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By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Allen officials decided the city will not change its form of government after all, and the discussion prompted two commissioners to walk out of the meeting.

On Jan. 8, the Allen City Commission discussed changing to a city manager form of government and hiring former city clerk Bill Parsons, a first cousin of Commissioner Elmer "Fudd" Parsons, as city manager.

During a special meeting on Jan. 18, however, Mayor Sharon Woods suggested hiring him instead, as an assistant clerk.

"There will be no hiring of a new city manager," she said. "If everybody agrees, and so forth, he will be assistant clerk. He'll be helping Krystal (City Clerk Krystal Spurlock), and his name is Bill Parsons, and he knows the operations of city hall. He worked it

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Fiscal court to seek bids on scanner for jail

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Detention Center is planning to start using low-dose radiation scanners to x-ray inmates.

On Jan. 19, the Floyd County Fiscal Court voted unanimously to beginning the bidding process and pursue financing to buy a specialized scanner for the jail — a piece

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Magistrate Randy Davis, right, talks to Judge-Executive Ben Hale, left, about the need for more snow plows and salt spreaders at a Jan. 19 meeting. County Attorney Keith Bartley, center, and Magistrate John Goble are also pictured.

Floyd schools estimated to lose more with proposed state budget

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Officials are anticipating an increase in the estimated loss of funds the Floyd County School District could face if Gov. Matt Bevin's budget proposal is approved.

Last week, district Finance Director Matt Wireman told the Floyd County Chronicle and Times that Bevin's proposed elimination of 70 programs, budget reductions and increased expenses could cost the district \$2.1 million in all of its funds.

On Jan. 19, howev-

er, Wireman reported his initial calculations included percentages that had been reported by media outlets and, after reviewing the proposed budget more closely, he determined that the district will lose more than \$2.8 million if it is enacted.

Bevin's budget proposal kept the per-student guaranteed base funding in SEEK at \$3,981 per student, but it proposed cuts in transportation funding allotted as part of the SEEK formula. Last week, Wireman estimated a loss of \$355,000 in

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Official: Gov. Bevin fighting problem that doesn't exist with Medicaid

By JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

It has been more than one week since Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin announced that the commonwealth received a waiver to experiment with changes to the state's Medicaid services, which includes requiring recipients to work or complete community service to receive health-care benefits. An official with local ties to Eastern Kentucky said Bevin is fighting a problem that does not exist.

In July 2016, Bevin's administration requested the waiver from the federal government to experiment with Medicaid services, which was approved Friday, Jan. 12, 2018. His proposal, modified in 2017, requires Medicaid recipients to be employed, volunteer or be enrolled in job training, all of which must be documented.

Eastern Kentucky native Cara Stewart, health law fellow

for the Kentucky Equal Justice Center, said her job requires protecting low-income Kentuckians. She said she does not doubt that lots of Kentuckians will be uninsured in the near future, as a result of Bevin's changes.

"It creates a tremendous bureaucracy," said Stewart. "It's asking the state to build a larger check infrastructure than Kynect — I can't think of anything this big — and creates a trading and monitoring system for 1.3 million Kentuckians and, asks for those people to make constant, ongoing reports to the state about the status of their families, and the number of hours they are working per week."

Stewart said the majority of Medicaid recipients in Kentucky are employed, with the overwhelming majority of Kentucky recipients either currently employed, full-time students, primary caregivers, children or

disabled citizens.

"The biggest possible percent could be around 2 percent, but there are studies that show that it's 1.3 to 1.5 percent of people with Medicaid who don't fall into one of those categories," she said.

According to Stewart, the governor's office has stated that it believes around 264,000 Kentuckians will fall under non-compliance status within the first couple of months of the change.

"That's a pretty terrifying number to me because, that means so many hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians will be uninsured," she said.

The work requirement is not the only change Bevin imposed, Stewart said charging Medicaid recipients premiums will cause people to "fall off of the program." She said people with no income will be charged \$1, which the state has to collect.

"Arkansas stopped charging that \$1 for people under the poverty line because it costed too much (for the state to collect)," said Stewart. "So, it's interesting that Kentucky, knowing that it costs so much to charge people with no income \$1, is still willing to do that. It seems like a great waste of state resources."

Bevin is trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist, Stewart said.

"Gov. Bevin is desperately searching for a problem, based on a philosophical belief, that he doesn't have any data to support," she said. "He's desperate to find these people that have Medicaid and aren't working, but are able to, and I have been looking for them too, but I haven't found them."

Stewart agreed that there is a stigma around Medicaid, in which people that don't work want to take advantage of the government in some way. She

said this is a common misconception about Medicaid and its recipients.

"Of course there is. But you can't live off of Medicaid," she said. "Medicaid pays the doctor to see you when you're sick. It pays the doctor to see you once per year when you're not sick. Medicaid doesn't pay your heat bill, it doesn't pay your rent ... you can't live off of Medicaid."

Stewart said she is looking at all possible remedies to protect the 1.3 million Kentuckians affected by the Medicaid changes. She said starting as soon as April, Medicaid recipients will have to "jump through a lot of hoops" to keep their benefits. She encourages people to have open and ongoing discussions about the experiment so that people can become informed and inform others.

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of equipment that's expected to cost more than \$180,000.

The Pike County Fiscal Court recently also took that step, and Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert reported this week that the equipment will be funded by the jail's commissary fund.

"We're definitely excited about it, and hopefully everything goes through and we get it in here pretty quick," he said.

Halbert told fiscal court members that he has been working with Romaine Companies on the proposed purchase, the same company that recently sold a scanner to Pike County. That company exhibited its full body scanner during the annual Kentucky Association of Counties Conference.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale said some county judges at that event were "disappointed" and "dissatisfied" with the body scanners they had purchased, and Halbert said that some counties financed their purchase through KACo, and that organization selects the lowest bid for scanners that aren't working well in some jails.

He said he wants a specialized scanner with features that are only offered from that company.

County Attorney Keith Bartley pointed out that bidding laws allow purchases of the "lowest and best" bid.

"You don't have to take the lowest bid from somebody that's got an inferior product," he said.

He suggested bidding the specifications to match the jail's needs.

Halbert said on Monday that he plans to meet with a representative from Romaine Companies at the jail this week.

That company, located in Hopkinsville, sells bulk cleaning items, floor equipment, mattress and luggage scanners as well as body scanners. The Compass DV Dual View full body security screening system it offers is manufactured by another company that has a location in Florida.

It uses low-dose ra-

diation to offer a "seven second scan" that can detect weapons, narcotics, electronic devices and other objects that can be swallowed or inserted in body cavities and brought into jail.

Halbert said he wants a dual unit, which scans the stomach cavity, to catch inmates who put drugs or other items in balloons or gloves and swallow it so they can access it in the jail. Hale and Bartley talked about the dangers of that problem — inmates overdosing or selling drugs while in jail.

"And it's more than just drugs," Bartley said. "You can find anything in a body cavity. Over the years, I've seen everything from weapons to cell phones in body cavities."

Halbert reported that a female inmate inserted crystal meth into a body cavity several years ago and she needed emergency medical care.

"We have had one case of it actually, the glove actually tearing in a female," Halbert said. "With just a quick response and help from everybody, she made it through."

Halbert said this week that he believes Kentucky will eventually move to mandate X-ray scanners in jails because more inmates are sneaking contraband into these facilities via body cavities.

That accounts for between 95 and 98 percent of the contraband that is found inside the jail, he said.

"When we believe someone may have contraband, we have to call Southern Health Partners and they call somebody to come out," he said. That process is supposed to take two hours, but it sometimes takes longer, he said.

He believes the scanner will keep people from trying to bring contraband into the jail, which could save lives and save the jail money in the long run. It costs \$75 each time Southern Health is called to provide cavity services, he said, and the equipment may also be helpful if an inmate is injured and needs an x-ray.

In other news, the fiscal court also:

- Paid \$538,300 in bills, with \$372,900 going toward general fund expenses, \$108,700 going toward road department expenses, \$41,000 going toward the jail, \$13,000 going toward E911 and \$2,700 going toward Local Government Economic Assistance projects.

- Approved paying \$75,000 to BOCA Enterprises, \$3,000 to the Big Sandy Area Development District and \$2,000 to Summit Engineering for the third phase of the Harold Sewer project.

- Agreed to repair and/or purchase snow plows and salt feeders so that every magisterial district has three operating snow plow trucks operating in their district. The request was made by Magistrate Randy Davis, who said he only had two trucks running during the recent snow storm, which caused problems with road clearing during the recent snow. He and others also mentioned problems of having to wait in line at the state highway garage to pick up salt—saying that officials there allow state vehicles and state contractors to fill up first, leaving them waiting in line.

- Adopted official holidays for county employees, following the state's official holidays calendar.

- Authorized payment of \$25,000 in the Alcoholic Beverage Control Tax to the Floyd County Sheriff.

- Authorized a resolution transferring \$33,000 designated for emergency supplies for the now-closed Left Beaver Ambulance to Trans Star Ambulance, a private company that is now the only operating ambulance company in the county.

- Hired Samantha Mullins as a part time guard at the jail, and Justin Jackson and Justin Isaac as full time guards.

- Learned that an autism training for first responders will be held March 12 and March 13 at the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad. The training is open to firefighters, police, emergency medical and others who work with autistic children. For details, call (606) 886-2788, ext. 242.

AG sues pharmaceutical distributor

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STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear announced Monday his office has filed a lawsuit against McKesson Corporation, one of the nation's largest drug distributors, alleging the company flooded opioids into the state, fueling the opioid epidemic.

The lawsuit, filed in Franklin Circuit Court, alleges the company violated state law, "directly contributing to the state's opioid epidemic by flooding our communities with massive levels of drugs," Beshear said in a press conference Monday.

The lawsuit alleges that McKesson used unfair, deceptive and misleading business practices to allow "grossly excessive amounts" of opioids to be distributed in Kentucky.

The opioid epidemic, Beshear said, did not "just happen."

"It was fueled by pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors that knowingly and intentionally put their own profits over the lives of our people," he said.

McKesson, Beshear alleged, knew the shipments the company was making to Kentucky were excessive, but did not notify any agency of the large amounts contained in those shipments.

Particularly hit hard in the opioid epidemic, Beshear said, was Eastern Kentucky.

"(From Jan. 2010 through Dec. 2016), McKesson distributed 11,871,017 doses of oxycodone and generic hydrocodone in Floyd County alone," Beshear said. "Floyd County's population is 38,638 people. That means McKesson distributed 477 opioids to every single man, woman and child, just in Floyd County. It's no wonder that that county is dealing with massive levels of addiction, not to mention starting to detect opioids in their water system."

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale said in a press release from Beshear's

office that he is happy to see the lawsuit be filed.

"The opioid addiction problem we suffer from is in part a direct result of the massive supply of these drugs being funneled into our communities," Hale said. "For these companies to continue to sit back with absolutely no regard for the impacts their drugs are having on our families is infuriating. For their corporate profits to rank as a higher priority than human life is the most unforgivable motive. We are losing a generation; grandparents are raising babies; our jails are busting at the seams, and every level of local government is affected by this terrible epidemic. Before we can allow rehabilitation and recovery to have far-reaching, positive impacts, we have to stop the bleeding of this supply."

McKesson was not unaware of the impacts of its actions, Beshear said.

"Our lawsuit alleges they knew exactly what they were doing," he said. "They knew they were flooding these communities with dangerous and addictive drugs and we've paid the price."

Beshear also pointed to a second growing epidemic, an HIV and Hepatitis C outbreak. He said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention identified 220 counties across the country at the greatest risk for outbreaks of those diseases, including 54 counties in Kentucky.

Several counties, including Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Letcher, are on that list of counties at risk for the outbreaks.

Beshear said the "With all the damages they have caused to our communities, it is my responsibility as attorney general to drag them into a Kentucky court and make them answer to our families — make them look our families that have lost a loved one in the eye and explain to them why profits were more important than that lost loved one," Beshear said.

From 2012 to 2015, a total of 261 Kentuckians died from opioid overdoses just in Floyd, Perry, Clay, Owsley and Bell counties, according to a statement from Beshear's office.

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for years.”

Commissioner Eilene Kinzer asked, “So, we’re creating a position? Is that what the proposal is?”

“It will be a new position, assistant, to get everything up to date,” Mayor Woods told her.

She was talking about financial reports that the city has failed to file with the state since 2010, an issue that caused the state to withhold more than \$28,000 in road aid. The city hired a certified public accountant to do the work, but he quit, citing a lack of documentation for his inability to complete the work.

Kinzer said state officials told her the city clerk can fill out the paperwork, and she made a motion that the city join the Kentucky Municipal Clerk’s Association, which offers a mentorship program that can train Spurlock on day-to-day operations and financial reporting requirements. She agreed to donate \$40 for the membership.

Commissioners unanimously approved the partnership, and the discussion of hiring Parsons resurfaced again, but Kinzer questioned whether a new position is necessary.

“So, do we need an assistant clerk if the Kentucky Municipal Clerk’s Association can help us do what we need to do?” she asked. “Yes. Until we get everything up and running right, he knows more—” Mayor Woods said.

Kinzer asked whether the city can fund the position, and City Attorney Beth Shortridge said the budget needs to be amended.

Commissioner Josh Kinzer said an assistant clerk’s position also seems “kind of redundant” and voiced concerns about creating a position “if we’re not sure how much the city brings in each month and we’re not even sure how much the city has on-hand.”

A motion was approved at the last meet-

ing to approve monthly financial reports, detailing city bank account balances and revenues and expenditures in each department, but the report was not available on Jan. 18.

When Josh Kinzer asked what the new assistant clerk would earn, Mayor Woods said, “He said we would discuss that once the position is available. We won’t go ahead, I do not just openly commit to something unless we have it in black-and-white.”

Josh Kinzer said that’s another concern he has.

“I guess, too, that’s one of my concerns,” he said. “And I’m not questioning Mr. Parsons’ ability or anything like that, but I do think we need to open it up to all kinds of applicants and do it the right way. He may ultimately prove to be the best guy for the job, but—”

Mayor Woods sought a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Clyde Woods did so. Then he asked, “Did you hire Bill yet?”

“No,” Mayor Woods said, as Shortridge explained that the budget needs to be amended.

“How long are we talking here, another month? July, August, September, October?” Commissioner Elmer Parsons asked. Shortridge explained the process and Mayor Woods said they’d accept applications for one week.

“But will we get a good pool of applicants if we’re only opening the job application for one week? Wouldn’t we want to have it for a longer period of time?” Eilene Kinzer asked.

“This is bullsh*t,” Clyde Woods said to Parsons. He asked the commission, “How come we can’t hire him tonight?”

“Because it’s not in your budget for that position,” Shortridge told him. “You’re creating a new position.”

“When do you make a new budget?” he asked.

Mayor Woods explained the process and Eilene Kinzer explained that it’s necessary to know how much the city will pay the assis-

tant clerk. Mayor Woods said she would call Bill Parsons the following day.

“So, the applicant shouldn’t be making the decision. We should be making the decision of how much we’ll be paying him,” Eilene Kinzer told her.

“Well, I will ask him what he will take,” Mayor Woods said.

“Well, he is not, for sure, the applicant, right? We have a whole applicant pool that we need to review?” Eilene Kinzer said.

Josh Kinzer, an attorney, pointed out that city can’t legally hire an employee without accepting applications.

Mayor Woods said, again, the city will advertise the position for one week and Eilene Kinzer suggested, again, accepting applications for a longer period of time.

She asked about the salary for the position and Josh Kinzer suggested that the assistant clerk should not make more than the current clerk.

“You all can call me when you get something done. I’m out of here,” Elmer Parsons said as he and Clyde Woods walked out of city hall.

Mayor Woods asked for a motion to adjourn. Walking about the room, Clyde Woods said he made the motion and he said Elmer Parsons seconded it.

“If you stay here and I can be the breaker, we’ll adjourn,” Mayor Woods told them, but they did not respond.

Eilene Kinzer said the commission still needed to discuss the appointment of department heads, which was tabled from the last meeting and is required to be done in January.

“Well, we’re not moving forward,” Mayor Woods said.

“But you have a quorum. You have to move forward,” Shortridge told her.

They voted to appoint Eilene Kinzer and Mayor Woods over general services, Josh Kinzer and Mayor Woods over public works, and Clyde Woods and Elmer Parsons over public safety.

Community calendar

- Jan. 25; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- Jan. 25; 8:30 a.m.: Double Kwik will be accepting applications at the Floyd County Library, Prestonsburg, for its new location
- Jan. 30; 5:30 p.m.: Charlie & the Chocolate Factory Celebration, Prestonsburg library.
- Jan. 30; 10:50 a.m.: Kentucky Chatauqua Rachel Lee Rogers to portray Jean Ritchie in the Gearheart Auditorium, Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College. Admission is free.
- Jan. 30; 5:30 p.m.: Floyd County Extension Office to host Basics of Home Vegetable Garden, session. (606) 886-2668
- Jan. 25; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism Commission meets, fiscal courtroom.
- Jan. 30; 7:30 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, The Brickhouse. (606) 886-1341
- Feb. 2; 6:30 p.m.: “Love Sweet Love” benefit concert, Gearheart Auditorium at Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College, features Marlana Vanhoose, Big Sandy Singers, the Sons of FM and others. Proceeds benefit children services of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
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- Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.: Lane of Roses Women’s Bible Study meets at City Perk, Prestonsburg. ayngleastevens.laneofroses@gmail.com or (606) 367-2970
- Every Monday; 3:30 p.m., through May 7: Mommy and Me Sewing Class, Prestonsburg Library.
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- Registrations accepted for 2018 Kentucky State Parks Family Adventure Quest, a digital photo scavenger hunt that requires travel to various state parks. Prizes offered for those who complete at least 10 quests by Dec. 2018. parks.ky.gov

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transportation funds in Floyd County under that proposal, but his revised calculations increased that amount of loss to more than \$1 million in that category.

In Bevin’s proposal, the state eliminates the professional development fund, which provides nearly \$80,000 in Floyd County, the textbooks fund, which provides \$147,000 in Floyd County, and the community education fund, which gives the district \$20,000, and those proposed cuts, combined with the SEEK transportation funding cuts, would gut by the district’s budget by more than \$1.3 million, Wireman reported.

He also estimated

increases in expenses the district could face for the district’s share of employee retirement and health insurance at about \$1.5 million — for a collective total loss of more than \$2.8 million if Bevin’s proposal is enacted.

These cuts come in addition to budget reductions the district is already facing.

On Jan. 19, Donna E. Duncan, director of the Kentucky Department of Education’s Division of District Support Office of Finance and Operations, sent a letter to all school district finance officers, including Wireman.

The letter explained that Bevin signed an executive order on Dec. 28, mandating budget reductions in order to prevent a projected \$158 million deficit in the state budget. That order reduced the KDE budget by nearly \$21 million, Duncan reported.

She explained that the budget reduction is less than originally proposed in September 2017, but it will still cause funding losses for districts.

“Remember, the governor’s proposed budget is a starting point for lawmakers,” the letter states. “We anticipate three will be many changes as the result of bills filed in the House and Senate, and negotiations in conference committee.”

Wireman did not provide details about how that immediate budget cut impacts the district prior to print deadline, and he did not publicly present his findings on the proposed budget cuts to the Floyd

County Board of Education. Concern about the proposed cuts and reductions, however, were mentioned several times during the board’s Jan. 22 meeting.

Board of Education Chair Sherry Robinson said she and interim Superintendent Steve Trimble would travel to Frankfort next week in an attempt to lessen the blow. She told meeting attendees that she, Wireman and Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble are “keeping a close eye” on the proposal.

“I just want to reassure and reiterate about the governor’s budget proposal,” she said. “I just want you all to know that we are on top of it, Matt, myself, Mr. Trimble. We’re watching it very closely. We have talked many times about it, many times. Next week, Mr. Trimble will be going to Frankfort about it also. So, I just want you to know that we are watching it. We care. We’re keeping a close eye on it and we’re trying to make sure that, hopefully, he won’t get away with what he wants to do.”

The board approved the 2019 draft working budget without discussion. The draft budget, which does not include all state and federal funding the district will receive, details about \$52.3 million in general fund revenues and expenses. As the first of a multi-step budgeting process, this draft doesn’t include any proposed reductions or increases. It only rolls over funding levels appropriated in the current budget.

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EDITORIAL:

Be optimistic, but cautious

RCC Big Shoal project's history in Pike County cause for concern in Floyd

In 2014, to much fanfare, it was announced that the Pike County Fiscal Court had secured a deal with a new company, RCC Big Shoal, to construct a facility intended to convert natural gas into other products. After the fiscal court agreed to direct \$400,000 to the company for startup and planning costs, the excitement about the opportunities the facility would offer was great.

But for nearly three years, Pike County officials heard very little from the company, despite requirements that the company stay in constant communication to inform county officials how they were spending the \$400,000.

During that time, no progress was seen at the site where the facility was to be constructed.

In fact, the communication was almost nil, until, that is, it was learned that the company had decided unilaterally to move the facility to Floyd County.

We're glad to hear from our officials here, where the company has received \$100,000 in funding provided by Kentucky Power, that there is optimism about the project in its current state.

If RCC Big Shoal is built and the promises are kept, then we will obviously be happy, with both jobs and innovation coming to the community.

But, at the same time,

we would caution our elected officials and others to keep a close eye on the project, stay in constant communication with the company's leaders and to limit how much taxpayer investment goes into the project until some real progress is seen and the leaders here can realistically be assured the project will not move elsewhere.

Perhaps everything the company has said is true, and the Pike County project location just wouldn't work. Why, then, are there all the questions remaining unanswered about the money taken from Pike County? What is the payback plan? Why, then, did Pike County officials not learn until

it was publicly announced that the project was moving to Floyd County?

Government funding of economic development projects has always been both a risky and controversial proposal. After all, what we're essentially doing is investing tax dollars in a constantly-changing free market.

Because of the risk, several measures have been undertaken over the years to reduce the chances of a particular community or municipality of losing out because of a market change or other uncontrollable force.

Among those are tying economic development funds to requirements that the company receiving the funds employ a certain num-

ber of people, and giving the development funding only in tax breaks which only go into effect should the company actually open.

That's not the way the Pike County funding came about.

Ultimately, the money that Pike County gave could end up being an investment from which both we in Floyd County and people in Pike County benefit. And if that is the case, the investment was worthwhile.

However, because of RCC Big Shoal's history, caution should be the operational standard and a strong eye toward protection of the taxpayers should be the main focus.

LETTER:

Turner: Thank you to our road crews

The winter of 2018 has gotten off to a memorable start. Rain and snow, compounded with the freezing temperatures, caused hazardous roads in most communities, including Floyd, Harlan, Knott and Letcher counties. However, the road departments — as

always — performed with a high level of professionalism and dedication. We cannot thank the state, county and city road departments enough for doing such an excellent job of salting, scraping and, just generally, attempting to keep the roads and highways

free of ice and snow. The road crews never hesitate to go out in the cold of night or to work around the clock if that is what is necessary to keep the roads as clear and safe as possible. They work many long hours in the cold to ensure that our roads drivable.

Despite our gratitude, most of us take for granted the job they do. Without the salt truck running all hours of the day and night and the workers diligently trying to keep ahead of the snow by keeping the roads and highways scraped, our travel would be much

more restricted and a lot less safe.

I do not share my appreciation often enough with the road departments so I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for their hard work and dedication. I encourage other citizens also to thank

these workers for making our lives easier and for doing such an outstanding job. Without them, residents would have felt more repercussions from the last week's inclement weather conditions. We are also fortunate in knowing that they will be right back out there going over and above their job duties when the next winter storm blasts through. Thank you to each of them.

Sincerely,
Johnny Ray
Turner,
State Senator

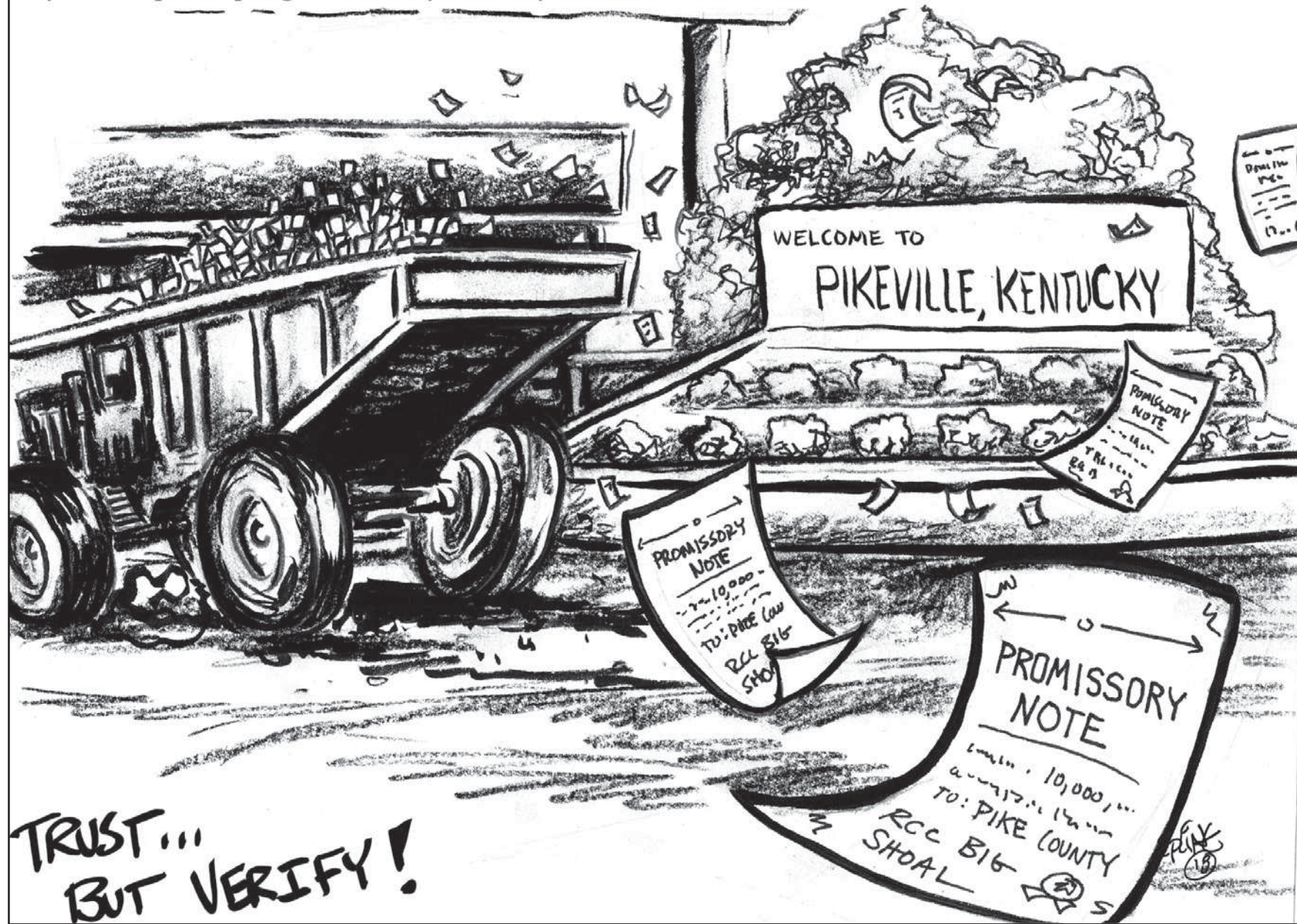
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Gilbert Boyd
Gilbert Roland Boyd, 83, of Dayton, Ohio, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Emma Collins
Emma Deloris Collins, 65, of Langley, died Fri-

day, Jan. 19, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

"Jim" Hall
Vernon "Jim" Hall, 96, of McDowell, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of

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Turlan Howell
Turlan Eugene Howell, 61, of Bevinsville, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

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Patty Ruth Turner Meade, 87, of McDowell, died Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

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Robert Tackett
Robert Louis Tackett, 76, of Stanville, died Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Federal filing links group that targeted Coal Run store in 2015 to NC robberies

By CHASE ELLIS
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — Court documents filed in the Western District of North Carolina have helped piece together a lengthy history of robberies and thefts for at least two of the individuals alleged to have committed a 2015 jewelry store theft in Coal Run.

Gregory Brian Gobble, 37, of Thomasville, North Carolina, was indicted in Pike County in December for a 2015 theft of jewelry from Hefner's Jewelry in Coal Run. Gobble was indicted by a Pike grand jury along with co-defendants Jeramie L. McSweeney, 38, Leslie Ruth Niehaus, 28, and Jessica Dawn Greer, now Jessica McSweeney, 29, all of Lenoir, North Carolina, on charges including theft.

Now, filings unsealed in the West District of North Carolina show that, on that same day, Gobble was entering a plea agreement to federal charges of interfering with commerce by threat or violence. As part of the plea agreement U.S. Attorney R. Andrew Murray filed a factual basis finding in the case, which Gobble's attorney agreed that Gobble did not dispute.

In the filing, the details of the groups string of robberies mirrors the details of the 2015 Coal Run robbery. Gobble was first connected to the Coal Run robbery through a blood and DNA sample which was returned in December 2016. Pike Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley said, at the time, the blood and DNA sample was left behind after Gobble performed

the "smash-and-grab" theft in June 2015 in Coal Run.

"Somebody entered the Hefner's Jewelry (that day) store in the Coal Run plaza wearing a motorcycle helmet, a jacket and gloves so their identity was concealed," Bartley said.

Gobble, police said, smashed a display case before fleeing the store on foot, with several pieces of jewelry, before fleeing the area on a motorcycle. The two women were seen on surveillance footage inside of the store the evening before the theft occurred. Video evidence and witness statements led Coal Run Police Chief Jason Ray to the Brookshire Inn in Pikeville where the women had spent the night before the theft.

According to the court filing, those robberies to which Gobble has been connected to first included a March 2015 robbery in Hickory, North Carolina, located northwest of Charlotte. That day, a male, wearing a motorcycle helmet, black jacket, blue jeans and black gloves used a hammer to break a display case of Bisanar Company jewelry store. He then grabbed several rings and fled the store using a "crotch rocket" to flee with 51 rings totaled at more than \$145,000. Investigation revealed a woman had visited the store three days prior and photographed many of the rings that Gobble would later admit to stealing.

On March 30, 2015, North Carolina Highway Patrol stopped a vehicle in which Greer was driving and McSweeney was a passenger. Troopers located 15 rings hid-

den in a rubber glove in the vehicle, most of which were determined to have been taken from Bisanar. A confidential informant identified the woman who was photographed the rings prior to the robbery as a girlfriend of Gobble's. The confidential informant told law enforcement that Gobble and his girlfriend worked with McSweeney and Greer "doing robberies together."

The Hefner's Jewelry theft occurred in June 2015. According to Gobble's filing, the group was back in Highlands, North Carolina, located just north of the northeast Georgia and western North Carolina state lines by July.

On July 2, 2015, a male, wearing a motorcycle helmet, dark long-sleeve shirt, long pants and carrying a black bag, entered the Gold-N-Clipper Inc. in Highlands. An employee approached the man, who said he did not need assistance, but the employee was again alerted quickly after when the display case was shattered.

The male then fled to a motorcycle, which failed to start, before fleeing on foot into a nearby wooded area. A witness watched the male flee and saw the male as the a passenger riding in a Mazda pickup truck. A "citizen" began following the truck until it wrecked and two males exited the vehicle and fled. Highlands Police Department was alerted to complaints from a local golf course that a male with "cuts, bruised and dirty clothes" was trying to hail a taxi. That male was identified as McSweeney.

Officers seized a hammer, motorcycle helmet and dark

shirt from the truck, as well as a billfold with Gobble's license and a prescription bottle with Gobble's name. Two rings valued at more than \$175,000 were taken in the robbery.

In May 2016, Gregory's Jewelers in Morganton, North Carolina, located approximately 40 miles from the Tennessee and North Carolina state line in northwest North Carolina, was also robbed. Two subjects entered the store wearing motorcycle helmets, masks and gloves and smashed the front two jewelry cases and began emptying contents into duffel bags. According to the filing, the two men told employees "not to be stupid and try anything" and one placed his hand on his back pack saying "y'all have insurance, it's not worth it."

Both subjects fled on a motorcycle with a total of more than \$165,000 in jewelry. Workers clearing a building behind the store days later located a second motorcycle and police found a latent print matching Gobble on a helmet on that motorcycle.

On Aug. 26, 2016 Gobble was detained on a South Carolina warrant and admitted to his involvement in the robberies in Highlands and Hickory. Gobble was then interviewed by a detective in North Carolina and submitted to a blood sample. According to Bartley, Gobble told the detective when the sample was obtained that "his DNA would probably come up in Kentucky" because he had been cut during a jewelry store theft.

Federal filing through the North Carolina Court of Ap-

peals show Jeramie McSweeney has held a connection to "smash-and-grab thefts and robberies at jewelry stores for almost two decades.

In April 2007, McSweeney was found guilty of aiding and abetting larceny in Forsyth County (N.C.) Superior Court. He also admitted status as an "habitual felon," during that case. He was to be sentenced to between 151 and 191 months in prison.

McSweeney was found guilty of an August 2005 theft from a jewelry store in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, after he entered the store "to review engagement rings." A second man who came to inspect a ring McSweeney had employees hold until the "inspector" came, took the ring and fled the store. As part of his habitual felon status, the court relied, in part, on a 1998 felony larceny conviction, showing McSweeney has been involved in larcenies, thefts and robberies since before the turn of the new millennium. The Court of Appeals ruled there was no error and he was to be sentenced.

Gobble entered into his plea agreement in federal court at a plea hearing on Dec. 22. His plea was accepted and he is currently being held awaiting sentencing.

McSweeney, Greer and Niehaus each made their appearances at arraignment in Pike Circuit Court this week on their single felony charge of theft. They each pleaded not guilty and their release from custody was secured through bond payments.



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than they did last year. Rates for all other classes of customers also will be lower than the amounts requested by Kentucky Power," the PSC said in the press release.

It reported that average residential bills will be reduced by about four percent.

Kentucky Power initially sought \$60 million; only \$12.35 million approved

Kentucky Power's request had strong opposition from its start.

Andrew Melnykovich, director of communications for the PSC, said the agency received more than 500 comments and hundreds of phone calls from the public.

"That is an unusually large number of comments—I have been here nearly 16 years and I have not seen that many for a single case before," he said in an email.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale told fiscal court members a day after the rulings were issued, that the public comments worked.

"We asked for public comments and we got those public comments here, one of three places that they did them... and it seemed to have worked," he said, explaining that Kentucky Power did not get the 16 percent increase it initially sought. "That commentary helped because that PSC commission was there listening to the comments about what was going on."

Kentucky Power filed a rate review request with the PSC last year, seeking more than \$60 million in additional revenue. The company refinanced some debt and lowered the amount of revenues it sought, then secured a settlement agreement with some of the impacted parties.

In that settlement, Kentucky Power agreed to lower its revenue request to \$31.8 million, which would have increased residential rates by nine percent and commercial customer rates by between three and seven percent.

The PSC reduced the settlement proposal even further, allowing Kentucky Power to receive \$12.35 million in additional funds, an increase of about 3.5 percent. That reduction was made possible, the PSC said, because of the federal corporate income tax rate cuts that went into effect on Jan. 1.

Prior to the ruling, Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear, one of two parties that opposed the

settlement, joined officials in several states who asked the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reduce public utility rates to compensate for savings they'll receive from the tax cut.

Kentucky legislators, including Rep. Larry Brown, R-Prestonsburg, Rep. Chris Fugate, R-Chavies and Rep. John Blanton, R-Salyersville, also asked the PSC to expedite the review of the tax cuts to determine how those savings could be passed on to customers.

Most demand side management programs eliminated: Customers to get credit

The PSC discontinued nearly all of Kentucky Power's demand side management programs, authorizing only those that help low-income residents reduce energy consumption.

The PSC opened that case last year because of a one-year, 2,000 percent increase in the demand-side management rates that Kentucky Power customers pay, "in light of the worsening economic conditions in its service territory." It reported that Kentucky Power customers paid 51 cents for demand side management in 2016, and the amount increased to \$10.61 in 2017.

With the order, Kentucky Power's spending on demand-side management will decrease from around \$6 million annually to \$2 million in 2018 and continue to decline in later years. Demand side management charges will decrease about \$12 for residential customers, the PSC reported.

In the ruling, the PSC said the "continuation of high levels of spending" on the demand-side management program could not be justified. It required Kentucky Power to provide a monthly credit of \$1.48 to customers for demand-side management charges it has already collected.

Kentucky Power sought to change its bill format to eliminate detailed lists of surcharges and riders that customers pay, but the PSC rejected that request, ordering the company to provide line-item details of those charges.

The PSC issued an order on Jan. 22, agreeing to host an informal conference on Tuesday, Jan. 23, in the case. Kentucky Power requested the conference, in regards to the calculations that yielded the adjustments imposed by the PSC on the company's revenue requirements.

Customers won't have to pay for Kentucky Power's economic development pro-

grams

The PSC also eliminated monthly charges that customers pay for the economic development efforts of Kentucky Power and reallocated those contributions to programs that help low-income ratepayers.

The company initially sought to increase charges in that program, through which shareholders match what customers pay, from 15 cents to 25 cents, and it decreased the amount requested to 10 cents in the settlement agreement.

In its final brief, Kentucky Power reported that it has issued 42 grants totaling more than \$1.8 million through that program, and it defended the need to do so.

It reported that its customer base declined by 3.8 percent from 2006 to 2016, with a decrease of 5.2 percent in residential customers and 18.5 percent in industrial customers, and its energy sales also decreased, respectively, by 11.65 percent and 27.27 percent, in that time.

It argued that the settlement agreement "squarely and constructively" addresses challenges facing Eastern Kentucky, saying that is "focused on attracting employers that make sense for the entire region, and not just ones that use large amounts of electricity."

It also pointed out that the case allows the company "the tools necessary to help change the course" of Eastern Kentucky.

Detailing several programs and grants it has used to help alleviate poverty in the region, the company stated, "In the long run, the focus on economic development will sow more seeds to help alleviate the level of poverty in Eastern Kentucky; in the short run, by also increasing its support to low income assistance programs now, the Company is actively addressing the immediate needs of its communities."

The company's economic development programs were a sticking point. At a public forum held in Prestonsburg in November, local leaders and residents complained about it.

"We don't need a team of economic development coordinators paid for out of our power bills. We want safe, reliable, bare-bones electricity," Rep. Chris Harris said, to applause from the audience.

Beshear also opposed the economic development programs in his filings, stating that "Economic development is not a reasonable or necessary cost of providing safe and reliable electricity service

to customers."

He argued that ratepayers don't have input as to how Kentucky Power spends its economic development funds.

While the residential charge for economic development was eliminated, the PSC kept the \$1 charge for commercial customers and it re-allocated residential customer contributions into a fund to help low-income ratepayers.

The PSC agreed, instead, to increase the monthly charge for the company's low-income programs by 15 cents, from 15 cents to 30 cents — about 10 cents more than Kentucky Power sought in that part of the case.

Services charge will increase, but not as much as proposed

The PSC did accept a settlement agreement term to increase residential service charges from \$11 to \$14, a reduction from the \$17.50 service charge requested by Kentucky Power.

The PSC also approved the company's environmental compliance plan, which includes \$3.9 million in expenses that Kentucky Power can recoup through its environmental surcharge. The PSC said, however, the surcharge will decline because of the federal tax cut.

In asking the PSC to deny the request, Beshear argued that Kentucky Power customers are facing a "monstrous crisis" if the rate increase is granted, and pointed out that the company increased its residential energy charge by 48.45 percent and its customer charge by 87.71 percent between 2006 and 2014.

"If approved, the non-unanimous settlement would increase the figures to 71.03 percent for the residential energy charge and \$138.9 percent for the residential customer charge, since 2006," the brief stated.

School tariff ends

The PSC also denied Kentucky Power's request to extend a tariff that benefited schools—something local school districts wanted to keep.

The Kentucky School Boards Association intervened in the case for Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Perry and 19 other schools districts that stood to lose \$500,000 for utility costs via the tariff, which was approved by the PSC in 2014 as a pilot program.

Kentucky Power sought to make that pilot program permanent, but

the PSC said the rate could not be justified because it would result in other customers subsidizing schools.

Floyd County officials previously reported the elimination of that tariff will cost the district \$156,460 annually.

About an hour before the ruling, Kentucky Power announced that it is accepting applications for a robotics program grant and a teachers grant from Eastern Kentucky schools.

Shareholders get a smaller share

The PSC also did not give Kentucky Power the extra funds it sought for its shareholders.

Kentucky Power initially sought a return on equity of more than 10 percent and reduced that request to 9.75 percent in the settlement agreement.

The final order calls for a 9.70 percent return on investment for shareholders.

In his filings, Beshear accused Kentucky Power of having a monopoly and he chided the company for its return on equity request for investors, for its employees benefits and for its air travel expenses, which topped more than \$300,000.

He called the use of corporate aviation programs "an anachronism dating back to the pre-internet era," pointing out that corporations use the internet and satellites to host meetings nowadays.

"The costs associated with maintaining 'nine full time pilots employed by American Electric Power Service Corporation' is staggering, and is another example of exorbitant costs that ratepayers (should) not be forced to bear," the brief states.

The return on equity request was also opposed at the public meeting in Prestonsburg in November, with Harris reporting that the company's stock prices had increased by more than 100 percent and its dividends had increased by more than 70 percent since 2005.

In the order, the PSC approved Kentucky Power's request to defer of \$50 million in expenses related to the company's purchase of power from the Rockport plant in Indiana, reporting that issue will be addressed in a separate case.

Kentucky Power is reviewing the decision

As of print deadline, Kentucky Power officials had not addressed how the ruling will impact the

company.

President Matt Satterwhite said in a statement, "We are reviewing the order and the changes made to the settlement agreement," said Matt Satterwhite, Kentucky Power President and chief operating officer. "We appreciate the Commission's recognition of the many benefits of the settlement agreement terms it adopted. Still, we want to take time to better understand the changes made to the settlement and how those changes affect the terms offered by Kentucky Power."

Local, state leaders thrilled

Local and state leaders commended the PSC for the ruling.

Beshear said in a statement that he will review it to confirm the overall four percent decrease and pledged to continue working to lower utility bills.

"While a decrease would be good news, I understand utility bills in the AEP/Kentucky Power region are still unaffordable, and I will continue to fight so that no family must decide between feeding their children or keeping them warm," he said.

Hale commended Beshear for "going to bat for us" and local legislators who helped.

"It think it's a big, a big plus for our people in Eastern Kentucky right now because times are tough and we sure don't need it added onto us," he said.

Representatives Brown, Blanton, Fugate and others issued a joint statement following the decision, congratulating and thanking the PSC for listening to legislators and residents and for "being willing to develop innovative solutions" to make the "critical" rate reduction a reality.

It read, "Today's announcement by the Kentucky PSC will provide immediate, great relief for Appalachian Kentucky power customers, and it simply could not come at a better time as a historic cold spell has set down on Eastern Kentucky. No longer will all residents, including those on fixed incomes, have to make the hard choice between paying their heat bill or paying for food, clothing, or doctor visits for themselves and their families. Not only will this announcement lower residential customer rates, but it will also subsidize the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP).

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Bids for the equipment will be accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Friday February 9th, 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 "City of Martin SCBA 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 Martin City Council meeting located at 11729 Main Street, Martin, KY 41649 during the next city council meeting on February, 27th, 2018.

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Floyd schools honored as district champs

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Floyd County School District Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble congratulated several schools this week for honors they earned at district Governor's Cup competitions.

Academic meets were held Jan. 20 for middle schools at Allen and Betsy Layne elementary school for the District 85 and District 86 Governor's Cup competition, which is governed by the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition.

In District 85, Duff-Allen Central earned first place and Allen Elementary earned second place. In final overall scores, Future Problem Solving and Quick Recall. Those

two schools competed against James D. Adams Middle School in the district tournament.

In District 86, South Floyd and Betsy Layne elementary schools earned first and second as well in all three categories. Those two school competed against John M. Stumbo Elementary in the district tournament.

Trimble said in a press release, "The board team and I congratulate Duff-Allen Central Elementary and South Floyd Elementary for being District Governor's Cup champs! Duff-Allen Central and South Floyd placed first in their districts in Future Problem Solving and Duff-Allen Central and John M. Stumbo placed first in Quick Recall. These kids and

coaches are to be commended for their success and we wish them the best of luck in regional competition."

Future Problem Solving and English Competitions will be held Jan. 29 and all other quick recall competitions will be held Feb. 3 at Johnson Central Middle School.

District 85 individual results:

MATH

- 1st Madison Thornsberry (DACE)
- 2nd Haleigh Jefferson (AMS)
- 3rd Alex Begley (DACE)
- 4th Chanda Caudill (AMS)
- 5th Devin Sword (AES)
- 5th Cameron Kilgore (AMS)

SOCIAL STUDIES

- 1st Jada Reynolds (AES)
- 2nd Justin Tussey (DACE)
- 3rd J.D. McKinney (DACE)
- 4th Brycen Shepherd (AMS)
- 5th Alex Begley (DACE)

SCIENCE

- 1st Justin Tussey (DACE)
- 2nd Colby Cooley (DACE)
- 3rd Nadaleigh Lester (AMS)

- 4th Haleigh Jefferson (AMS)
- 5th Brycen Shepherd (AMS)

LANGUAGE ARTS

- 1st Grace Clark (DACE)
- 2nd Jada Reynolds (AES)

- 3rd Lydia Clark (DACE)

- 4th Brody Buck (DACE)

- 5th Alyssa Dixon (AES)

COMPOSITION

- 1st Madison Thornsberry (DACE)

ARTS & HUMANITIES

- 1st Brody Buck (DACE)
- 2nd Garret Ousley (AMS)
- 3rd Elizabeth Goodman (AES)

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Submitted photo
Duff-Allen Central academic team members pose for a picture after winning the District 85 Governor's Cup competition.



Submitted photo
Duff-Allen Central Quick Recall members won first place in the Quick Recall portion of the recent District 85 Governor's Cup competition for middle schools.



Submitted photo
South Floyd Elementary academic students pose for a picture after winning the District 86 Governor's Cup competition for middle school students.



Submitted photo
John M. Stumbo Quick Recall members won first place in the Quick Recall portion of the recent District 86 Governor's Cup competition for middle schools.

Science Center to receive earth, science toolkits

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Big Sandy Community and Technical College's East Kentucky Science Center has been awarded an "Explore Science: Earth & Space" toolkit from The Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network.

In collaboration with NASA, the NISE Network has assembled these sets, featuring hands-on Earth and space science experiences with connections to science, technology,

and society.

The kits, which are valued at over \$2,000, contain over a dozen hands-on activities, packaged as "classroom sets" for informal settings, materials for hosting special events, educator training materials, and professional resources to assist with partnership planning and implementation. The EKSC is one of three science centers in the state of Kentucky to be awarded these kits.

The Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network

(NISE Net) is a national community of researchers and informal science educators dedicated to fostering public awareness, engagement, and understanding of nanoscale science, engineering, and technology.

The purpose of the project is to help NISE Network partners reach underserved audiences in the community, and help them learn about science, technology, engineering, and math.

The EKSC will partner with

the Floyd County Library System to bring these hands-on science lessons to the community via outreach programs at the library. These kits will be used afterwards for lessons at the science center for school groups, summer camps, and Super Science Saturdays.

"Being awarded these Earth and Space Science kits helps the East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium to educate the children and adults in the region about the scientific world around

them," said Steve Russo, EKSC director.

This is the seventh year in a row that the EKSC has been awarded kits by NISE Net, and the third year in a row of partnering with the Floyd County Library System to bring science out to the community.

The Science Center is currently working on scheduling these outreach programs. For more information, call, (606) 889-6280.

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Jenny Wiley park to host bridal show

By JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

Brides-to-be will gather in the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge Sunday, Feb. 4 to prepare for their big day with the help of park staff and vendors during the park's 7th Annual Bridal Show.

The bridal show will feature 18 vendors capable of meeting numerous needs including: wedding cakes, venues, photography, catering, music and gowns.

The event will be fun for brides, grooms and the rest of the bridal party, said Ginger Corbett, sales representative at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

"It's not only for brides who have booked with us (at the park)," Corbett said, referencing representatives from another local venue that will be represented at the show. She said brides can obtain information about the park's wedding venues as well as, other local venues.

Corbett said the event grows each year, drawing nearly 40 brides at last year's event.

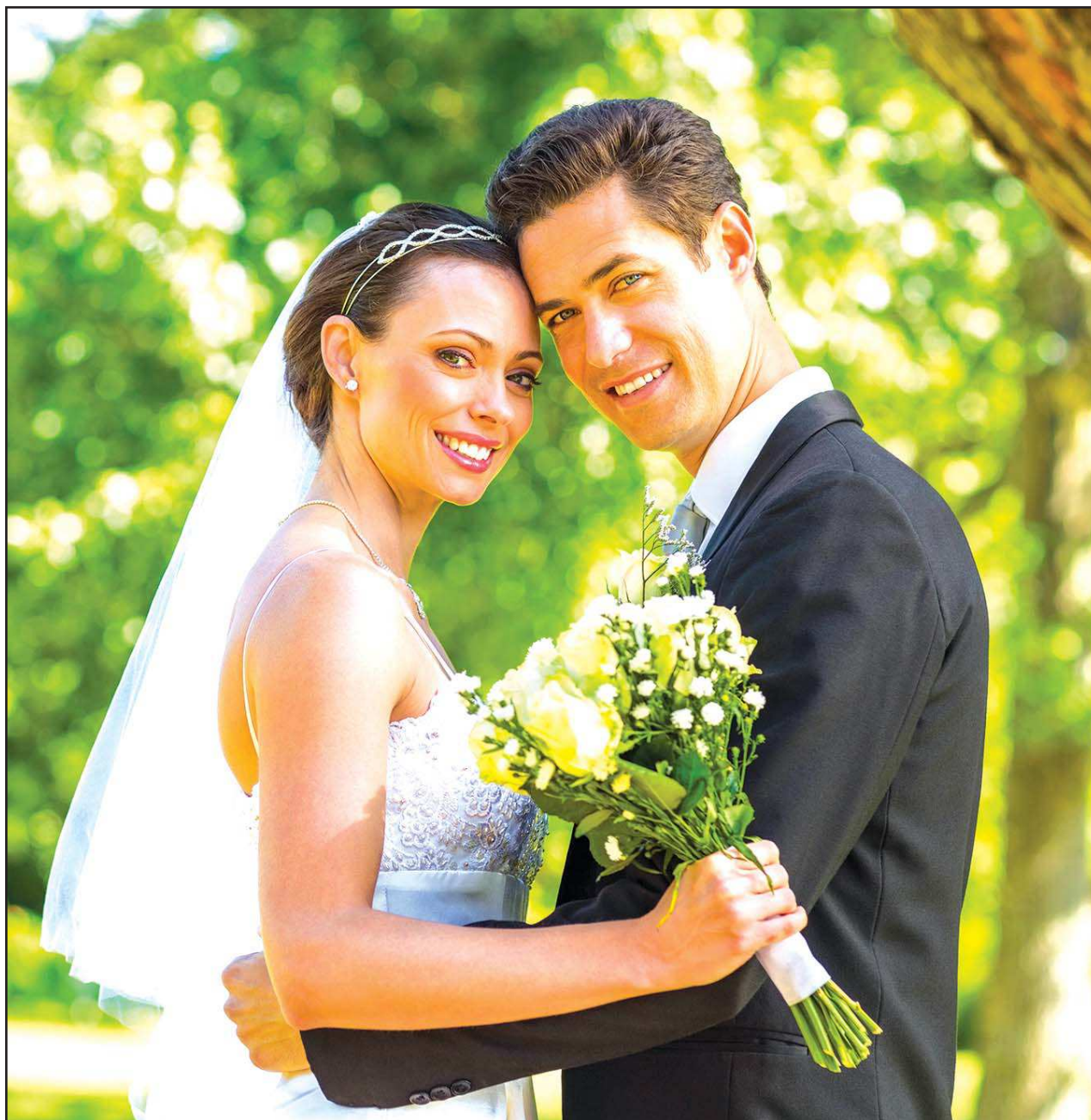
"It is an event that con-

tinues to grow," she said. "from year one until now, we've never really had a problem bringing in vendors ... they enjoy this event. We just want this to be a good day for everyone — for the vendors and for the brides. We want the brides to be able to lock down everything they need for their big day."

The park will be orchestrating a honeymoon giveaway for attendees. Each attendee that visits every vendor booth will be entered into a drawing in which one winner will receive a one-night stay, with dinner and breakfast for two, in one of the park's two-bedroom cabins. The winner will be chosen at the end of the event.

Grooms will be able to retreat to the bar area for appetizers, Corbett referred to the bar as the "groom room." She said pre-Super Bowl coverage will be featured on the big screen in the bar for those interested. This will mark the first year that a separate attraction will be offered for the grooms.

The bridal show will last from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. Attendees will be charged a \$5 admission fee.



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2nd Dylan Hamilton (JMS)
2nd Christy Hall (BLES)
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Blackcats knock off Bobcats in All 'A'

BY RANDY WHITE
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Prestonsburg picked up a 68-56 win over Betsy Layne in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Phil Cornett got going early as he hit back-to-back threes to give the Blackcats a 6-0 lead.

Prestonsburg held a 23-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Blackcats had four players

reach double figures scoring in the win. Chandler Nelson and Graham Burchett each scored 13 points to lead Prestonsburg. Grant Justice scored 12 points as well. Drake Nunnery had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. Cornett followed with eight points. Adam Slone and Dalton Trusty each scored six points.

Grant Orsborn knocked down a three with 7:12 left in the second quarter to cut the lead to 23-14.

Burchett and Cornett followed with back-to-back baskets as the Blackcat lead grew to 27-14 with 5:12 left in the half.

Justice knocked down a three with 30 seconds left in the first half to give Prestonsburg a 39-27 halftime lead.

Orsborn led the way for the Bobcats with a game-high 21 points. Morris Adkins followed with 16 points, eight rebounds, three assists, three steals and a block. Byron Hammond and Zach

Bentley each scored five points. Jordan Frazier and Quintin Adkins each scored four points. Nathaniel Mims chipped in one point.

Prestonsburg took a 51-39 lead to enter the fourth quarter. The Bobcats couldn't get the lead under double digits in the fourth quarter.

The Blackcats forced Betsy Layne to turn the ball over 24 times. Prestonsburg also outrebounded Betsy Layne 29-21.



Prestonsburg's Drake Nunnery goes up for a shot over Betsy Layne Friday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center in the 15th All "A" Classic. Nunnery had a double-double for the Blackcats; he scored 10 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in the 68-56 win. Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance



Prestonsburg's Adam Slone goes up for a shot over Betsy Layne's Byron Hammond. Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Adam Slone



Betsy Layne's Grant Orsborn goes up for a three against Prestonsburg Friday night at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance

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Lady Blackcats knock off OBI, fall to Pike Central

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — After suffering back-to-back losses to 15th Region rivals Paintsville and Pike Central, Prestonsburg returned to the win column in a big way. The Lady Blackcats opened a busy week with a win on Monday, dismantling visiting Oneida Baptist Institute 75-30 at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Monday night.

Prestonsburg dealt Oneida Baptist Institute its fourth straight loss.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 5-12.

Oneida Baptist Institute stumbled to 0-14 with the loss.

Host Prestonsburg scored first and never trailed, forcing Oneida Baptist Institute to play from behind throughout the girls' high school basketball matchup. The Lady Blackcats led 37-10

at the conclusion of the first quarter and carried a commanding 55-19 lead into halftime.

Prestonsburg coach Brandon Kidd was pleased with team's performance in the convincing victory. The game allowed Kidd to see some different things from his group, including playing combinations.

"This game allowed us the opportunity to take time to run plays," Kidd commented, following his team's impressive win. "We also had the chance to play a lot of different combinations as well."

Four Prestonsburg players reached double figures in the scoring column. Alivia Slone led the way for the Lady Blackcats, scoring a game-high 22 points.

Reesce Endicott scored 15 points, Alison Campbell contributed 11 points and Nicole Burchett chipped in 10 points

as Prestonsburg scored a season-high 75 points.

Celina Mullins netted five points while Maddy Rainey and Alexis Beatty added four points apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Rounding out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, Faith Lazar chipped in two points.

Prestonsburg was 7-of-10 from the free throw line in the winning effort.

Oneida Baptist Institute, which competes in the 49th District and 13th Region, didn't feature any scorers in double figures. Emilie Field-Darragh and Erica Metzger led the Lady Mountaineers with eight points apiece.

Rachel Robinson posted three points while Makyla Barger, Julianna Hawley, Leighann Truesdale, Katy Schroeder and Yasmine Hawkins rounded out the Oneida Baptist individual scoring with two points apiece.

Prestonsburg was

hosting Sheldon Clark at press time on Tuesday. Results from the Prestonsburg-Sheldon Clark girls' basketball game were unavailable.

Pike Central 75, Prestonsburg 53

Prestonsburg pushed Pike Central in the latest meeting between the two 15th Region girls' basketball rivals. Pike Central pulled away to defeat the Lady Blackcats 75-53 in a non-district girls' high school basketball game at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Thursday, but the host team showed much improvement.

In a season opener played back on November 27, Pike Central rolled past Prestonsburg 67-29. In the latest matchup, Prestonsburg faced only an 11-point deficit during the game's final quarter.

First-year Prestonsburg head coach Brandon Kidd was quick to compliment his team on

its latest performance against Pike Central.

"All of our players have bought in," Kidd confided. "They are playing for each other and it shows."

Pike Central shot 41.9 (31 of 74) from the field. The Lady Hawks were only one of 14 from three-point range,

Pike Central shot 57.1 percent (12 of 21) from the free-throw line.

Visiting Pike Central packed a lead out of each quarter. Excelling early, Pike Central outscored Prestonsburg 20-9 in the first quarter and led 40-24 at halftime.

Pike Central led 51-37 at the end of the third quarter.

Prestonsburg cut Pike County Central's lead down to 11 points in the final frame, but was limited late in the contest.

Kelsi Brinager led Pike Central with a double-double, scoring 24 points and grabbing 12

rebounds. Brinager led all players in both scoring and rebounding.

Four Pike Central players reached double figures in the scoring column as Haley Bod scored 16 points and Cassidy Mullins and Kylea Stanley contributed 15 points apiece.

Prestonsburg didn't get near as many quality shots late in the non-district clash.

Alexis Newsome rounded out the Pike Central individual scoring, chipping in five points for the Lady Hawks.

Reesce Endicott paced Prestonsburg with a team-high 21 points.

Alivia Slone and Alison Campbell accompanied Endicott in double figures, scoring 13 points apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Nicole Burchett contributed four points and Maddy Rainey added two points for Prestonsburg in the loss.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
Alison Campbell drove her way down the lane for the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats on Monday night.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
Prestonsburg's Alexis Beatty worked to clear out a rebound during the fourth quarter on Monday night.



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Alivia Slone scored a game-high 22 points to push Prestonsburg past visiting Oneida Baptist Institute.



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Jaguars fall to Henry Clay

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Continuing to play one of the state's toughest boys' high school basketball schedules, Floyd Central slipped back into the loss column over the weekend. Visiting Henry Clay defeated Floyd Central on the Jaguars' Alumni/Homecoming Weekend on Saturday night, winning 65-53.

Thus far in the 2017/2018 season, Floyd Central has played in-state teams from six different regions along with a top-ranked squad from neighboring West Virginia and a prep school out of Atlanta. Among the teams left on the Jaguars' regular-season slate is Scott County, a perennial state title contender.

With the loss in its latest outing, Floyd Central fell to 10-7.

Henry Clay improved to 10-7 with the win.

"Henry Clay is a nice team," Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock commented following his group's latest home game on Saturday night. "We had a stretch where we turned the basketball over which led to transition points and gave up some second chance points which allowed them to stretch their lead out to double digits at the half. We cleaned that up in the second half but eight points is as close as we could get. When you play good teams you can't have those types of

lulls."

Four Henry Clay players reached double figures in the scoring column. Keaston Brown led the Blue Devils with 17 points.

Joining Brown in double figures for Henry Clay, Marques Warrick contributed 16 points and Jalen Williams posted 14 points.

Henry Clay moved ahead early, outscoring Floyd Central 21-13 in the first quarter. The Blue Devils led 40-26 at halftime and managed to hold off Floyd Central after the intermission period.

Andreas Green scored eight points while Harris Hawkins chipped in six points and Teron Hughes added four points for the Blue Devils in the victory.

Brady Conn led Floyd Central with 17 points, sharing game-high scoring honors with Henry Clay's Brown.

Floyd Central featured three scorers in double figures as JR Tackett tossed in 16 points and Kyle Isaac added 14 points.

Ethan Smith Mills chipped in five points and Dylan Caudill connected on a free throw for the Jaguars.

Floyd Central is slated to host Lawrence County for a 58th District boys' basketball game on Wednesday night. Tip-off for the Floyd Central-Lawrence County boys' basketball matchup is set for 7:30 p.m.



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Floyd Central's Cameron Nelson defended against Henry Clay's Keaston Brown.



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Floyd Central senior guard JR Tackett split a pair of Henry Clay defenders during the Jaguars' home game on Saturday night.

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Panthers win 15th Region All 'A' Classic

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Shelby Valley put up a good fight in the first half Sunday in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship, but Pikeville's speed and athleticism wore down the Wildcats.

Pikeville picked up a 63-41 win over the Wildcats to earn the 15th Region title.

"Defense is how we won last year," Pikeville coach Elisha Justice said. "I think these guys understand to win championships, you have to play defense. We got back to that in this tournament. These guys don't want to just win games, they want to win championships. I think they came out focused and that their effort was there. We didn't see that in the first game of the tournament. These guys did a great job to beat a really good Shelby Valley team."

Late in the game, Pikeville's Cade Byers got the ball on a fastbreak. Byers took the ball to the rim, cocked back and threw down a monster dunk to put the exclamation mark on the win; Byers was fouled on the play as well. After the free throw Pikeville held a 58-35 lead with 3:05 left after the play.

"They (Shelby Valley) really played well in the first half and we had a 10-point lead at the break," Justice said. "We kind of settled down and broke their press and we made some plays."

Pikeville held a 30-20 halftime lead. Wyatt Battaile carried the Panthers in the first half. Battaile scored 13 of his game-high 23 points in the first half. The Mr. Basketball Candidate finished the game with 23 points and six rebounds.

"Wyatt's (Battaile) the best player in the region in my opinion," Justice said. "He can do so many different things on the court. He can stretch the floor with his outside shooting, he can get to the basket, he can pass well. But then he is a great rebounder. He can get himself easy shots, but he can get his teammates easy shots as well."

The Panthers opened the third quarter strong. Kyle Watkins scored with 7:19 left to push the lead to 34-22. Battaile added a three with 5:09 left to push the lead to 39-24. Battaile added another three with 2:31 left in the third and a basket with just 11 seconds left in the quarter. Pikeville outscored Shelby Valley

16-6 in the third to take a 46-26 lead entering the fourth quarter of play.

Watkins had an excellent game for the Panthers as he scored 14 points in the win. Byers just missed a double-double as he had eight points, 10 rebounds and three blocks. Connor Roberts added eight points, five rebounds and two steals. Evan Rhodes and Grayson Harris each added three points. Christin Billiter and Jackson Mullins each added two points.

"We don't lose anything athletically when we go to our bench," Justice said. "We can play seven, eight or nine guys and still not see much drop off. With Christian Billiter, you may gain some athleticism and get a little extra rebound. But we have great confidence in our guys and we trust our bench."

Blake Burke led the way for Shelby Valley with a team-high 14 points. Cameron Worrix followed with eight points. Cody Potter added four points and eight rebounds. Zach Honaker and Orbie McPeek each added four points. Keian Worrix followed with three, while Tanner Bentley and Brandon Little each added two. Cody Hamilton added

one.

Pikeville (14-3) is scheduled to visit Shelby Valley in 59th District action Tuesday night. The Panthers are then scheduled to take on Somerset at 6:30 p.m. in Richmond at the McBrayer Arena on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University.

Shelby Valley (11-6) is scheduled to host Pikeville at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night at Shelby Valley.

15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals

Pikeville 73, Prestonsburg 33

Pikeville didn't have any trouble getting past Prestonsburg Saturday night in the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals.

The Panthers cruised to the 40-point win.

Byers had a great all-around game for the Panthers. He scored a team-high 15 points, seven rebounds, eight steals and five blocks. Battaile followed with 14 points and three steals. Braydon Hunter had a big game off the bench with 13 points and seven rebounds. Rhodes added eight points and two steals. Roberts followed with seven points, four rebounds, three assists and two steals. Billiter

added six and Watkins added five. Zach Hamilton had four. Connor Byers, Harris and Peyton Blair each scored two points. Laithan Hall added a point.

Adam Slone scored a team-high 13 points to lead the Blackcats. Grant Justice followed with 10. Gunnar Williams scored five points and Kaleb Jarvis added four. Grant Justice and Greg Slone each added three.

Shelby Valley 78, Paintsville 68

Shelby Valley pulled out a 10-point win over Paintsville Saturday night in the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

The Wildcats closed the third quarter strong and opened the fourth with a surge to pick up the win.

McPeek ended the third with a basket to beat the buzzer and give the Wildcats a 49-45 lead entering the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, Keian Worrix opened the quarter with a basket as the lead grew to seven. Burke scored with 5:38 left to give the Wildcats a 58-48 lead.

Shelby Valley's lead grew to as big as 13.

Burke led the way for the Wildcats with a

game-high 28 points, seven rebounds and two assists. Cameron Worrix followed with 19 points, three rebounds and three assists. Potter just missed a double-double with eight points, nine rebounds, three blocks and a steal. Honaker and McPeek each also added eight points. Bentley followed with five and Kian Worrix added two.

Mason Moore scored a team-high 23 points to lead Paintsville. Seth Williams followed with 20. Nick Kenton added nine points and six rebounds. Jaxton Watts added nine points. Colby Fugate scored four. James Allen added two and Braxton Tharp added one.

Williams opened the game with a quick basket and followed with a three. Moore added another basket at the 6:00 mark of the first to give the Tigers a 7-0 lead.

Williams split a pair of free throws with 4:25 left in the first as the lead grew to 11-3.

Shelby Valley fought back to cut the Paintsville lead to 17-13 at the end of the first quarter.

The game was tied at 32-32 at the half.



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Prestonsburg's Phil Cornett goes up for a shot over Pikeville's Kyle Watkins Saturday night in the 15th Region All "A" Classic semifinals.



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Prestonsburg's Dalton Trusty goes up for a shot against Pikeville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic at the East Kentucky Expo Center.



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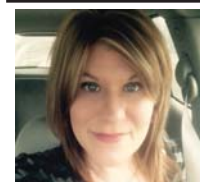
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL CASE NO. 10-CI-01024 NORTH AMERICAN TAX

LEGALS

SOLUTIONS, LLC PLAINTIFF VS. CURTIS BLACKBURN; JAMIE BLACKBURN; JAMOS FUND I; THE BANK JOSEPHINE F/K/A CITIZENS NATIONAL-BANK OF PAINTSVILLE; MEDICAL IMAGING GROUP, LLC; COMMON-WEALTH OF KY, REVENUE CABINET; HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER; CHARLES E. OWSLEY; CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY; MID SOUTH CAPITAL PARTNERSLP; BLUESHINE, LLC; and COUNTY OF FLOYD, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

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ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY DEAN NEWSOME; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF PAUL DAVID SALTER; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SANDRA KAY SALTER; DEFENDANTS

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$51,695.39, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of February, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit: **PROPERTY ADDRESS: 450 Haus Branch, Banner, KY 41603** MAP NUMBER: 063-00-00-115.00 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Beginning at a point in Haus Branch said point being a common corner to Timothy Spears and William Roberts; thence leaving the Spears line and running northern course with the Roberts line to a metal stake; thence leaving the Roberts line and turning to the left and running a westerly course severing Sandra Salter and turning to the left and running a southern course with the Roberts line to a point in Haus Branch a common corner to Bob

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Mulkey; thence leaving the Roberts line and running an easterly course with the Mulkey line to the line of Timothy Spears; thence leaving the Mulkey line and running with the Spears line to the point of beginning. Containing 1/2 acre, more or less. Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, conditions, and legal highways of record and/or in existence.

Being the same property conveyed from Sandra Kay Salter and Paul David Salter to Jerry Dean Newsome by virtue of a deed dated 05/18/2006 and recorded on 5/18/2006 at Deed Book 524, Page 328 of the Floyd County, Kentucky real estate records.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. A property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate

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provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate resell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other

APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED for 1,2,3 & 4 Bedroom Apartments

Located in Prestonsburg is Highland Heights Apartments in Goble Roberts addition and Cliffside Apartments on Cliff Road. Rent is based on gross monthly income. All utilities included at Highland Heights and a utility Allowance at Cliffside. Learning centers at both sites with computers available. For more information, call Highland Heights at 606-886-0608 and Cliffside at 606-886-1819, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711 or come by the offices for an application.



Highland Heights and Cliffside Apartments do not discriminate in admission or employment on account of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, disability or familial status.

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission is requesting SEALED BIDS for the following:

(FOR SALE)

2011 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup VIN 1GCRKPEA7BZ326114 Very high mileage, as is condition with crash damage

There are no warranties, either expressed or implied by Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission regarding this vehicle. A minimum bid has been established by PCUC management for this vehicle. The winning bidder must submit the amount of the winning bid in the form of a money order, cashier's check or cash with the money order or cashier's check to be made payable to "Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission" or "PCUC". The winning bidder must remove the vehicle within three business days after the title to the vehicle is transferred to the winning bidder.

Sealed bids must be addressed as follows:

Michael Campbell, Executive Assistant
Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission
2560 South Lake Drive
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
ATTN: 2011 Chevrolet Silverado Pickup Sealed Bid

Bids will be received at the Commission's office through Friday February 2, 2018 at 3:00 PM (local time) at which time the sealed bids will be opened and read aloud. The vehicle will be sold to the bidder submitting the highest bid.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

The Floyd County Public Library is seeking applications for TWO BOARD MEMBERS

This is an UNPAID position that helps guide the libraries mission in Floyd County.

Applications can be found at the library in Prestonsburg or the library in Eastern and returned at the same. Applications will be taken until February 2nd.

Eligibility is limited to anyone over 18 that lives in Floyd County.

Located on Mays Branch in Prestonsburg. All utilities included, rent is based on gross monthly income. Several activities such as line dancing, crafts, church services, hair salon. Furnished with stove, refrigerator, emergency alarm system and air conditioner. For more information, please call Highland Terrace at 606-886-1925, TDD: 1-800-648-6056 or 711 or come by the office for an application.



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assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

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.

The permit area is approximately 1.8 miles north from KY 302's junction with US 23 and located on Bull Creek.

The surety bond now in effect is on Increment No. 1 for \$75,000, 100 percent of the original bond amount is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching completed in 2017.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY, 40601, by March 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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NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Liberty Management, LLC, P.O. Box 100, Ary, Kentucky 41712 has applied for Phase I and II Bond Release on Increment No.7 of **Permit Number 836-5672**, which was last issued on November 5, 2015. Increment No. 7 covers an area approximately 14.20 acres located 1.0 miles northwest of Beaver in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.75 miles west from KY 979's junction with Mitchell Branch Road and located in the head of Mitchell Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The latitude is 37° 24' 27". The longitude is 82° 39' 24".

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 7 is a Surety Bond in the amount of forty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$41,200.00), which eighty-five percent (85%) of the bond at forty-one thousand two hundred dollars (\$41,200.00), is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 7 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2010. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Blvd., 2nd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 16, 2018.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 19, 2018 at 10:00 at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 16, 2018.

NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION II CASE NO. 14-CI-00662 PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION PLAINTIFF F/K/A CENDANT MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS. TABITHA L. GEORGE; JASON E. GEORGE; COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY - EDUCATION CABINET; CITIFINANCIAL INC. DEFENDANTS

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled ac-

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tion, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$114,820.03, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of February, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 437 Shawn Howell Subdivision, Prestonsburg, KY 41653
MAP NUMBER: 013-10-02-008.00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Being a certain tract or parcel of land lying on Abbott Creek, in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a small maple tree on the left side of the drain, facing up the hill in a straight line southwest across the front of said property to a small poplar tree on far side of entrance; thence northwest following the road to a small poplar; thence in a westerly direction to a large poplar near the top of the ridge; thence northeasterly along the ridge to a tight bark hickory; thence in a straight line down the hill staying on the right hand side of the drain looking down the hill to the original corner. Said land being more particularly described as lying at the head of a hollow on the south side of Abbott Creek; said hollow being the first hollow west of the intersection of Coppebras Lick Branch with Abbott Creek; and part of the lands formerly owned by the late Green Hackworth. Being the same property conveyed to Tabitha L. George and Jason E. George, wife and husband, from Steve Shelton and Tanya Shelton, husband and wife, by deed dated August 28, 2001 and of record in Deed Book 464, Page 341, of the records of the Floyd County Clerk's office.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. A parcel of property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay ad-

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ditional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate resale. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT CIVIL DIVISION I CASE NO. 16-CI-00406 BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS. DARRIN K. NEWSOME; TRACY E. NEWSOME DEFENDANTS

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit

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Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$59,835.54, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of February, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 406 Frozen Fork, Bevinsville, KY 41606
MAP NUMBER: 072-00-00-002.00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Frozen Fork Left Beaver Creek of Jacks Creek, KY Bounded and described as follows. Beginning three hundred and eight feet (308) feet up stream with Creek from the forks of Frozen on the left fork at a metal stake near near creek. Thence turning SW running straight line 64 feet to a metal stake. Thence turning SE running straight line One-hundred & sixty-six feet (166) feet to a metal stake. Thence turning NE running straight line One-hundred and two feet (102) to a metal stake near creek. Thence down steam with Noble Elmer Burke line to the beginning. So as to include all in said boundary.

TRACT NO 2
A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Jacks Creek, Left Beaver Creek, Main Frozen Creek. Beginning in the Center of the Creek near a steel stake in front of Harry W Hall & Berta J Hall house, Thence running up the hill North-East sixty feet to a steel stake, thence turning South-East running seventy eight feet around the hill to a steel stake, thence turning back down the hill South-East, seventy five feet to the center of the creek at a marked Elm. Thence running with Harry W Hall & Berta Halls line down the creek to the beginning.

TRACT NO 3
A certain Tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky on left Beaver Creek main Frozen Creek. This conveyance consists of a one sixth interest in the Estate of the said Joel Johnson and Jane Johnson, deceased bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at the main Frozen with Scott Burke line thence running with Scott Burke line to top of hill, thence a round the hill to a marked stone, thence down the point to a marked

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oak, thence down the hill to a marked stone joining NR Johnson line, thence with said line down to the branch to a marked stone thence back up the branch with center of same to the beginning so as to include all land in said boundary.

Excepted out and not conveyed herein is the fenced in family cemetery along with an adequate road way to and from same. Source of Title Deed of Conveyance from Roy Johnson as Executor of the Estate of Berta Johnson Hall to Darrin K Newsome and Tracy E. Newsome his wife, dated May 22, 2007 of record in Deed Book 535, Page 51, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only.

A parcel of property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate resale. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

chaser. D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT CIVIL ACTION NO. 16-CI-00732 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Successor by merger to CHASE HOME FINANCE, LLC PLAINTIFF V ISHMAEL T. SLONE; ROBIN A. SLONE a/k/a ROBIN SLONE DEFENDANTS

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$114,511.24, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of February, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1352 Kentucky Route 1086, Wayland, KY 41666
MAP NUMBER: 042-30-01-006.00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
Tract 1: A certain parcel of land, with one (1) four room dwelling house, lying on the right hand side of Steele's Creek (going up from Wayland, Kentucky) beginning with the road at a fence post backed with three backs. (which post is located on the side of the road forty eight feet from a gas well) running a straight line to an ash tree, thence from the ash tree angling to an apple tree, thence from the apple tree with the K.S. Martin line straight down to the county road, thence along

the county road to the beginning, being one (1) acre more or less.

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the county road to the beginning, being one (1) acre more or less. Tract 2: Land located on Steele Creek Floyd County Kentucky, on the right side of the Creek, as you go up beginning at a beech tree on the corner of George Martin Property, following his line about forty (40) feet more or less then coming up the Creek (parallel with the Creek) about fifty (50) feet more or less then going up the hill to a small walnut tree about sixty (60) feet more or less then going up almost parallel with the creek to a red wood tree to the Creek; thence following the creek down to the beech tree on the corner of George Martin property at the beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Ishmael T. Slone and Robin Slone, husband and wife, from Pauline Turner, a single person, by Deed dated December 18, 2009, and filed for record on December 28, 2009 in Deed Book 564, Page 418 of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only.

A parcel of property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate resale. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other

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assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 16-CI-685 KENTUCKY HOUSING PLAINTIFF VS. JEREMY D. HACKWORTH; LEANNE HACKWORTH DEFENDANTS

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$72,083.51, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2ND day of February, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 4940 Kentucky Route 114, Prestonsburg, KY 41653
MAP NUMBER: 015-00-00-058.00
LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Being Lot No 4, located in the Penn Fitzpatrick Subdivision on Middle Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, adjacent to Kentucky Highway No. 114, (Mountain Parkway), Map No 408, Floyd County Clerk's Office. Being the same property conveyed to Jeremy D. Hackworth and Leanne Hack-

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worth, husband and wife, by Deed dated October 10, 2008, of record in Deed Book 551, Page 520, in the Office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-

sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above. C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser. D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property. E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser. F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

G. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above. H. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-

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NOTICE OF SALE OF COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION II CASE NO. 17-CI-00415 QUICKEN LOANS INC. PLAINTIFF VS. DAVID F. BAKER; PAULA BAKER DEFENDANTS

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$125,238.40, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of February, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit: **PROPERTY ADDRESS: 5457 Kentucky Route 680, Grethel, KY 41631** MAP NUMBER: 097-00-00-014.00 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: This Tract of land beginning at road at an iron stake at the upper end of the store and running with road at a marked stone; thence running up the hill with a branch to a hickory; and running (60) sixty feet to a pipe line (20"); and running with the pipe line to an iron stake; and running straight down mountain with the end of the store and to an iron stake at the road which was the starting point. Subject to and together with all easements, restrictions and legal highways, if any, of record. Being the same property conveyed to Paula Baker and David F. Baker, her husband, by Deed, dated June 18, 2014, recorded on June 19, 2014 in Book 606, Page 167 of the Clerk's Office of Floyd County, Kentucky. A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above. B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-

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said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Com-

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monwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to

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immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above. C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years

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shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser. D. The property

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described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United

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States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property. E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser. F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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