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Wheelwright water woes nix water plant project

Officials working to get funding re-allocated

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

As officials in Wheelwright work to find solutions to last month's unexpected drainage of an under-

ground mine — the city's only water source — they are hoping to redirect \$2 million in funding that was allotted to build a new water plant.

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Allen considers changing form of government

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Allen City Commission discussed the possibility of changing its form of government at its most

recent meeting. On Jan. 8, the commission talked about changing from a commission form of government to a city manager plan.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Friends of Middle Creek member Sam Bays, far left, leads members in a 21-gun salute during the annual Battle of Middle Creek Commemoration on Jan. 7.

Battle of Middle Creek Commemoration held

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Friends of Middle Creek honored Civil War soldiers and the region's heritage during the annual Battle of Middle Creek Commemoration Ceremony on

Jan. 7. The event marked the 156th anniversary of the Battle of Middle Creek, which took place on Jan. 10, 1862, when Union soldiers, led by Col. James A. Garfield, charged the Middle Creek area and fought Con-

federate soldiers led by Brig. Gen. Humphrey Marshall. An estimated 97 soldiers died at the Battle of Middle Creek and the Union victory is believed to have helped launch Garfield to the presidency.

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Cooley sites health, finances as reasons for resignation

BY JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

Tim Cooley, former Prestonsburg City Council member and former captain of the Floyd County Rescue Squad (FCRS), chose, within the last week, to leave both positions.

Cooley said Tuesday that he had to resign from the council and was forced to not rerun for captain of the rescue squad due to issues with his disability insurance and because of health issues.

He said he only has vision in one eye, which is at nearly 3 percent vision, due to a disease he was born with — Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP). He said RP is not the only medical condition he is facing.

"The people voted me in for the last eight years," Cooley said, in reference to his seat on the

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Mountain Muse hosts coat donation station

Donations of coats, blankets sought

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Local residents are joining a Prestonsburg business to help people stay warm this winter.

Heather Owens, owner of The Mountain Muse, said Floyd County residents Tim Hall and

Heidi Reid approached her last week to ask if she would host a free coat donation station for local residents.

"They asked me if I would be willing to either have it in my store or in front of it, and I was more than happy to

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The Mountain Muse is helping people stay warm this winter with this "Take a Coat, Leave a Coat" rack outside the store.

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Food City to bring Starbucks to Pikeville

By BUDDY FORBES
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — Pikeville Food City will begin renovations in February and with that renovation comes a new opportunity for local coffee lovers. Store Manager Tim Collins said he is currently hiring 20 employees for his store's new Starbucks kiosk, in order to get the coffee flowing to his customers.

According to Collins, the decision to bring a Starbucks to his store is one that fits with the current influx of economic development within the city.

"Pikeville has grown so much in the past few years. The addition of the optometry school and the existing

medical school at UPike, the Big Sandy Community and Technical College expansion, the continuing growth of Pikeville Medical Center, the new industrial park and the addition of several new restaurants has our little town growing like never before," Collins told the News-Express. "We want to be part of that growth and are very excited to be partnered

with Starbucks to bring something new to Pikeville."

The 20-foot by 30-foot kiosk will resemble the one that is present in the Middlesboro Food City, according to Collins, and will be located in the front of the store, at the end of the registers.

"The menu doesn't have everything you can get in a standalone Starbucks, but the menu is extensive and will have several hot and cold coffees, Frappuccinos, as well as a good selection of pastries, muffins, cake pops and sandwiches," Collins said. "We will also have a line of Starbucks novelties, travel coffee mugs, gift sets and other food and gift items located near the kiosk."

Collins said his store will begin a complete remodel on Feb. 11 to reconfigure the right side of the store. He said the store's specialty food items will be reconfigured to aisle containing their respective type of food.

"For example, specialty pasta sauces will be located with the more familiar brands," he said. "These types of items have sold very well in this



Submitted photo

Pikeville Food City will soon open a Starbucks kiosk in its store. The kiosk will bring a cult favorite coffee house and 20 jobs, as the store seeks to "be a part of the growth" Pikeville has shown. The store will resemble the Middlesboro kiosk.

location and we expect to see a big increase in movement of these type of items with the new set."

He said this remodel will not only make room for Starbucks, but will make his customers' shopping experience "much easier."

"The resets will be scheduled at night and will not be a big inconvenience for our customers," Collins said.

He said this reset

process will take approximately two weeks.

"Once that is complete, the kiosk will be assembled — which takes about two days," said Collins. "This will allow for a 10-day training period with Starbucks trainers, for the baristas, before we open to the public."

He said the tentative opening date for the coffee kiosk is set for March 21 and he added that the jobs are currently posted

in KVAT's local stores to allow current employees a chance to apply for positions.

"We wanted to let current associates have the opportunity to apply for these positions first," said Collins. "We do not expect to fill all 20 positions with current employees. But, if we do, it would still open up 20 jobs as they would have to be replaced."

Collins said he would be hiring three full time

positions: A department manager, an assistant manager and a lead barista. He said 17 more positions are available for part time baristas and cashiers.

These positions, according to Collins, will be hired as KVAT employees.

"They will be Food City employees, but will be trained by, and expected to comply with Starbucks policies and procedures concerning the preparation and distribution of their brand," said Collins. "Both companies are very passionate about customer service, and this will be our No. 1 priority. We want to give our customers the 'Starbucks experience' in a friendly environment which most are already familiar."

He said the pay will start out at \$8.10 for cashiers with no previous experience, but added that he has already received interest from a lot of people who have worked in food service. He said negotiations can be made depending on experience.

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Scams targeting Ky. Power customers

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The statement sent this week said, KSP's Post 9 in Pikeville has received several calls relating to the phone scams.

The scammers are posing as AEP employees and contacting businesses and demanding immediate payment of a bill with a prepaid card, or even asking the customer to meet and make a cash payment. The scammers often

call from numbers that show Kentucky Power on caller ID systems, according to KSP.

This particular scam has been seen in other parts of the state and in Ohio, the statement said.

KSP said to make sure to be suspicious of anyone who calls unexpectedly asking for money. Also, KSP said, verify any pending disconnections by contacting your electric provider.

For more information on scams and what you can do to avoid becoming a victim, visit the website of the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General at, <https://ag.ky.gov/scams/Pages/default.aspx>.

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Thompson files candidacy for Court of Appeals



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Pike Family Court Judge Larry E. Thompson announced that he has officially filed as a candidate to replace the newly-opened seat of retired Judge Janet Stumbo on the Kentucky Court of Appeals. Thompson has served as a judge for 22 years. Following his appointment to Pike District Judge in 1995, Thompson was elected Pike Family Court judge in 1999 and has run unopposed in all subsequent elections. He currently serves as the Chief Circuit Judge of Pike County and is a former president of the Kentucky Circuit Judges Association. "Between now and the May Primary election, it is my pledge to visit each of the 22 counties in the 7th Appellate District," Thompson said in a statement. "The voters should be very familiar with a candidate before they cast their votes, and I want to meet as many people as I can in the coming months. I look forward to running an aggressive campaign throughout the district on a message of experience and a proven work ethic of administering justice with integrity."

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Only a handful of people turned out in the cold weather on Jan. 7 to witness the commemoration ceremony. The event featured a prayer and a 21-gun salute to honor Civil War soldiers who died on the battlefield.

Friends of Middle Creek member Johnny Ison led the group in prayer, asking that the soldiers who lost their lives there did not die in vain.

"Lord, we just remember this hallowed ground where this battle was fought over 150 years ago," he said. "God,

we ask, Lord, somehow, someway, for this to stay in our remembrance of how this battle was fought in January and it was cold and rainy, and what those soldiers on both sides went through, Lord. We just ask that these soldiers that lost their lives here, that they didn't die in vain. They fought for what they believed in."

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale commended Friends of Middle Creek members for keeping history alive in Floyd County.

"This is something that we can be proud as Floyd Countians," he said. "I'm a creeker. I'm a Left Fork of Middle Creeker. I'm proud

of this. I take pride in what the Friends of Middle Creek has done in the last 10 years. You all have done a wonderful job on the reenactments, on bringing awareness to our area. The state of Kentucky can be proud of this."

He talked about how the Middle Creek National Battlefield earned recognition as a national landmark and said the county will seek a grant to add more improvements this year.

He encouraged Friends of Middle Creek members to reach out to the Floyd County Recreation, Tourist and Convention Commission and to attend tourism meetings.



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Friends of Middle Creek members pray during the annual Battle of Middle Creek Commemoration on Jan. 7.

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Prestonsburg City Council. "They need somebody that can do the job and, I'm not capable of that now. Someone needs to be in there that can help that city council and that mayor because, they are doing an awesome job."

Cooley said he has been a member of the Floyd County Rescue Squad since 1977. He said leaving the squad has broken his heart.

"It has been probably the hardest thing I've done in my life ... to walk away from that squad," he said.

Cooley wrote the Swift Water Flood Rescue Program for Kentucky, which had not had one prior to Cooley's program. He also noted the facility that was built in Floyd County to house the rescue squad. He said he likes to think that he has had an impact on Prestonsburg and Floyd County during his tenure with the squad and the council.

"Sometimes the best thing to do is to just get out of the way," said Cooley.

Nearly five years ago, Cooley underwent four surgeries to "buy some

time," for his vision, but he said that time is nearly up.

"I've lost the left eye and, the other eye is trying its best to go," he said. "I'm heartbroken because I can't do these things like I used to, but I have other issues I have to deal with in the next few months."

Jennifer Little, public relations officer for the FCRS, said the squad elects officers each January. She said that, in the most recent election, held earlier this month, Cooley decided not to run for re-election.

"For some health-related reasons, at the beginning of the year, Tim decided to take his name off of the ballot to rerun for captain for the rescue squad. It was mostly due to some things that have happened with his health during the year," said Little. "Per (Tim's) request, we put him on reserved status with the rescue squad."

Little said Cooley remains a member of the squad, but under the reserved status, he is inactive, which means he will not respond to emergency calls.

"He has a lot of history with the rescue squad. He has helped us in so many different ways, to grow

and expand membership," said Little. "We understand that things change with everyone and, we will continue, as we always have, to provide the best that we can for the citizens of Floyd County."

During his tenure with the squad, Cooley has helped to implement numerous programs and to expand the squad. Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale mentioned some of those efforts, including overseeing the change from the squad's old building to its new facility in Floyd County which is also used as a rescue operation center in times of emergency; implementing the swift water rescue courses for the department; and working to make sure the department was up-to-date on numerous trainings.

"He's always been one of those hands-on type of people. He has always made sure the "Ts" were crossed and his "Is" were dotted," said Hale. "He has always been someone who really cared about what he was doing ... He's surely going to be missed, I can tell you that."

Thursday, Ritchie Schoolcraft, a member of the rescue squad for more than 20 years, was elected as captain of the department. Schoolcraft served as captain of the squad before Cooley was elected.

Schoolcraft said that, during his time, Cooley made a lot of contributions to the department.

"He helped us get a new building. He helped us accomplish a lot of things," he said. "He did a good job."

Schoolcraft said he hopes to continue forward with the squad and is looking to build up membership, raise funds for the department and be available when the public needs the department.

Pike duo arrested for alleged burglary attempt of Floyd business

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two Pikeville residents were arrested in Floyd County on Christmas Eve after Kentucky State Police Trooper Darvin Marsillett received a call that they were allegedly trying to burglarize the Velocity Market located at Betsy Layne.

Randi Machelie Mullins, 41, of Julius Avenue, Pikeville, was charged with public intoxication on a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct, loitering and third-degree criminal trespassing.

Joshua D. Rowe, 32, of Julius Avenue, Pikeville, was charged with public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespassing and loitering.

According to court documents, upon his arrival to the scene, Marsillett found that male subjects had Rowe detained at the business. Rowe had slurred speech and said he had smoked marijuana and "had taken suboxone and meth," the citation said. Marsillett wrote that Mullins had "fled from the scene" and was "walking down the side of U.S. 23." He said Mullins was staggering while walking.

Mullins, according to the citation, said she had "smoked marijuana and taken suboxone."

In the citation, Marsillett said, the Velocity Market at Betsy Layne had recently had problems with "subjects trying to burglarize it."

Rowe and Mullins are scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday.

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them out," Owens said Friday. "People have been donating all day."

Hall said he and Reid, who work together at Lizzy B's in Prestonsburg, got the idea for the coat donation rack from a Facebook post. They spent a few weeks organizing the donation drive.

"We were inspired by somebody else and we're hoping to inspire other people," said Hall. "We just want to try to do something to help people and inspire others to be active in the community."

He washed up several coats that were donated to him for a monthly meal service he provides and Reid found a coat rack to set up the drive.

Owens placed the "Take a Coat, Leave a Coat" rack outside her business, allowing people to get free coats and giving others a place to donate coats, gloves, hats and other "gently used" outerwear there.

She said one woman also dropped off several quilts after the donation station was set up Friday and those quilts

were quickly picked up by people in need.

She said watching these acts of kindness has given her a "real hope in humanity."

"Sometimes, you watch the news, and this bad thing has happened and that bad thing has happened, but you see people coming together for something good, and in hopes that they're doing good for other people," she said. "Like this, I mean, it's completely anonymous, but people are still giving, even though they're not getting that recognition (for donating). It's just showing that humanity isn't all lost."

She hopes to keep the coat giveaway station open all winter and she encourages people to take what they need and donate what they can to help others.

"I hope that it's self-sustaining, and it keeps on going, but we'll keep it out all winter because it's cold," she said.

Her husband Darcy preaches at the Clear Creek Evangelical Free Church in Knott County and they have run food banks, so they understand the poverty in the region and the needs that some people have.

Hall said "it's amazing" to know people are donating to help others.

"I can't really put it into words," he said. "Just to know one kid gets a jacket or a coat and is able to stay warm, it's worth all the effort. In doing these things, we never really know what the end result will be...but I guess all of this really boils down to the Bible, where it says love your neighbor as you love yourself and teaches you to try to be a servant more to somebody other than yourself."

The Mountain Muse opened on Front Street near Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in the fall, featuring artwork from local artists as well as antiques, jewelry, homemade fudge and other unique items. Owens hosts art classes there and welcomes local bands to perform in the store.

The next live music event at Mountain Muse will feature the Mystery Meat Blues Band at 6 p.m. on Jan. 11.

For more information about the store or the coat and quilt/blanket donation drive, call the store at (606) 276-7232 or visit its Facebook page.

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Bids for the equipment will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Friday January 26th, 2018. All bids must be packaged in a sealed envelope or package and be clearly marked on the outside with the proposer's name and address and "Middle Creek Extrication Equipment Bid" written on the outside. The sealed bids can be delivered to Brandon Montgomery at the Big Sandy Area Development District at 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg KY 41653. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Fiscal Court of Floyd County located at 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 during the next fiscal court meeting on February, 16th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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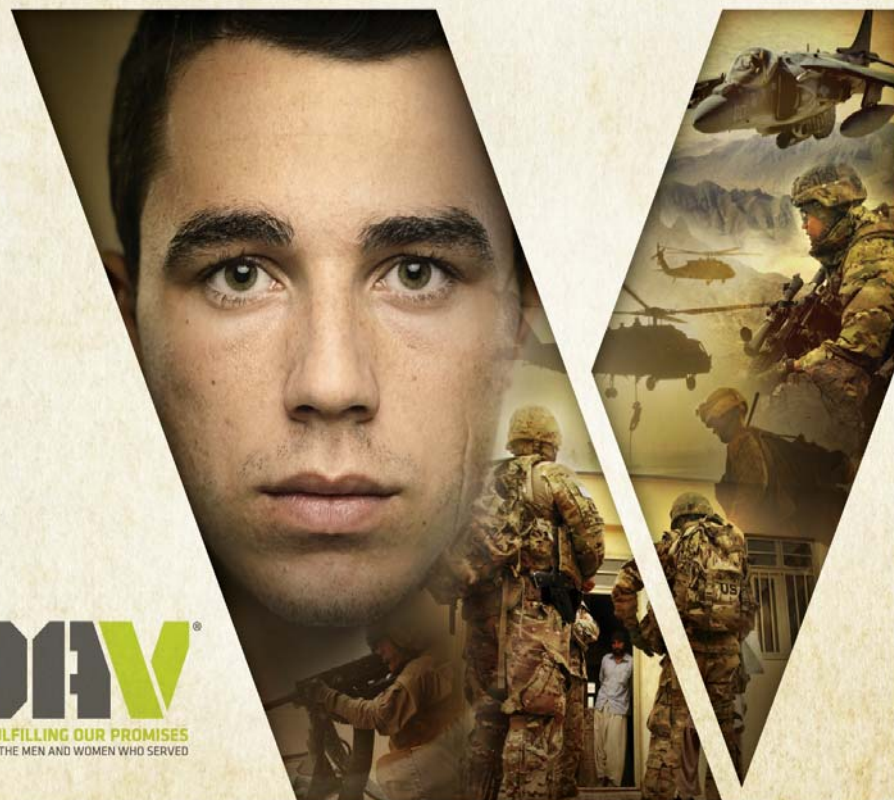
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COLUMN:

2018 legislative budget session kicks off

By **LARRY BROWN**
95TH DISTRICT STATE
REPRESENTATIVE

The General Assembly is back in regular session as of January 2 and it looks to be another productive, busy time as over one hundred bills have already been filed, pension reform looms, and a \$20 billion budget and road plan must be formulated, debated and passed into law.

This session is twice as long as last year — 60 days, with our last day being April 13 — in order to craft a bud-

get as well as typical legisla-

tion. There are many factors to consider in formulating a budget and road plan, which is why our House Budget Review Subcommittees have an important job in gathering information to determine where our taxpayer's hard-earned dollars should go. Money is tight in Kentucky with the pension crisis, so now more than ever, we have to be particular where each and every dollar goes. The last thing we want to see is massive cuts in critical services such as health

and education.

Gov. Matt Bevin will address the legislature on January 16 to give his State of the Commonwealth Budget report. His address will include revenue projections, which will be the basis for formulating the House budget. He will also provide us with his budget proposal.

Pension reform continues to be a top priority. It affects not only public employees and retirees, but also the rest of the Commonwealth because of its effect on the budget. Along with reforming the pub-

lic pension system, spending must be cut to address these unfunded liabilities. The House has been working diligently on a legislation aimed at correcting these issues, which we hope to unveil in the very near future.

I appreciate every phone call, email and visit from you concerning many of these issues. Without your input, my job would be impossible. I value your suggestions as we try to come up with solutions that are both fair and reasonable for the people of Kentucky.

There is no higher honor

for me than to serve as your representative in Frankfort. As always, I welcome your comments and concerns on any issues impacting our Commonwealth, even while we are not in session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at, 1-800-372-7181, or you can contact me via e-mail at, larry.brown@lrc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at, www.lrc.ky.gov.

GUEST COLUMN:

Turner: Senate week in review

By **JOHNNY RAY TURNER**
29TH DIST. STATE
SENATOR

A cold front welcomed the New Year and greeted members of the Kentucky General Assembly returning to Frankfort to convene the 2018 legislative session. Though the temperatures outside may remain cold for a while, things inside the Capitol are heating up as we get busy with some daunting tasks that are of great concern to Kentuckians. At the top of the list are the always-challenging jobs of drafting a two-year budget plan and a road plan for the Commonwealth and the much-anticipated stabilization of the underfunded public pension plan.

Many of us would like to introduce a pension reform bill as early as possible, but that is going to depend on a few things that are out of our control. For instance, any proposed legislation needs an actuarial analysis, or scoring. That is not yet

available.

Once introduced, the pension reform bill will begin the process of committee hearings and floor votes. It is going to be tough; it is not going to be pleasant. But it is what we are elected to do. The reality is the pension system started having problems 20 years ago by not being actuarially sound. It occurred through several administrations.

It is a tough issue — and there are many varying thoughts on how we should address this situation. All ideas should be heard. We need to have everyone seated at the table as we draft this massive piece of legislation. This is not the time for partisan politics. We need Democrats and Republicans — sleeves rolled up — working together and sharing their input. We need to listen to the stakeholders. Public pension reform is too important not to have everyone's voice heard. This issue affects the very livelihood of our

public employees and our schoolteachers and staff — active and retired — and their families. As a retired educator with a daughter in education and another who is a public employee, I understand the importance of protecting our current employees as well as retaining a public pension system that will retain and attract quality employees in the future.

Some believe we should pass a pension reform bill before turning our focus to the biennial budget. The thought is that we need to know the amount of money required to meet the pension obligations before we can draft a sound budget.

Regardless of individual ideas, there is a solid understanding of the pension situation. It is dire. We all know this. Now we have to find a solution without hurting our employees who have been paying their share into the pension plan. I remain optimistic that the Kentucky General Assembly will move forward.

With only four days of this 60-day session behind us, we barely have our feet wet. Next week, the second week of session, will be more intense as we start to vet bills in committees. Early in the third week on January 16, the Governor will give his budget address to a joint session. At that time, we will learn the Governor's ideas on expenditures and revenue — and, probably, his proposed cuts to state agencies. We may like some of his ideas, but, customarily, the House — the chamber where the budget bill originates — will write its own proposal to send over to the Senate. I suspect we will send back our own plan to the House and then, members from both chambers will get together to iron out a compromise.

Before we get down to hashing out details in the budget bill, there will be many others that will require our attention. Some proposed legislation that has gotten some bipartisan support includes legalizing

medical marijuana to help veterans suffering from PTSD, increasing the cigarette tax and criminal justice reform. A number of bills will not meet with support from all members, nor even from one chamber or party. Some bills will be vetted, debated and perhaps even amended. Some will pass and head to the Governor's desk, while others die in committee or in one of the chambers for lack of support. We will have hundreds of bills to consider and that is a tall order for any legislative session — even more so with the pension challenge. However, we are committed to tackling as many of these issues as we can in the limited time we have. It is a goal we all share.

It is a goal best achieved when citizens across the state are active and involved. Input is not only valued and appreciated, but is also genuinely needed. I encourage you to follow the issues and share your comments and concerns. There are numerous

ways to monitor the legislative action during the session:

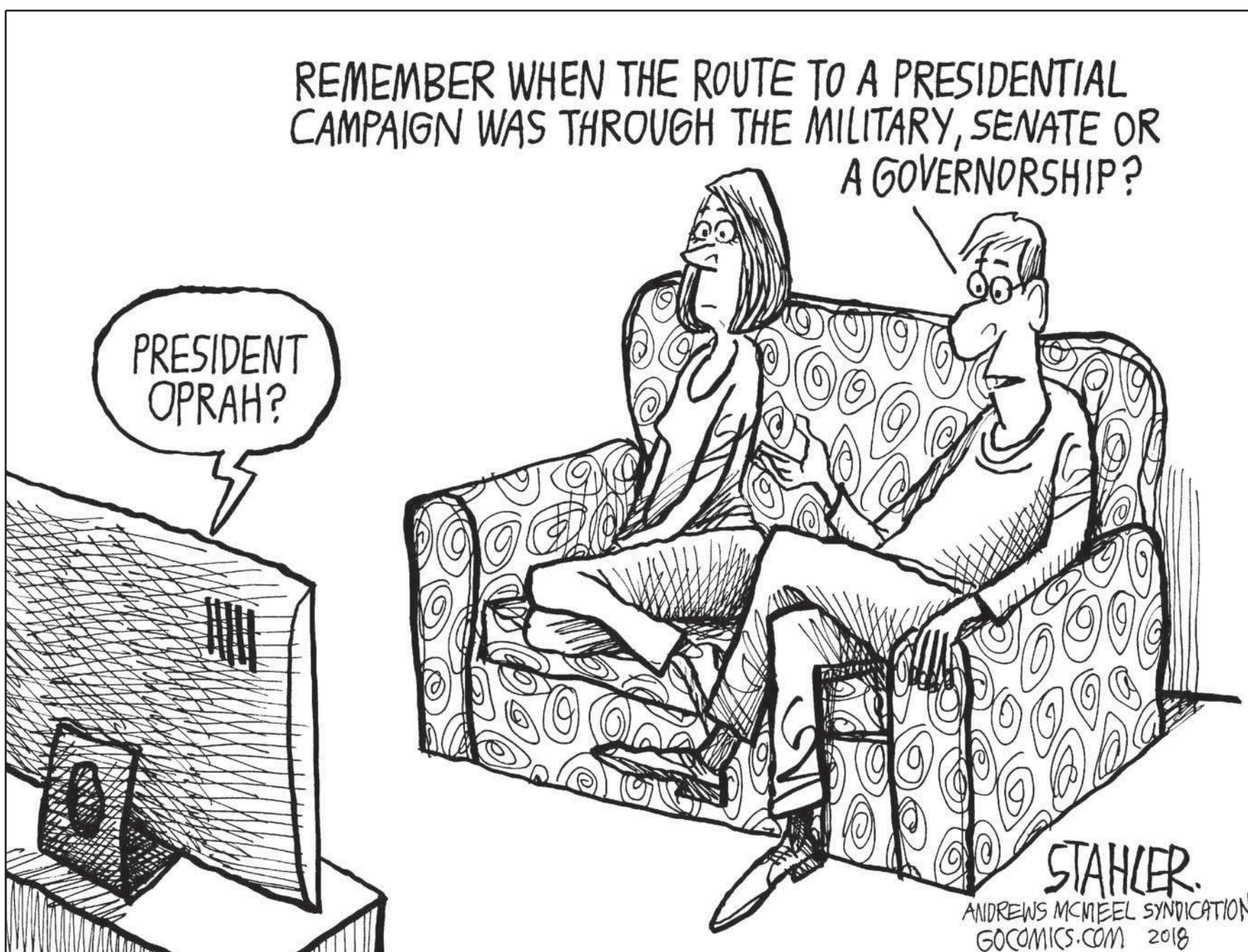
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Alma Conley Burruss, 95, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018.

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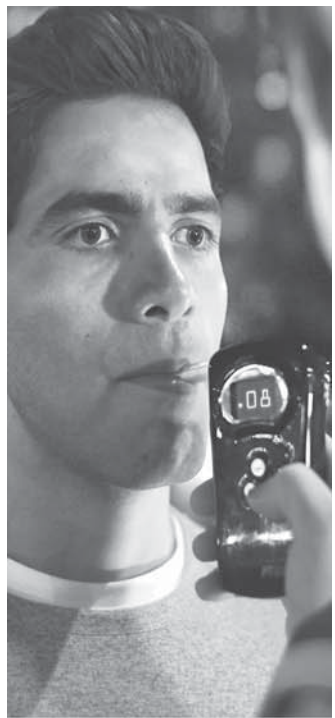
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New Dueling Barrels GM looking to honor history, tell Pike story

By CHASE ELLIS
APPALACHIAN
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PIKEVILLE — Danny Branham was recently named the first general manager of Alltech's downtown Pikeville venture, Dueling Barrels Brewery & Distillery.

Branham spoke recently about the excitement innovation has brought to the area and the work Dueling Barrels is doing to tell the story of the area.

"Alcohol is a reflection of the people, the heritage and the history, it's a part of the story and that is what we are all about. Alltech has been a part of telling stories and being part of communities," said Branham, a Pike County native. "I grew up on Johns Creek running the creek banks and fishing with my dad, and we have all heard the stories (of moonshine in Appalachia). That story is important and its about presenting our reputation and our culture."

Branham has been with Alltech for nearly eight years, working at Alltech's facilities in Tianjin and Beijing, China. He also earned his master's degree in brewing and distilling from Heriot-Watt University in Scotland. Since returning to the U.S., Branham has served as quality manager for Alltech's beverage division.

"The brewing and distilling in Scotland, it's a part of the culture. It's a huge industry," said Branham. "Brewing has been a part of their history for the longest time and it was a great opportunity to study there, to study in Europe, and just being a part of the business and enjoying the craft."

Much like Scotland and Ireland are known for their whiskey, Appalachia, and Pike County, has its heritage deep in the brewing of moonshine. Something which, Branham said, can be traced to similarities back to Scotland and Ireland.

"There is a lot of similarity back to the Scottish and the Irish immigrants who came to the area. They brought those traditions and some of that craft to us," said Branham. "I think that is definitely what got (Alltech founders) Dr. Pearse and Deirdre Lyons interested in the area. It reminded them of their native land."

Dr. Pearse and Deirdre Lyons said, in a statement announcing Branham as general manager, that they "feel a special kinship with the mountains, craftsmanship and hardworking people of Appalachia." After immigrating to Kentucky from Ireland, they developed a strong affinity for the

region and sought an opportunity to invest in its development, the statement said.

Since the announcement of the construction of the facility in Pikeville, city leaders have cultivated a relationship with Alltech. That collaborative effort resulted in the cities of Pikeville and Dundalk, Ireland, Dr. Lyons' hometown, to be named as "sister cities."

As Alltech has embraced the area, Branham said, the company also looked at its ability to tell the story of Appalachia. Part of Alltech telling that story is through tours, a visitor's center and a state-of-the-art movie theater which will be going into the Dueling Barrels facility, Branham said.

"This is a culture. It's a people and it's a tradition that we want to pass along. That will help us tell the story," said Branham. "We want to bring those things to the front to get that world-wide, mainstream recognition of the area."

But, in telling the story, Branham said, Alltech must remain factual. In that endeavor, Alltech sought the assistance of the Kentucky Historical Society. A recent trip to the KHS was documented through the KHS YouTube channel and provided a brief glimpse into the work going into

the telling of the story of Appalachia.

"KHS has been such a great resource, I cannot say enough about them. They are the experts. We are the brewers and distillers, but they have the facts," said Branham. "They do the investigative work to make sure we tell the story properly, we get the facts right and that we represent this area the way it should be represented."

Dueling Barrels is still looking for its spring opening. Branham said he would love to be open for Hillbilly Days, but he's "not quite sure if that is going to happen." In the meantime, Branham's next milestone for the company should begin preparing to perfect its "flavor-profile" in February and March.

"When we are making raw beer, we have to run trials first. My next milestone is, in February, we finish commissions on the brew house and we begin those trials," said Branham. "Not just making the beer, but it has to meet our standard, ... so there is a lot of work that has to be done behind the curtain before we open to the public."

With the anticipated opening of Dueling Barrels and the recent economic developments spurring the growth at Marion Branch, Branham

said the excitement in the area is growing.

"There have been so many great announcements recently, especially having Gov. (Matt) Bevin down," said Branham. "We have a lot of excitement going and that is bringing in tourism. The excitement around here is powerful and its a lot different than it was like when I was in high school."

Branham said the four years he spent working in China and the studying in Scotland, Ireland and across Europe were great opportunities and "a little overwhelming." Now that he is returning to Pike County, he hopes those experiences can be a spark for young students of the area.

"I have had the great fortune to study in different areas and do some different things, but, at heart, I'm just a good old country boy from Eastern Kentucky. If young kids and high schoolers can see; If you just buckle down and do what you have to do, there is a lot of opportunity out there. It doesn't matter where you come from, you make your own way and its about what you want to do with your life," said Branham.



Submitted photo
Pike County native Danny Branham was named general manager for Dueling Barrels in December and talked last week about the excitement surrounding innovation and business growth in the area, as well as the opportunities that are being provided to local students.



Appalachian Newspapers photo by Chase Ellis
The Dueling Barrels Brewery & Distillery building is nearing completion as Alltech's newest venture plans to open in Pikeville in the spring. General Manager Danny Branham said last week Dueling Barrels is looking to its next milestone — beginning trials to perfect taste and standards in the next two months.

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The topic was brought up by Commissioner Elmer "Fudd" Parsons prior to the meeting, when he asked City Attorney Beth Shortridge to look into the possibility of hiring former city clerk Bill Parsons as a city manager.

Bill Parsons was employed with the city around the time it turned in its last financial statement to the state in 2010 for the 2008 fiscal year. The auditor could not classify more than \$11,000 spent in the 2008 fiscal year, and that 2010 filing was the last financial statement the city provided the Kentucky Department for Local Government—a problem that caused the state to withhold more than \$28,000 in municipal road aid funding.

An accountant the commission hired to complete several financial reports and an audit quit recently, citing a lack of documentation for his inability complete the work. Mayor Sharon Woods reported last month that the commission would consider hiring a new auditor at a special meeting, but no meeting was called in December. She said a city manager would help Allen get its paperwork in order.

"We talked to the gentleman that was clerk years ago, in 2008, and he said that he would come in and go through and get everything straightened up," she said.

Parsons said, "He said he wanted to start in 2007 and work his way back up."

Woods instructed Shortridge to contact the Kentucky League of Cities to determine whether it'd be legal to hire Bill Parsons as city manager, and she said the commission would call a special meeting on Jan. 18 to discuss it.

When Commissioner Dr. Eilene Kinzer asked what a city manager does, Shortridge said she did not have enough time to research the topic, as it was presented about 15 minutes prior to the meeting.

"That's what I was discussing with them when they gave me this," she said. "I'm not sure, and, based on the statute, just looking, just now, 15 minutes before the meeting that this was handed to me, you're going to have to change your form of government."

She explained there are three different types of government in Kentucky, the commission plan, which Allen currently has, the mayor-council plan and the city manager plan.

"I just don't know what that effect it is going to have," Shortridge said. "And it says that once you change your form of government, you can only do that every

five years, so I would just think we all need to be informed before we take any votes."

She explained a petition signed by city residents may be required. State law requires voters to approve a change in the form of government.

Shortridge encouraged commissioners to contact her prior to meetings to make requests for legal opinions and she encouraged them to reach out to the Kentucky League of Cities when they have questions.

"I encourage anybody to call the League of Cities because the whole city pays for it," she said. "But, I mean, you need to decide what it will do to your government, I mean, how it's going to affect your voting powers? Reading this, that was just given to me, it says that the city would appoint him, but what power does that give him? I can't tell you. I just don't know at this point."

Elmer Parsons said the city manager will "have the final say-so in the day-to-day operations" of the city. He suggested that the former clerk would end the city's relationship with the KLC. Commissioners Eilene Kinzer and Josh Kinzer donate their pay to purchase that membership.

Parsons said, "Well, I can tell you what will happen when he becomes the city manager. The League of Cities is gone, plain and simple. He'll get rid of that, straight away. That will be the first thing he does."

Commissioner Eilene Kinzer pointed out that the city would seek applicants for the position, and not necessarily hire the former clerk.

"Well, we don't know for sure that it's going to be him, right?" she said. "There would be a whole, like, search committee, applicant and interview process."

Elmer Parsons requested a vote to hire Bill Parsons, but Shortridge suggested waiting until she researched the requirements.

Commissioner Josh Kinzer said the city manager plan may be better, saying it would be like having a full-time person over city operations.

Eilene Kinzer requested an update on the city audit situation, reporting that Woods said last month a special meeting would be called to hire a new CPA.

"We don't have a—that's the reason Bill's coming in, to get everything ready," Woods told her.

"But that's if we go through that process," Eilene Kinzer said. "So, right now, we're pausing the audit until—"

Woods interrupted her, telling her that she'd bring in resumes for two accountants for the commission to review.

Shortridge suggested the commission "move forward" with its financial reporting problems, explaining that deficiencies from prior years should not keep Allen from filing documents, as required.

"We don't have to go back to get 2007 before we can work on the audit and the financial statements for the year 2017," she said.

The city's former CPA was working on filing deficiencies for 2013, 2014 and 2015, but while the city waited on those documents, the DLG cited the city again for filing deficiencies related to the 2016 fiscal year.

"I would go back to when you all started making budgets and all of that," Shortridge said. "I mean, I would go forward from then. I would go back two years at least."

"We have to move forward," Mayor Woods said. "The city has to go forward."

The commission voted, at Josh Kinzer's request, to start reading financial reports that detail city revenues and department expenditures into the minutes at every meeting.

Commissioners tabled appointing department heads for public works, public safety and general services—a decision that must be made during the first meeting of every new year.

Shortridge advised the commission not to place Elmer Parsons over the public works department because he is employed there. She said she sought an opinion from Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear on whether Parsons' employment is a conflict of interest, but that office contacted her to request she send it in a second time. The initial filing was made last spring.

"Legally, keep in mind that even though we've not got a return from the Attorney General's opinion about Mr. Parson's employment as a contractor, I don't think it would be a good idea to have him appointed over public works because he's a contractor," Shortridge said. "We still haven't, I submitted that request to the Attorney General's office twice. They called and told me that they couldn't find my request and they requested it again and I sent it again."

Elmer Parsons said, "I'd give that job to anybody that wants it."

"I know you would," Woods told him. "We couldn't find nobody to do what you do."

He was appointed as department head of public works in 2016 and still retains that title, as well as his roles as commissioner and as mayor pro-tem. He earns around \$700 a month (\$350 bi-weekly) as a contractor in the public works department.

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The Wheelwright Utilities Commission joined city officials to break ground on that \$1.9 million water plant renovation project in November 2016. That project, which was fully funded with local, state and federal sources, was expected to double the city's water production capacity and replace the current system, which was built in the 1930s and renovated in the 1950s and 1980s.

But with the drainage of the mine, it appears Wheelwright no longer has a water source and the city utilities commission no longer has a need for the water plant project.

Lanny Brannock, spokesperson for the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection, said local officials are working to divert funds allotted for the water plant project to do a regionalization project through which Wheelwright will receive water via Southern Water through the Knott County water system.

"There's no point in building a plant if your source of water is gone," he said.

Wheelwright Utilities Commission Chair-

person Paul Hunt Thompson, the former county judge-executive, confirmed that the city will likely be getting its water from Knott County in the future.

Last month, the commission voted to purchase water from the Southern Water and Sewer District at a rate of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons. That water comes to Southern Water from Knott County.

Thompson is currently reviewing five alternatives to fix Wheelwright's water problems and he said the commission is seeking the least expensive option which will provide a stable supply of drinking water to Wheelwright residents.

He reported that the underground mine reservoir which emptied unexpectedly in early December is now holding water again. He said he plans to ask mine engineers to inspect the mine to determine what caused the problem.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale said Wheelwright will likely lose \$350,000 that the Appalachian Regional Commission approved for the water plant renovation in 2015, but he and other officials believe all other funding can be reallocated.

Most of that funding came from coal severance.


Hale pledged to do what he can to help Wheelwright obtain the funding it needs to fix its water problems. He emphasized that the Wheelwright Utilities Commission is overseeing this project and he is working to help find solutions that Wheelwright Utility officials will approve.


Hale detailed a proposal he and Ron Johnson of RMJ Engineering, who helped establish Knott County's water system, have proposed.

Johnson mapped out a possible solution, which would include the construction of water lines from the Knott County water intake at Carr Fork Lake to Wheelwright. That proposal would require the construction of additional water lines, pumps and other equipment, and it would cost between \$1 million and \$1.5 million, Johnson said.

Johnson said the Knott County water plant is designed to produce up to four million gallons of water per day, and "it's not even close" to that now. It currently produces around two million gallons for customers in Knott and surrounding counties, he said.


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Old Christmas held at the Samuel May House



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Morehead State University student Nick Hites, a Prestonsburg native, seated, plays a 1907 Mason & Hamlin organ as Jason and Jan Johnson of the Winds of Appalachia and Prestonsburg Church of God sing during the Old Christmas celebration at the Samuel May House on Jan. 7.



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Navajo Daniels Austin of the Friends of the Samuel May House poses for a photo with Jan Johnson at the Old Christmas celebration at the Samuel May House on Jan. 7.



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Friends of Middle Creek members join others for refreshments during the Old Christmas celebration at the Samuel May House on Jan. 7. The event, hosted by the Friends of the Samuel May House, featured free refreshments, music and tours of the historic home.



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Bruce Austin plays the harmonica during the Old Christmas celebration on Jan. 7.

BSCTC to host Kentucky Chautauqua Jean Ritchie

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Jean Ritchie was a traditional musician, commercial performer, recording artist, author and composer Jean Ritchie was born in Viper, Perry County, Kentucky, in 1922. She began her recording career in 1952, signing with Elektra Records. Throughout her

career she recorded more than 35 albums, which strongly reflected her Kentucky heritage and featured her playing the mountain dulcimer. Known as the "Mother of Folk," Ritchie was a major contributor to the national revival of folk music across American during the mid to second half of the 20th century. Jean Ritchie was also an outspoken environmental activist. Her song, "Black Waters" is a well-known protest song that Ritchie wrote about

strip mining in Kentucky.

The Chautauqua performance will take place at 10:50 a.m. Jan. 30, 2018 in the Gearheart Auditorium (Pike Building) on the Prestonsburg campus. The performance is free and open to the public.

Jean Ritchie is portrayed by actress Rachel Lee Rogers of Versailles. Trained at Northern Kentucky University, Rutgers, and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts, Rogers currently serves as the

arts facilitator at the School for Creative Performing Arts at Bluegrass (SCAPA) and as a local educator.

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- Jan. 10; 1 p.m.: Story Time, Floyd County Library, Eastern Branch
- Jan. 10; 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meets, city hall. (606) 452-4202
- Jan. 11; 12 p.m.: Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets at Prestonsburg First Presbyterian Church
- Jan. 11; 6 p.m.: Live music featuring the Mystery Meat Blues Band at The Mountain Muse, located on Front Street near Mountain Comprehensive Care, Prestonsburg. (Former All Good Things building)
- Jan. 11: Big Sandy Community & Technical College to host nursing pre-admission conference, Pikeville. (606) 889-4790 or brenda.miller@kctcs.edu
- Jan. 12; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Registration for the spring 2018 semester at the University of Pikeville to be held on the ground floor of the administration building. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 16. Scholarships and financial aid are still available. New and returning students are encouraged to prepare for the 2018-2019 academic year by filing the 2018-2019 FAFSA as soon as possible. (606) 218-5251.
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Floyd Central's Brady Conn puts up a jumper over several Prestonsburg defenders Saturday night in 58th District action. Conn scored his 1,000th career point in the Jaguars' 75-33 win.

Comeback Lady Jags: Floyd Central 79, Prestonsburg 76

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Determined Floyd Central overcame a 14-point deficit to defeat host Prestonsburg 79-76 in a 58th District girls' basketball game at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Saturday.

Katie Moore poured in a game-high 45 points to lead Floyd Central to the victory. Moore scored 39 points in the second half, shooting 61 percent (17 of 28) from the field in her latest district matchup.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 10-5 overall and 2-0 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 4-9 overall and 0-2 in the district with the loss.

The Lady Blackcats fell short after carrying a lead out of each of the first three quarters. Prestonsburg, which led 35-24 at halftime, carried a 53-45 lead out of third quarter.

The Lady Jaguars battled back to win after trailing throughout the district game.

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Floyd Central's Savannah Watkins makes a pass against Prestonsburg Saturday night in 58th District action. The Lady Jaguars picked up a 79-76 win over the Lady Blackcats.

Jaguars roll past Blackcats in 58th District matchup

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd Central rolled past host Prestonsburg 75-33 in a 58th District boys' basketball game at the

Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Saturday night.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 9-6 overall and 2-0 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 4-10 overall

and 0-2 in the district with the loss.

During the win, Floyd Central junior Brady Conn scored his 1,000th career point.

Floyd Central moved out in front early and

never faltered. The Jaguars pulled away to win convincingly thanks to a balanced offensive attack.

Floyd Central was short-handed as it was

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Prestonsburg's Drake Nunnery brings the ball down the court against Floyd Central Saturday night in 58th District action. The Blackcats fell to county and district rival Floyd Central 75-33.



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Prestonsburg's Reesce Endicott dribbles the ball down court against Floyd Central Saturday night in 58th District action.

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Betsy Layne drops district double-dip

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Betsy Layne dropped a 58th District double-header to host Lawrence County on Friday night. In a 58th District boys' basketball game, Lawrence County outlasted Betsy Layne 62-59. Finishing off a double-header sweep, Lawrence County defeated Betsy Layne 54-41 in a 58th District girls' basketball game, which served as the nightcap.

More on each Betsy Layne-Lawrence County basketball matchup follows.

Boys' basketball Lawrence Co. 62, Betsy Layne 59

Tyler Maynard scored 24 points and pulled down nine rebounds to lead host Lawrence County past Betsy Layne 62-59 in a 58th District action Friday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 6-8 overall and 1-1 in the

58th District.

Lawrence County improved to 6-12 overall and 1-1 in the district with the win.

Cody Maynard accompanied Maynard in double figures for the Bulldogs, scoring 19 points.

Lawrence County shot 50 percent (nine of 18) from the free-throw line.

Betsy Layne suffered the loss after leading 59-57 with less than two minutes remaining.

Zach Bentley, Grant Orsborn, Morris Adkins, Byron Hammond and Jordan Hammond nearly combined to lead the Bobcats to a second district victory over Lawrence County this season.

Girls' basketball Lawrence Co. 54, Betsy Layne 41

Three Betsy Layne players recorded double-doubles, but the Ladycats couldn't upend host Lawrence County on

the road on Friday night. Instead, Lawrence County pulled away to beat the visiting Lady Bobcats 54-41.

With the win, Lawrence County improved to 8-3 overall and 2-0 in the 58th District.

Betsy Layne dropped to 4-9 overall and 0-2 in the district with the loss.

Kendra Spaulding and Alexis Ratliff, each of whom entered the game averaging double figures in the scoring column, continued to pace the

Lady Bulldogs.

Destiny Compton and Megan Frazier paced Betsy Layne with 11 points and 11 rebounds apiece.

Accompanying Compton and Frazier in double figures in both scoring and rebounding for the Ladycats, Caroline Ariaz added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

Katie Kidd chipped in five points and Lauryn Watkins added four points for Betsy Layne in the setback.



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Betsy Layne's Grant Orsborn shoots a three against Lawrence County Friday night at Lawrence County.



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Betsy Layne's Katie Kidd drives to the basket against Lawrence County in 58th District action last Friday night.



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Floyd Central's Abby Maggard brings the ball down court against Prestonsburg in 58th District action.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central's Rylee Sammons dribbles the ball against Prestonsburg in 58th District action Saturday night. The Jaguars cruised to a 75-33 win.

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Floyd Central won despite having three players foul out of the district matchup. The Lady Jaguars moved ahead 75-73 in the game's final minute and held on to win thanks in part to clutch free-throw shooting. Moore was nine of 13 from the free-throw line.

Abby Maggard, a seventh-grader, followed Moore in double figures in the Floyd Central scoring column.

The 58th District girls'

basketball game two of the area's top young coaches in Floyd Central's Justin Triplett and Prestonsburg's Brandon Kidd.

Prestonsburg shot 57.8 percent (26 of 45) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were five of 10 (50 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 70.4 percent (19 of 27) from the free-throw line and grabbed 45 rebounds.

Reesce Endicott, who scored the 1,000th point of her career ear-

lier in the month, netted a team-high 29 points for the Lady Blackcats in the heartbreaking loss.

Alivia Slone, who was 11 of 12 from the free-throw line, accompanied Endicott in double figures for the Blackcats, scoring 26 points.

The victory allowed Floyd Central to complete a regular-season district sweep of rival Prestonsburg. Floyd Central defeated Prestonsburg 67-53 when the two teams met on the Lady Jaguars' home floor in mid-December.

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missing some players due to sickness. But Floyd Central still dominated during the district matchup.

"Considering we had three starters out for sickness and having lost Dalton Boyd to a season-ending injury I felt like we executed the game plan and played hard," said Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock.

"We were able to speed the game up some and get some well-balanced scoring. I was very happy with my young kids and Koby Slone took advantage of some extended minutes to make a significant contribution. It's always good to get district

wins."

Prestonsburg was also without some of its starters for the district game.

Floyd Central shot 55.8 percent (29 of 52) from the field. The Jaguars were five of 19 from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 63.2 percent (12 of 19) from the free-throw line.

Four different Floyd Central players reached double figures in the scoring column.

Conn led Floyd Central with a near-double-double, scoring 18 points and pulling down nine rebounds.

Koby Slone ranked as Floyd Central's second-leading scorer, tossing in 13 points.

Accompanying Conn and Slone in double fig-

ures for the Jaguars, Ethan Smith-Mills and JR Tackett added 11 points apiece. Smith-Mills grabbed eight rebounds in the district victory.

Rylee Samons, one of the state's top eighth-grade basketball players, posted eight points.

Dylan Caudill (four points), Caleb Hager (four points), Blake Johnson (four points) and Payton Tackett (two points) provided additional scoring for the Jaguars in the winning effort.

Drake Nunnery paced Prestonsburg offensively, scoring 11 points.

Floyd Central completed a regular-season sweep. Floyd Central defeated Prestonsburg 80-65 when the two teams met on the Jaguars' home floor in mid-December.



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Wood Brothers continue their own path

In a sport where change is the norm instead of the exception, Wood Brothers Racing is definitely the exception as it has been competing and winning races in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series for seven decades. It all started when Wood's patriarch Glen competed in his first race at Morris Speedway near Martinsville, VA in 1950.

The results of his first race did not have him starting his career with a storybook like win instead he failed to finish after getting caught up in a crash but his introduction to the sport did not end there. On the way home as they were pulling the wreck car behind another car, the axle broke on the wrecked car that led to a ruptured gas tank being ignited from sparks being emitted from the brake drum that was rubbing the pavement.

That is not the way you want to start your career in the sport and for some it might have been enough to have you start looking for another career path but that was not the case with Wood. He was there when NASCAR was racing on the beach at Daytona and he will be there next month for the 60th running of the Daytona 500 at the huge high-banked Daytona International Speedway.

Glen continued to run the team until the late 80's when he turned it over to his sons Eddie and Len. They as you would expect grew up being garage rats so by the time they were hand-



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ed the keys, they had "earned" their degrees in how to not only work on a Cup car but also how to run a Cup team. They were joined by their sister Kim who became the team's office manager, a task she learned from her mother Bernece.

Many fans of the sport today have not been following it long enough to know of the success and impact that the team has had on the sport. Sure there are a lot of long-time fans of the sport that can remember when the sport was made up of individual teams but for so many that now sit in the stands and in front of the TV each week, the multi-car operations are all they know.

Maybe that is how the sport will be remembered one day but I still think there is something borderline romantic about what the Wood Brothers have accomplished in the sport. Yes, there have been teams that have posted more wins and championships than the Wood Brothers but there is just something to be said when you are the longest continuous operating MENCS team.

During this long tenure in the sport, the Wood Brothers

have always competed in a Ford and those that have been lucky enough to crawl behind the wheel of the fabled #21 Ford reads like a who's who in the sport. David Pearson, Ned Jarrett, Cale Yarborough and Buddy Baker are just a few of the drivers who have helped the organization reach 99 wins in its long tenure in the sport.

When the green flag waves next month at Daytona, another chapter in the rich history of the Wood Brothers will begin to unfold as Paul Menard will be making his first start for the team after coming over from Richard Childress Racing at the end of the 2017 season. The move was made after Ryan Blaney left to drive Penske Racing's new third team this season. The Wood Brothers, Penske and Ford had an alliance that put Blaney in the #21 until Penske was able to field a third team. Blaney and the Wood Brothers in their three seasons together won a race, two poles, scored 25 top-ten finishes and maybe more importantly a ninth place finish in this season's final points standings.

The three year run put the Wood Brothers back in the conversation on race day and with the alliance with Penske still in place along with Doug Yates engines, the famous #21 Ford should continue to compete for wins. It's easy to see that it is not big shoes that Menard is trying to fill, it's a big driver's seat.

Battaile leads Pikeville past Shelby Valley

By RANDY WHITE
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

It was cold out Saturday night, but inside the T.W. Oliver gym, Wyatt Battaile was on fire.

Battaile scored a game-high 28 points as Pikeville picked up a 76-64 win over Shelby Valley in 59th District action.

Battaile knocked down back-to-back step back jumpers to give Pikeville a 10-4 lead. He scored again and was fouled with 1:09 left in the quarter; he knocked down the free throw to push the lead to 23-6.

Pikeville held a 25-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. Battaile

scored 14 points in the first quarter.

Connor Roberts had a big game for the Panthers as well. Roberts knocked down a three to beat the first half buzzer and give the Panthers a 40-23 lead going into the half. Roberts scored 19 points for the Panthers. He, knocked down three threes in the win.

Evan Rhodes also reached double figures scoring for the Panthers with 11. Kyle Watkins followed with eight and Christian Billiter added six. Cade Byers added four.

Shelby Valley stayed close in the second half, but couldn't really get the

lead under double digits.

Tanner Bentley led the way for the Wildcats with a team-high 21 points. The Panthers kept Cody Potter in check with 11. Zack Honaker had a good game for the Wildcats with 15 points; he knocked down three three pointers. Blake Burke also scored double figures with 10 and Cameron Worrix added seven.

Pikeville (10-3, 3-0 district) is scheduled to host South Laurel at 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Shelby Valley (8-5, 1-1) is scheduled visit East Ridge at 7:30 p.m. Friday night in 59th District play.

Golden Eagles win in double OT over Belfry

By RANDY WHITE
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — It took double-overtime to settle things between Johnson Central and Belfry Friday night, but when the dust settled, the Golden Eagles walked out with an 80-78 win over the Pirates.

Freshman Isaiah May hit the game winner with just seven seconds left in double-overtime.

May finished with 14 points and a career-high 13 rebounds.

With 24 seconds left in double-overtime May stepped to the line. The Golden Eagles had a 77-75 lead. May knocked down one of the two free throws to push the lead to 78-75.

That set up Belfry's Isaiah Roblee who knocked down a three with just 13 seconds left to play; that tied the game up at 78-78.

After May hit the go-ahead shot, Roblee had one more chance for the

Pirates. He missed the game-winning shot as the Golden Eagles picked up the win.

Johnson Central's Jacob Rice led the way for the Golden Eagles with a career-high 30 points, five rebounds and four steals. Cory VanHoose added 24 points. Gabe Ferrel added eight points. Braxton Bentley and Evan Adkins each scored two points.

"This is a game that we would've lost in December," Johnson Central coach Tommy McKenzie said. "We are finding ways to win now. We still aren't making shots. The good thing is it is still just in January and we are getting better."

Isaiah Roblee led the way for the Pirates with a game-high 33 points. Wilson Harris followed with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Koleston Blankenship followed with 13 points. Devin Varney added six points. Ryan Jessie, Justin Adkins and Tyelin May each added two points. Dezmon Ro-

blee had eight assists.

"This is our fourth straight overtime game," Belfry coach Mark Thompson said. "We are playing in tough games, but we have to find a way to win these games. It's early, so we will figure everything out."

"We have some good leadership and experienced guys, so we will figure this out. Myself and the coaches will put the work in and figure it out. We have played a tough schedule and sometimes, it takes a while to learn from those tough games, but hopefully that will prepare us for the post-season."

Belfry jumped out to an early lead. The Pirates led by as many as 10 in the first quarter.

Johnson Central (8-8) is scheduled to visit Paintsville in a 57th District mathup Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Belfry (5-6) is scheduled to host Phelps in 60th District action Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

Prestonsburg falls to Phelps

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PHELPS — Visiting Prestonsburg owned multiple double digit leads but couldn't defeat Phelps on the road in a non-district boys' high school basketball game on Wednesday (Jan. 3). Host Phelps overcame a slow start to defeat Prestonsburg 48-37.

Familiar 15th Region foes, Prestonsburg and Phelps are non-district rivals.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 4-9.

Phelps improved to 3-10 with the win.

Sophomore guard/forward Trey Francis led Phelps with a double-double. In a solid all-around performance, Francis scored

29 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, distributed three assists, recorded three steals and registered three blocks.

Phelps battled back to win despite facing a 14-point deficit early in the matchup.

The Blackcats clung to a one-point lead at halftime.

Prestonsburg shot 34.9 percent (15 of 43) from the field. The Blackcats were five of 18 (27.8 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg was only two of six from the free-throw line in the setback.

The Blackcats claimed 22 rebounds during the non-district contest.

Senior guard Phil Cornett paced Prestonsburg with 13 points. Cornett, who

connected on three of the Blackcats' five successful attempts from beyond the arc, was the only Prestonsburg player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Austin Endicott narrowly missed reaching double figures for the Blackcats, scoring nine points.

Adam Slone tossed in seven points, Chandler Nelson contributed five points and Drake Nunnery netted three points for the Blackcats.

Nelson and Nunnery led Prestonsburg on the backboards, grabbing six rebounds apiece.

Prestonsburg and Phelps aren't scheduled to meet again during the current campaign.

UPike escapes Shawnee State, 88-84

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Late inside buckets from Da'Rell Domineck and Darrion Leslie, followed by a pair of Jordan Perry free throws to ice it, helped sixth-ranked University of Pikeville hold off upset minded Shawnee State (Ohio) 88-84 to open Mid-South Conference play on Saturday.

Pikeville improves to 16-0 overall, but nearly gave up a 20-point lead after the shots stopped falling in the second half. Twice SSU (8-7, 0-1 MSC) cut its deficit to a single point in the final three minutes, but UPike got timely baskets and made free throws to win it.

Despite being outrebounded 40-39 and hitting two less 3s in the game, Pikeville was able to make 25-30 free throws and force 19 Shawnee State turnovers to make up for it. UPike needed the miscues as it went from 49 percent shooting in the first half to 40 in the second.

And there's also the Darrion Leslie factor. The senior All-American scored 15 points and pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds in an effort that matched the intensity of the game's final moments. Up 84-82 with a minute to play, it was Leslie that rebounded his own miss and got the

tip in to go back up by four.

Again though, it was a two-point game with 13 seconds left when Bryan Rolfe knocked down a jumper for Shawnee. Out of a timeout it sent Perry to the stripe where he made both shots, then SSU turned the ball over on the inbounds to end it.

Perry finished with 17 points and made all seven of his freebies, while Jayvian Delacruz added 20 off the bench and Rze Culbreath tallied 16 points and four assists.

Big man E.J. Onu led Shawnee State with 18 points, eight rebounds and four blocks and Rolfe and Jayllen Carter both scored 14.

UPike shot out of the gate to a 16-2 lead before going on to lead by as many as 20 points at 28-8 with 9:30 left in the half. It was then that SSU started to chisel away at the lead, outscoring Pikeville 27-15 the rest of the way to only be down eight at the half.

Two Perry free throws got the Bears back up by 16 with 8:35 to go, but a 22-7 Shawnee spurt over the next seven minutes got the game down to one possession.

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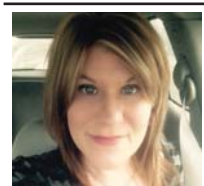
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The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 15 days of this date.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0451 MA7

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Ember Energy LLC, P.O. Box 459, West Liberty, KY 41472 has applied for a permit revision to an existing coal processing facility. This revision proposes no additional disturbance, therefore the permitted area remains 215.05 surface acres.

The operation is located 1.5 miles northwest of David and is situated in both Floyd County and Magoffin County. The proposed operation is approximately 2.5 miles south from KY Route 114's junction with Rough and Tough Road and located 0.25 miles east of Buckeye Branch. The operation is located on the David and Ivyton, USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The surface area is owned by Roger Lee Shepherd, Emily Shepherd, Denver Shepherd, Brenda Shepherd, Kenneth Bradford, Rita Bradford, Eunice Shepherd, Phillip Allen, Christine Bradford, Jennifer Shepherd,

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face acres and underlies 459.00 acres making a total area of 461.22 acres within the permit boundary. No new acreage is proposed under this major revision.

The operation is approximately 0.9 miles east from the junction of KY 1929 and CR 1140 and located 0.0 miles from Gap Fork. The operation is located on the McDowell U. S. G. S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the underground method of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Brenda J. Edington and Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Henry Ross Keathley, Richard & Ryan Hamilton, Lina Howell Estate (Sally Smith, Climon & Lona Parsons, Susie Howell, Edward Howell, Clifford Howell, David Howell, and Molly Howell), Levi Blankenship, Martin & Amarine Collins, Bobby & Sharon Page, Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC, Iona & Henry Henderson, Samuel Hamilton, Ricky & Margaret Robinson, Premium Elkhorn Coal Corporation, Burlene Henderson, John & Ida Mae Keathley, Levi & Melanie Blankenship, and The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC.

The purpose of this major revision is to address cotenant properties and to revise water monitoring points. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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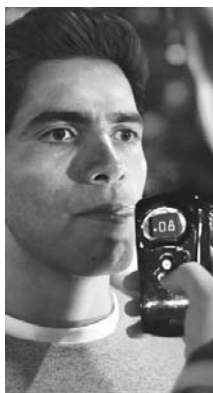
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In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Bull Creek Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, KY, 41501, has applied for Phase I/II/III Bond Release on Increment 1, **Permit Number 836-8028** that was last issued on April 24, 2017. The application covers an area of approximately 14.5 acres located 0.5 miles south of Lancer in Floyd County.

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1, 2018. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled March 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY, 41501-9331. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 1, 2018.



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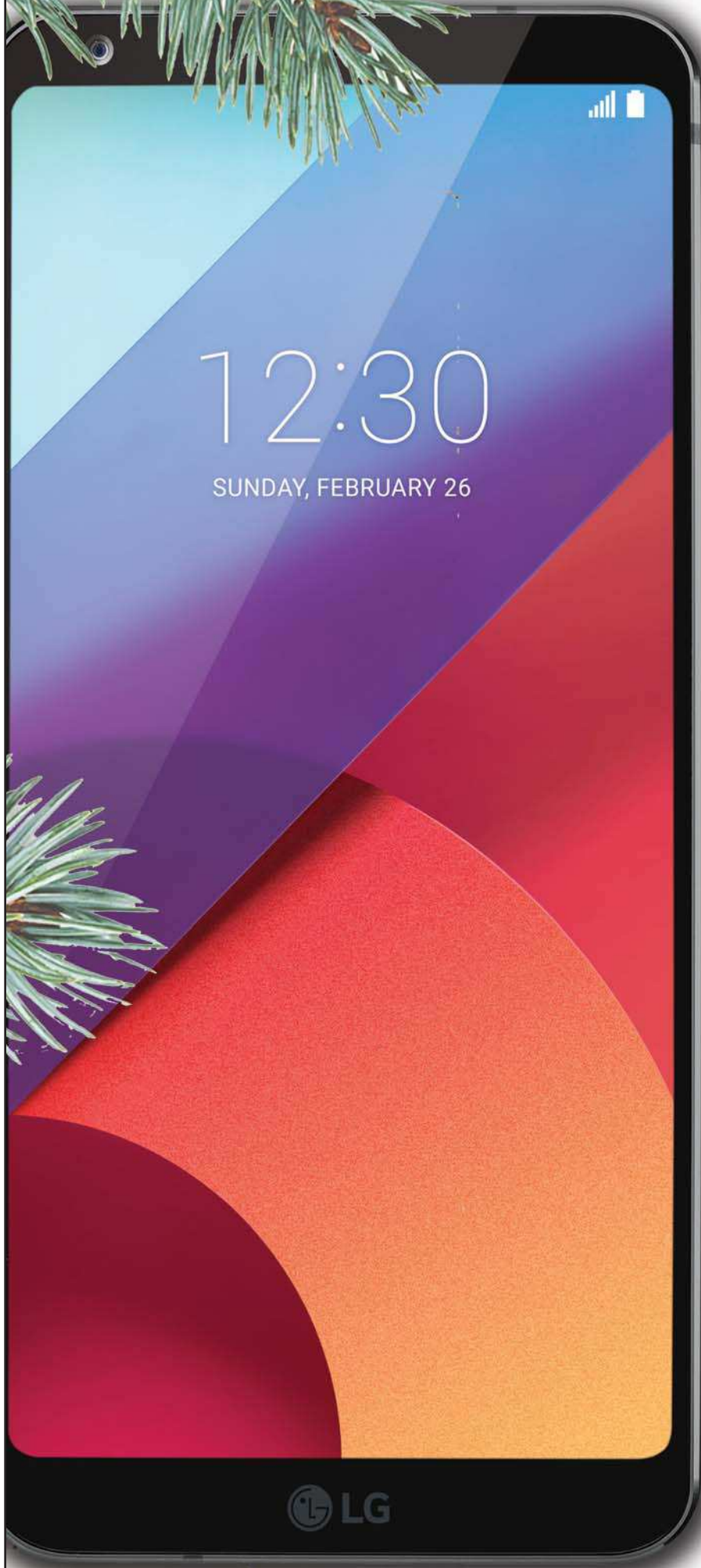
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