchen, and two baths. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development, Rural Housing Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$41,540.00.

An open house will be held on August 21, 2019 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

Clear title to this property is not warranted. The U.S. Marshal's Deed is not a general warranty deed. Buyers are advised to have the property's title examined. Written notification regarding encumbrances on the property must be made to the Paintsville Rural Development Office within 30 days of the date of sale.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., at the property site, at 22 Slone Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the principal sum of \$62,271.42, with accrued interest of \$16,470.19 through December 7, 2016, with a total subsidy granted of \$4,716.00, an escrow shortage of \$1,607.63, late charges of \$366.46, and fees assessed of \$19,744.41, for a total unpaid balance due of \$105,196.11. Interest is accruing on the unpaid principal balance at the rate of \$16.2642 per day after December 7, 2016, until the date of entry of Judgment, together with interest on the Judgment amount at the rate of 2.68 percent per annum, until paid in full, plus cost, disbursements, attorney's fees, and expenses pursuant to Judgment and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 7:17-cv-00049-FREW-EBA on the Southern Division at Pikeville of the United States District Court for Eastern District of Kentucky, entered December 20, 2018, in the case of the United States of America vs Kevin Allen Porter, et al, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

House and Lot located at, 22 Slone Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, Floyd County KY. Being the same property conveyed by Deed dated March 8, 2000, and in Deed Book 444, Page 608, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office

Terms of Sale: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Cashiers Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of the sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance, bearing interest at the rate of 2.68% per annum until paid, due and payable in sixty (60) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgment. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U.S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendant(s) and of all persons claiming by through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraisal value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s) reflecting the right of the defendant(s) to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property in the local County Clerk's Office.

Inquires should be directed to: Darwin E McGuire
Rural Development
Paintsville, Kentucky
Telephone: 606/789-3766 Ext 4

NOTICE OF TARIFF FILING OF COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC. TO REVISE ITS ACCELERATED MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM RIDER TARIFF AND AUTHORIZED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF KENTUCKY

Pursuant to the Public Service Commission's regulation 807 KAR 5:011, Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. ("Columbia") gives notice that a tariff filing will be made with the Public Service Commission on July 29, 2019 seeking approval to revise and rename its Accelerated Main Replacement Program ("AMRP") Rider Tariff as its Safety Modification and Replacement Program ("SMRP") Rider Tariff and provide for the inclusion of a two-year enhancement project to low-pressure systems. Columbia does not propose any immediate change in rates, however, rates could change in the future. The present and proposed rates per month are shown below. There is no change in the average customer bill.

Rate Schedule	Present Rate	Proposed Rate	Change In Rate
Rate GSR, Rate SVGTS – Residential Service	\$3.32	\$3.32	\$0.00 / 0%
Rate GSO, Rate GDS, Rate SVGTS – Commercial or Industrial Service	\$12.40	\$12.40	\$0.00 / 0%
Rate Schedule IUS, Rate IUDS	\$103.34	\$103.34	\$0.00 / 0%
Rate IS, Rate DS ^{1/2} , Rate SAS ^{1/2} - Excluding customers subject to Flex Provisions of Rate Schedule DS	\$649.39	\$649.39	\$0.00 / 0%

If Columbia's tariff is accepted, Columbia will be authorized to construct necessary improvements for the safety and reliability of its low pressure operating systems to the benefit of Columbia's customers and the general public. In the future, Columbia may propose other projects for inclusion under Rider SMRP, subject to the review of the Public Service Commission. The revised tariff will go into effect August 28, 2019, or sooner if approved by the Public Service Commission. The proposed revisions in this notice are the rates, terms and conditions proposed by Columbia, but the Public Service Commission may order rates, terms and conditions that differ from those contained in this notice.

Any corporation, association, or person may within thirty (30) days after the date of mailing this notice of the proposed rate change, submit a written request to intervene to the Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request and including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of the notice, the commission may take final action on the tariff filing.

Written comments regarding this tariff filing may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its web site at <http://psc.ky.gov/> or mailed to the Public Service Commission at 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Copies of Columbia's tariff filing may be obtained or viewed at no charge from Columbia at 2001 Mercer Road, Lexington, Kentucky or online at www.columbiagasky.com. The tariff filing and all documents filed with the Public Service Commission may also be viewed at the Public Service Commission's office at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or downloaded at the Public Service Commission's Web site at <http://psc.ky.gov/>.

Ky. American still wants to buy Southern Commissioners still don't want to sell

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

For the second consecutive month, a representative from Kentucky American Water in Lexington expressed an interest in buying the Southern Water and Sewer District.

And, once again, Southern Water officials told him the proposition is "premature."

Kentucky American Water's Director of Government Affairs Jimmy Keeton its Distribution and Production Manager Justin Sensabaugh attended Southern Water's commission meeting this week to once again express an interest in buying the district.

"We still want to let you know that we're interested," Keeton told commissioners. "We still want to let you know that we want to work with this board. We believe we can put together a good package that will be of interest to you and we're excited to be here and really wanted to present you with some more information."

He asked that the commission consider that information before making decisions.

"So again, I know you're going through a lot, you're doing a lot ... and I congratulate you on what you're doing because you're getting into the meat of it," Keeton said. "We just want to be involved in the process

and present information to you. And I would hope that the board would be open to it before you made any final decision. That's all we want is just that opportunity."

He said the commission would not be bound to do anything with any information he presented.

"It's just, again, a presentation to you and what we can do for you," Keeton said. "So, I won't hold up the meeting, I think you know where we're coming from, and I believe you all have my contact information, should you have any questions. But again, I just really can't emphasize enough that we would love to be involved in the process and to give you some information that we believe that is worth hearing, that this board needs to hear."

No information was presented, however, as commission members said the request to purchase Southern Water is premature.

"I appreciate it very much, but I don't, I don't think that the board — and I'm not speaking for them, they're here themselves — we've thought a lot about it and I don't think the board is interested at this time in entertaining the idea of selling it," Chairman Jeff Prater told him.

Commissioner Rick Roberts referred to comments he made after Keeton addressed the

board in June.

"Well, I think we mentioned it, Jimmy, last time. It's kind of a little bit premature," Roberts said. "We're a relatively new board and, you know, we just had this flat rate increase, and I guess you were here to hear a financial report. We've got to see at least a three-month trend about how this water district is going to be financially before we — or, maybe even six months. It's a minimum of three months, I would think, to see a trend of where we're headed ... We appreciate your time, but you're kind of on the back burner. And you would be considered, should this district get in that situation, but right now, we just, I just think it's a little premature on our behalf at this point. I think if we ever got to that point, you'd probably would be, maybe, the first person we call."

Keeton asked commissioners to clarify whether "the door isn't closed."

Roberts told him the commissioners represent Southern Water customers and a possible sale is premature. He said the board needs a minimum of three months to see where the district is headed financially.

"I don't want you to take my presence here every month as being something that's pressuring you, because, Lord knows, that's not what we want to do," Keeton



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Jimmy Keeton of Kentucky American Water speaks to members of the Southern Water & Sewer District on July 26.

said. "But my presence here is just mainly to show you that we're still excited. We still want to be involved in the process and all of those things that you're dealing with, we would be dealing with for you, to move the district forward, and do like you said, sir, take care of your customers."

Roberts told him that district has to consider a possible sale because the Kentucky Public Service Commission suggested it.

"I think from the PSC, you know, we have to leave you out there as an option. We have to leave the door open," Roberts said. "All options."

He said the commission is "looking out for the customers of this district."

PSC officials brought up the possible sell or merger of Southern Water during recent hearings in Frankfort, including one that was held this month.

At that hearing, Prater said he believes

Southern Water's customer base will decrease over the next 10 years, a comment that led 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 sale. 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?" PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt asked Prater. "How could they, whatever they did, how could they do any worse?"

Kentucky American Water serves 130,000 customers in Lexington and surrounding areas. Its customers currently pay less for water than the customers of Southern Water.

Southern Water,

working on a flat rate ordered by the PSC, currently charges residential customers more than \$58 per 2,000 gallons. That rate, however, is temporary because Southern Water is struggling financially and is seeking a 32.3 percent rate increase from the PSC. If that rate increase is approved, the average bill for Southern Water customers using about 4,000 gallons per month would increase to \$56. Prior to the flat rate, the average bill was about \$43, the Southern Water application states.

Kentucky American customers are paying around \$21 less, on average, than Southern Water customers.

In an order last month, the PSC granted a 15 percent rate increase for Kentucky American Water, reporting that the average monthly bill of its customers using around 3,900 per month will increase to \$37.

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Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The following criminal charges and lawsuits have recently been filed at the Floyd County Judicial Center:

Felony cases filed

Steven Hunter, 38, of Printer; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance
 Basel Moore, 35, of McDowell; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance
 William Robinette, age unavailable, of Harold; flagrant nonsupport
 Charles Hall Sr., 41, of Hi Hat; first-degree wanton endangerment
 Bobby Hamilton, 44, of Harold; first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Eddie Rose, 51, of Frankfort; DUI, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Sandra L. Johnson, 30, of Lexington; failure to wear seat belt, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container
 William David Burchett, 46, of Prestonsburg; first-degree pos-

session of a controlled substance
 Jill Howell, 28, of Flemingsburg; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Jarred Hall, age unavailable, of McDowell; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Donavan Meade, age unavailable, of Wayland; first-degree promoting contraband
 Kenneth Marsillett, 61, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, rear license not illuminated
 Chris Henson, 29, of McDowell; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, three counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, resisting arrest, menacing, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft by unlawful taking
 Troy Sammons, 80, of Banner; first-degree criminal mischief
 Jeremy Justice, 47, of Pikeville; theft of services
Misdemeanor cases filed
 Kyle M. Crum, 27, of Printer; fourth-degree assault
 Brian W. Francis, 45, of Garrett; public intoxication of a controlled

substance, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing
 Joy McKenzie, 38, of Prestonsburg; failure to appear
 Randy Short, 27, of Wayland; criminal littering
 Helen J. Akers, 63, of Harold; harassment
 David F. May, 84, of Prestonsburg; no/expired boat registration
 Terra Montgomery, 30, of West Van Lear; two counts of third-degree terroristic threatening
 Robert Brown, 42, of Dwayne; public intoxication of a controlled substance
 Darren K. Newsome, 38, of Bevinville; alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree disorderly conduct, menacing
 Carlos Pennington, 29, of Wheelwright; violation of an emergency protection order
 Tammy Slone, 40, of McDowell; harassment
 Stephanie Lawson, 45, of David; endangering the welfare of a minor
 Joey Tackett, 39, of Hi Hat; first-degree criminal trespassing
 Katelyn Shepherd, 19, of Prestonsburg; harassment
 Matthew W. Hall, 35, of Prestonsburg; two counts of violation of an emergency protection order, third-degree terroristic threatening, harassing communication, fourth-degree assault

Steve Johnson, 31, of Martin; fourth-degree assault
 Jeffrey Richardson, 32, of Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana
 Eugene Hamilton, 49, of Harold; alcohol intoxication in a public place
 Ashton Clark, 18, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault
 Janet M. Hamilton, 32, of Hi Hat; second-degree disorderly conduct
 Timothy Hall, 50, of McDowell; fourth-degree assault
 Julie M. Frasure, 52, of McDowell; fourth-degree assault
 Stephanie L. Cooley, 45, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting), third-degree criminal trespassing
 Donovan Adams, 18, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault
 William D. Burchett, 46, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking
 Randa Hamilton, 26, of Harold; second-degree promoting contraband
 Christopher Keller, 35, of Prestonsburg; falsely reporting an incident
 Natasha D. Slone, 33, of Hi Hat; second-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Laura Hall, 37, of Beaver; possession of drug paraphernalia
 Justin R. Lewis, 35, of Banner; fourth-degree assault

Priscilla Conn, 37, of Printer; theft by deception
 Joseph B. Henson, 23, of Prestonsburg; menacing, resisting arrest
 Joseph Sellner, 62, of Prestonsburg; harassment
Lawsuits filed
 Jennifer Branham vs. Emmitt Branham; divorce
 Russell Preston vs. Omaira F. Preston; divorce
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 Clifton D. Mitchell vs. Marania A. Mitchell; divorce
 Capital One Bank vs. Price Rite Inc., Eddie Shelton; complaint concerning debt
 Kentucky Child Support Enforcement, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Michael Ison; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
 Kentucky Child Support Enforcement, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Anthony G. Castle; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
 Kentucky Child Support Enforcement, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Ashley Short; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
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 Crown Asset Management vs. Sherry L. Bowman; complaint concern-

ing debt
 Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance vs. Michael R. Hunt, Pamela G. Hunt, Gregory Hunt; complaint concerning debt
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 Kentucky Child Support Enforcement, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Stacy M. Castle; petition for child support and healthcare insurance
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10.4 million of them — ranking first statewide. Little & Waddell Inc., which owns the Med Zone Pharmacy on Ky. 321, ranked third on the list of pharmacies that received the highest number of hydrocodone and Oxycodone pills, receiving nearly 9.3 million of them between 2006 and 2012, and the Medicine Cabinet Pharmacy in Paintsville ranked fourth on the pharmacy list, having received about 9.2 million pills.

Kentucky ranked second in the nation for the most pain pills that were distributed, with 63.3 distributed per person, per year, between 2006-2012, falling behind West Virginia where 66.5 pills were distributed per person. Nationwide, the rate was 36 pills per person per year, and the rates quadrupled that amount in local counties.

The Washington Post's interactive map shows that Eastern Kentucky had some of the highest rates nationally. In Floyd County, it was 168 pills per person per year, the data says, and it was 175 per person per year in Perry County, 152 per person per year in Johnson County and 146 per person per year in Pike County. The Post reported that Perry County ranked fourth for the number of pills distributed, per person per year, nationwide.

This information was provided last week in a national database shared by the Washington Post. The newspaper sifted through nearly

380 million transactions from 2006 and 2012 that detailed the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's ARCOS, or Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders System. Nationally, drug companies distributed 76 billion doses of these pain pills during that time, the Washington Post reports, and only six companies distributed 75 percent of them — McKesson Corporation, Walgreens, Cardinal Health, AmeriSourceBergen, CVS and Walmart.

"The volumes of the pills handled by the companies climbed as the epidemic surged, increasing 51 percent from 8.4 billion in 2006 to 12.6 billion in 2012. By contrast, doses of morphine, a well-known treatment for severe pain, averaged slightly more than 500 million a year during the same period," the Post reported.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said he is not surprised about these statistics.

"Our experience from the prosecution side in terms of the number of trafficking cases, the possession cases, the overdose deaths, the drug-related crimes that we see, would support that (those statistics)," Turner said. "I don't think there's any question that the whole area is flooded with pain pills. It has been for a long time."

He said there is some evidence to suggest there's been a "slight drop off" in the number of pain pill prescriptions.

"But it's not much," he said. "They basically attributed that to a little bit more scrutiny of

the doctors. The medical licensure people have been more aggressive in finally trying to shut down some of the pain clinics, and then, some doctors have been a bit more leery about how many they write. So there's been a slight decrease, but it's not like any big victory."

In 2013, a year after the 2006-2012 data was made available in the Washington Post database, hydrocodone accounted for 42 percent of all controlled substances sold in Kentucky, while Oxycodone accounted for 16 percent of all subscriptions, according to the Kentucky All Schedule Prescription Electronic Reporting System.

KASPER issued a report in May showing that hydrocodone made up about 27 percent of all controlled substances prescribed in Kentucky during the first four months of this year, and Oxycodone accounted for about 14 percent of all controlled substance prescriptions. The rate of hydrocodone prescriptions has dropped by about half since 2013, KASPER reports, but the rate of prescriptions for Oxycodone has stayed about the same.

Turner said the "slight decrease" in pain pill prescriptions has been offset by another drug, methamphetamine, which accounts for most of the drug-related crime in Floyd County.

Turner said he recently learned that methamphetamine can lessen withdraw symptoms for people who are addicted to pain pills, a reason some people believe the drug is becoming more

popular. "It's the biggest thing going right now," Turner said about meth. "The pain pills are still out there, but we are absolutely covered up with Mexican cartel crystal meth. That's where it comes from. It comes straight out of Mexico. It's made in labs in Mexico. It's coming up through Atlanta, and just about everybody that we get on any kind of traffic stop arrest, they all have crystal meth. They may have other things with it, but we, in almost all of our cases, our trafficking cases, everything we're seeing now is meth."

Turner said meth is less likely to cause people to overdose, but it presents difficult challenges for local law enforcement as they work to ensure the safety of the public.

"One of the things, too, that's been different about the meth problem is, compared to pain pills, if you someone that's abusing pain pills, opioids, they're dangerous if they're on the road, or whatever, but the majority of them, if they take a bunch of pills, they pass out. It's a depressant," Turner said. "With the crystal meth, it's harder to overdose on. I mean, it can kill you, but, for the most part, you don't see people overdose on it. And what it does is, it's like speed, and they get just filled with energy and they'll stay up for days at a time."

He said that sleep deprivation causes problems like hallucinations.

"There's a lot of people out doing a lot of dangerous things, violent things, that are directly attributable to meth,"

Turner said. Arrest warrants and indictments filed in Floyd and surrounding counties are full of stories that show the impact meth has on people in this region. Numerous cases, for example, have been filed in Floyd County alleging police assaults and domestic violence claims that also include methamphetamine possession.

Turner said Delbert Conn, a Garrett resident who was recently sentenced to 12 years for stabbing his girlfriend in the face, was on crystal meth at the time that assault occurred. He said Conn cuts the woman's face open from her mouth to her ear.

"He was on crystal meth," Turner said. "And he was having all these paranoid thoughts and accusations about her."

Turner also said Rob-

ert Powers, the Auxier resident who was sentenced to 20 years in Dec. 2018 for shooting former Prestonsburg Police Officer Adam Dixon, was also on crystal meth at the time of that shooting.

"It was widely believed from the evidence in that case that he was on crystal meth," Turner said. "When they encountered him, he was talking out of his head, making all these accusations about helicopters falling, cameras in his house and all of this nonsense, and there was some evidence in the case that he was on meth."

Editor's note: Some of the data from the ARCOS system used in this report was provided courtesy The Washington Post. Further local data may be viewed by visiting, <https://wapo.st/32N-LrFp>.

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Floyd BOE continues resource officer program

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Board of Education approved continuing its school resource officer program on Monday.

During a July 22 meeting, the board approved a memorandum of agreement with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for services

from the department's K-9 unit and for school resource officers for the 2019-2020 school year.

The district agreed to pay the department \$75,000, with \$25,000 designated for the K-9 unit and up to \$50,000 for school resource officers.

The K-9 unit will be used to "detect and deter" the possession, dis-

tribution or use of illegal drugs on school campuses.

School resource officers will provide law enforcement services on school grounds.

The agreement requires the K-9 unit to make five random and unannounced bi-monthly visits to schools.

In the agreement, the sheriff's department

agrees to "maintain a presence" on a "rotating and random basis" in each school that houses students in sixth through 12th grades, enforce speed limits in school zones and provide security at board meetings and after school events.

The school district has another school resource officer agreement with the Prestonsburg

Police Department.

At the meeting, the board also approved increasing the commission for the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for tax collection by one percent, from two percent to three percent.

By law, the department can earn a commission of between 1.5 percent and four percent for collecting school taxes,

plus four percent of the amount of any interested earned on the amounts collected and invested by the tax collector prior to distribution to the school district.

The school district paid the sheriff's department commission fees of \$185,000 in 2017, \$190,000 in 2018 and about \$225,700 in 2019.

Community Events

Friday, July 26

•4 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Brothers Keepers Motorcycle Club to host Burn Run, a fund raiser 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.

•8:15 p.m.: Blood-song: The Story of the Hatfields and McCoys, 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.

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•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

Monday, July 29

•9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: All Floyd County elementary schools will host Kindergarten Camp.

•11 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Betsy Layne High School to host freshman orientation, featuring math and reading exams, digital drivers license training, tours of the school. Digital training for parents of ninth grade students and transfer students will start at 2 p.m. Multiple sessions will continue each hour, with the last one at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 30

•9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Open house for Prestonsburg High School sophomores

•11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Open house for Prestonsburg High School juniors

•1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: Open House for Prestonsburg High School seniors

•5 p.m.: Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg, to host "Harry Pot-

ter Magic Show." (606) 886-2981

•6:30 p.m.: Daniel Castle and Greg Baher of the Kentucky Fire Chiefs Association will host a state fire rescue training class for firefighters, featuring information about starting a regional fire

officers association, in Johnson Building Room 102, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg

•7-9 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, Dewey's, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg. (606) 886-1341

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Floyd schools to implement 'Rachel's Challenge'

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Floyd County schools are implementing a new program to stop on bullying in the district.

During a July 22 meeting, the board approved an agreement with a Colorado nonprofit, "Rachel's Challenge."

The program is named after Rachel Joy Scott, a student who died at the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999.

Scott was first of 12 students who died in that school shooting.

After she died, her family learned more about her by reading six diaries she left behind and talking to people she had helped. They created this program to decrease bullying in schools to make them safer.

Floyd County Schools will kick off Rachel's Challenge during the week of Sept. 13-20, in elementary and middle schools. Activities will include school assemblies,

student training and a community event. Superintendent Danny Adkins reported that this program will be offered district-wide.

The program will help Floyd County schools meet requirements of Senate Bill 1, which requires school districts to provide for social and emotional learning and build frameworks for "trauma informed care."

The cost of the program is \$32,700, with the district paying a deposit of about \$13,000.

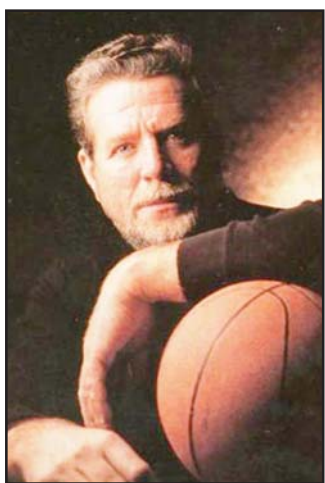
'King' Kelly Coleman honored in senate

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

State Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, filed Senate Resolution 6 (SR 6) during the special legislative session, adjourning the senate in honor of "King" Kelly Coleman.

Turner, who represents Floyd, Harlan, Knott and Letcher counties, filed the resolution in memory of Coleman, expressing condolences to the family, friends and community on their loss. "The designation will serve as a constant reminder of the great player and person King Kelly was," said Turner. "He was one of the best to lace them up and step on the court. Off the court he was as tremendous a person as he was a player."

Coleman led the Wayland Wasps to a sweet 16 appearance in 1956, earning him the designation of Kentucky's first Mr. Basketball award. He amassed an impressive 4,337 points during his



"King" Kelly Coleman

high school career, remaining the only boy in Kentucky history to ever reach 4,000 points. Coleman also ranks as the all-time leader for points in a single season, most field goals made, and most field goals attempted.

"He was a dynamic player that could score at will," said Turner. "In Kentucky, we love our high school sports, especially basketball. I believe the imprint that King Kelly Coleman left on the game is one of the main reasons for the popularity today. It is only fitting he be honored for the legacy he left."

New staff hired at Floyd schools

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Superintendent Danny Adkins announced Tuesday, July 23, that two teachers, Kristin Garrett and Tessica Strong, will now serve as instructional consultants in Floyd County schools.

Adkins said in a press release, "Kristin and Tessica have been tremendous assets in the classroom and at their schools. These women will now be able to support our schools with their Multi-Tiered Support Systems (MTSS). They will assist in designing and implementing these systems and will be there to support our schools."

He said these teachers have a "passion for

reaching all students."

"We're excited for Kristin and Tessica to work at the district level serving our schools. These two have a passion for reaching all students that is contagious. I'm confident they will support and assist our schools in any way they can to help us meet the needs of our students," Adkins said.

Inspired by her parents who were educators, Garrett chose teaching as her career. She graduated from Morehead State University and returned to Floyd County where she has been teaching over 20 years.

In 2018, she became a National Board Certified Teacher. Over the years, she has served

in several roles, including as a member of the school council, the Local Planning Committee, the Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction team, the leadership academy and the Kentucky Reading Project. She has also been a mentor for new teachers. Her goal is to work with school leaders and teachers to continue to develop and deliver individualized instruction to address the needs of all students.

She and her husband David live in Banner with their son Nick and daughter Allison.

Strong is an 18-year veteran in education. She graduated from Alice Lloyd College, taught algebra and then became a media specialist. She



Kristin Garrett

has served on the school council and coordinated several writing programs in addition to helping write grants and being the school literacy coordinator.



Tessica Strong

Strong finds inspiration in seeing students succeed and she strives to help all students find the right pathway toward

Harris-Ward to serve as KSNA president

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Floyd County Schools District Health Coordinator Annette Harris-Ward was elected as president of the Kentucky School Nurses Association, Superintendent Danny Adkins reported.

"We want to congratulate Annette on being elected to serve in this role," Adkins said. "We're not surprised, as we know how essential Annette has been to our district. Her nursing and management skills

combine and make her a passionate leader who is always watching out for our students and our staff."

The Kentucky School Nurses Association strives to improve school nursing as a profession and to help school nurses improve as individuals to better serve children. In addition to providing professional development for school nurses, the organization also has an ethical code of conduct and it represent school nurses in professional groups, governments, communi-

ties and the public.

Harris-Ward said, "To be chosen to be a leader by your colleagues is exciting and I

appreciate their trust in me. I've always tried to do the best job I could do in every role I have had and I'll approach this office the same way."

She has served as the health coordinator in Floyd County schools for three years, Adkins reported, and she previously taught allied health classes and was principal at the Belfry Area Technology Center.

Adkins reported that she has been serving as the Eastern Region delegate for KASN, a role she relinquished to accept the new role of president.

"Her knowledge, experience and determination to always grow and get better make her the perfect candidate for this role," Adkins said.

Harris-Ward holds a nursing degree from the University of Kentucky.

She has three children, Courtney, Megan and Westin Harris. She and her husband Steve live in Allen.



Annette Harris-Ward

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YOUNG BOY SURVIVES A LIFE THREATENING INJURY



**Caden and Brady Sparks
with their mother, Ashley**

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Ashley Sparks of Pikeville experienced every mother's worst fear last April when her two children and their grandmother were involved in an automobile accident.

Sparks recalls her day starting like an ordinary day. "I dropped my two sons, Caden and Brady, off at school," said Sparks. "I took pictures of them with their science projects and kissed them and told them to have a wonderful day."

She made arrangements for her children's grandmother, Pam Ratliff, to pick them up from school and went to work as usual.

What happened next was something no one ever wants to experience.

Ratliff picked up her two grandsons from school. On their way home, they were struck by a motor vehicle on US 23, causing injuries to all.

"I answered my phone and heard complete panic from Pam telling me about the accident," Sparks said. "I could not believe it and rushed to be with my kids."

All three were transported by ambulance to Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) for advanced care.

Upon arrival, PMC Trauma Surgeon, Rudy Judhan, MD, assessed their injuries.

"In a situation where seconds matter, we knew we had to move quickly and effectively to determine these patient's needs," said Dr. Rudy Judhan.

Ratliff had suffered multiple bilateral rib fractures, lacerations to her right knee, and fracture to her left leg. Caden sustained a hand fracture and aortic dissection, a life-threatening injury. Brady suffered multiple bruises and required observation for any additional damages that may have occurred during the accident.

PMC physicians and staff determined that Ratliff had approximately ten broken ribs. She would need to be hospitalized and undergo a knee repair with PMC Orthopedic Surgeon, Chad Martin, DO.

Brady was observed and determined to be well enough to be discharged to go home.

Caden was facing a severe life-threatening injury. He was stabilized and transferred to a Pediatric Surgeon to repair damage to the aortic dissection.

Dr. Judhan said that only three percent of people live with the injury Caden sustained during this accident.

"Our team performed the initial scan that detected Caden's life-threatening injury. With proper stabilization and early detection, we were able to get him to a pediatric surgeon who saved his life," said Dr. Judhan.

He says Caden would not have survived if PMC had not made the quick determination of his injuries.

"I am grateful for the team at PMC for their quick determination of Caden's injuries," said Sparks. "The care they initially provided ultimately saved his life."

"It is scary to think what could have happened if the hospital was not here to provide care that day," added Sparks.

All three are doing well and have fully recovered from their injuries sustained that day.

SHURTLEFF NAMED TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Bob Shurtleff

By: Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has appointed Bob Shurtleff to PMC Board of Directors. He has an extensive history of development and service to the City of Pikeville and will make a wonderful addition to the board.

"Bob is an exceptional choice as our newest board member. I have known Bob and his wonderful family for many years," said Vice President of the Board of Directors and CEO Donovan Blackburn. "I had the opportunity to work directly with Bob, as he serves the citizens of Pikeville as a city commissioner. He is a well-respected member of the region, an excellent business leader and great family man. I am proud to call him my dear friend. Bob also has a vast background in leadership and regional collaboration working for AEP as their Manager of External Affairs."

Prior to his appointment as external affairs manager for AEP, Shurtleff was the Manager of Distribution Services (MDS) for Kentucky Power's Pikeville Service District, which began in July 2006. As an MDS, he oversaw all electricity distribution operations serving customers in Pike, Floyd, Knott, Martin, Johnson, Morgan and Magoffin counties in eastern Kentucky. He was also responsible for customer services, marketing, community affairs and safety functions in the district. Earlier in his career with Kentucky Power, Shurtleff served as the Safety and Health Manager where he was responsible for safety for the operations in Kentucky.

Shurtleff stated that he hoped to contribute to the vision of growth for PMC. He credits the hospital's employees for their dedication to patient care and service.

"Joining the board allows to me give back, but it has also opening my eyes to what an economic engine

the hospital is, and how many lives it impact in our areas," said Shurtleff. "This hospital is one of the premiere facilities in the country nestled right here in the mountains."

Shurtleff's family has deep roots in Pikeville, going back generations. His grandparents settled in the area and started Shurtleff's Laundry in 1921. It remains PMC's longest standing contract, going on 90+ years.

Shurtleff and his wife, Kathy, are lifetime residents of Pikeville. He is a graduate of Pikeville High School and attended the University of Kentucky where he earned a bachelor's degree. He is currently serving his second term as a Pikeville City Commissioner, serves on the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Foundation Board as well as the Technical Advisory Board.

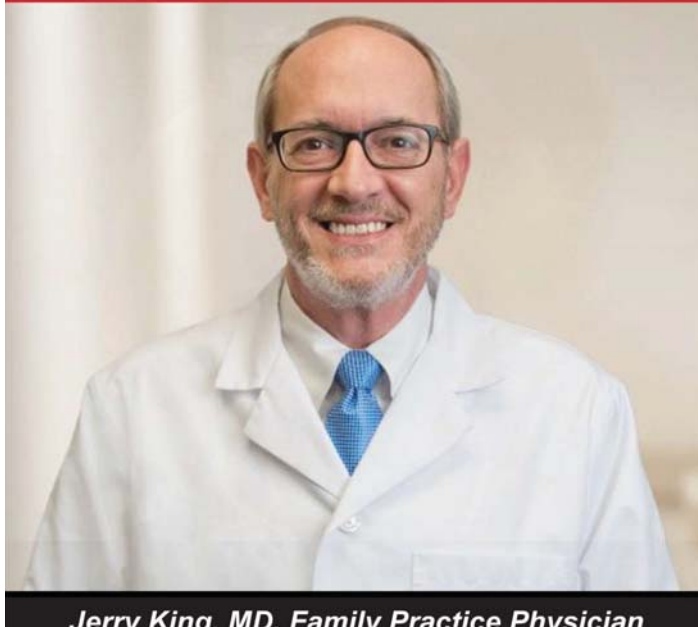
"I've had the opportunity to travel through work and in college and have never found another place that I wanted to raise my family," Shurtleff explained. "Pikeville has been wonderful for me and for my own children."

From broken bones and surgery, to the birth of his children, Shurtleff has always tuned to PMC for quality health care.

"I want to promote the hospital and show the rest of the state why we are special and what we have here, said Shurtleff. "PMC has always been part of my life. I was born here, my children were born there my family has gotten treatment there and the laundry has had a contract with the hospital for over 90 years."

"His diverse background in business and knowledge of our service area will serve the hospital well," said Blackburn. "I look forward to working with Bob on his new capacity as we lead the hospital into a new and exciting era."

PMC FAMILY MEDICINE EXPANDS SERVICES, CLINICS AND NEW PROVIDERS



Jerry King, MD, Family Practice Physician

By: Carol Casebolt

Family medicine is changing at Pikeville Medical Center (PMC). The need for primary care physicians is growing and PMC is answering the call for additional physicians and strategically positioned clinic locations.

"We are taking health care out to the communities that need us most," said PMC Sr.VP and COO Physician Practice, Melissa Thacker. "We are excited about our providers and our clinics that are now open and those that are coming soon."

PMC will be adding three new clinics between August 1 and September 30. The clinics and providers are listed below.

PMC's clinics in Pikeville/Pike County include:

Family Practice & OMT Center (Maleshea Hopkins, DO, Jennifer Kingery, DO, Kristi Tackett, DO, Beth Maynard, APRN and Elizabeth Carter, APRN)

Primary Care Clinic, behind the hospital (Jahnave Gudar, MD, Robert Shurtleff, DO)

Clinic at Pikeville Walmart (Stephanie Baker, APRN, Rebecca Ramey, APRN and Kimberly Cook, APRN)

Shelby Valley Clinic (Jamie Newsome, APRN)

Primary Care Main Campus - Opening on August 1 (Jerry King, MD)

South Williamson Clinic -(Kayla Damron, DO) Opening in September

Clinics located in Floyd County include:

Harold Clinic (Janie Watts, DO and Benita Amick, APRN)

Martin Clinic (Mike Williams, PA-C and Tonya Hatfield, APRN)

Prestonsburg Specialty Clinic at Peoples Bank - (Physician: Kevin Farthing, DO)

Prestonsburg Primary and Urgent Care - Opening in September

The job of a primary care physician, sometimes called a family practice physician, is to deliver a wide range of acute, chronic and preventative medi-



Pikeville Medical Center's Cardiac Cath Lab has been nationally recognized in the July edition of the Cath Lab Digest. Pictured are Interventional Cardiologists Dr. Deepak Pattanshetty, Dr. Muhammad Ahmad, Dr. Arun Nagabandi and staff.

cal care services.

Providers diagnose and treat illnesses, but they also perform routine checkups, health-risk assessments, immunization and screening tests and they provide counseling to help patients maintain a healthy lifestyle. Some also work in emergency medicine or urgent care and they coordinate care provided by other sub-specialists.

Primary care providers see and treat almost everything," said Thacker. "They don't just work within a

medical niche but are considered the patient gatekeeper, managing and coordinating individualized care across the healthcare continuum."

Thacker says they are truly invaluable members of the medical field and are needed now more than ever.

All providers at each clinic location are accepting new patients. Please call 606-218-3500 for more information.

Three Blackcat archers are Nashville-bound

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER



Adams Middle School eighth-grader Brayden Goble.

photo courtesy of Blackcat Archery

PRESTONSBURG — A trio of archers from the Blackcat Archery program are set to compete in the NASP Championship at the Music City Event Center in Nashville on Saturday. Treyton Hackworth (fifth grade, PES), Brayden Goble (eighth grade, AMS) and Jillian Link (10th grade, PHS) will represent Prestonsburg in the national event, formerly known as the World Tournament.

All three Prestonsburg teams qualified for the NASP Championship. Prestonsburg Elementary School recorded the highest ranking, which was 30th in the nation. To qualify as an individual, an archer had to rank in the Top 100 in their division. Hackworth ranked eighth in the nation.

The Prestonsburg coaches decided to allow the three individual qualifiers from each team to participate in the NASP Championship.

The Blackcat Archery program is made up of teams from PES, AMS and PHS. AMS has never been outscored in district or regional competition since archery was introduced in Floyd County with the first tournament in 2005. PHS started archery during the 2009-10 schoolyear and is undefeated in district and regional NASP competition. PES wrapped up its first year of competition on top, capturing district and regional titles.

Blackcat Archery is expected to excel once again in the 2019-20 schoolyear. PHS is due to field its best team yet.

Blackcat archery coaches for the 2018/2019 schoolyear were Sherman Holliday, Norm Marcum, Kristi Holliday, Bud Wireman, Jimmy Stratton and Dennis Handshoe.



Prestonsburg High School 10th-grader Jillian Link.

photo courtesy of Blackcat Archery



Prestonsburg Elementary School fifth-grader Treyton Hackworth.

photo courtesy of Blackcat Archery

Floyd Central's Allyson Stumbo goes up for a kill in action last season. The Lady Jaguars will compete in the Thoroughbred Smash late in the regular season. Darlene Moore will take over as Floyd Central head coach this season.



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo

Floyd Central headed back to Thoroughbred Smash

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — For the second time in three years, Floyd Central will compete in a late-season prep volleyball event at Lafayette High School in Lexington. The Lady

Jaguars are slated to compete in the Lafayette-hosted Thoroughbred Smash September 27-28.

Along with Floyd Central and host Lafayette, teams due to compete in the Thoroughbred Smash are Pikeville, Woodford

County, Meade County, Taylor County, Rowan County and John Hardin.

Darlene Moore is preparing to guide Floyd Central in her first season as the Lady Jaguars' head coach. Floyd Central opened preseason practice at the conclusion

of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period earlier in the month.

Moore was introduced as the new head coach of the Lady Jaguars in early-June, replacing Alissa Young. In her lone season on the Floyd Central bench, Young guided the Lady Jaguars to a 58th District title and a 15th Region runner-up finish.

"I want to build our program on the premise that we will be the best high school volleyball pro-

gram in the state," Moore said, shortly after being announced as Floyd Central head coach. "No, I do not expect to win the state championship next year or every year from now on. It does mean that this program will provide a tremendous opportunity for each athlete to develop as a player, grow as an individual and experience the best athletic environment possible. My vision for Floyd Central Volleyball is to move to the elite level.

Our players must have this vision in mind in everything they do."

Floyd Central is scheduled to open the 2019 high school volleyball season in August. The Lady Jaguars have regular-season matches on tap against Letcher Central, Martin County, Betsy Layne, Lawrence County, Pike Central, Prestonsburg and Wolfe County, among others.

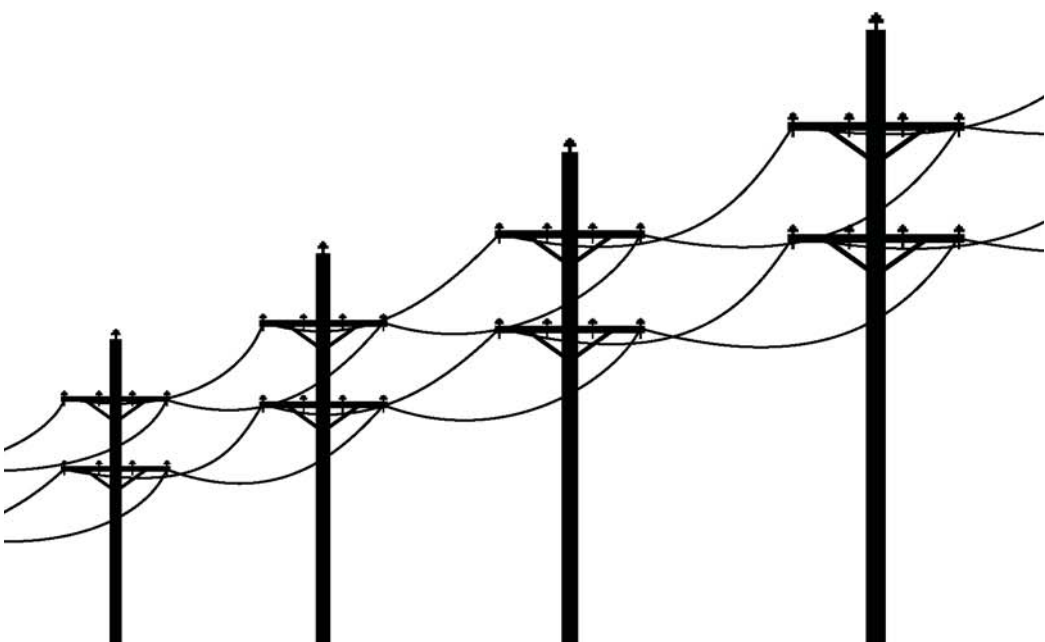
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Ask questions before you dive into something you know little about. Preparation will be your saving grace when dealing with situations or projects that involve others. Keep a level head and a minimalist attitude, and have enough courage to move forward alone. Keep your business and personal affairs to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Practice saying no. Refuse to let anyone talk you into something that benefits them more than it does you. It's gracious to be generous, but don't let anyone take advantage of you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Learn something new. Keeping up on the latest technology will help you remain marketable and knowledgeable. Positive change will develop if you participate in group endeavors. Romance is highlighted.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Communicate with others and stay on top of what is expected of you. Don't sign up for something you cannot afford or that might jeopardize your status or an important relationship.

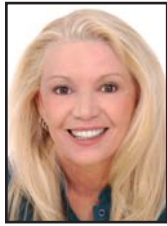
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Stay focused on what you want to achieve. Refuse to let what someone else is doing cost you time, energy or a chance to make progress. Outsmart, outdo and outmaneuver.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – It's up to you to take the initiative to find out all you need to know about something or someone before you get involved. Don't reveal your assets, possessions or personal affairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Pursue your dreams, hopes and wishes. Include a loved one in your plans and iron out any foreseeable problems before you begin. A positive change is heading your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) –

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



Communication may be difficult if you or someone else isn't being up-front. Sharing your feelings can alleviate any doubt that could disrupt long-term plans. Lay your cards on the table.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Make plans to spend time with people who make you laugh, offer you guidance and give you hope. Getting involved in a cause you believe in will be gratifying. Romance is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Plan to do something that will relieve stress. A financial opportunity or a way to save more money or lower your overhead will boost your morale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Do whatever it takes to get rid of dead weight, unwanted possessions and things that are holding you back. Putting your house in order will leave you more time to enjoy life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Make adjustments that will improve the way you live and the lives of the people close to you. Visiting someone you haven't seen for a long time will be revealing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – You'll make a difference if you pitch in and do your part. What you get in return will be satisfaction, friendship and opportunities to engage in something rewarding down the line.

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All answers are in today's edition

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 - Desert sight
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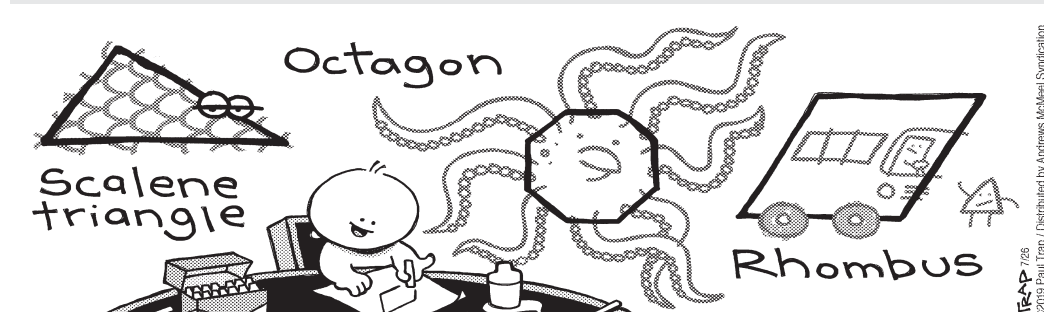
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Biblical guidance on worry

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

– 1 John 4:18

But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.

– 1 Peter 3:14

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

– 2 Timothy 1:7

say to those with fearful hearts,

“Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you.”

– Isaiah 35:4

but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

– Isaiah 40:31

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

– Joshua 1:9

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear.

– Luke 12:22

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet



I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you— you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

– Matthew 6:25-34

I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

– Psalm 34:4

When anxiety was great within me,
your consolation brought me joy.

– Psalm 94:19

So do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you;
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

– Isaiah 41:10

Concern produces action



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

During a revival in the past, minister Aaron Davis touched on an issue of mine – worry. As soon as I heard him say the word I was thinking, *Oh, here we go. This is for me.* If there was ever a Sinner’s Anonymous Meeting my statement would go like this... “Hi. My name’s Jamie and I’m a worrier.” It would be easier to ask me what I don’t worry about, then to ask me what I do worry about. I cannot even remember a time in my life when I didn’t worry – I’m that bad.

Worry is the sin that has the ability to overwhelm me. (*However, by no means is it the only sin I am guilty of.*) There are far too many times I find myself drowning in worry. *What if this happens? But what if that happens? Oh no! This happened which means that is going to happen!* That’s my brain in a nutshell.

Aaron pointed out specific commandments given

to us. The Bible says do not murder (Exodus 20:13). Aaron went on to give us the deep theological meaning of these words – “DO. NOT. MURDER.” We are told do not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14). The deep theological meaning of this is “DO. NOT. COMMIT. ADULTERY.” Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount do not worry (Matthew 5:25). The deep theological meaning of this is “DO. NOT. WORRY.”

When I was in high school we read Dante’s “The Inferno.” In the story, you find different levels of hell. The progression of sins becomes worse the further you travel into the depths of hell. The worst sins receive the harshest punishment. Ultimately, this is the way society sees sin. For example, if someone is having an affair outside of their marriage, the information could lead to a scandal or gossip. But no one will be crying out for the adulterer to face jail time. However, if a husband or wife killed their spouse, people want to see justice served. They want the murderer to be indicted and go to jail. In some cases, people may think the murderer should be given the death penalty. As a society, the worse the crime is, the worse the punishment should be. However, God looks at things

differently. A sin is a sin. Unlike us, He doesn’t place different degrees on them. Which means worry is the same as murder. That’s a pretty scary thought – for me anyway.

Jesus tells us in the Sermon on the Mount do not worry. The deep theological meaning of this is “DO. NOT. WORRY.”

Aaron gave a solution to the problem. He pointed out there is a difference between worry and concern. Worry focuses on the improbable and has no action. However, concern focuses on the probable and results in action. “Jesus never told us not be concerned,” Aaron said. If you are concerned, you do something about it. If you have a test you’re concerned about, you study for it. If you are having financial issues, then you make a budget. If you have health concerns then you go to a doctor and you do what the doctor says to do. Concern produces action.

I’ve underlined these words in my notes. It’s a statement that I need to remember. I need to be proactive. When worry starts to overtake, I need to push back. I need to fight for my sanity and peace.

Aaron used the story of the wall builders from the book of Nehemiah to illustrate God’s people turning their concern into action. The people started rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem that lay in ruins. The enemies saw what they were doing and threatened them, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work (Nehemiah 4:11).”

Nehemiah and the people received a real threat. But they didn’t allow it to dissuade them. Instead, they prayed and posted guards. They were armed with swords, spears and bows. And despite the threats, the enemies never showed up.

I can worry about any possible scenario and more than likely none of them will ever happen. But when I find myself in a situation where the worry is creeping in, I need to remember Aaron’s words – concern produces action. I need to act and not fall prey to the improbable worry that attempts to consume my thoughts.

Constant love

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:8 NIV

It is easy to love those who are kind and gentle, and are loving us back. But loving those who are unkind and not loving us back is almost always a challenge. Parents of teenagers probably know this from personal experience.

Teenagers can be sarcastic, ungrateful, and openly express disdain for their elders. It is easy in these trying circumstances for parents to withdraw their love from a child who seems so blatantly unloving. But in those times, it is even more important to follow God’s example and give your love freely to this child who clearly doesn’t deserve it.

God’s love for us sets the example for our own love. While humankind clearly didn’t deserve it, God sent his son to redeem us and pay the price for our sins. Those who don’t deserve our love are usually the ones who need it the most, and our quiet example of serving others despite our natural instincts to turn away is a good example of the selfless love that God wants all of us to practice.

–Christopher Simon



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Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission awards special permits

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission has awarded special commission permits for the 2019-20 seasons to qualifying nonprofit wildlife conservation organizations.

Recipients must use these special permits to raise funds for projects that enhance fish and wildlife, habitats, education efforts, or related recreation in Kentucky.

By state regulation, the commission may award a maximum of 10 special permits for deer, turkey, elk and waterfowl, respectively, to qualifying organizations, which may receive up to one permit each, per year. Non-profit wildlife organizations may apply for the special permits by May 1 each year. The commission reviews applications and its members vote at their quarterly public meeting in June.

The special commission permits awarded for the 2019-2020 seasons follow.

2020 Elk: Kentucky Houndsmen Foundation for Sportsmen's Rights, Inc.; Kentucky Trapshooters League; League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc.; Northern Kentucky Quail Forever; Quality Deer Management Association (National Office); Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

2019/2020 Deer: Appalachian Outdoorsmen Association, Inc.; Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Kentucky Houndsmen

Foundation for Sportsmen's Rights, Inc.; Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry, Inc.; Kentucky Trapshooters League; League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc.; Quality Deer Management Association (National Office); Scholastic Archery Association – Kentucky Division; The Nature Conservancy of Kentucky; Ruffed Grouse Society – Tri-State Drumming Feathers Chapter (WV, KY, OH).

2020 Spring Turkey: Appalachian Outdoorsmen Association, Inc.; Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry, Inc.; Ruffed Grouse Society – Kentucky River Chapter; Kentucky Trapshooters League; League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc.; Quality Deer Management Association (National Office); Scholastic Archery Association – Kentucky Division; The Nature Conservancy of Kentucky; Ruffed Grouse Society – Tri-State Drumming Feath-

ers Chapter (WV, KY, OH).

2019/2020 Waterfowl: Appalachian Outdoorsmen Association, Inc.; Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation; Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry, Inc.; Ruffed Grouse Society – Kentucky River Chapter; Kentucky Trapshooters League; League of Kentucky Sportsmen, Inc.; Ruffed Grouse Society – Tri-State Drumming Feathers Chapter (WV, KY, OH); Scholastic Archery Association – Kentucky Division; The Nature Conservancy of Kentucky; National Wild Turkey Federation – Kentucky River Longbeards Chapter.

Commission members cast votes to award special commission permits at their most recent quarterly public meeting in June, which resulted in ties for three special permits. Because the commission adjourned its June meeting before votes were tallied, a special called meeting was subsequently

held on July 12 to cast tie-breaking votes.

More information about special commission permits, including how qualifying nonprofits may apply, is available on the department website at fw.ky.gov.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission is a nine-member board, comprised of volunteers who serve four-year terms after being nominated by active hunters and anglers, appointed by the governor, and confirmed by the Kentucky senate. The commission meets quarterly to recommend hunting, fishing and boating regulations on behalf of the sportsmen and sportswomen of the Commonwealth. It also approves department research projects and awards the special commission permits. Commission meetings are open for the public, and video recordings and approved minutes are published thereafter on the department's website.

Wesley Christian Next Level Skills Camp

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

ALLEN — The Wesley Christian - Next Level Skills Camp will be held August 1-2 at the Lucy Kinzer Gymnasium.

The youth basketball camp will be under the direction of first-year Wesley Christian head coach Randy Casey.

Casey will conduct the Wesley Christian - Next Level Skills Camp from 9 to 11:30 a.m. each day.

Boys' and girls' basketball players of all ages are eligible to attend the Wesley Christian - Next Level Skills Camp. Each player should bring their own basketball.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per player. A sibling discount is available.

Casey was hired to guide the Wesley Christian boys' basketball team earlier in the year, replacing former head coach David Meddings, who moved to Florida. A former head coach at Belfry and UPIKE assistant coach, Casey helped build the T-N-G Academy and Believe Academy programs.

"We're looking forward to hosting the Wesley Christian - Next Level Skills Camp," said Casey. "We'd like to invite all young area basketball players out to the camp, especially those from the elementary and middle school levels."

For more information on the Wesley Christian - Next Level Skills Camp, email Casey at wesleychristianbasketball@gmail.com or call the school at 606-874-8328.

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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. **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 this date.

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