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Wheelwright Utilities Commission Chairman Paul Hunt Thompson addresses citizen concerns during a Jan. 10 meeting.

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Wheelwright water woes continue

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

noon on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

The lack of water continued to be a problem in Wheelwright this week, as most city residents were out of water from Sunday, Jan. 7 through

That's when Wheelwright Utilities started using the city's former water source — an underground coal mine that went dry and left

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Martin man arrested at Floyd hotel for allegedly trafficking meth

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Martin man was arrested after officers with the Prestonsburg Police Department said they discovered methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in his Prestonsburg hotel room.

Jessie P. Craft, 39, of Shelton Hollow Rd., Martin, was charged with first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance, possession

of drug paraphernalia, possession of handgun by convicted felon and possession of a defaced firearm.

According to the citation written by PPD Officer Austin King, in the evening hours of Jan. 2, he responded to a complaint of drug trafficking from a room at the Comfort Suites in Prestonsburg. Upon contact with officers, Craft told them that he

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Floyd honors residents living with cerebral palsy



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Steve LeMaster

Members of the Floyd County community living with a condition known as cerebral palsy were honored Saturday when Floyd Central faced Prestonsburg in a 58th District double-header at Prestonsburg High School. Saturday marked the third annual Cerebral Palsy Awareness Night organized within the community. More than \$800 was raised and donated to the United Cerebral Palsy charity Saturday.

Prestonsburg mayor updates on projects at chamber luncheon

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton addresses members of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce at a luncheon hosted by the chamber Wednesday. Stapleton updated the attendees on the status of projects the city is working to complete.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Josh Little



By JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton reflected on his three-year stint as mayor Wednesday at a luncheon hosted by the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce. He discussed the status of projects the city is working to complete and encouraged chamber members to get involved.

"When I took over (as mayor), we were looking for ways to grow in the city; ways that were unique to the city of Prestonsburg," said Stapleton. "What we found was that we have a little bit

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Crase resigns from Wayland City Commission

By JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission announced at its meeting Tuesday that it is seeking to fill a vacant seat after the resignation of Commissioner Craig Crase.

Crase, who was not present for Tuesday's meeting, told this newspaper Wednesday that he had chosen to resign from the commission due to time restraints. He said he did not feel that he had the time needed to "put forth a good effort."

Crase served on the commission for more than a year.

The city commission is seeking interested persons to fill the vacancy. The commission must wait 30 days after accepting the resignation to fill the seat. Applicants will be considered within the 30-day period.

Interested persons can contact Wayland City Clerk Sharon Anderson, Police Chief Brian Ratliff or Mayor Jerry Fultz at the Wayland Community Center for more information.

'Unity March' to honor Martin Luther King in Pikeville

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Big Sandy Community and Technical College will hold the third annual Unity March commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 15 in Pikeville.

"We are delighted to partner with the City of Pikeville and the University of Pikeville for this special event.

It is important that we remember the profound impact Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has had on our country. His dreams of equality has shaped history forever and we would like to pay tribute to what he has done for our nation," said Tina Terry, coordinator of Student Activities/Recruitment at BSCTC.

The event will start at the Hardees on Hambley Boulevard

at 10 a.m. Monday. Attendees will gather in the back parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and walk together as a group to the First United Methodist Church.

For more information on the Unity March, contact Tina Terry, Coordinator of Student Activities/Recruitment at, (606) 886-7374, or email, tterry0025@kctcs.edu.

Southern customers without water

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

Officials at the Southern Water and Sewer District have been dealing with water problems this week.

"It's been a nightmare, basically," Office Manager Paula Burke said Thursday. "It's getting a little better, but it's been tough."

She said hundreds of Southern Water customers have been without water this week, following a severe cold spell that froze water lines and busted water meters.

"We have not had the time or the people or the equipment to go back and help people whose pipes are frozen underground," she said.

She said Southern officials work to fix major problems first, leaving others without help as the major problems get fixed.

"We're taking it minute by minute," she said.

Southern officials worked to fix a large water leak in Mud Creek for

two days and nights, she said, explaining that leak caused the Floyd County Board of Education to cancel classes for half of a day on Jan. 10 at John M. Stumbo Elementary.

She said Southern also had to turn off water it is supplying to Wheelwright to compensate for leaks in Southern's system.

"We had to shut them off because we can't even provide for our people right now because of the leaks we have now," she said.

She reported that hundreds of Southern Water customers were without water earlier this week and that number had decreased to 200 or more on Thursday.

She said Southern employees will continue working to fix the problems until water is returned to all customers.

For more information, call the office at, (606) 377-9296.

Closings for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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The following offices will be closed on Jan. 15 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day:

- All state offices
- All federal offices, including post offices
- Floyd County government offices and courthouses
- Floyd County Extension Office
- Floyd County Health Department
- Wheelwright City Hall

Local banks will also observe the holiday, but it will not impact some offices and services.

Trash pickup will run on a regular sched-

ule for Waste Connections in Floyd County and Prestonsburg Public Works in Prestonsburg.

Several offices will be open on Jan. 15, including the Prestonsburg and Eastern branches of the Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg City Hall and Martin City Hall, which will be open.

Attempts to reach officials at Wayland and Allen were unsuccessful as of press deadline.

ARRESTED

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he had been staying in the room for three days, with two other males who were not present, the citation said.

Craft gave officers consent to search the hotel room, records show. Officers located "in excess of 30 grams of what's believed to be methamphetamine," a

large quantity of small baggies, a few sets of weight scales, "glass pipes containing residue" and a defaced 9mm pistol, the citation said.

According to the citation, Craft said that he was unaware of the items found within the hotel room. He was transported and lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center, court records show.

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Turner participates in Hindman Settlement School recognition



Submitted photo
 Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D — Prestonsburg, meets with Jackson Osborne, native of Prestonsburg, with the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation as the Hindman Settlement School was recognized during the Kentucky Historical Society Trust Fund Grant presentation at the Capitol in Frankfort. Sen. Turner represents the 29th Senate District that includes Floyd, Harlan, Knott and Letcher counties. To contact him, call the Legislative Message Line at, 1-800-372-7181, or email him at, JohnnyRay.Turner@lrc.ky.gov. For more information on the 2018 Legislative schedule, visit, lrc.ky.gov.



Submitted photo
 Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale gives the Oath of Office to Marena Nelson and Dwight Slone, the newest members of the Floyd County Cooperative Extension District Board.

Floyd Extension board welcomes new members

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
 STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Cooperative Extension District Board recently welcomed two new members.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale, a cooperative extension board member, recently swore in Marena Nelson as secretary and new member Dwight Slone of Prestonsburg.

They replace Melissa Perry and Gary Perkins, whose terms had expired.

Nelson, Slone and Hale serve on the board with Chairman Tyrone Martin, Vice Chairman Bill Francis, Treasurer

Joe Ryan and members Jeana McKenzie and Joyce Allen. Members are appointed to two-year terms.

The Floyd County Cooperative Extension District Board, which is one of the taxing districts in Floyd County, meets on a quarterly basis. Its next meeting is at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, at the office.

The board oversees funding for the office, as well as the implementation of several programs it offers the community. For more information about the extension office services, visit its Facebook page or call, (606) 886-2668.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 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.
- Jan. 12; 3 p.m.: Olivia the Pig visits Floyd County Library, Eastern branch
- Jan. 12; 8 p.m.: The Dewey Moore Band to perform at Music Paradise, Prestonsburg (606) 339-9557
- Jan. 13; 11:30 a.m.: Olivia the Pig visit the Floyd County Library, Prestonsburg branch.
- Jan. 13; 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosts elk tours. \$30 per adult; \$15 for children; free for kids age 12 and under. (606) 889-1790
- Jan. 15; 9:45 a.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host a Unity March in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., beginning at Hardees on Hambley Blvd.
- Jan. 15; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District meets at the district office, 18 Mayo Br., Brandykeg. (606) 889-9800
- Jan. 15; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335
- Jan. 16; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Floyd County Extension office to host private pesticide applicators class. (606) 886-2668
- Jan. 16; 1:30 p.m.: Floyd County Health Department starts a new diabetes education class. Free. Class will continue to meet on Tuesdays for three weeks. (606) 886-2788.
- Jan. 16; 7:30 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, Lizzie B's Café Bakery. (606) 886-1341
- Jan. 16; 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center Board of Directors to meet. (606) 889-9125
- Jan. 16; 5:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Chapter of the AARP meets the third Tuesday of each month through November at 5:15 p.m. at Highland Terrace, Prestonsburg.
- Jan. 16; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office
- Jan. 17: Big Sandy Community & Technical College to host a pre-admission conference, Johnson Building, Room J117, Prestonsburg campus. (606) 886-7452
- Wednesdays, Fridays: Big Sandy Community & Technical College hosts low-cost dental clinic. (606) 886-7352

Deeds and marriages

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Marriages

Kristin Dalena Scott, 34, of Prestonsburg, to Lee Edward Sparks, 37, of Prestonsburg
 Freddie L. Hunter, 32, of Wayland, to Amanda E. Howard, 25, of Wayland

Property Transfers

Bio Medical Applications of Kentucky to FRE Prestonsburg Kentucky Realty LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 464)

FRE Prestonsburg Kentucky Realty LLC to Bio-Medical Applications of Kentucky; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 471)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Jeffrey A. Collins, Sherry L. Collins, Trisha Leigeb and her unknown spouse, Cabell Huntington Hospital Inc., Citizens National Bank, City of Prestonsburg, Sandy Valley Financial Services Inc., Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. ; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 488)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Jason Zeller, Jason B. Zeller and unknown

spouse, Juanita Zeller, Juanita M. Zeller, Countrywide Tax Service LLC to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 458)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Dori Griffith and her unknown spouse, Floyd County to American Homeowner Preservation Trust Series 2014A, US Bank National Association as Trustee, US Bancorp Consumer Finance of Kentucky; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 444)

Gene Calhoun, Micca Calhoun, Shirley L. Calhoun, Gary Elderidge, Ann Rae Noble, Joe Noble, Gaynell Stambaugh to Carolyn and Cary G.

Meade; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 431)

Castlebrook 2017 LLC to John A. and Patsy Goble; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 422)

Berniece R. Clark, Gregory B. Clark to Jessica Clark Boyd; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 427)

Walter Fred Gearheart to Sharon Kaye and Walter Fred Gearheart, property at Toler Creek

Crystal Lynn Jarrell Howell, Timmy L. Howell to Kenneth McKinney Jr., Linnie McKinney; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 480)

Brenda F. Hughes to Sabrina M. LeQuire;

property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 455)

Corey B. Mosely, Megan L. Mosley to Alternative Outlook; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 476)

Ira Potter, Patricia Tackett Potter to Ira B. Potter MD LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 440)

Connie Sue Sexton, Robert Michael Sexton to Connie Sue Sexton, Robert Michael Sexton, Robert Michael Sexton Jr. ; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 483)

Leon and Ruth Younce to Hobart Brad Younce; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 634; pg. 372)

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GUEST COLUMN:

Eighth-grader asks legislators to end corporal punishment

By CHARLIE GARDNER

Kentucky is one of 19 states that still allow corporal punishment. Corporal punishment is an archaic method that has plagued the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This atrocious punishment is the use of physical force on a minor or mentally disabled person. These methods include paddling, spanking, flogging and other forms of physical discipline. This inappropriate measure needs to be abolished in the state of Kentucky. In the 2016-2017 school year, there were over 500 incidents of corporal punishment in Kentucky.

Bill Request 17 would abolish the use of corporal punishment in all schools in the Commonwealth.

I can't even begin to imagine the stress, pain and mental strain endured by children my age that are getting paddled in school. As an eighth-grade student, I believe that this method is too harsh towards our most vulnerable children in our Commonwealth. Schools should be a safe and comfortable place for our children to go, unlike some of their homes. This method has existed far too long and needs to be replaced for the stability of our minors.

I believe that this inappropriate measure needs to be abolished in Kentucky. This 19th century method has existed for far too long. Some form of corporal punishment is allowed in 67 schools districts in Kentucky. Children in Kentucky's schools are being punished unjustly for their actions. Corporal punishment has been associated with lower ACT scores, fatigue and suicidal thoughts. This method is very ineffective and needs to stop. Kentucky needs to change to a more effective method for the teachers and our children.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky needs to use more effective actions such as restorative justice. Restorative justice will focus on impacts towards others and gives a better deterrent than physical pain or abuse does. With alternative methods, including restorative justice, community service and demerit systems, we can hold ourselves to higher standards in education while improving the self-esteem of students.

Corporal punishment is an ancient, inappropriate measure that has not been proven to lead to any long-term disciplinary improvement in the Commonwealth.

Corporal punishment has been associated with many negative side effects. There are many other effective methods, such as restorative justice, that can be used. Now, join me as a Kentuckian to work to abolish corporal punishment in Kentucky.

Please call your Kentucky lawmakers at, (502) 564-8100, and encourage them to support a measure to abolish the use of corporal punishment in Kentucky schools.

Charlie Gardner is a resident of Louisville.

LETTER:

Totten: Find additional revenues to fund pensions

While the discussion in Frankfort lately is about pension reform, many believe the far more serious problem is the unfunded liability in each pension plan.

For years our state budgets purposely underfunded public pension plans; this

money went towards other government functions. Past legislatures and governors got a "pass" on providing sufficient revenue to fund the whole of government properly. Creating a budget good enough to be passed and signed into law is an

enormously complex task with untold compromises, however, good enough is no longer good enough.

There is a solution: Find the additional revenue needed to deal with these unfunded liabilities and to properly fund state agencies and

universities. Gutting state operations to fund public pensions today is as irresponsible as was the underfunding of pensions years ago. And just as the effects of pension underfunding are driving today's budget, underfunding state government

now will have serious consequences in the years to come.

State government without adequate revenue compromises its ability to provide the basic programs and services we expect. The natural growth in state revenues is insuffi-

cient and alternatives exist. Additional revenue can and must be raised through fair, equitable, and sustainable tax reform. Encourage your legislators to embrace the possibilities for bold action now when it is most needed. Our children and grandchildren deserve this.

Larry P. Totten,
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Levi Dawson Little

Levi Dawson Little, 4 month old infant, of Melvin, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at the UK Medical Center.

He was born at Lexington, Aug. 10, 2017, the son of Faith Breann Johnson of Melvin and Westley Little of Melvin.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother, Canyon Little; his maternal grandparents, Clyde and Stephanie Johnson of Melvin; and his paternal grandparents, Mike and Shirley Little of Melvin.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Louie Ferrari, Vernon Johnson and others officiat-

ing. Burial will follow in the Mike Little Cemetery, Melvin. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

The guestbook may be signed at www.hallandjones.com.

This is a paid obituary.

Rosa Lee "Rosie" Jacobs

Rosa Lee "Rosie" Jacobs, 87, of Thomasville, GA, died, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2018, in her home.

She was born, Feb. 1, 2018, in Garrett, to the late Alvin and Cassie Warren Turner.

Rosie worked in the men's department at Walmart before retiring and attended the Victory Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her loving husband, James Jacobs; her son, Ricky Jacobs; and her brothers, Tennyson Turner, Lee Turner, Ruther Turner, and Lundy Turner.

She is survived by her son, Greg Jacobs, of Thomasville, GA; grandson, Patrick Jacobs, of Jupiter, FL; her brother, Franklin Turner, of Brighton, MI; and her sister, Bernice Scherer, of LaPorte, IN.

Funeral services will be held, Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at 11 A.M., at the Whiddon-Shiver Funeral Home, of Thomasville, GA, with the Rev. Mack Luke and Greg Jacobs officiating, interment following in the Sunset Memorial Gar-

dens. Active pallbearers will be, Greg Jacobs, Patrick Jacobs, Palmer Voyles, Jonathan Cleveland, and Rick Sanders.

Memorials may be made to alz.org special designation for tribute gift.

Guests may sign the online register at www.whiddonshiverfuneralhome.com.

This is a paid obituary.

Billy Lee Fannin

Billy Lee Fannin, 88, of Louisa, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2018 at Cabell Huntington Hospital.

He was born Feb. 8, 1929 in Floyd County. He is the son of the late William Fannin and Ninnie Gay Spears Fannin. In

addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother and three sisters. He is survived by one daughter, Rhonda Richards and husband David of Wadsworth, Ohio; two grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with Jody Spencer officiating. Burial will follow at the Fannin Family Cemetery, Route 1750, Prestonsburg. Friends may call at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018 from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. and from 9 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018.

Arrangements are

under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville.

This is a paid obituary.

Cecilia A. Johnson

Cecilia A. Johnson, 55, of Langley, died Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.

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

Eunice Hackworth Prater

Eunice Hackworth Prater, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, Jan. 8, 2018.

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

WATER

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residents without water last month.

Since the mine went dry in December, the city has been buying water from the Southern Water and Sewer District, but Wheelwright Utilities Chair Paul Hunt Thompson reported that Southern had issues with its water system this week, so it stopped providing water to Wheelwright.

"Southern had a bunch of problems and they cut us off," he said.

Thompson said the city's water source recently filled back up, and utility workers started treating that water and running it through the water system on Jan. 10. He explained, however, that even though it's working now, the city still needs a secondary water source.

"Pretty much, the town has gotten water now, and we're starting to fill up the two tanks, but we still need a back-up water source," he told the city commission. "I've got about four different scenarios on that and I've probably got it narrowed down to two. One of them was to tie in with Southern with a line down to a 200,000 gallon tank and so forth, but I think that they seem to have their own prob-

lems."

The city utilities agreed to purchase water from Southern Water and Sewer last month at a rate of \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons — about 50 cents more than the cost would be if the city purchased that water directly from Knott County. Thompson said the utilities commission is currently "eating" that additional cost and is not increasing residential water bills, but that could change if the city continues buying water from Southern.

"First of all, the water bill, if we pay \$3.50 a thousand on a regular basis to supply us, our water bill, the rates would have to go up or we couldn't support the system," he said during the utilities meeting. "So, we don't want to do that."

He said he believes Wheelwright can afford to spend \$3 per thousand without imposing a rate increase. He commended utility workers for the work they've done over the past few weeks to dealing with the city's water issues. He also commended Southern for its help during the situation, but noted the city wants an independent water system.

He told the city commission that continuing to buy water from Southern at \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons would be "tough on citizens" in Wheel-

wright because water bills would increase. He also mentioned that during the utilities commission meeting, telling them, "I appreciate Southern trying to help us and so forth, but I think this should stay an independent system."

"We would love that. It would benefit us," said Blanche Hood, a former utilities commissioner who attended the meeting.

Thompson described possible solutions for the city's water problems, explaining that he will meet with engineers from two companies this week to discuss possible solutions and work on finding out why the mine went dry last month.

One possible solution would require the city to run water lines across the hill to supply water directly from Knott County, without going through Southern Water. Another solution would divert water from another underground mine into Wheelwright.

Thompson talked about the possibility bringing water from Knott County through the mines, saying a water line is already laid that could reduce the cost of that project.

"Hopefully, what we can do is put the line that was laid through the mines, and I understand was used for a year back

in the early 1990s or late 1980s, that we can put water back through it," he told the city commission. "Preferably, what I'd like to do is get the water off of Knott County. It's already treated and so forth. We'd have to run one mile of water line to hook up to that and then let it go through the mountain, the way the line is already laid there."

He estimated that constructing a secondary water source through lines already laid in the mines would cost between \$300,000 and \$400,000, and said another alternative — withdrawing water from another underground mine — is also being considered.

He told the city commission that constructing water lines over the hill from Knott County to Wheelwright would be "very expensive." One proposal offered by County Judge-Executive Ben Hale and engineer Ron Johnson recently estimated a cost of more than \$1 million for a similar plan.

The utilities commission secured around \$2 million from state, local and federal sources to build a new water plant and officials broke ground on that project last year. Now, Thompson is talking about the possibility of renovating that plant to put it

in compliance with state laws instead of building a new one. He said he doesn't blame state officials for working to divert the funds already allotted for a new water plant into projects that could fix the city's water source problems. He said the bids for the water plant came in over budget, but that project doesn't matter now because the city's needs have changed.

He said, "So, we had a little over \$2 million and the bid came in at \$4 million, which means we had to go back, but all of that, you might as well say, that no longer applies because Frankfort—and I don't blame them for this. They're going to say that if you don't have an absolute, steady supply of water...we're not going to let you have money to build a water plant. I understand that."

"But, I think that there's a good chance that we can use some of the money to hopefully enhance the plant and to run the secondary supplier," he said. "What I want to do is to get us water, the way we've always gotten it, but have a very reliable second supplier that all we have to do is hit a switch and turn on the pump and we start getting water from somebody we can depend on to get the water through, and that appears to be Knott County."

The underground mine has served Wheelwright since the 1970s, and it went dry only one other time, in 1988 for an unknown reason.

There are several unknowns in regards to the fate of Wheelwright's water situation.

In the city commission meeting, Thompson described the city's current water source as being in "good shape," but expressed uncertainty in how long it will remain that way.

"Right now, I would say that our water supply in the mines is in good shape, but after what happened to it before, I don't know. Anybody that tells you it's going to last a year, or two weeks, they don't know what they're talking about. You just don't know," he said.

He emphasized that uncertainty in the utilities meeting.

"You know, we may have a problem in a day or two or tonight, we don't know," Thompson said. "It's just we have to keep a continuous eye on it and we've got to make sure that something doesn't happen."

Utility workers encourage residents to contact city hall if they have a leak or issue that needs immediate attention.



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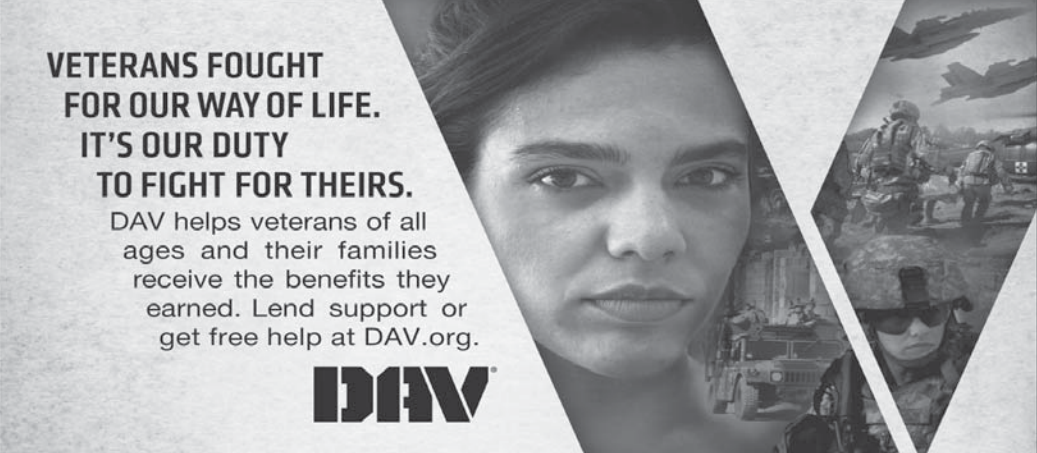
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Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Charges were filed against several recently in Floyd District Court. The charges included:

- Lawsuits filed
- MTGLO Investors, L.P. vs. Alvin Noble, et al.
- Wayne Supply Company vs. Mike's Sealing & Striping, LLC., et al.
- Destiny Swiger vs. Evan Tyler Swiger.
- Johnny R. Carty vs. James E. Bingham, et al.
- Dustin R. Justice, et al. vs. Robert B. Lee, et al.
- Ricky Slone, et al. vs. 3M Company, a foreign corporation.
- Bobby Franklin, et al. vs. Christopher David Mitchell, et al.

- Amberly Lashae Little vs. Jordan Tyler Little.
- Jason Tackett, et al. vs. Glen Ripkoski, et al.
- MTAG as C/F MGD-KY LLC vs. Michael Ray Vance, et al.
- Lisa Hamilton vs. Daniel Jones.
- Charles Everidge, et al. vs. Kimberlee Collins, et al.
- Gwendolyn Vance vs. Keith J. Paige.

- Felony charges filed
- Kennel Joe Dye, 49, Frasures Creek, McDowell, menacing, first-degree terroristic threatening, first-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, third-degree assault of a police officer.
- Jessie P. Craft, 39, of Shel-

ton Hollow Rd., Martin, first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of handgun by convicted felon, possession of defaced firearm.

Chasity Hamilton, of Frankfort Circle, Lexington, flagrant nonsupport.

Maxwell Warrix, 30, of Ky. Rt. 1750, East Point, flagrant nonsupport.

James Delbert Castle, 46, of King Kelly Coleman HWY, Wayland, flagrant nonsupport (two counts).

Michael Lee Rogers, 36, of Frasures Creek, McDowell, second-degree criminal mischief, theft by unlawful taking more than \$500 (less than \$10,000).

James Jr. Bailey, 47, of Akers Branch, Dana, first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Misdemeanor charges filed

Donovan J. Smallwood, 25, of Ky. Rt. 979, Beaver, fourth-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief.

Sandra K. Vance, 46, of Ky. Rt. 979, Beaver, fourth-degree assault.

Tommy Hamilton Jr., 19, of Sleepy Hollow Rd., Pikeville, third-degree criminal trespassing, theft by unlawful taking under \$500.

Rodney Hall, 34, of Ky. 122, Bevinville, second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree wanton endangerment.

Amanda Howell, 34, of Alfreda Dr., Minnie, alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Delmon Daniels, 27, of North Roberts Dr., Prestons-

burg, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

Donnie Robinette, 40, of Carmen Hollow, Betsy Layne, operating vehicle on suspended/revoked license, giving officer false information, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure of non-owner to maintain required insurance.

Linda Howell, of Martin, harassment.

Stacie Stevens, 44, of N. Center, Bardstown, fourth-degree assault.

Delbert Conn, 33, of W. Garrett Rd., Garrett, public intoxication.

Roger D. Bates, 64, of Hindman, harassing communications.

Matt Hitchcock, 42, of Ky. Rt. 1750, Prestonsburg, harboring a vicious animal.

Zachary Hopson, 31, of Westminster, Prestonsburg, public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription controlled substance not in proper container.

Seth J. Ousley, 28, of Dodson Branch, Prestonsburg, public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct.

Terrence L. Mullins, 39, of Locust St., Hi Hat, violation of court order, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Evan Swiger, 23, of Church Street, Banner, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), second-degree wanton endangerment.

Rogie Darrell Case, 39, of Chesnut Street, Martin, theft by unlawful taking under \$500.

Chad Aaron Chambers, 43, of Gas Fork Rd., Allan, no registration plates, no registration receipt, no insurance card, failure of owner to maintain required insurance.

Kayla Lashae Hall, 24, of Oakwood Dr., Prestonsburg, no insurance cards, operating on suspended/revoked license, possession of revoked license, no registration receipt.

Lakyn T. Collins, 25, of Osborne Branch, Prestonsburg, theft by deception/cold check under \$500.

Keith Joseph Paige, 38, of Frasures Creek, McDowell, receiving stolen property under \$500.

Heather Marie Tackett, 36, of Tackett Fork Lane, Beaver, receiving stolen property under \$500.

Nathan Bartley, 37, of Liberty Lane, Dana, fourth-degree assault, third-degree criminal mischief.

Venice Glenn Young, 43, of Varney Rd., Belfry, second-degree fleeing or evading police, second-degree disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication in a public place, resisting arrest.

Barbara Jean Norman, 35, of Woodman Creek Road, Stopover, theft by unlawful taking under \$500.

Heather M. Slone, 36, of Roann Rd., Salyersville, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Arnold J. Adams, 19, of Cliffside Circle, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication in a public place.

Tina M. Robinette, 58, of Pelham, North Carolina,

fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

Thomas M. Brown, 39, of Turkey Creek, Langley, third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Kenny D. Hamilton, 45, of Nollies Drive, Teabery, fourth-degree assault, third-degree terroristic threatening.

Michael Lee Rogers, 36, of Frasures Creek, McDowell, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

Brian R. Pinion, 42, of East Main Street, Stanville, no registration plates, no registration receipt, improper registration plate, improper display of registration plates.

Julie R. Slone, 28, of Lacey Rd., Salyersville, operating vehicle on suspended/revoked license, possession of revoked license, no insurance cards, failure of non-operator to maintain required insurance.

David Lee Ousley, 36, of Fork Sunny Rd., Martin, improper equipment, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Earnestine Smith, of Hazard, harassing communications.

Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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of everything. We have rock climbing like you have at the (Red River) Gorge. We have water that you can play in, just like at the Breaks (Interstate Park). We have trails. We have local musical talent."

He went on to say that Prestonsburg also has resources that other areas do not have.

"We have a park. The park is a part of the city," he said, referring to Jenny Wiley State Resort

Park. "We have Big Sandy Community and Technical College."

Stapleton spoken on the partnerships that the city has with surrounding entities, including BSCTC, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the state park department and the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and how important those partnerships are.

He said the city is partnering with the Corps of Engineers and the Kentucky Department of Parks to reopen the swimming pool at Jenny Wiley later this year.

Stapleton said he has

been attending meetings around the region to enhance partnerships. Some of those meetings included the Inez City Council, Paintsville City Council and Pikeville City Commission.

"I'm trying to bring everyone on the same page," he said. "It's what we have to do."

Stapleton said the city does not have the infrastructure in place to bring in 1,000 jobs.

"I've had people say 'Pikeville got a thousand jobs up there at that lithium plant.' And I said 'You know when they started

that? Seventeen years ago, they started putting that infrastructure in.' I've been (in office) for three," said Stapleton. "I'm not saying we won't have any light industry coming in here soon. I'm not saying we won't have any heavy industry coming in here soon. There's just a lot of leg work that has to be done."

Stapleton told the attendees Wednesday that the city and its residents must capitalize on three things: A beautiful terrain; a unique business area featuring a vibrant downtown; and pride.

Stapleton said people living in the area are taking pride in their communities more and more every day. He attributed the pride to the city's growth.


Another topic Stapleton mentioned was the growth of tourism in Floyd County and Prestonsburg, noting that the city created a tourism commission within the last few years.

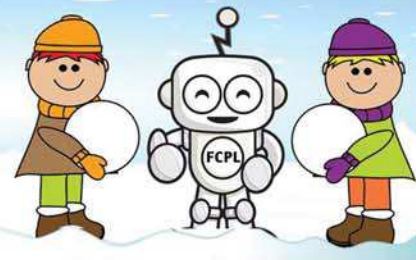
"With tourism comes everything else," he said. "Tourism was easy. Now, we have to start working on industry."

In mentioning how

the city is adapting to tourism, Stapleton said the city chose to lease the Prestonsburg Equine Center because it was "a noose around the city's neck." He said the center has been leased and is expected to offer riding lessons and other services this year. The center has access to 11 miles of trails.

Stapleton said there are possibilities and projects in the works. He encouraged the chamber members and attendees Wednesday to get involved with the city's efforts.



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Floyd County filings continue

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Seven candidates filed paperwork to seek offices serving Floyd County residents recently, bringing the total number of candidates seeking election to 43.

The newest state filings include three non-partisan candidates for the 7th Appellate District of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, the seat previously held by Janet Stumbo, who announced her retirement recently. The candidates include Donald Howard Combs of Pikeville, and Larry E. Thompson of Pikeville, as well as David Allen Barber of Morehead.

The recent filings also filled out the ballot for some local races. There are now at least three candidates for every voting seat on the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale of Blue River filed his paperwork to seek re-election, and will face James "Jimmy" Rose of Caney Fork and Marvin Bryan Lafferty of Prestonsburg in the Democratic primary.

Incumbent Magistrate Mike Tackett of Wheelwright also filed his paperwork recently for a return to the District 3 magisterial seat. He will face former magistrate

Warren Jarrell of Printer and Ryan Slone of Drift in the Democratic Primary. Three candidates will also face on in the Democratic Primary for the District 1, District 2 and District 4 magistrate seats.

The latest filings included another candidate for Constable in District 3, with Willie Hall of Melvin filing his paperwork to seek that office. He will face Democrats Joey Collins of Frasures Creek and Ernie Ray Moore of McDowell in the primary.

The list of newly-filed state candidates includes incumbent Republican Representative Larry D. Brown of Prestonsburg, who is seeking to return to the legislature for his second term serving the residents of the 95th district in Floyd and part of Pike counties. Democrat Ashley Tackett Laferty previously filed to seek the 95th district representative seat in the Democratic primary.

Former District 3 magistrate Warren Jarrell of Printer filed his paperwork to seek election in that race. He will face Ryan Slone of Drift in the Democratic primary. Incumbent District 3 Magistrate Mike Tackett is the only magistrate who has not yet filed his paperwork to return to office.

To date, there are three contenders for all other magisterial seats.

The Floyd County Jailor's race also heated up with the latest filings, as Glennis Caudill of Melvin filed paperwork to campaign against incumbent Stuart "Bear" Halbert in the Democratic primary.

In other election news, county officials report one person passed the state exam to qualify for the circuit court clerk's seat. That person, however, has not filed paperwork to run for that office against long-time incumbent Douglas Ray Hall of McDowell.

The candidates who have filed their paperwork include:

U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District

Harold "Hal" Rogers, incumbent, Somerset, Republican

Gerardo Serrano of South Tyner, Republican

95th State Representative

Larry D. Brown of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Republican

Ashley Tackett Laferty of Martin, Democrat

Floyd County Judge Executive

James "Jimmy" Rose of Caney Fork, Democrat

Marvin Bryan Lafferty of Prestonsburg, Democrat

Floyd County Attorney

Keith Bartley of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Democrat

Floyd County Jailor

Stuart "Bear" Halbert of Martin, incumbent, Democrat

Glennis Caudill of Melvin, Democrat

Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator

Connie Hancock of Langley, incumbent, Democrat

Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk

Douglas Ray Hall of McDowell, incumbent, Democrat

Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney

Arnold Brent Turner of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Democrat

Floyd County Coroner

Greg Nelson of Dwale, incumbent, Democrat

District 1 Magistrate

"Big John" John Goble of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Democrat

Mark D. Crider of Prestonsburg, Democrat

David A. Gearheart of Prestonsburg, Democrat

District 2 Magistrate

District 2 Magistrate

Randy Davis of David, incumbent, Democrat

George Ousley of Goose Creek in Eastern, Democrat

Todd Hansford of Wayland, Democrat

District 3 Magistrate

Ryan Slone of Drift, Democrat

Warren Jarrell of Printer, Democrat

District 4 Magistrate

Ronnie Akers, of Harold, incumbent, Democrat

Lennox Cola Ray Akers of Harold, Democrat

William L. Slone of Dana, Democrat

Floyd County District Judge 31st/2nd

Jimmy "Blue" Marcum of Prestonsburg, incumbent

Eric D. Hall of Allen, incumbent

Court of Appeals, 7th Appellate District

Donald Howard Combs of Pikeville

Larry E. Thompson of Pikeville

David Allen Barber of Morehead

Prestonsburg Mayor

Les Stapleton of Prestonsburg, incumbent

District 1 Constable

Larry (Boss) Jarrell of Slick Rock, incumbent, Democrat

Bobby Hamilton of Prestonsburg, independent

William "Bill" Callihan of Auxier, Democrat

District 2 Constable

Samuel Duncan, of Garrett, incumbent, Democrat

Gary Nelson of Lackey, Democrat

District 3 Constable

Ernie Ray Moore of McDowell, incumbent, Democrat

Joey Collins of McDowell, Democrat

District 4 Constable

Allred "Junebug" Newsome of Grethel, incumbent, Democrat

Green Wakeland of Printer, Democrat

The filing deadline is Jan. 30 for most races, and some non-partisan candidates, including those for local city governments and the school board, have until next August to file their statement of candidacy. Voters who want to change their party for the primary election have until Dec. 31 to do so.

Six-week course to teach artists to be entrepreneurs

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Local organizations are partnering to offer Eastern Kentucky artists a chance to learn how to market and sell their artwork.

The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development has partnered with the Kauffman Foundation, Pikeville Farmers Market and the Pikeville Cooperative Extension Service to offer regional artisans a six-week "Ar-

tisan-FastTrac" course.

The six week course, which begins Jan. 23 at the Pike County Cooperative Extension Office, is tailored to have weekly on-site and online courses specifically designed for artisans.

Participants hear from guest expert speakers focused on marketing, branding, financial sustainability and diversifying revenue streams. They will also have access to an online curriculum allowing them to read/view content from any in-

ternet connection and then dial into a live discussion session with MACED facilitators.

Artisans will leave with a creative business toolkit, be able to professionally communicate about their product, and have access to a business support group. FastTrac facilitators, coaches and course programming will guide artists in a process of exploring their ideas and planning next steps. Artists will gain the tools entrepreneurs need to examine practical aspects of starting or

growing their artisan business. During this course, artists will learn about developing an artisan business model, product photography, digital marketing and social media, booth design and setup, branding and diversifying revenue streams.

The course is facilitated by Jennifer Reis, an artist, educator and arts administrator who has over 20 years in arts business and management.

The sessions last six weeks and are taught on Tuesdays (on-site) and Thursdays (on-

line) from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 23. The cost is \$25. Students must bring a laptop or tablet with them to meetings and to access course content during the Thursday sessions.

Register at, <https://loans.maced.org/events/> (select the Pikeville class), today or email Regina Becknell at, rbecknell@maced.org. For more information call the MACED Paintsville Office at, (606) 264-5910.

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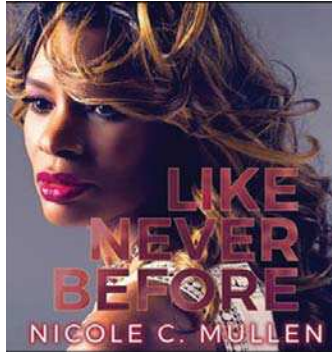
January album releases



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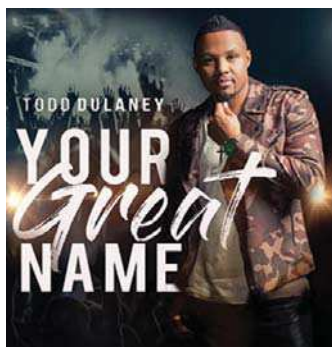
The North Star
by Remedy Drive
Genre: Pop/Rock



Like Never Before
by Nicole C. Mullen
Genre: Praise & Worship



Infinity Vibes
by Corey Wise
Genre: Rap/Urban



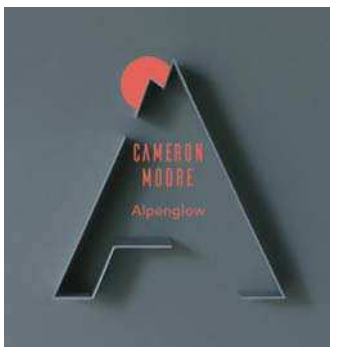
Your Great Name
by Todd Dulaney
Genre: Gospel



Good News
by Rend Collective
Genre: AC/Inspo



WOW Gospel 2018
by Various Artists
Genre: Gospel



Alpenglow
by Cameron Moore
Genre: Praise & Worship

Recognizing others

One thing that virtually everyone has in common is the need and desire to be recognized. We may differ in what we want to be recognized for and how we would like the recognition to be expressed, but we all want it. Some want to be recognized for their athletic prowess, others for their intelligence or musical ability, and others for their physical beauty. Good coaches, teachers and managers learn to recognize their athletes, students and employees in such a way as to get the best out of them. This is one of those hard and fast rules of human nature that we all should learn how to tap. Often a simple smile or a nod of the head is all it takes. A simple two-word acknowledgement such as “nice job” can often make an otherwise long and forgettable workday memorable. The first thing to do if you are trying to recognize others is to notice them. Be attentive to what people around you are saying and doing. And then be sincere in your recognition, and don’t be stingy. Everyone likes being recognized, and it doesn’t cost us a thing to give it to others. The dividends that it pays are well worth the small effort it takes.



– Christopher Simon

“Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.”
—1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 NIV

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Paving the way for others to follow



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

“You don’t matter now, Jack. You’re in this thing. You don’t have a right to pull out from the backing of people that believe in you. That respect you. That need you,” Dodger’s President and GM Branch Rickey’s character states in the movie “42.”

“Is that so?” responds the character of Jackie Robinson. Before Robinson made it to the plate for his first at bat, the opposing team manager started making racist remarks. Then, the pitcher threw balls, with the intent of hitting Robinson. The harassment continued at his next at bat. Robinson became angry.

“If you fight, they won’t say that Chapman forced you to,” Rickey told him. “They’ll say that you’re in over your head. That you don’t belong here.”

Robinson was the first black player in major league baseball. Robinson had the talent, but breaking through the racial barriers was difficult. In the scene where Rickey offers Robinson the chance to play with the Brooklyn Dodger’s af-

filiate team, Ricky had one condition. He knew Robinson could play, but could he control his temper?

“I want a player who’s got the guts not to fight back. People aren’t gonna like this. They’re gonna do anything to get you to react. Echo a curse with a curse and, uh, they’ll hear only yours. Follow a blow with a blow and they’ll say, ‘The Negro lost his temper.’ That ‘The Negro does not belong.’ Your enemy will be out in force and you cannot meet him on his own low ground. We win with hitting, running, fielding. Only that. We win if the world is convinced of two things: That you are a fine gentleman and a great baseball player. Like our Savior you gotta have the guts to turn the other cheek. Can you do it?”

I just finished the book “Hidden Figures,” which focuses on black woman mathematicians. These women calculated the United States into world leaders in the sky, eventually capitulating the U.S. into the space race and putting John Glenn on the moon. “Hidden Figures” and the “42” are based on two different events, but share a common theme. Instead of focusing on racism, the people involved focused on the job at hand.

In order to break the mold and rise above, all of these people had to put aside the anger and re-

sentment of racism. Robinson had to ignore the racist slurs and focus on the game. The women of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA, as it was known before it became NASA) focused on working hard to prove themselves. As Robinson had black baseball teams, the women of NACA had their own black computing division. In general, women were paid less and not allowed to hold the same positions as the men around them. Black women were further down on the totem pole.

However, they all stayed focused. That doesn’t mean situations never angered them (i.e. a black section of the lunchroom, separate schools for their children). But they kept their focus on the positive. Mary Jackson, an employee at NACA, was leader of a black only Girl Scout Troop. She helped prepare many young girls for the future. “Mary became a combination of teacher, big sister, and fairy godmother, helping her girls with algebra homework, sewing dresses for their proms, and steering them toward college,” author Margot Lee Shetterly writes. She helped them see the possibilities in life. They could rise above. These female mathematicians were able to pave the way for many others.

Christianity shares this common theme, we must

pave the way. Because we are Christians, we may be condemned, mocked, laughed at, called names, persecuted, etc. Jackie Robinson and the women of NACA show us we must ignore all of that. Rise above it. We can’t change others, but we can change ourselves.

William J. Toms writes, “Be careful how you live. You may be the only Bible some person ever reads.” Just as Robinson and the woman of NACA had to rise above, so do we. As Rickey told Robinson, “You don’t matter now,” neither do we. We are in this for Christ, not for personal gain. This isn’t about us. It’s about Him. As Christians, we have to make the path for others, which comes in the form of being a light for Christ. Showing others His love. And ultimately leading them to a relationship with Christ. If we lose our focus and fall prey to the loves and habits of this world, if we stoop to their level, then we become one of them. That’s not our job. The job is to bring others to Christ.

Let’s take notes from those before us who rose above. Focus on the positive. Focus on Christ. Be the good. Keep striving for the goal. Stay in an attitude of faith. Be diligent. Seek the scriptures. Learn passages to recite. Remember it’s about more than just us. People are watching. How are we reacting?

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Your vision is clear, but not everyone will see things your way. Avoid emotional interference and set your sights on your destination. Personal and financial gains look promising.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Go over your personal papers and tidy up loose ends. An unusual situation regarding past taxes, an inheritance or old debts should not be left unattended.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – You'll be taken advantage of if you are too willing to take on someone else's responsibilities. If something isn't fair, say so. Protect your interests and your cash.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – A relationship built on false information will crumble if you aren't quick to explain and emphasize what you really want. Charm mixed with a kind gesture will help.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Take care of

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



your responsibilities so that you can rest easy. Uncertainty regarding your feelings or beliefs can be expected. Taking a retreat and to focus on personal growth and soul-searching will do you good.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Making changes at home or being faced with costly problems will leave you livid. Don't let anger prevail when you should be taking care of business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Making an investment, dealing with a pending settlement or changing things around at home will be emotionally stressful, but worth your while. Celebrate your progress with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Put greater emphasis on an important relationship and be willing to compromise if necessary. Change can be frightening, but also exhilarating. Make your feelings and fears clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Don't let your emotions fool you. Question anything or anyone who poses a problem for you. Clear the way to ensure that your plans are free of negativity and obstacles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Honesty will be required. Someone is likely to lead you astray by making accusations about someone you know or something you did. Don't get involved in gossip or divulge personal information.

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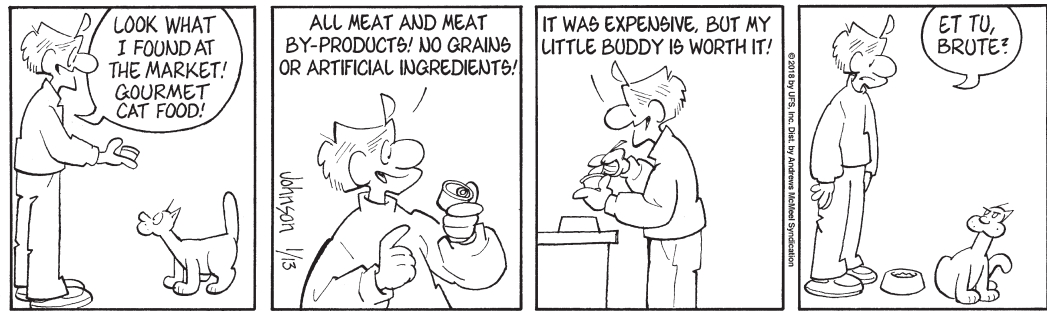
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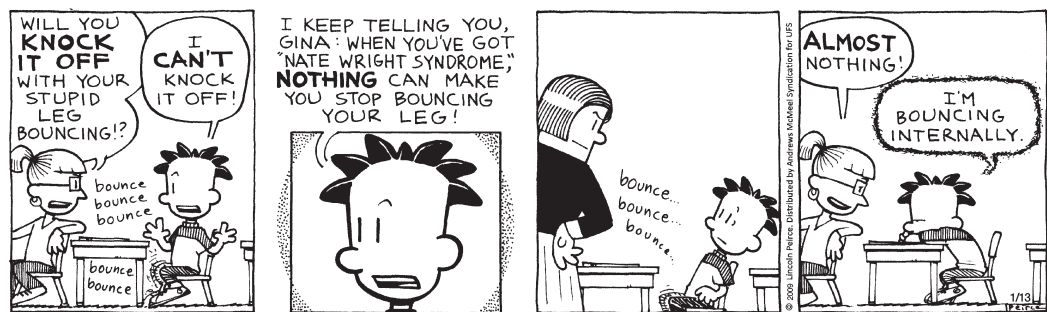
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 - 18 Evidence
 - 19 Ms. Hagen of films
 - 20 Fix, as in cement
 - 22 Cisco Kid flick
 - 24 Candy
 - 26 Fast food orders
 - 28 Usually
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 - 30 Expunge
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 - 36 One-celled plants
 - 37 MacGraw of film
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 - 44 Dress part
 - 45 Doctor's concern
 - 48 Hooky player
 - 49 Beach location
 - 50 Bracelet dangler
 - 51 Goofy
 - 52 Upper regions of space
 - 55 Mubarak predecessor
 - 59 Theologian's subj.
 - 60 Ivan's dollar
 - 61 Lethargy
 - 62 A TV "Tarzan"
 - 63 Pocketed
 - 64 Tomato prop
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 - 12 Farther from the middle
 - 13 Forest animals
 - 21 Youngster
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 - 26 Dull and ordinary
 - 27 Whim
 - 28 Kittens' pleas
 - 29 Spock's forte
 - 31 State as fact
 - 32 Forum speech
 - 33 Put in office
 - 34 Catastrophic
 - 36 GI need
 - 39 Urchins
 - 40 Pup groups
 - 41 School offerings
 - 42 Unwilling to compromise
 - 44 Bikini top
 - 45 Make a touchdown
 - 46 Alpine refrain
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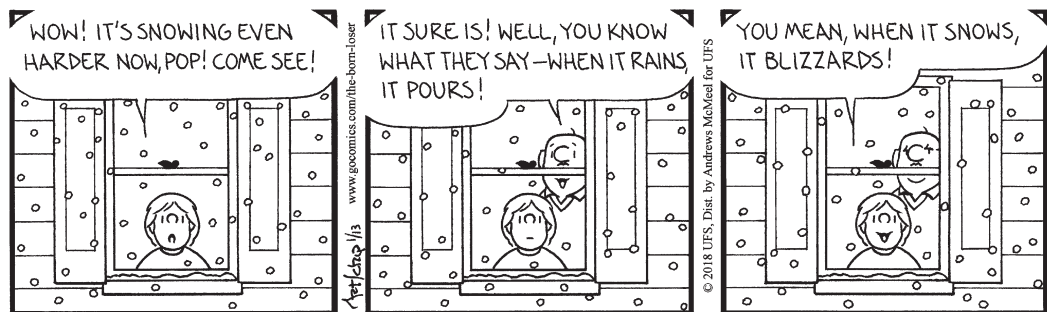
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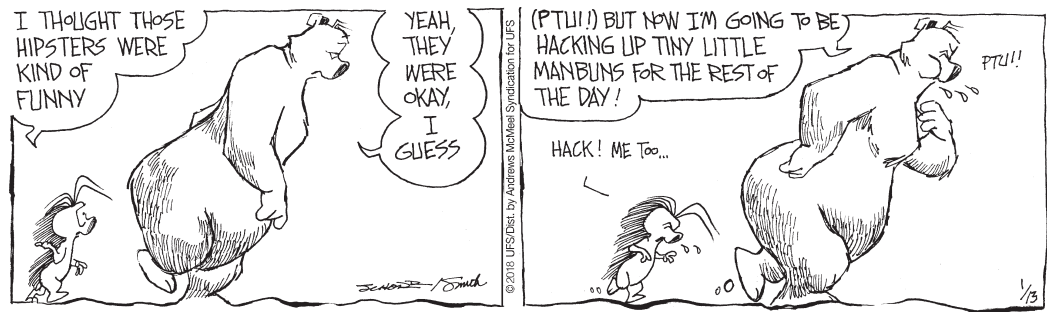
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Betsy Layne sweeps Prestonsburg

Lady Bobcats knock off Lady Blackcats 62-55

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

58th District girls' basketball game at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 5-9 overall and 1-2 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 4-10 overall

and 0-3 in the district with the loss.

Determined Betsy Layne worked its way back into the win column following a district loss to Lawrence County

See **LADY**, Page 2B



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Betsy Layne's Grant Orsborn drives to the basket against Prestonsburg's Grant Justice Tuesday night. The Bobcats picked up a 50-46 win over the Blackcats in 58th District action.

Bobcats knock off Blackcats 50-46

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Betsy Layne battled back from behind to beat host Prestonsburg

50-46 in a 58th District boys' basketball game at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Tuesday night.

The Bobcats halted a four-game losing skid, notching their first win

since December 23.

Betsy Layne improved to 7-8 overall and 2-1 in the 58th District with the win.

With the loss, Prestonsburg

See **BOBCATS**, Page 2B

ABOVE: Betsy Layne's Destiny Compton is defended by Prestonsburg's Nicole Burchett. Compton scored her 1,000th career-point in the contest. Betsy Layne picked up a 62-55 win.

Prestonsburg's Reesce Endicott goes up for a shot as Betsy Layne's Madilyne Meade defends on the play.

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Prestonsburg's Drake Nunnery puts up a shot over Betsy Layne's Byron Hammond Tuesday night at Prestonsburg. The Blackcats fell to the Bobcats 50-46 in 58th District action.



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58th District double-header

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
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BETSY LAYNE — Floyd Central and Betsy Layne basketball programs are set to meet for the first time. The Jaguars and Lady Jaguars will visit the Dome for 58th District games against the Betsy Layne teams on Friday night.

The Floyd Central squads remain the front-runners in 58th District boys' and girls' basketball.

The Floyd Central girls' team is 10-5 overall and 2-0 in the district. The Lady Jaguars have already swept Prestonsburg in a two-game district series.

The Floyd Central girls' team has notched non-district wins over Magoffin County, Piarist School, Sheldon Clark, June Buchanan, Grundy (Va.), Somerset, Frederick Douglas and Ballard. The Lady Jaguars have dropped non-district games to Shelby Valley, Cooper, Scott, Paul Laurence Dunbar and Nicholas County.

The Betsy Layne girls' team is 5-9 overall and 1-2 in the district. The Lady Bobcats have already split a two-game district series with Lawrence County and knocked off Prestonsburg.

The Betsy Layne girls' team has claimed non-district wins over Letcher Central, Sheldon Clark, Phelps and Model. The Lady Bobcats have dropped non-district games to Paintsville, Pike Central, East Ridge, Ashland Blazer, Lexington Catholic, Leslie County and Knox Central.

Tipoff for the Floyd Central-Betsy Layne girls' basketball game is set for 6:00 p.m.

The Betsy Layne boys' team is 7-8 overall and 2-1 in the district. The Bobcats have already split a two-game district series with newcomer Lawrence County. On Tuesday night, Betsy Layne battled back to beat host Prestonsburg 50-46 for its other district win.

The Bobcats have notched non-district wins over Phelps, Magoffin

County, East Ridge, Jackson City and Boyd-Buchanan (Tenn.). The Betsy Layne boys' team has dropped non-district games to Pike Central, Shelby Valley, Letcher Central, Kentucky Country Day, Johnson Central, Jackson County and Paintsville.

The Floyd Central boys' team is 9-6 overall and 2-0 in the district. The Jaguars have already swept a two-game district series with Prestonsburg.

The Floyd Central boys' team has posted non-district wins over Magoffin County, Perry County Central, Fleming County, Leslie County, Clay County, Letcher County Central and Knott County Central. The Jaguars have dropped non-district games to Knox Central, Chapmanville (W.Va.), Madison Central, Skills Factory (Ga.), University Heights and Prestonsburg.

Tipoff for the Floyd Central-Betsy Layne boys' basketball game is set for 7:30 p.m..



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
Betsy Layne's Jordan Frazier brings the ball down the court against Prestonsburg Tuesday evening.



ABOVE: Betsy Layne's Megan Frazier puts up a runner in the lane against Prestonsburg Tuesday night. The Lady Bobcats picked up a 62-55 win over the Lady Blackcats in 58th District action.



RIGHT: Betsy Layne's Lauryn Watkins brings the ball down the court against Prestonsburg Tuesday night.

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BOBCATS

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tonsborg dropped to 5-11 overall and 0-3 in the district.

Betsy Layne shot 34.1 percent (14 of 41) from the field. The Bobcats were four of 13 (30.8 percent) from three-point range.

Betsy Layne won despite shooting only 38.1 percent (eight of 21) from the free-throw line.

Active near the backboards, Betsy Layne grabbed 34 total rebounds.

Three different Betsy Layne players reached double figures in the scoring column as the visiting team claimed the district victory.

Grant Orsborn paced Betsy Layne with a game-high 16 points.

Byron Hammond delivered a double-double for the Bobcats, scoring 12 points and pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds.

Accompanying Orsborn and Hammond in double figures, Zach Bentley netted 10 points.

A pair of Bobcats provided heroics late in the game, one from beyond the arc and another at the free throw line.

With Betsy Layne facing a one-point deficit, Bentley connected on a 3-point field goal to put the Bobcats ahead 48-46.

After being fouled, with 8 seconds remaining, Orsborn drained two free throws to set the final score.

Morris Adkins (five points), Jordan Frazier (five points), Michael McKinney (one point) and Nathaniel Mims (one point) provided additional scoring for the Bobcats.

Adkins ranked as Betsy Layne's second-leading rebounder, grabbing seven rebounds.

Prestonsburg didn't feature any scorers in double figures. Narrow-

ly missing double figures, Phil Cornett paced the Blackcats with nine points.

Adam Slone added eight points, finishing directly behind Cornett in the Prestonsburg scoring column.

Gunnar Williams, Drake Nunnery and Dalton Trusty chipped in six points apiece as the Blackcats faltered late.

Austin Endicott (five points), Grant Justice (four points) and Graham Burchett (two points) rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring.

The Blackcats shot 70 percent (14-of-20) from the free throw line.

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on the road in Louisa on Friday night.

Fresh off an emotional outing and a near-win against 58th District foe Floyd Central, Prestonsburg failed to carry any momentum into the contest against Betsy Layne.

In its latest outing, Betsy Layne shot 38.2 percent (26 of 68) from the field. The Lady Bobcats were two of six from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 61.5 percent (eight of 13) from the free-throw line.

The Lady Bobcats dominated inside, pulling down 56 total rebounds.

Megan Frazier led Betsy Layne to the district win, scoring a game-high 27 points. Frazier, who also pulled down nine rebounds, connected on 12 field

goals in the Lady Bobcats' victory.

Destiny Compton scored the 1,000th point of her career and recorded a double-double during Betsy Layne's winning effort. The productive Compton added 17 points and a game-high 17 rebounds for the Lady Bobcats.

Caroline Ariaz and Lauryn Watkins chipped in six points apiece as Betsy Layne notched the district win. Ariaz also grabbed nine rebounds.

Alexandria Jarvis and Amelia Blackburn rounded out the Betsy Layne individual scoring, posting four points and two points, respectively.

Betsy Layne owned multiple double digits in the district matchup.

Still, Prestonsburg contended for the district victory, especially late in the contest.

A trio of Lady Black-

cats reached double figures in the scoring column. Reesce Endicott paced Prestonsburg with a team-high 16 points.

Alivia Slone scored 14 points and Alison Campbell contributed 11 points for the Lady Blackcats in the loss.

Nicole Burchett netted eight points and Celena Mullins posted five points for the Lady Blackcats.

Faith Lazar and Maddy Rainey rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, chipping in two points apiece.

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