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Deputies investigate report of a possible threat at FCHS

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department is investigating a report of "a possible threat" at Floyd Central High School, but

school officials said there wasn't a threat after all.

Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble reported on Thursday that a Floyd Central staff member saw a Facebook post sometime after 11 p.m.

on Wednesday and alerted police about a possible threat.

The post referred to a "kid" who allegedly made threats against the school, but Trimble said the investigation has not confirmed

that information.

"Late last night or early this morning, around 11 p.m. or 12, one of the staff here saw a Facebook post, a threat to Floyd Central," he said. "He immediately called the sheriff's office

and they immediately investigated it. When they went to investigate it, they found absolutely no threat at all. There couldn't be any threat with what they found."

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Floyd jailer discusses contraband in jail, how staff is combating issue



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Josh Little
Floyd County Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert looks over some of the contraband found in the detention center in the last 12 months. He said contraband is an ongoing problem, but one that has decreased during his three years in office.

BY JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Detention Center is facing an issue that many other jails are also battling — contraband in the facility.

Hundreds of contraband items were laid out on multiple tables in a room in the Floyd County Detention Center Tuesday and there were still more items that were not unpackaged. Floyd County Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert said all of the items displayed were found within the last 12 months.

Contraband is more than drugs. Contraband includes cigarettes, tools, weapons or any other item or substance that is not supposed to enter

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Josh Little
Contraband found in the Floyd County Detention Center is displayed on a table. The contraband includes needles, tobacco and other drugs, as well as drug paraphernalia. The center is hoping to soon obtain a full-body scanner that would make finding contraband more efficient.

BOE approves change orders for BLHS, Floyd Central

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education approved more change orders this week for construction at Floyd Central High School and the Betsy Layne High School renovation project.

Change orders were cited as the reason for construction delays at Floyd Central and the two-week delay in opening the 2017-2018 school year last August.

The change orders were approved as part of the board's consent agenda without discussion on Monday, following a

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BSADD officials express funding concerns

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Funding cuts were among the topics discussed at a Big Sandy Area Development District Board of Directors meeting in Prestonsburg this week.

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Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Lawsuits filed

Nationwide General Insurance Co. vs. Rodney Hall. OneMain Financial Group, LLC., as servicer vs. Arl Jarvis. Americredit Financial Services, Inc. vs. Roger Williams. Joey Bailey vs. Gena Baker, et al. Phillip Darrell Sparkman, et al. vs. Kristen Napier. Shelby L. Hall vs. Mason K. Hall. U.S. Bank National Association vs. Ernie Hancock. Arlie Jackson, et al. vs. Miranda Sue Camp, et al. Sharon (Hunter) Case, et al. vs. Ollie Bartrum and unknown. Christopher Ratliff, et al. vs. Benjamin T. Hicks, et al. First Commonwealth Bank vs. Samantha Jarrell, et al. Jonathan Newsome vs. Latisha Newsome. Shelia Ratliff vs. State Farm Mutual Automobile, et al. Dennis Hall Jr. vs. Erie Insurance Exchange, et al.

Selena Kidd vs. Michael D. Moore, et al. Gregory Polly, et al. vs. B&B Distributors, Inc., et al.

Felony Charges Filed

Ginger Rose, 24, of Carmel Bentley Dr., Grethel, theft by unlawful taking over \$500. Roy M. Gibson, 43, of Official Hollow, David, first-degree burglary, alcohol intoxication in a public place. Jack R. Cline, 34 of Main Street, Paintsville, flagrant nonsupport (two counts). Michael Marcum, 44, of Riverfront Rd., Lovely, flagrant nonsupport (two counts). Larry Boggs, 37, of State Fork Rd., Prestonsburg, cultivating marijuana (five plants or more). Famer Halbert, 30, of Mountain Ave., Hazard, flagrant nonsupport (two counts). Chad Douglas Basham, 36, of Jake Wireman Rd., Gunlock, flagrant nonsupport. Lesley Conn, 38, of Old Post Office Street, Martin, theft by unlawful taking more than \$500, third-degree criminal mischief. Evelyn Taylor, 62, of Stanville, failure to make required disbursement of property.

Randall James Miner, 36, of Red Isom Hollow, Martin, first-degree possession of controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia. Scott Miller, 32, of Hite Rd., Printer, flagrant nonsupport. David Chris Puente, 37, of Ky. Rt. 2030, Printer, third-degree terroristic threatening, theft by unlawful taking more than \$500. Amy Kaye Slone, 33, of Williamson Rd., Nicholasville, third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, custodial interference.

Misdemeanor charges filed

Thomas Shepherd, 43, of Bucks Branch, Martin, third-degree criminal trespassing, second-degree fleeing or evading police, menacing, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance. Walker R. Ratliff, 35, of Brawley Street, Martin, failure to carry license on person, failure to produce insurance card, violation of EPO. Kenneth R. Allen II, 53, of North Fourth Street, Allen, operating motor vehicle

under the influence of drugs/alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance.

Eric C. Reid, 22, of Creekside Ln., Minnie, harassment. Stephanie Morrisson, 22, of Bent Branch Rd., Pikeville, theft by unlawful taking under \$500. Lesley Conn, 38, of Old Post Office Street, Martin, harassment. Shaun Douglas Yates, 32, of Roseberry Ln., Prestonsburg, public intoxication of a controlled substance. Aaron Howard, 36, of Rt. 114, Prestonsburg, harassment. Billy Joe Edward Hicks, 30, of Whispering Oaks, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), menacing, harassment, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct. Kristina M. Marsillett, 35, of Dodson Branch, Prestonsburg, public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct. Cody Ryan Justice, 24, of Spurlock Creek Rd., Prestonsburg, license plate not legible, rear license not illuminated, failure to produce insurance card, failure of non owner to maintain required insurance, inadequate muf-

fler, under influence of drugs/alcohol, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Stephen Grant Allen, 29, of State Road Fork, Prestonsburg, violation of Kentucky EPO. Rowland R. Goble, 63, of Jefferson Rd., Hueysville, hunting with improperly plugged shotgun. David Chris Puente, 37, of Ky. Rt. 2030, Printer, fourth-degree assault. Tabitha Wallen, 42, of Ky. Rt. 1426, Dana, theft by unlawful taking under \$500. Candace J. Prater, 29, of Salyers Branch, Hueysville, harassment. James Bailey, 47, of Akers Branch, Dana, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), second-degree wanton endangerment, third-degree terroristic threatening. Clinton Roberts, 69, of First Street, Harold, third-degree criminal trespassing.

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

Floyd County Animal Shelter

This week's celebrity is **TIM WELCH** current president of Floyd County Cal Ripken, has been involved in and volunteered his time to youth sports in Prestonsburg for over 20 years. Tim is with **ELLIE**. **ELLIE** is a 2 yr old female Terrier. She is very friendly and weighs 20 lbs. She has 8 adoptable puppies at the shelter.

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Martin Fire Department purchases new truck



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Josh Little

The Martin Volunteer Fire Department displayed its newest fire truck, purchased a few weeks ago, before the start of the Martin City Council meeting Tuesday. The truck is a 2017 E-One International 4400 Commercial Pumper FireTruck that seats five people in the cab. The new truck replaces a 1988 American Eagle Fire Apparatus. The new truck has a 1,250 gallon-per-minute pump. It holds 1,000 gallons of water, compared to the 1988 truck's 750-gallon tank. William Petry, Martin Fire Department's fire chief, said the department had been in need of a new truck for the last few years. Petry said the funding for the truck came from money the department saved, plus funding from the City of Martin and funding from taxes.



January 31st K-Count to Determine Funding for Homelessness

Homelessness by the Numbers

Imagine as you're reading this comfortably at your desk or at home not knowing where you will sleep tonight or where you and your family will call home next month. Or maybe that is you, and you don't have the answers to these questions. Homelessness is a scary thought, and for all too many of our nation's people it is an unfortunate reality. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2017 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) estimated the total count of homelessness within the United States at more than 553,000 people, among which more than 40,000 are veterans, and another 40,000 are unaccompanied youths. While nearly one-third of the nation's homeless population was found to be present within California, homelessness is a devastating situation for every person that experiences it. In Kentucky, more than 3,000 of our friends and family were found to be homeless. Kentucky's homeless count includes the tenth highest level of unaccompanied homeless youths accounted for within our Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) – a category that excludes CoCs of major cities and smaller cities or regional CoCs.

More than a half-million homeless nationwide may be hard to imagine. To put that number into perspective, consider if all our more than 553,000 homeless were Kentuckians – that would be around one in every eight people. If half a million eastern Kentuckians were homeless, that would be three out of every four people you met. The annual count that measures instances of homelessness – HUD's Point-in-Time (PIT) Estimates of Homelessness – is conducted by CoCs across the nation on a single night during the last week of January. The results, published in HUD's AHAR, offer us a snapshot of the level of homelessness as it exists on a single night, and provides the federal government with valuable information that is used to determine funding allocations and to better combat the issue. In a press release issued on January 11, 2018, HUD announced funding for local homeless assistance programs across the U.S., among which 105 programs in Kentucky were awarded. HUD Secretary Ben Carson noted in the release, "HUD stands with our local partners who are working each and every day to house and serve our most vulnerable neighbors." Matthew Doherty, Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness provided additional commentary: "Continuums of Care are critical leaders in the work to end homelessness nationwide. When communities marshal these – and other local, state, private, and philanthropic resources – behind the strongest housing-first practices, we see important progress in our collective goal to end homelessness in America."

Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals Can Contribute Locally to January 31st K-Count

The Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) conducts the yearly K-Count – Kentucky's portion of HUD's PIT – with the participation of a wide range of agencies, organizations, and individuals, including shelters, churches, clinics, Community Mental Health Centers, and many others. Each year, Jacqueline Long, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Director of Housing and Grants, provides guidance for the K-Count within the Big Sandy region. As Secretary of the Kentucky Interagency Council on Homelessness, and a member of the Kentucky Balance of State CoC Advisory Board, she is acutely aware of the issue as it exists in our regions. This year's K-Count will be conducted for the Big Sandy region on January 31, and Jacqueline Long highlights the importance of agency participation and organizational or individual volunteering, which is encouraged in order to discover the most accurate levels of homelessness affecting our region. "In this climate of budget cuts and deficits, it is more important than ever that we count as many of our region's homeless as possible, so we can ensure that Congress recognizes the need in our region," she noted. "With an accurate count, we can demonstrate to our nation's leaders that resources need to be directed toward homeless services and housing."

To volunteer as an organization or individual to assist in conducting the count within the Big Sandy region, or to provide information about homeless individuals, please contact Jacqueline Long at 859-740-2086.

Interagency Collaboration Aims to Remove Barriers

The many agencies addressing the issue in Kentucky's Balance of State work collaboratively to not only provide shelter, but to remove barriers for those experiencing homelessness as well. Often, this takes the form of food banks, substance abuse and mental health counseling, community support services that train those individuals in essential life skills, fellowship with religious organizations, along with a wide variety of other services and programs. The collective goal of these organizations is to provide wraparound services that care for the whole person, and which address the individual issues that contribute to their homelessness. Imagine once again that you are unsure of where "home" is going to be in the very near future. This time, however, you have met with a person at a local assistance program who says they can help. They connect you with a counselor who helps you overcome emotional troubles, an agency that helps you discover monetary benefits that you did not realize you were eligible to receive, and a job skills training facility that helps you develop vital skills for specific jobs in your area. With this collaborative interagency focus on your particular needs, it will be far more likely that you will soon be able to maintain housing for you and your family. The desired outcome of these agencies is to help individuals successfully develop this ability; or, for those unable to maintain housing on their own, the goal is to provide permanent housing or assistance to ensure that these most basic life needs are met.

Resources for Homeless

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, or is in imminent danger of becoming homeless, a variety of services and programs are available through many agencies. In the Big Sandy region, WestCare Emergency Shelter can be contacted at 606-432-9442; or, in cases of domestic violence, Turning Point Domestic Violence Services can be contacted at 1-800-649-6605.

Veterans seeking housing, resources, or assistance can contact their local Veterans Affairs center; or contact MCCC's Veterans Transitional Housing Center 606-639-3178; or visit Kentucky Housing Corporation's Operation KY Home to learn about its homeownership program at kyhousing.org/OperationKYHome.

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Questions raised by Martin council after hearing from corps rep

By JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

During Tuesday's meeting of the Martin City Council, upon hearing an update from the city's project manager regarding bringing the city out of the flood plane, council members were left with questions regarding property values and water pressure issues.

Stephen Porter, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, told the board that the 34,000 square foot Renaissance Learning Center in Martin, as of Monday, was at 63 percent completion. He displayed a rendering of what the school would look like once complete. He said the contract calls for a completion date near the end of June 2018, but he said the contractors might miss that deadline by a few days.

Porter said the school was designed based on the water pressure that was available 10 years ago.

"As we started construction, they checked the pressure and with the hydrants, they saw it was lower than what we needed," said Porter. He said the corps had a company conduct pressure and volume checks on the water supply, which showed that the pressure was low and the volume was much lower than needed. He said the issues could be due to elevation of where the water is needed.

"What we're dealing with is a water supply issue upon the hill, to where there's not enough volume," said Porter.

An eight-inch water pipe runs into a three-inch water pipe, which Porter said causes the restriction of water, lowering the volume. The three-inch pipe then reaches an eight-inch pipe again, this pipe supplies water to the City of Martin.

"There's no way possible that that three-inch valve can pass the water we need," he said. "It's physically impossible."

Porter said, more than likely, the easiest way to fix the water problem is to replace the three-inch valve with an eight-inch valve.

The council questioned whether the City of Prestonsburg would perform the work on the water valves. Porter said the corps would pay the city to perform those tasks. The water supply coming through the pipes is supplied by Prestonsburg.

"Our understanding is that Prestonsburg owns that valve box," Porter said. "They would probably be the ones to swap that valve out. And we'll pay for that."

One council member asked about laying new lines, which Porter said using the lines mentioned above was the easiest and most affordable option for the current project —

supplying water to the school. He said new lines would have to be implemented in the future as the project moves forward.

Porter told the council that replacing the three-inch valve should be completed in one or two days.

"Who are you talking to that says they can do that in an eight-hour day?" asked council members James Reynolds.

Porter said based on the photos the corps is looking at, the valve did not look too bad.

Questions also were raised about property values when properties acquired by the corps.

Council member April Gayheart said that when the project began, property owners in the flood plane were told not to "do anything" to their properties because the corps was going to buy out those properties.

"Now, they have all depreciated. Some of them are burnt, they're gone. 'What are you all going to do about that?'" she asked Porter.

"It's the value as it sits," Porter said. Council member Doug Adams said he was advised to do the same with his family's property.

"My family's building has flooded four times while this project has been going on," he said. "We continued to pay flood insurance and have it fixed ... Everybody we rented to just kept leaving town because it kept happening. We were told not to do anything else to it."

Adams asked when the plans had changed. Porter said the original plan was dependent on the flow of money from Congress.

"I don't know that it ever changed," said Porter. "If you ask our appraisers, they would say don't do anything to your building. It's really up to each individual landowner to decide because, as everybody is aware, the project wasn't funded for years. We can't, in our appraisal, go back and see what something was worth."

"Actually, you can," Adams said. "If you have appraisers out here telling people: 'Don't do anything to your property.' All they're doing is benefiting themselves."

Porter said relocation benefits are separate disbursements for property owners being bought out.

"The relocation benefits are not always a benefit of the Corps of Engineers buying your property. That is a part of this project," Porter said.

Porter discussed having real estate representatives come to Martin to discuss the real estate side of the project. Officials agreed that would benefit residents and property owners.

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On Jan. 23, Big Sandy Area Development District Director Sandy Runyon told the BSADD Board of Directors that the agency is "a little concerned" about several funding issues, including last week's announcement that Governor Matt Bevin wants to eliminate of 70 programs from the state budget.

"There's a lot of things in here that's going to hurt a lot of people and no matter what the cut is, it's going to hurt somebody, and we know that. But we have some special concerns in there," she said.

The state's area development fund program was on the chopping block in Bevin's proposed budget, and Runyon said the elimination of that program would impact the Big Sandy ADD and local county governments. The agency distributes those funds to local governments for capital projects.

Runyon said the area development fund program has decreased over the years — from about \$20,000 per county years ago, to much less these days. The agency expects to receive about \$27,479 in that fund in the 2018 fiscal year — about seven percent less than it received during the prior fiscal year.

She encouraged local government leaders at the meeting to turn in receipts for capital projects that already utilized that funding and suggested that they spend area development funds that have not yet been used.

"That fund will be swept, I think, if we don't use those dollars, so if you have projects out there that you have had approved and you have completed, get those receipts to (us so we) can ask that you get reimbursed for them...and if you have dollars out there in those accounts, you need to spend them," she said.

She also expressed concerns about funding cuts in two other programs the agency relies on to plan water infrastructure projects and spur economic development in Eastern Kentucky.

She said the Big Sandy ADD received contracts for Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) funds and Joint Funding Administration (JFA) funds, and both of those contracts have decreased.

She told board members that she is seeking an explanation for a cut of \$10,497 in the KIA contract, which is \$49,828.

"As you know the KIA contract is what we utilize for water and sewer planning that we do with all of the cities and the counties, so we're a little concerned with that," she said. "We have to supplement that contract anyway. That's one of those things that we use local funds to do. We have to supplement that anyway, so that cut was a little troubling to us."

Runyon said the KIA cut appears to be more than the statewide cut proposed, and she is working with state officials to get an explanation.

She is also reaching out to state officials to determine whether other funds are available to help the agency recoup cuts in the JFA fund, which is administered through the Kentucky Department for Local Government.

The JFA fund comes via a partnership between the federal government and the state, and the state provides matching funds for federal grants that the Big Sandy ADD receives through this program. Runyon told the board that this contract provides the "core function" of the Big Sandy ADD—a director, an accountant, a secretary and other needs. These funds are awarded as reimbursements and the agency files invoices as funds are used.

"It's a critical component of what we do, but it is probably the least, or the worst, funded," she said. "We have some major concerns with that."

She explained that the first payment allotted in the JFA contract was \$12,000 less than what the agency invoiced for reimbursement. After the meeting, she said officials don't yet know the total cut to JFA and officials have heard rumors that an unmatched portion of that fund may not continue to be allocated.

In the 2018 fiscal year, the district's JFA contract is \$243,313—which comes through the state—and an additional \$82,830, which comes from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

When asked how the Big Sandy ADD would cope if the unmatched portion of that fund is not allotted, Runyon said it would hamper the agency's economic development work.

"It will keep us from attending meetings of local governments," she said. "All of those dollars are primarily used in our economic development department. It doesn't fund all of it, but it supplies a portion of funding for that department. It will mean that we will not have the number of staff that we've had in the past and we will not be able to continue some of those activities that we've done in the past for local governments."

Reflecting on these funding concerns, however, Runyon said she is "not crying yet" because the proposed cuts must still be approved legislatively.

"I have spoken with all of our legislators and made them aware of what the impacts will be and I think they are all very supportive of the work that we do," she said. "But on the other hand, we all know there will be budget cuts somewhere."

During the meeting, she also mentioned the proposed elimination of the Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship, which provides scholarships for Eastern Kentucky residents, saying, "We hope there's some movement on that."

Lorie Foley Elam, human services director for the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund addressed the board, asking them to contact their legislators in regards to legal aid funding programs that were also proposed for elimination by Bevin.

Runyon said those cuts impacts elderly residents in the region, noting that the Big Sandy ADD calls on AppalRed to help elderly residents served by its aging program services programs.

According to the district's financial audit, approved during the Jan. 23 meeting, Big Sandy ADD revenues decreased from \$8.14 million in 2016 to \$7.9 million in 2017.

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LETTERS:

Legal aid helps increase access to justice

Helen is a senior citizen who is hearing impaired. Because Helen owns her home, she was shocked when she was served with court eviction papers.

Unbeknownst to Helen, a private company had purchased a \$500 garbage bill she owed and filed a foreclosure action against her. Helen was never served with the foreclosure court papers, but a default judgment was entered against her anyway. The home was sold at judicial sale and Helen was ordered to vacate the home she had paid for. An AppalReD Legal Aid attorney appeared with Helen at the eviction hearing and began fighting on Helen's behalf. Thanks to

the work of AppalReD Legal Aid, the foreclosure case was ultimately dismissed, and Helen's home was saved.

Services like these would go away if the Governor's current budget proposal is successful in cutting all program funding for Access to Justice. Kentucky's civil legal aid programs serve the working poor, seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, nursing home residents, and victims of domestic violence. Access to Justice helped more than 55,000 low-income Kentuckians in over 22,000 cases just last year.

Kentucky's four civil legal aid programs, including AppalReD Legal Aid, Legal Aid of

the Bluegrass, The Legal Aid Society, and Kentucky Legal Aid, provide a service no one else provides for low-income Kentuckians. They are the only Kentucky programs helping low-income individuals with a wide array of civil legal problems like domestic violence, home foreclosure, child abuse and neglect, wrongful eviction from a nursing home, and expungement. Nearly a quarter of Kentuckians are eligible for services and would have severely limited access to the legal system to resolve serious problems if not for civil legal aid.

Denial of justice has a cost to every community: increased costs to law enforcement and

shelters when the factors involved in domestic violence are not resolved; increased costs to local governments due to decreased property values and loss of tax revenue in areas blighted by foreclosures; increased costs to local emergency rooms when uninsured people are not enrolled in public benefits, like Medicaid, to which they may be entitled. For every dollar spent on civil legal aid annually, the clients gain \$2.20 and the community gains \$7.42.

Despite this incredible return on investment, legal aid programs are forced to turn away more than 50 percent of their eligible applicants for service due to inadequate

funding; now these critical programs are at risk of being eliminated completely. It is important, now more than ever, to hold the line on funding for programs that lift people out of dangerous situations and give them the justice constitutionally promised to them as Americans. We want to continue helping seniors like Helen, and the other one in four Kentuckians who qualify, to get access to justice when they need it most.

Robert Johns,
AppalReD Legal Aid
Executive Director

COLUMN:

Turning Kentucky Power's 16 percent rate increase into 4 percent decrease for customers

By **ANDY BESHEAR**
KENTUCKY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Last June, AEP/Kentucky Power filed before the Public Service Commission to raise utility bills for Eastern Kentucky families yet again. It was crushing news.

Rates had already increased 51 percent since 2006.

Yet, Kentucky Power sought an additional increase of 16 percent.

Families who already had some of the highest bills in the entire state and whose communities

are suffering from the highest rates of poverty and unemployment were being asked to pay the most.

All the while, Kentucky Power's revenues from Kentucky customers increased \$217 million over the last 12 years.

When the company first called for an increase in June, my office received dozens of calls from families saying this was a life-or-death issue for them.

The realities we heard are tragic.

Some Eastern Kentucky children said the

only thing they wanted for Christmas was to keep the lights on.

In October, I made a joint announcement in Pikeville with county judge-executives, area legislators, advocates and citizens where I promised to fight. I stated publicly, and to Kentucky Power, that I would oppose any increase.

The legal fight, which took place over the next seven months, was challenging. All of the other parties in the case, except one, agreed to a settlement that would have raised residential rates by 9 percent.

I refused.

In the public hearings, so many customers said that their bills were already too high.

The Office of the Attorney General listened and decided to fight, even if we had to do it alone.

I admit, this case was tough on my team, and it took faith to keep going. But, we fought back when the company argued that the PSC could not consider whether customers could actually afford their bill.

Thank you to those who made calls and

comments. You made a difference, and our case could not have been possible without your voice.

Through it all, our position never wavered.

While we were required to present testimony on alternative rate amounts, the PSC's final order acknowledges our one and only position: "The Attorney General objected to any increase on the residential customer."

The PSC also recognized that we strongly argued that "Kentucky Power's customers are unable to afford a rate increase," which if granted "would set the

entire economy of Eastern Kentucky back."

As a result, on Jan. 18, the PSC issued a series of rulings.

According to the PSC, these rulings will result in a 4 percent decrease in the monthly bills for our Eastern Kentucky families.

We are busy checking the math, and I understand this is not enough.

Bills are way too high, especially the bill you are just receiving for some of the coldest temperatures this winter.

But, fighting against a 16 percent increase and coming out with a 4 percent decrease is a good start.

And, as with every mission of ours, we will continue to fight for the people of Kentucky against those who want to put profits over what's best for our people.

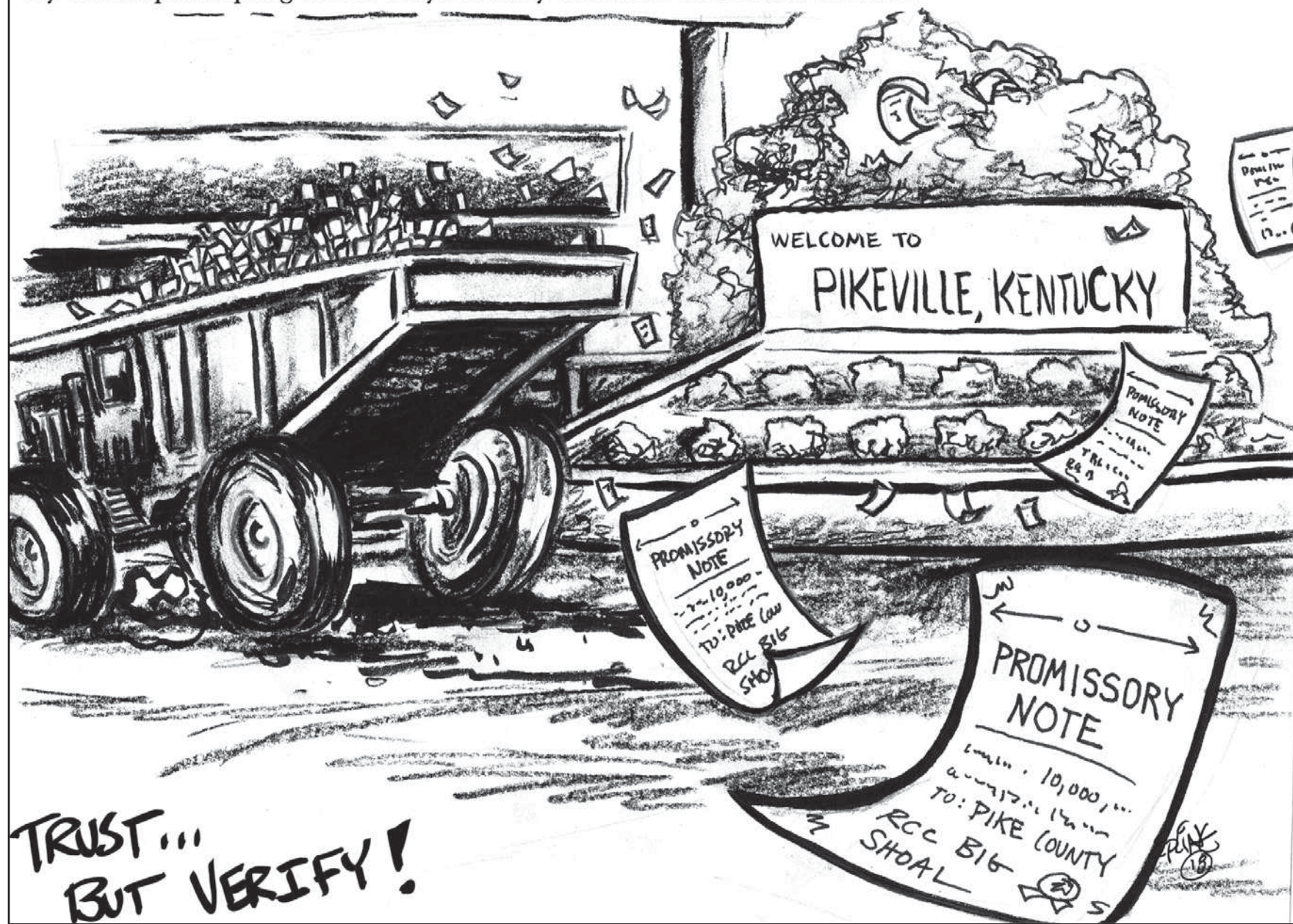
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Don Brickley
Don

 L. Brickley, 76, of Knoxville, Tenn., died Monday, January 22, 2018, at his residence, surrounded by his family. He was born at Prestonsburg, March 25, 1941, the son of the late Glen and Rhonda Rivers Brickley. He graduated from Prestonsburg High School in 1960. He joined the United States Army Reserve in 1961. He was the owner of Alamo Welding & Steel Company in Knoxville for more than 25 years. He was an avid golfer and member of Holston Hills Country Club, enjoyed vacationing at the beach and

spending time with his family. His greatest love was his wife, children and his grandchildren.

He was an active and faithful member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., since June 1976. He enjoyed singing in the choir, fellowshiping with the Berean Sunday School Class and serving as a deacon.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Ruth Ann Ross Brickley; his children, Mark Brickley (Angie) of Pickerington, Ohio and Lisa Brickley Yarber (Jeff) of Knoxville, Tenn.; his grandchildren, Garrett Brickley and Haley Brickley; his brother, Carl Brickley (Faye) of Newport, Tenn.; and many friends and relatives.

A very special thanks to the UT Hospice services for their excellent care and for the doctors who have cared for him over the years.

A Celebration of Life service was held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 2500

Maryville Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920, with Rev. Danny Davis and Rev. Kirby Ownby officiating. Family and friends met at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 25, 2018, at Berry Funeral Home, 3704 Chapman Highway, and proceeded in procession at 10:40 a.m. to Mt. Olive Cemetery for an 11 a.m. interment service. Full military honors were performed by Volunteer State Honor Guard. Arrangements were under the direction of the Berry Funeral Home of Knoxville, Tenn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to: Music Ministry of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 2500 Maryville Pike, Knoxville, TN 37920.

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

This is a paid obituary.

Mazie Burgess

Mazie Hunter Burgess, 56, of Honaker, died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018.

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

Emma Collins

Emma Deloris Collins,

65, of Langley, died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018.

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



Gwendolyn Cvangros

Gwendolyn Denise Hall Cvangros, 65, of Lakeland, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 19, 2018.

She was born at Martin, Aug. 20, 1952, the daughter of Garnett and Joy Price Hall.

She grew up at Martin and graduated from Martin High School. After high school, she attended Mayo Technical School, where she graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN). She later changed her career and worked for Sandy Valley Explosives at Allen. She then worked for East Kentucky Mack at Prestonsburg. She moved to Florida in 2000. She

was employed by Publiclix and most recently by Lakeland Regional Health Medical Center. She married John Cvangros in 2005. They were happily married for 12 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Garnett and Joy Price Hall.

Left to treasure her memory is her husband, John; her brother Jeff Hall; her niece, Elizabeth Ponce; her great-nephews, Taylor Hall and Logan Ponce; her great-niece, Lorian; and many aunts and uncles.

Memorial services were held from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018, at Lakeland Funeral Home, 2125 South Bartow Hwy, Lakeland, FL 33805. Arrangements were under the direction of Lakeland Funeral Home of Lakeland, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Association.

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

This is a paid obituary.

Joe Howell

Joe Howell, 76, of

Harold died Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018.

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

Stella Isom

Stella M. Isom, 96, of Flint Mich., died Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018.

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

Susie Rains Johnson

Susie Rains Johnson, 60, of Wheelwright, died Monday, Jan. 22, 2018.

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

Polly Lafferty

Polly Stephens Lafferty, 89, of Banner, died Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018.

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

Elizabeth Ann Wilson

Elizabeth Ann Wilson, 83, of Melvin, died Thursday, Jan. 25, 2018.

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Candidate filings continue in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

As the filing deadline for the 2018 Primary Election nears, races are heating up in Floyd County.

Six candidates filed paperwork to seek offices serving Floyd County residents recently, bringing the total number of candidates seeking election to 50.

The newest filings added another U.S. Representative candidate, as well as two candidates for the Court of Appeals, Floyd County magistrate and constable races.

Kenneth S. Stepp, a Democrat from Manchester, filed his paperwork with the state recently to run against the winner of the Republican Primary in the race for U.S. Representative in the 5th Congressional District. Republican incumbent Harold "Hal" Rogers of Somerset and Gerardo Serrano of Jackson County are set to square off in the Republican Primary.

Prestonsburg attorney Jim G. Vanover and Jackson attorney Marcia L. Wireman added their names to the list of nonpartisan candidates for the 7th Appellate District of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, bringing the number of candidates in that race to five. David Allen Barber of Morehead, Donald Howard Combs of Pikeville and Larry E. Thompson of Pikeville are also seeking the seat.

The list of candidates for magistrate seats on the Floyd County Fiscal Court also grew recently, with Rick Jervis of Prestonsburg seeking to represent the people in District 1 and George Hall of Harold filing paperwork to campaign for the District 4 seat. All incumbent magistrates are seeking re-election this year, and these races have filled out to include a total of 14 Democratic candidates.

With the recent filings, there are now 12 candidates seeking constable seats in Floyd County. Democrat Bobby Page of McDowell filed paperwork to campaign for the District 3 seat, and Democrat Eddie Case of Betsy Layne filed paperwork to seek the District 4 seat.

The filing deadline for candidates is at 4 p.m. on Jan. 30, and some nonpartisan candidates, including those seeking seats on local city governments and the school board, have until August to file their statement of candidacy. Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh will host a drawing to determine where candidates will be placed on the ballot at 2 p.m. on Feb. 1 in the fiscal courtroom. The public is invited to watch that event.

The candidates who have filed their paperwork include:

U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District
Harold "Hal" Rogers, incumbent, Somerset, Republican
Gerardo Serrano of South Tyner, Republican
Kenneth S. Stepp of Manchester, Democrat

95th State Representative
Larry D. Brown of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Republican
Ashley Tackett Laferty of Martin, Democrat

Floyd County Judge Executive
James "Jimmy" Rose of Caney Fork, Democrat
Marvin Bryan Lafferty of Prestonsburg, Democrat
Ben Hale of Blue River, incumbent, Democrat

Floyd County Attorney
Keith Bartley of Prestons-

burg, incumbent, Democrat
Floyd County Jailer
Stuart "Bear" Halbert of Martin, incumbent, Democrat
Glennis Caudill of Melvin, Democrat

Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator
Connie Hancock of Langley, incumbent, Democrat

Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk
Douglas Ray Hall of McDowell, incumbent, Democrat
Donnie Daniels of Melvin, Democrat

Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney
Arnold Brent Turner of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Democrat

Floyd County Coroner
Greg Nelson of Dwale, incumbent, Democrat

District 1 Magistrate
"Big John" John Goble of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Democrat
Mark D. Crider of Prestonsburg, Democrat
David A. Gearheart of Prestonsburg, Democrat
Rick Jervis of Prestonsburg, Democrat

District 2 Magistrate
Randy Davis of David, incumbent, Democrat
George Ousley of Goose Creek in Eastern, Democrat
Todd Hansford of Wayland, Democrat

District 3 Magistrate
Mike Tackett of Wheelwright, incumbent, Democrat
Ryan Slone of Drift, Democrat
Warren Jarrell of Printer, Democrat

District 4 Magistrate
Ronnie Akers, of Harold, incumbent, Democrat
Lennix Cola Ray Akers of Harold, Democrat
William L. Slone of Dana, Democrat
George Hall of Harold, Democrat

Floyd County District

Judge 31st/2nd
Jimmy "Blue" Marcum of Prestonsburg, incumbent
Eric D. Hall of Allen, incumbent

Court of Appeals, 7th Appellate District
Donald Howard Combs of Pikeville
Larry E. Thompson of Pikeville

David Allen Barber of Morehead
Jim G. Vanover of Prestonsburg
Marcia L. Wireman of Jackson

Prestonsburg Mayor
Les Stapleton of Prestonsburg, incumbent

Prestonsburg City Council
Brittainy Branham of Prestonsburg, incumbent

District 1 Constable
Larry (Boss) Jarrell of Slick Rock, incumbent, Democrat

Bobby Hamilton of Prestonsburg, Independent
William "Bill" Callihan of Auxier, Democrat

District 2 Constable
Samuel Duncan, of Garrett, incumbent, Democrat
Gary Nelson of Lackey, Democrat

District 3 Constable
Ernie Ray Moore of McDowell, incumbent, Democrat
Joey Collins of McDowell, Democrat
Willie Hall of Melvin, Democrat
Bobby Page of McDowell, Democrat

District 4 Constable
Allred "Junebug" New-some of Gethel, incumbent, Democrat

Green Wakeland of Printer, Democrat
Eddie Case of Betsy Layne, Democrat



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Eastern Kentucky PRIDE discusses rebranding the region

By JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Nearly 40 community members and local leaders gathered at the Garfield House in Pikeville Tuesday to discuss the possibilities for Eastern Kentucky during a town hall meeting hosted by Eastern Kentucky PRIDE and the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, with funding provided by an Appalachian Regional Commission technical Assistance Grant, partnered with branding firm Chandlerthinks and the Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky to implement a branding initiative in southern

and Eastern Kentucky.

"We have been contracted to help develop a brand for southern and eastern Kentucky," said Greg Fuson, Chandlerthinks director of research, at Tuesday's meeting. "When people hear the word 'branding' the first thing that comes to mind is a new logo and a tag on it. That's the first thing that everyone thinks about... In our minds, it's about the story."

Fuson went on to discuss the importance of tourism. He said tourism is economic development.

"There is no question that tourism brings revenue to the community," he said. "That's what we do. We are a part of trying to understand what

those assets are, how we can grow those and how we can promote those to be able to help to provide a great experience."

Fuson said the process of branding begins with the stakeholders, in this case, the people who "breathe Eastern Kentucky every day."

"You're the experts," Fuson said, referring to the members of the audience Tuesday. "We're relying on you to give us the good, the bad, the ugly, the fantastic, or whatever it is."

In total, six town hall meetings were conducted Monday and Tuesday throughout southern and Eastern Kentucky. Tammie Wilson, president and CEO of Eastern Ken-

tucky PRIDE, said that at each of the six meetings, attendees mentioned the natural beauty of the region and the hospitality of residents as assets to the area.

"We face challenges in this area, but we always hit them head on and overcome them," Wilson said, reflecting on the town hall discussions. "We have to discuss the challenges of the region to know what we have to overcome."

Wilson said the next step in the branding process involves Chandlerthinks researching the area and the input from residents during the town hall meetings. From there, a plan will be put into action.

Each attendee received an

activity packet, which consisted of different brainstorming exercises. Attendees worked both alone and in groups to fill out the worksheets. The exercises focused on branding and tourism.

The town hall meeting lasted for more than one hour. Two other meetings were scheduled Tuesday, one at the Natural Bridge State Resort Park at Slade and, one at the city hall in Hazard.

Wilson encourages anyone interested in giving their input to call her office at, (606) 677-6150. She said interested persons can join the discussion online at, www.facebook.com/brandingsoandeastnky.

Kentucky Chatauqua to highlight Jean Ritchie next week

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Library Seminar Series and the Campus Environment Team at Big Sandy Community and Technical College will present Kentucky Chatauqua Rachel Lee Rogers as Jean Ritchie next week.

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

Kentucky Chatauqua has brought to life more than 70 people from Kentucky's past - both famous and unknown. The Chatauqua performers travel throughout the state delivering historically accurate dramatizations of Kentuckians.

Jean Ritchie was

a traditional musician, commercial performer, recording artist, author and composer. Born in Viper in Perry County in 1922, she began her recording career in 1952, signing with Elektra Records. Throughout her career she recorded more than 35 albums, which strongly reflected her Kentucky heritage and featured her playing the mountain dulcimer.

Known as the "Mother of Folk," Ritchie was a major contributor to the national revival of folk music across American during the mid to second half of the 20th century. She was also an outspoken environmental activist. Her song, "Black Waters" is a well-known protest song about strip mining in Kentucky.

Rogers, of Versailles, trained at Northern Kentucky University, Rutgers, and the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts. She is the arts fa-

cilitator at the School for Creative Performing Arts at Bluegrass and as an educator.

Kentucky Chatauqua is presented by the Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc. with support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

No change in BOE leadership; meetings

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Board of Education did not make any changes this week to its leadership structure or its meeting dates, times and locations.

On Jan. 22, the board voted to re-appoint Sherry Robinson as chairman, Dr. Chandra Varia as vice-chairman, Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble as secretary and Tiffany Warrix Campbell, a school district employee who does not attend board meetings, as treasurer.

The board also made no changes or additions to its regular monthly meeting calendar, agreeing to continue to host meetings at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Mon-

day of each month at various schools. In May and December, however, the board will meet on the third Monday because Memorial Day and Christmas eve falls on the regular meeting date.

The board will meet at Betsy Layne High School in February, Prestonsburg Elementary in March, South Floyd in April, Betsy Layne High School in May, Prestonsburg High School in June, Duff-Allen Central in July, Stumbo Elementary in August, Adams Middle in September, Floyd Central in October, Betsy Layne Elementary in November and Allen Elementary in December.

Board members are permitted to arrive at these meetings at 5:30 p.m. for school tours and presentations of student work. All meetings are open to the public.

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CONTRABAND

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the jail.

"With contraband, the thing that scares me, and most jailers, are the drugs," said Halbert. "In a jail setting, if they do get drugs in, they're going to be taking very minimal amounts of that drug. And if they get something in, the actual jail, then they try to take what they'd normally take on the street and that's when your overdoses happen."

Halbert said it's important that every inmate found with contraband face charges. He said he does not show any favoritism between inmates.

"If you bring contraband into this jail, you will be charged," he said.

Halbert said the staff of the jail works well with the local court system on these cases. He said he believes a good precedent has been set, in terms of charging inmates found with contraband in the jail.

The detention center staff conducts random cell searches, at least four per week, according to Halbert. If an inmate is suspected to be under the influence of drugs, a drug test will be administered and an investigation will begin to find out how the contraband entered the facility.

Contraband is brought into the detention center in a few different ways. Inmates often attempt to sneak contraband in after returning from work release. This is often done

by inmates attempting to hide contraband in body cavities. Another way contraband enters the jail is through the walls. Inmates make tools to carve out tiny holes in the walls, which staff look for during searches.

Lieutenant Parker DeRossett works closely finding contraband at the Floyd County Detention Center. He said when someone is lodged in the detention center, the first step is to check their records and charges. If they are drug related, that lets the staff know to be aware. The staff observes the body language of inmates to make sure they aren't acting in a manner that would lead staff to believe them to be under the influence.

"If they come in on drug charges we automatically do a strip search," said DeRossett. "If we still think there's something that's possibly there, then, we call the nurse, call the jailer and get an X-ray." He said inmates are subject to strip search once they re-enter the jail from work release.

At the most recent Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting held earlier this month, Halbert discussed purchasing a full body scanner for the detention center. Halbert and DeRossett agreed that the scanner is much needed.

"The unit is something similar to what you have in airports, it does pick up the stomach and the pelvic area, which actually takes two X-rays

in one because, not only can they have (contraband) in a body cavity but they actually do swallow this stuff too," said Halbert. "So, we're pretty excited about trying to move forward with this and getting this installed as quick as we can."

He said that, hopefully, within the next two months, the jail would have the equipment installed and ready to use.

Halbert said an average of eight inmates are booked in the Floyd County Detention Center daily. He said around 15 inmates per day leave the jail for some reason, whether that be for court hearings or work release. He said all of the inmates entering or re-entering the facility would be scanned with the new equipment.

Halbert said most of the contraband collected are found via X-ray, which, he said, is why the staff is so excited to acquire the equipment.

In addition to working closely with the court system, Halbert said he and his staff work closely with local law enforcement — the Prestonsburg Police Department, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office and the Kentucky State Police — to gather information and tips.

During his three years as jailer, Halbert said, he has seen a decrease in the amount of contraband being brought into the detention center. He said there has also been a decrease in fights in the detention center.

CHANGE

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presentation by Kevin Cheek of Sherman Carter Barnhart and Matt Mills of construction manager Codell Construction.

The school district is withholding final payouts to contractors on the Floyd Central contract, Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble said, until the project is finished. Cheek told the Floyd County Chronicle and Times after the meeting that the project is essentially complete, as workers are just putting final touches on a "punch list" of items that did not meet construction standards or needed changed.

Trimble said, however, that the job is not finished until the punch list is completed, and that's why the district is withholding payments. The work was supposed to be completed in early May 2017, and when it wasn't, the school district postponed the start of school. After school opened, contractors started working in the evening hours. That work continues, Cheek said.

Change orders approved for Floyd Central included a transfer of \$40,000 in costs from Mountain Aggregates to Rising Sun Developing, two other change orders totaling more than \$26,000 in additional costs to Rising Sun Developing and a \$7,900 change order to Carpet Decorators, Inc.

The \$40,000 change order was caused by a purchase order error, Cheek said. The two change orders totaling \$26,000 for Rising Sun were for stainless steel blank-off plates requested for teacher desks and projector outlet locations, the addition of conduit from a flag pole on the athletics field, marker board installation in math classrooms, and ventilation in an elevator room. Cheek said some of this work is already complete. Bill Cobb of Codell Construction said the holiday schedule pushed approval of these change orders until January.

The \$7,900 change

order for the carpet company was issued to correct an error on another change order, regarding flooring in the athletic training room at the school. It did not increase the cost of the project.

Cheek said additional funds approved with these change orders would be funded through the project's contingency.

Change orders approved for the BLHS project included about \$2,800 to Frederick & May Construction for upgrading the flagpole, \$9,400 to Toadvine Enterprises to install an electric batting cage and \$1,400 to JMK Electric to provide itemized pricing for electrical requirements of an electrically-operated batting cage. A change order also credited the district with about \$919 from JMK Electric.

Cheek said these change orders were requested by school district officials and pointed out that the electrical batting cage was requested to "equalize" amenities at BLHS with those provided to students at Floyd Central.

Mills told the board of education that the BLHS renovation is currently on schedule to be completed by May 1.

His comments came after board member William "Jr." Newsome said, "I've got that May 1 date underlined."

"I do too," Mills said. "Trust me, I do. The contractors, the last 60 days, just so you know, they're working through snow, whatever it takes. We've got guys out there welding in snow storms. We do have everyone's attention. Everyone is aware of it. I'm very proud of what they've done in the past 60 days. The next 30 to 60 days is very critical to continue the momentum we have. We like where we are right now."

Board Chair Sherry Robinson asked, "So you foresee it being finished by May 1?"

"We like where we are right now, yes. I like the May 1 date," he said.

"Liking where you are is not the answer. It's ei-

ther yes or no," she said.

"I like where we are ... Of course, we cannot afford any setbacks. So, we like where we are. We need to continue the momentum we have," he replied.

He reported being confident about the schedule of the gym area and noted the administrative suite is behind schedule. He said, however, that that area is small, which makes it easier to get that work back on schedule.

The board also:

- Approved disposing of lunchroom booths from the Allen Elementary. The school's booths were replaced with tables from McDowell Elementary after that school closed.

- Approved a commitment with the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative for the fifth year extension of the Race to the Top grant.

- Accepted the School Facilities Construction Commission offer of assistance of \$33,812 annual debt service on bonds to be sold for proposed construction or major renovation that is outlined in the district's facility plan for 2018-2020. The offer bonds about \$480,000. The district escrowed building fund balances in the last fiscal year to be eligible for this funding assistance. It cannot be used until after July.

- Accepted the first and second School Facilities Construction Commission offer of assistance totaling \$83,442 for technology programs. The funds will be used to replace outdated workstations, services, pay technology staff and other needs.

- Approved board member travel to several conferences and events, the draft working budget for 2018, and allowing a teacher to be assigned to an area outside of his/her certification area to accommodate a special needs student at Adam Middle.

- Adopted a form provided by the Floyd County Judge Executive's office to allow buses to turn on private property with owner permission.

THREAT

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Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt said his department is working with the Kentucky State Police, who was also at the school on Jan. 25, to continue the investigation. He said both students involved in the Facebook post—the one who created the post and the one it was about—were asked not to come to school.

They determined the student accused of allegedly threatening the school had "no means of carrying out a threat," Hunt said. Officials are interviewing people who liked or shared the Facebook post to de-

termine whether there was any merit to it or if it was a "complete hoax" or "as some kind of little gimmick" to get attention. If it was a hoax, Hunt said charges could be filed against the student who made the post.

Trimble said the student affiliated with the social media post was not permitted to attend school and will not return until officials are sure no threat remains.

A press release from the school district said, "After the authorities investigated the situation, it was deemed safe for our students to attend school today. Even though there was not a confirmed threat, additional safety procedures will remain in place. The alleged student the post was directed toward is not in attendance today and will not return to Floyd Central until the investigation has been completed."

Trimble said the school would not have opened if officials believed there was a threat.

"We will deal with this to the fullest extent, one way or the other," Trimble said. "The safety of our students is our number one priority and we would not have brought them in here if we weren't sure everything was safe."

The district's community education liaison Pam Caudill, whose child attends Floyd Central, said any time there is a possibility of a threat, the school district must follow additional safety procedures. Law enforcement officials remained at the school throughout the day to ensure the safety of students and staff. The investigation continues.

The incident occurred the day after a Marshall County High School student allegedly shot and killed two students and injured 18 more.

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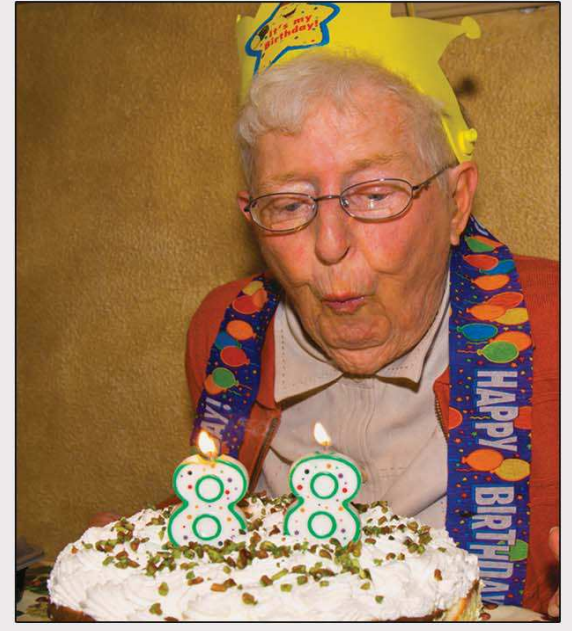


John Caleb Smith, the son of Aaron and Christy Smith of Allen was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Thelma Ratliff of Allen and John and Dorothy Smith of Wheelwright, Ky.

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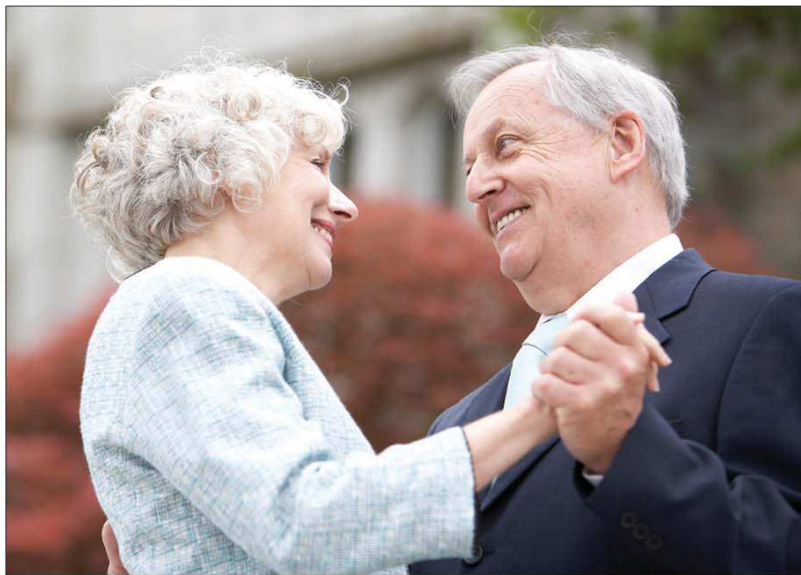
Celebrating Birthdays



The Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center recently celebrated December birthdays. The guest of honor was Leslie Belcher. Belcher was celebrating her 88th birthday.

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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Celebrating 55 years

Larry and Jane Marcum of Martin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2017 with a surprise party thrown by family and friends. The couple was married on June 23, 1962. Larry is a retired banker and Jane is retired from the Floyd County Board of Education. Mr. and Mrs. Marcum belong to the Martin Church of Christ where they are active members. They have four children, two sons and two daughters: Joe (Diane) Marcum of Martin, Frank (Judith) Marcum of Lexington, Anna (James) Richard of Archdale, NC, and Margaret (Joseph) Andrews of Lynchburg, Va. They have 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Concentrate on self-improvement, not on trying to change others. Look inward and be objective about the past, present and your idea of the future. Honesty will encourage positive change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Someone you have worked with in the past will make a difference to the way you move forward. Inside information will allow you to take a position that leads to greater success.

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**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



Relationships are favored, and romance will improve your personal life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Emotional matters will escalate if you aren't being honest in your assessment of a situation that could alter your reputation or status. Be practical and use common sense.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Taking a short trip or visiting someone who has knowledge about your ancestral background will help you gain insight into who you are and what you should strive to accomplish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Take a close look inward and consider how well you are taking care of yourself mentally, physically and emotionally. Try to maintain a healthy daily routine.

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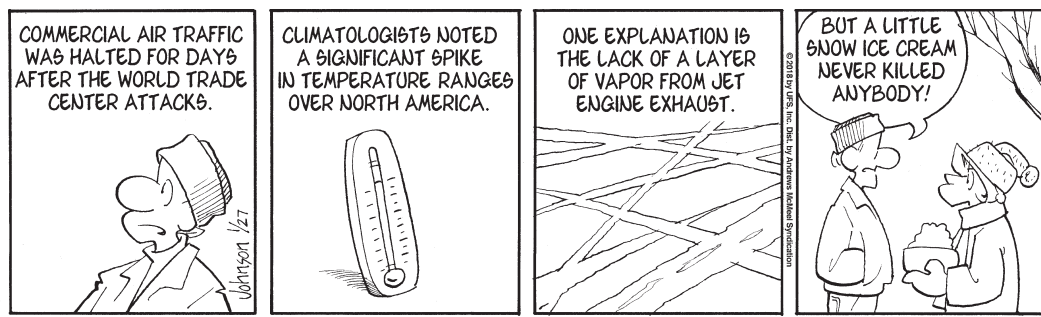
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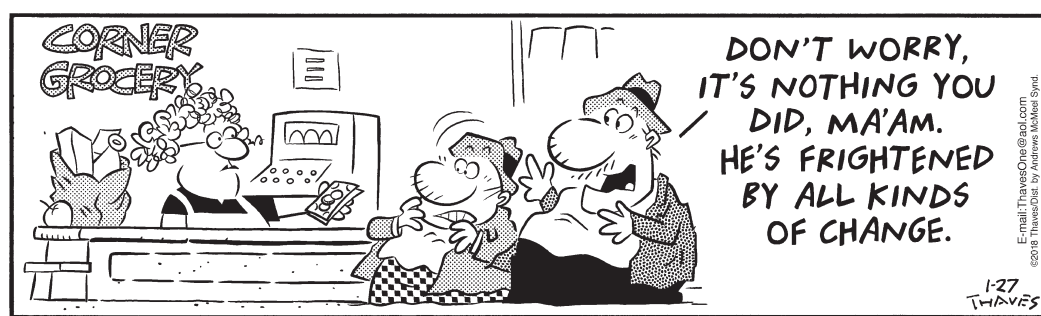
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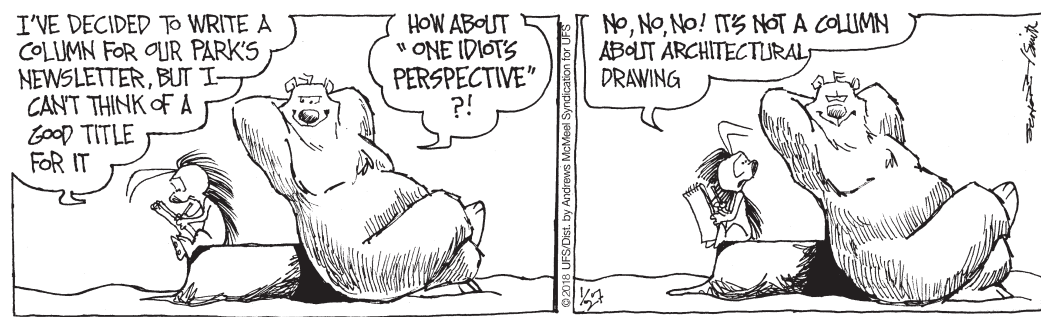
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FAITH

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Quoting C.S. Lewis

"Courage, dear heart"

"...The great thing to remember is that, though our feelings come and go, His love for us does not. It is not wearied by our sins, or our indifference; and, therefore, it is quite relentless in its determination that we shall be cured of those sins, at whatever cost to us, at whatever cost to Him."

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probably explanation is that we were made for another world."

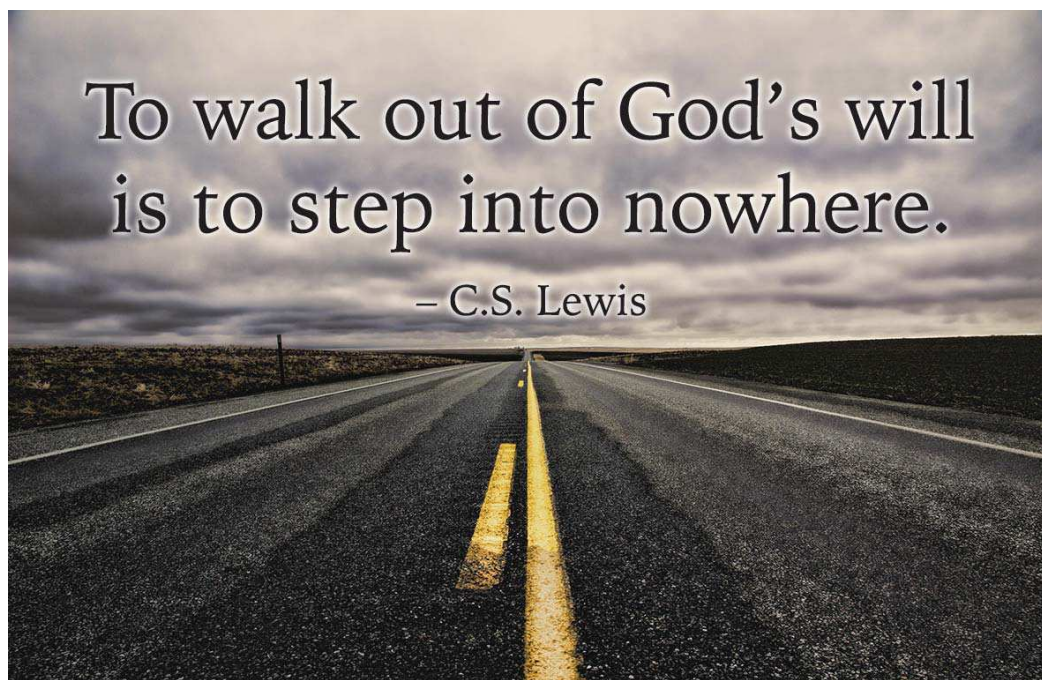
"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work."

"Don't shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you others can see Him."

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become the sons of God."

"Getting over a painful experience is much like crossing monkey bars. You have to let go at some point in order to move forward."

"You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body."



"Life with God is not immunity from difficulties, but peace in difficulties."

"Whether we like it or not, God intends to give us what we need, not what we now think we want."

"Humility is not thinking less of ourselves, but thinking of ourselves less."

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us."

"The more we let God take us over, the more truly ourselves we become."

"I believe in Christ, like I believe in the sun – not because I can see it, but by it I can see everything else."

"When we lose one blessing, another is often most unexpectedly given in its place."

"God allows us to feel the frailty of human love so we'll appreciate the strength of His."

"Evil comes from the abuse of free will."

"Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny..."

"When we Christians behave badly, or fail to behave well, we are making Christianity unbelievable to the outside world."

"Love is unselfishly choosing for another's highest good."

"I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God, it changes me."

"God, who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain."

When silence is sinful

While it is often wise to keep our opinions to ourselves and resist the urge to tell others what we think, there are times when it is wrong to remain silent. When those who are helpless or unable to speak for themselves are being intentionally harmed or taken advantage of, those who can speak up and help have a duty to do so. This principle is often enshrined in the law, for instance the laws which protect children usually require that anyone who knows that a child is being harmed has a duty to report it. People at the beginning and end of life and without access to the levers of power in their society often lack the ability to protect themselves and should be protected by those around them. The prophets of the Bible often



took up the cause of the helpless: "Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow." (Isaiah 1:17 NIV) In the world today we see many cases of ethnic or religious minorities being persecuted, from Christians in parts of the Mid-East to Muslims in countries like Myanmar. Our tribal instincts often bring out the worst in us, and good people of all faiths should stand up for the basic human rights of all God's children. Standing up to bullies and tyrants takes courage and there is no guarantee that you won't be the bully's next target, but doing the right thing sometimes has a high cost.

— Christopher Simon

"If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them."

—James 4:17 NIV

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Do you have to go to church?



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I watched a sermon by Kyle Idleman, who is pastor of Southeast Christian Church in Louisville. He preached a series titled "Beautiful Collision" referring to when our life collides with Jesus.

I wasn't very far into the sermon when Idleman read John 4:4. "Now he [Jesus] had to go through Samaria." Idleman focused on the word "had". In this section of scripture, Jesus is traveling from Judea to go to Galilee (John 4:3). In order to get from one place to the other, he could go through Samaria. At the time, Jews and Samaritans did not have a good relationship with one another. In fact, they had no relationship. Verse nine tells us that Jews did not associate with Samaritans. As a result, if someone was traveling and the route led through Samaria, they would detour and take the long way around in order to avoid the town. Idleman explains that perhaps he's communicating with the reader that Jesus had to go there.

Idleman gives a great example of how important

the word "had" is in the sentence. If a guy asked a married man what he did yesterday, here's what he would not say. He would not say "I went to Yankee Candle and smelled different candles.' He wouldn't say that. If he was going to tell you that he did that, he would add a word. He would say, 'I had to go to Yankee Candle and smell different candles.' He would say 'I had to.' It's an important word for that guy to get in that sentence. Right? Because if he just says 'I went to Yankee Candle and smelled candles,' that's awkward. That's awkward for everyone. He suddenly wished he wouldn't have asked him what he did on his day. But if he said I had to, he communicates something. He communicates he didn't want to. He was forced to. If he could have had another option he would have taken it."

Idleman went back to the verse and continues teaching, but I want to derail and focus on the example that Idleman presented. The phrase "I had to" gives a negative connotation, as Idleman explained. If you had to do something, it's normally something you didn't want to do. You had to clean the house. You had to cook dinner. You had to go grocery shopping. You had to go to work. I'm sure everyone has something they can add to the list of "to-dos" that they dislike.

During Ladies' Bible

Class, one lady pointed out something that I had never considered. Sometimes, we may be asked to do something. Perhaps it's going out to dinner to eat with some of our extended family. Perhaps they want to go during the time of a church service. Our response may be, "Sorry, but I can't join you. I have to go to church."

"We have to go to church."

Personally, I have said this particular phrase, or some version of it. I've used it and never gave it a second thought. However, during our class, the lady explained that someone outside of the church may perceive it negatively. It may sound as though we are forced to do something we dislike doing. All of the ladies who were at the Bible study agreed that we enjoy going to services. Yet, most of all us have said, 'I/we have to go to church.'

I attempt to be there whenever the church doors are open. I enjoy gathering with the saints. I enjoy learning more about the Bible, more about God's word. I enjoy discussing things during Bible study.

If I'm having a bad day, I feel better after attending services. I enjoy going, and yet I am guilty of saying "I have to go to church." (For anyone who is further critiquing my usage of 'church' in the statement, I'm aware of that, too. But that's another story.)

If we "have" to go to church, we've become the husband that was forced to go to Yankee Candle and smell different candles with his wife. He didn't want to go, but his wife dragged him there. Is someone dragging us to church? (If you are a parent dragging your kids, I applaud you and say keep

doing it.)
Before I was a Christian, I didn't want to go to church. I had other things that I wanted to do that I valued as being more important,

If we "have" to go to church, we've become the husband that was forced to go to Yankee Candle and smell different candles with his wife.

or fun, or just more interesting. But now that my perspective has changed, it's something I enjoy. It's something I want to do. So maybe I need to re-think saying, "I have to go to church." Church is not a dreaded thing for me and I don't want others to think negatively about it because of something I've said.

What do you think? Do you have to go to church?

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LEGALS

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SETTLEMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF:	FIDUCIARY	DATE FILED
FINAL	15-P-117	ANNA FRAZIER	CV REYNOLDS	3/31/15
FINAL	15-P-379	ROGER TRUSTY	REVA TRUSTY	9/21/15
FINAL	15-P-400	WILLIAM HALL	KIMBERLY HINNANT	10/5/15
FINAL	15-P-449	ELLIS CURRY	GLADAH CURRY	11/12/15
FINAL	15-P-452	JASON OUSLEY	LORETTA OUSLEY	11/13/15
FINAL	15-P-490	BRENDA SHELTON	TERRY SHELTON	12/15/15
FINAL	15-P-508	AVANEE MULLINS	PERLENE COOK	12/29/15
FINAL	16-P-10	JOHN ADKINS	BARBARA SCARBERRY	1/13/16
FINAL	16-P-21	OCIE FRASURE	ELVIE COLLINS	1/21/16
FINAL	16-P-253	FAY CAUDILL	RALPH CAUDILL	6/28/16
FINAL	16-P-257	PATRICIA POTTER	CLARENCE POTTER JR.	6/30/16
FINAL	16-P-291	JOE ROBERTS	RITA SLONE	7/27/16
FINAL	17-P-69	JOHNNY HALL	DELORES HALL	2/16/17
FINAL	17-P-226	ELMER HOLBROOK	VIRGINIA HOLBROOK	6/2/17
FINAL	17-P-240	ARNOLD BAILEY	JUDY MCDANIELS & STEWART BAILEY	6/16/17

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY COUNTY OF FLOYD

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of Floyd District Court, Do Hereby certify that the following persons have been appointed fiduciaries by the District Court. All person indebted to an Estate should settle with the Fiduciary within six (6) months from the date of appointment.

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12/21/17	17-P-483	JOHN BURKE SR.	JOHN BURKE JR.	
12/28/17	17-P-486	LOLA CLICK	TEDDY CLICK	
12/28/17	17-P-487	LARRY COLLINS	SABRINA IRICKS	
1/2/18	18-P-1	BERTHA RATLIFF	SANDRA COLLINS & REBECCA COLLINS	
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Jaguars take double-header from Lawrence



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JR Tackett scored a team-high 14 points in host Floyd Central's district win over Lawrence County.

Jaguars level Lawrence County, 80-38

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central returned to the win column in a big way on Wednesday night, toppling visiting Lawrence County 80-38 in a 58th District boys' basketball game.

The Jaguars prevailed

following a loss to Henry Clay over the weekend. Prior to falling to Henry Clay on Saturday, Floyd Central had notched back-to-back 58th District wins over county foes Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne.

New 58th District rivals, Floyd Central and Lawrence County met for

the first time.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 11-7 overall and 4-0 in the 58th District.

Lawrence County dropped to 6-14 overall and 1-2 in the district with the loss.

Floyd Central shook off a slow start. After

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Cameron Nelson scored 11 points as the Jaguars rolled past Lawrence County in a 58th District game.

Lady Jaguars hold off Lawrence County, 52-44

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Host Floyd Central held on to defeat Lawrence County 52-44 in a 58th District girls' basketball game on Wednesday night.

Floyd Central and Lawrence County girls' and boys' basketball teams met for the first-time ever.

For Lawrence County, the setback halted a six-game winning streak.

Floyd Central managed to return to the win column following an overtime loss to Betsy Layne, another 58th District counterpart.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 10-6 overall and 3-1 in the 58th District.

Lawrence County slipped to 13-4 overall and 2-1 in the district with the loss.

Katie Moore poured in a game-high 19 points to lead home standing Floyd Central to the win.

A pair of Floyd Central players reached double figures in the scoring column as Brook Stumbo tossed in 10 points.

Floyd Central outscored Lawrence County 17-10 in the opening quarter, but the two teams were tied 27-27 at halftime.

The Lady Jaguars managed to move back out in front in the third quarter, doubling up Lawrence County 14-7 to lead 41-34 heading into the final quarter.

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Lady Jaguar Katie Moore works to chase down a loose ball during Floyd Central's district game against visiting Lawrence County.



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Floyd Central's Kaylee Moore delivers a pass after a hard-fought rebound on Wednesday night.



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Lady Jaguar Brook Stumbo defends against Lawrence County's Alexis Ratliff, who scored her 1,000th point during Wednesday night's 58th District girls' basketball game.

Lady Bobcats fall on road at Hazard

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

HAZARD — The Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats remained in the loss column earlier in the week. Host Hazard, a championship contender in the neighboring 14th Region, took control early and pulled away to beat Betsy Layne 87-61 on Monday.

Betsy Layne suffered its third straight loss, slipping to 6-12.

Hazard claimed its second straight win to improve to 12-5.

The Lady Bulldogs gradually separated themselves from the Lady Bobcats.

Hazard shot 47.5 percent (38 of 80) from the field. The Lady Bulldogs five of 17 (29.4 percent) from three-point range.

Hazard shot 85.7 percent (six of seven) from the free-throw line.

Hazard edged Betsy Layne 45-44 in the rebounding column.

Hayley Caudill poured in a game-high 40 points to lead Hazard to the win.

Three Hazard players reached double figures in the scoring column.

Haley Turner recorded a double-double for the Lady Bulldogs, scoring 17 points and grabbing 13 rebounds.

Another Hazard player, Desiree Sturgill, contributed 12 points in the win.

Destiny Walker (eight points), Simone Beverly (seven points), Alyssa Muha (two points) and

Olivia Holland (one point) also contributed offensively for Hazard in the winning effort.

Struggling offensively, Betsy Layne shot only 24.1 percent (14 of 58) from the field. The Lady Bobcats were three of five (60 percent) from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 70.6 percent (24 of 34) from the free-throw line.

Megan Frazier paced Betsy Layne with a double-double, scoring 27 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Frazier led a trio of Betsy Layne players in double figures as Caroline Ariaz contributed 12 points and Lauryn Watkins netted 11 points.

Destiny Compton chipped in seven points while Katie Kidd and Hannah Tackett added two points apiece for the Lady Bobcats.

Pulaski County 83, Betsy Layne 72

Betsy Layne fell short in a bid to beat Pulaski County over the weekend. Playing on a neutral floor at Jackson City High School, Pulaski County pushed past Betsy Layne 83-72 in the Appalachian Wireless Kentucky Prep Showcase.

Pulaski County shot 46.4 percent (26 of 56) from the field. The Lady Maroons were eight of 21 (38.1 percent) from three-point range.

Pulaski County shot 59.5 percent (22 of 37) from the free-throw line.

Betsy Layne shot 46 percent (23-of-50) from the field. The Lady Bobcats were 0-for-1 from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 62.8 percent (27 of 43) from the free-throw line.

The Lady Bobcats managed to outrebound Pulaski County 39-28.

Haylee Ridner and Heidi Thompson paced a balanced Pulaski County offensive attack with 19 points apiece.

Joining Ridner and Thompson in double figures for the Lady Maroons, Madelyn Dunn and Ashlynn Pennington pushed in 14 points apiece.

Four Betsy Layne players reached double figures in the scoring column.

Destiny Compton led Betsy Layne with a game-high 25 points.

Megan Frazier, who continues to rank as Betsy Layne's top scorer in the 2017-18 season, scored 13 points.

Following Frazier in the Betsy Layne scoring column and recording a double-double, Caroline Ariaz scored 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Accompanying three of her teammates in double figures, Alexandria Jarvis added 10 points.

Amelia Blackburn chipped in five points while Katie Kidd, Madilyn Meade, Hannah Tackett and Lauryn Watkins netted two points apiece for the Lady Bobcats.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
Betsy Layne's Megan Frazier recorded a double-double in the Lady Bobcats' loss to Hazard on Monday.

JAGUARS

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taking a 20-16 lead out of the first quarter, Floyd Central opened the second period on a 15-0 run. The Jaguars eventually carried a commanding 47-23 lead into halftime.

Lawrence County was forced to play from behind, often facing double digit deficits, throughout the final three quarters.

Homestanding Floyd Central, under the direction of head coach Kevin Spurlock, led 66-33 at the conclusion of the third period.

JR Tackett led a balanced Floyd Central scoring attack with 14 points. Three Floyd Central players reached double figures in the scoring column as Brady Conn contributed 12 points and Cameron Nelson netted 11 points for the Jaguars.

Kyle Isaac narrowly missed reaching double figures for Floyd Central, finishing with nine points via three three-point field goals.

In a solid all-around performance, Ethan Smith-Mills added eight points for the Jaguars in the convincing vic-

tory.

Koby Slone tossed in six points and Jake Collins posted five points for the Jaguars.

Additional scorers for Floyd Central were Dylan Caudill (four points), Grant Blackburn (four points), Rylee Samons (three points), Caleb Hager (two points) and Blake Johnson (two points).

Eighth-grader Cody Maynard led Lawrence County with a game-high 16 points. Maynard was the only Lawrence County player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Floyd Central and Lawrence County are due to meet in Louisa on the Bulldogs' home floor for another 58th District boys' basketball game on February 2.

Both Floyd Central and Lawrence County will compete in the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament in late February.

The Jaguars are slated to host Betsy Layne for another 58th District boys' basketball game at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night. Then, Floyd Central is scheduled to visit Paintsville for a highly-anticipated non-district boys' basketball matchup at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster
Floyd Central's Kyle Isaac defends against Lawrence County's Cody Maynard on Wednesday night.

CENTRAL

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Alexis Ratliff led Lawrence County with 15 points. Ratliff scored her 1,000th when she tied the game at 41-41 in the fourth quarter.

Excelling late, Floyd Central ended the game on an 11-3 run to notch the district win.

Kaylee Moore netted nine points, Grace Martin

chipped in eight points and Abby Maggard added six points for the Lady Jaguars in the winning effort.

Hannah Rucker accompanied Ratliff in double figures for the Lady Bulldogs, scoring 12 points.

Kensley Feltner narrowly missed reaching double figures for Lawrence County in the 58th District girls' basketball matchup, netting nine

points.

New rivals, Floyd Central and Lawrence County are slated to meet in Louisa on February 2.

Floyd Central is scheduled to host Betsy Layne for a 58th District girls' basketball game at 6 p.m. on Friday night. The Lady Jaguars and Lady Bobcats will meet in a game played as part of a 58th District double-header.



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Floyd Central's Grace Martin went up with a shot on Wednesday night as the Lady Jaguars entertained Lawrence County.

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