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## Nearly 2,000 more former Conn clients to face SSA redetermination

By AARON K. NELSON  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

According to U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, the Social Security Administration has said an additional 1,965 former clients of Eric C. Conn will face redetermination hearings to prove they are disabled and deserv-

ing of government benefits the SSA alleges were only won because of Conn's fraud.

A total of 1,787 people were notified that they would undergo redeterminations in May 2015. At that time, the SSA initially gave individuals 10 days to gather medical evidence

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## Parsons: 'We have become a do-nothing city.' Two commissioners threaten to resign in Allen

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Amid talks of hiring an assistant city clerk, two Allen City commissioners threatened to resign this week.

Commissioners Clyde

Woods and Elmer Parsons walked out of city hall after attempts to hire Parsons' cousin Bill Parsons fell short during the last meeting, and this week, both reported they are ready

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## Floyd duo plead guilty to meth-related charges

By JOSH LITTLE  
STAFF WRITER

A Prestonsburg duo pleaded guilty to meth-related charges Thursday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Judith Bailey, 35, and Randy Akers, 36, both of Prestonsburg, entered guilty pleas Thursday. Bailey pleaded guilty to first-degree trafficking, first-degree, second-degree and third-degree complicity to trafficking, complicity to manufacturing meth and complicity to trafficking in a legend drug. Akers pleaded guilty to complicity to manufacturing in meth, first-degree and second-degree complicity to trafficking, first-degree trafficking in meth and trafficking in marijuana.

The couple was charged after a series of undercover informants bought drugs from them. According to Floyd Commonwealth Attorney Brent Tuner, the timeline was recorded as follows. In Dec. 2016,

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Submitted photo

Duff-Allen Central students earned the runner-up honor in the Region 22 Governor's Cup competition last weekend.

## Duff-Allen Central to compete at state

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD  
CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Duff-Allen Central academic team shone at last week's regional Governor's Cup competition, held

in Johnson County.

Floyd County Superintendent Steve Trimble announced the results for Floyd County middle school students who competed in the the Kentucky Associa-

tion for Academic Competition Region 22 Governor's Cup, reporting that Duff-Allen Central earned the regional runner up title.

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## Ballot listing for May Primary Ballot in Floyd



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh speaks to candidates during the election ballot drawing on Feb. 1. Waugh has no opposition in May.

**District 1 Magistrate**

1. Rick Jervis of Prestonsburg, Democrat
2. "Big John" John Goble of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Democrat
3. Harry A. Adams of Prestonsburg, Democrat
4. Mark D. Crider of Prestonsburg, Democrat
5. David A. Gearheart of Prestonsburg, Democrat

Winner will face Floyd Skeans of Allen, Republican, in November.

**District 2 Magistrate**

1. Michael Prater of David, Democrat
2. George Ousley of Goose Creek in Eastern, Democrat
3. Randy Davis of David, incumbent,

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# EKSC debuts newest show

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

On Friday, Jan. 26th, the East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium (EKSC) debuted the newest planetarium show, "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity."

Currently in distribution to more than 100 theaters worldwide, "Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity" is one of the most successful full dome shows ever produced. Narrated by Academy-Award nominated actor Liam Neeson. This cutting-edge production features high-resolution visualizations of cosmic phenomena, working with data generated by computer simulations, to bring the current science of black holes to the dome screen.

Prior to the show, attendees ventured outside to watch as the International Space Station zipped overhead as part of its continued travel path around the earth since it was launched into orbit in 1998.

Attendees were treated to the

show which boasted animations of the formation of the early universe, star birth and death, the collision of giant galaxies and a simulated flight to a super-massive black hole lurking at the center of our own Milky Way Galaxy.

"We are excited to be able to purchase this planetarium show for Eastern Kentucky," said Steve Russo, EKSC Director. "The show is full of great information and it's a wonderful full dome experience and we encourage everyone to see it."

"Black Holes: The Other Side of Infinity" was produced by Thomas Lucas Productions in collaboration with Denver Museum of Nature & Science, NOVA and the National Center for Supercomputing Applications; supported by grants from NASA's high-energy GLAST telescope project and the National Science Foundation.

For information about the newest planetarium show, or to schedule a visit, call, (606) 889-8260.



Appalachian Newspapers photos by Cody Davis

Pikeville EMS were called to a small fire Saturday afternoon at the Jenny Wiley Theatre in Pikeville. Pikeville 911 Public Safety Director Paul Maynard said that the fire occurred after a malfunction during a pyrotechnics test. According to officials with JWT, the fire destroyed the production set, and the venue also sustained some smoke and water damage. The theatre is currently taking donations to help with repairs, according to officials, and you can donate, at, [www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com).

## Flames stall production at Jenny Wiley

By CODY DAVIS  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — A small fire Saturday afternoon at Jenny Wiley Theatre in Pikeville resulted in the destruction of the theater's production set, and officials with the theatre are saying that they are taking donations to help offset the costs of repairs.

"Basically what had happened was there were three crew members that were inside, and were the only ones there. They were testing some pyrotechnics on the stage. One of the pyrotechnics actually ignited the stage from a smoldering standpoint,

and caught the stage on fire," said Pikeville 911 Public Safety Director Paul Maynard.

Maynard said that, luckily, the building's sprinkler system kicked in and did exactly what it was designed to do in case of an emergency situation. But, Maynard said, the building did sustain some smoke and water damage, and the stage was destroyed.

"A lot of the water damage occurred on the actual stage floor. On our back wall we have a site where we project light, and some damage happened to that as well," said Jenny Wiley Theatre Costume Shop Supervisor

Eric Franzen.

Franzen said that the theatre was scheduled to begin a youth production of "The Tempest" on Friday, which he said included several local children, but the fire has stalled those plans.

Franzen said the theatre is now taking donations to help offset costs of repairs, and to create a new stage for the children to perform on.

"We started these fundraisers to get the show back on its feet essentially, and it's for these kids. This is their outlet. For a lot the only way they can expose themselves to the art is here, and we want to keep that happening," said Franzen.

Franzen said that along with the donations, the building also has insurance to help with costs.

"We do have some insurance which should cover some of the damage, but we haven't had that assessed yet," Franzen said.

According to officials with the theatre, if you would like to donate to help with the costs of repairs, visit, [www.jwtheatre.com](http://www.jwtheatre.com)



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EKSC Director Steve Russo introduces the debut of "Black Holes: The Other Side Of Infinity" to the crowd Friday, Jan. 26.

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# PSC investigates demand-side management programs at Columbia Gas

**AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT**

The Kentucky Public Service Commission recently opened an investigation into a tariff sought by Columbia Gas. The company, which serves residents in Pike, Floyd and other counties, filed a revised tariff sheet on Dec. 29, seeking to change the Energy Efficiency/Conservation Program Recovery Component part of its

tariff. That tariff was expected to go into effect on Jan. 31.

The PSC launched its investigation on Jan. 30, reporting that the filing by Columbia Gas showed that program costs exceeded benefits by nearly \$424,500.

"The Commission is concerned that demand-side management ("DSM") programs are becoming more difficult to justify on the basis of both costs and benefits, and has

stated its intent to more closely review such programs, particularly with regard to the cost of each DSM program."

Columbia's program, approved by the PSC in 2016, is geared to promote conservation and "offer programs that its customers have come to expect due to experience with DSM programs offered by electric utilities that serve Columbia's service care."

The PSC cited a recent case

concerning Kentucky Power, in which that company's DSM programs were significantly reduced.

The PSC suspended Columbia's proposed tariff for five months through June 29 in this case to give the agency time to determine the "reasonableness" of the DSM programs.

On the day this case, 2018-00044, was filed, the PSC also filed another case, 2018-00041, to investigate the impacts of

recently-enacted savings from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on Columbia's rates. That investigation is underway for each of the five investor-owned utilities in Kentucky.

The Kentucky Attorney General's Office of Rate Intervention has requested intervention in both cases.

All filings in these cases are available online under their respective case numbers at psc.ky.gov.

## Floyd woman who allegedly walked away from rehab sentenced to 3 years

**BY CHASE ELLIS APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS**

A Banner woman who allegedly walked away from a Louisa rehabilitation facility after entering into a pretrial diversion in a Pike County methamphetamine case was sentenced to three years in prison Jan. 31 in Pike Circuit Court.

According to Assistant Pike Commonwealth's Attorney Erin Chamberlin, Jodi Stapleton, 32, of Banner, had previously entered into a pretrial diversion in a case connected to Stapleton being indicted in Pike County in April. Stapleton appeared at a sentencing hearing with public defender Emma Jones during which Jones asked Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman to consider allowing her to return to the rehab facility.

Chamberlin told Coleman that the parties had "never really got to the bottom" of her leaving the facility.

"(Stapleton's) problem with probation, or her pretrial diversion, was that she would not report, either to the officer here or to the office in Lawrence county. While she was not reporting, she picked up a misdemeanor in Floyd County then had several uses of controlled substance," Chamberlin said. "I don't think she has

been all that helpful in helping herself stay out of situations and I don't know that allowing her to return back to that rehab and have her walk off again is in her best interest."

Jones said Stapleton would be forced to begin her rehabilitation program at the facility from the beginning, despite that fact that Stapleton had reached the point where she was interning with the program. Jones said that Stapleton would be seeking to report to the facility on Thursday.

Chamberlin stated, if Stapleton was to be released, the Office of Probation and Parole would have to meet with her and complete her paperwork "because of her history of not staying before."

"We offered the plea agreement that we did because she was in the rehab at the time and had been there for a while," said Chamberlin. "After we completed that paperwork and she got it, she left."

Coleman said he had considered alternative forms of sentencing, but that he would adopt the sentence from the former pretrial diversion and sentenced Stapleton to three years in prison. Stapleton was returned to the custody of the Pike County Detention Center following the hearing.

## ARC issues request for proposals for POWER Initiative grant

**AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT**

The Appalachian Regional Commission issued a request for proposals (RFP) this week, according to a statement, seeking applicants for the commission's Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER) Initiative.

The initiative is federally-funded and is set in place to help Appalachia's coal-impacted communities.

According to the statement, the POWER fund exists to "help communities and regions that have been affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's

energy production."

According to ARC, the \$20 million on investments made available through the grant will support: The development of a competitive workforce, an enhance in access and use of broadband services, developing industry and encouraging entrepreneurship.

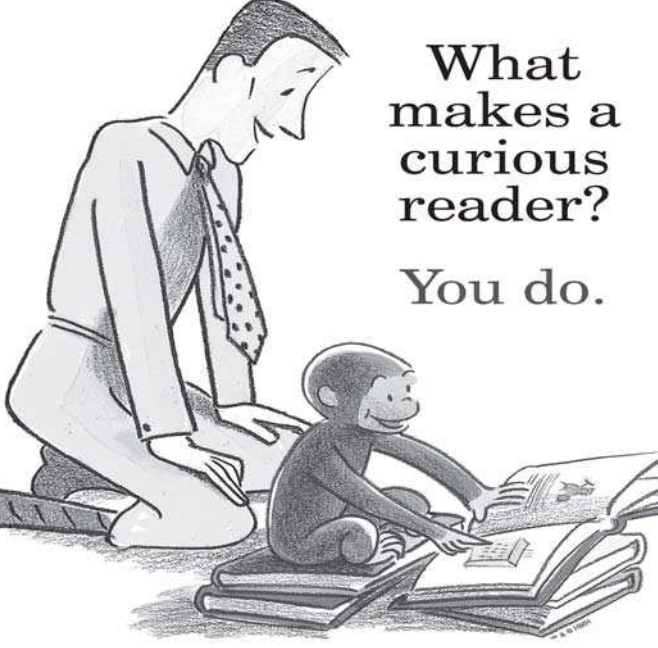
ARC is hosting five free, public workshops across the region to support the RFP. The fourth of those meetings will be held in Hazard on Thursday, March 8. According to the statement, registration for those events is required.

According to the statement, ARC will also be conducting a free webinar series about the 2018 POWER Initiative grant process every Thursday in February and the first Thursday in

March. That series will be archived on the ARC website for future reference, according to the statement.

To date, ARC has awarded \$94 million through the POWER Initiative, helping coal-impacted communities in 250 Appalachian counties diversify and grow their economies, according to the statement. The statement said, "These investments are projected to create or retain almost 8,800 jobs, leverage an additional \$210 million in investment, and prepare thousands of workers and students with globally competitive skills and opportunities in Appalachia."

More information, including eligibility requirements, application deadlines, and grant guidance, is available at, [www.arc.gov/power](http://www.arc.gov/power).



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# AT&T wants to end Lifeline services in Pike, Floyd, Johnson

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A request from AT&T to end Lifeline services to 1,338 low-income Kentucky residents is moving forward with the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

AT&T, also known as BellSouth Telecommunications, LLC, filed a request last October, asking the PSC to relinquish its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, or ETC, designation in several parts of the state.

The PSC set a procedural schedule in the case on Feb. 2, ordering that all requests for intervention be filed by Feb. 14 and all requests for information be filed no later than Feb. 15.

This request does not impact telephone services AT&T provides in these communities, the application explains, only those low income customers who receive discounts or free telephone service through Lifeline, a government assistance program.

If approved, AT&T will no longer provide Lifeline services to 1,338 Kentuckians, including 171 residents in local counties. The list of local AT&T customers who would have to purchase Lifeline services elsewhere include 122 Pike County residents in Virgie, South Williamson, Elkhorn City, Feds Creek, Freeburn and Pikeville; 31 Floyd County residents in Allen, Martin, McDowell, Prestonsburg and Wayland; and, among others, 18 Johnson County resi-

dents in Paintsville.

The application explains that AT&T is participating in a Federal Communications Commission's Connect America II fund, which is geared to provide broadband to rural areas, and as part of that program, the company will retain its ETC designation in "certain census blocks" for which it can receive Connect America funding. In its application, AT&T proposes to keep 296 Lifeline customers in these "census blocks," including four Lifeline customers in Allen, Virgie, Pikeville and McDowell.

"Because AT&T is no longer eligible for high cost universal service support in the areas outside of the CAF II Census Blocks, AT&T is relinquishing its ETC designation in all such areas," the application states.

AT&T says in its application that the relinquishment of its ETC will have "only a nominal impact" on its Kentucky custom-

ers because they have "demonstrated a clear preference for obtaining their Lifeline discount" from other companies.

AT&T's Lifeline membership has shrunk by 91 percent over the past 8.5 years, the application states, noting that 99 percent of Lifeline customers in the state get that service from other companies.

"There should be no concerns with AT&T relinquishing its ETC status in Kentucky—as it has already done in eleven other states — when so many other ETCs are serving Kentucky consumers, and so many Kentucky consumers prefer to receive Lifeline from ETCs other than AT&T Kentucky," the application states.

It also cites changes in customer demand as another reason for the request, explaining that "dramatic changes" the marketplace have occurred since AT&T received its ETC design-

ation. Customers are increasingly replacing traditional wireline residential telephone services with wireless, VoIP and other options.

Between 2005 and 2016, the number of traditional incumbent local exchange carrier wireline customers served by AT&T in Kentucky dropped by 62 percent, from 1.2 million lines to 471,000 lines, and its traditional residential retail lines in the state dropped by 83 percent, AT&T reported.

"During 2016 alone, AT&T Kentucky's residential line count dropped by nearly 17 percent from what had been in service at the end of 2015," the application states.

AT&T asked the PSC to grant its request by May 17 so the relinquishment can begin on Aug. 14.

The full case may be accessed online under case number 2017-00416 at psc.ky.gov



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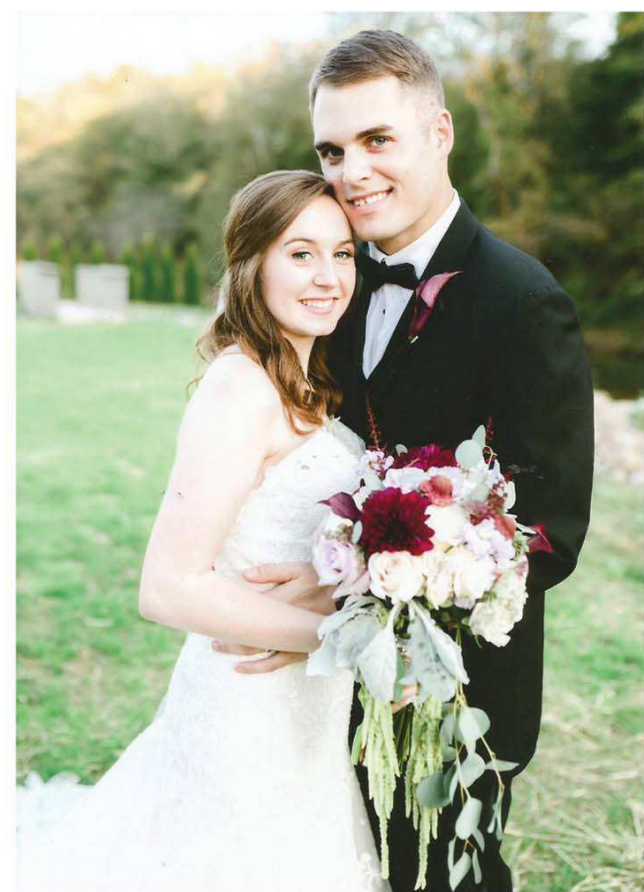
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## Kirk-Lukins Wedding Announcement



Miss Molly Katherine Kirk and Mr. Zachary Lee Lukins were wed in holy matrimony on October 21, 2017 at half past six o'clock p.m. The marriage was officiated by Pastor Jared Deatley at the Mayo Methodist Church in Paintsville, Kentucky. The ceremony and reception were hosted by the parents of the bride. A rehearsal dinner was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk at their home on October 20, 2017.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kirk of Paintsville, KY. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kirk of Paintsville, KY and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hill of Lexington, KY. The groom is the son of Mrs. Cathy Elliot and Mr. Donald Lukins of Paris, KY. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Potwell of Paris, KY.

Escorted by her father and given away by her parents, the bride wore a strapless satin and lace gown embellished with clear sequins ending in a cathedral train and a veil of white toile. She carried an ivory satin ribbon hand-tied bouquet, embellished with her maternal great-grandmother's silver and diamond brooch, of cascading lavender roses, spray roses, dahlias, lavender stock and eucalyptus.

Miss Emily Ousley of Paintsville, KY served as Maid of Honor. Bridal attendants included Miss Hannah Hart, of Corbin, KY, Miss Breanna Griffith, of Paintsville, KY, Miss Kerrigan Samons of Lexington, KY, Miss Caitlin Matijasac, of Paintsville, KY and Miss Maddie Rogers, of Louisville, KY. Mr. Jonathon Meade, of Paintsville, KY served as Best Man. Groom attendants included Mr. Alexander Kirk, brother of the bride, of Nashville, TN, Mr. Tanner Kelsch of Augusta, KY, Clay Jones of Carlisle, KY, Evan Russell of Proctorville, OH and Daniel Lemons of Carlisle KY. Zach Meade, of Paintsville, KY and Devin Meade of Paintsville, KY served as ushers. The flower girl was Miss Elle West, of Pittsburg, PA, cousin of the bride. The ring bearer was Mr. Kellen Lee Lukins, son of the groom, of Carlisle, KY.

The reception took place at The Davis House Annex immediately following the ceremony. Everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner and dancing along with a special musical performance dedicated to the bride and groom by Lindsay Rozovich, cousin of the bride, singing a version of Natalie Cole's song "Love" accompanied on the guitar by the bride's brother, Alexander Kirk. Catering was provided by Angie Music of Paintsville, KY. Music was provided by Clear Pro DJ of Nicholasville, KY. The beautiful, three-tier wedding cake decorated with a cascade of fresh flowers was provided by Jesse Burchett and the event planning and floral arrangements were provided by Alicia Collins of Great Expectations of Lexington, KY.

Mr. and Mrs. Lukins and their families want to thank everyone for joining them on their special day and for all the gifts and warm wishes they received.

The happy couple now resides in Cold Spring, KY where Zach is attending Chase Law School and Molly is pursuing her passion for photography.

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## EDITORIAL

# Social Security Administration has been wrong at every turn

This week, U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers' office announced the Social Security Administration is planning a second round of redeterminations for former clients of Eric C. Conn. While the first round initially targeted approximately 1,750 individuals, with more than half of them losing their benefits, this new round will target another 2,000 people.

The SSA's thinking is that, because Conn admitted in a plea agreement to submitting fake, boilerplate medical evidence and bribing an administrative law judge to approve his cases, his clients may not be truly disabled and deserving of government benefits.

Many people seem to think that disability fraud is rampant, and the SSA is dedicated to rooting it out in cases like Conn's where he has admitted to winning

his cases fraudulently. However, disability fraud is relatively rare — according to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, disability cases are on the rise not because of fraud, but because of an aging population — and if disability fraud is so rampant, why are mortality rates for those on disability still three to six times higher than average?

Let's give the SSA the benefit of the doubt here. Even if this were a rampant problem, their methodology, however, has been flawed since the beginning. In May 2015, their original plan was to cut off all benefits for the 1,787 former Conn clients, and allow them to be won back at redetermination hearings. Only after multiple suicides and intervention from Rogers' office did they admit that assuming these people were guilty until proven innocent was a bad idea.

Nonetheless, as attorneys like Ned Pillersdorf will tell you, the hearings themselves are still rigged. The notion that Conn won their benefits fraudulently, and that the medical evidence submitted in their cases is a sham, is a notion that cannot be argued or even discussed in these hearings. They must, instead, produce medical evidence that supports their claim of disability — not today, but from the time when they first won their benefits. Even having years of medical history between then and now proving that their disabilities have been an ongoing problem is not enough. Nevermind if Conn's doctors were the only ones they saw back then. Nevermind if Conn's doctors actually submitted correct evidence in their cases. That evidence is thrown out before the case even begins.

The evidence of fraud is not

presented for viewing or challenging. Already, one federal judge has called this process unconstitutional, and said that it affords these people less rights than Al Qaeda terrorists receive; when terrorists go on trial, at least they are allowed to contest the evidence against them.

Other federal judges have sided with the SSA, and numerous other cases from around the state from this first round of redeterminations have been put on hold while the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals considers the matter. These are U.S. District Court judges who admit that their rulings should wait until the litigation has been settled in a higher court.

Does the SSA agree that it might be best to wait and see if they should be allowed to continue this process? Apparently not, with another 2,000 new cases set

to be opened.

The bottom line is this: The SSA may just be right that one or more of Conn's clients were not deserving of disability benefits, but their efforts to stamp out potential fraud have been excessive. In the process of hunting out the incredibly rare cases of fraud, they have steamrolled over hundreds of innocent victims who have been unable to work for years and who rely on their disability benefits to survive. The agency created to be a social safety net and protect our nation's injured people has exhibited unconscionable behavior that has resulted in suicides, homelessness and hunger.

They have tried to find a needle in the hay (that may not even be in there) by burning down the entire haystack. Now, they are looking to burn down another, even larger one. It is unethical.

## GUEST COLUMN:

# Guest column: Kentucky's emerging solar industry threatened by bill to end net metering

By ANDY McDONALD

Kentucky's young solar energy industry is being threatened by the state's electric utilities, who are trying to stifle competition and limit their customer's freedom to use solar energy in their homes and businesses.

House Bill 227 would end net metering, a simple and effective policy that allows customers with solar electric systems to connect to the power grid and be credited for excess energy fed back to the grid when they produce more than they need. Net metering has supported the expansion of the solar industry across the USA. HB 227's passage would cause job losses and the closure of small solar businesses across

the state.

HB 227 effectively ends net metering by drastically reducing the credit provided for excess solar power supplied to the grid. The utilities want to reduce the value of solar supplied to the grid by about 70 percent, to about 3 cents/kWh. This compares to current net metering, which values solar energy at the same retail rate customers pay for power purchased from the utility, which typically ranges from nine to 11 cents/kWh in Kentucky.

This new law would greatly slow investment in rooftop solar and threaten the existence of many local solar companies. This would undo the great advances made by the solar industry over the past decade, during

which customer costs have fallen by two-thirds, making solar affordable and accessible for many more Kentuckians.

The utilities claim that net metering customers don't pay their share for maintaining the grid, which supposedly shifts costs onto other ratepayers. But they have offered no economic analysis to support these claims and they fail to acknowledge the many quantifiable benefits that solar provides to the utility and other ratepayers.

For example, solar reduces the need to operate expensive peaking plants on hot summer afternoons, when electricity demand is highest and solar production is at its peak. Reducing operation of these expen-

sive peaking plants provides savings to all customers. There has been extensive research around the country documenting these and other benefits that customer-owned solar provides to all of us.

Utilities such as LG&E/KU were comfortable citing these benefits when they applied to the PSC for permission to build their own large solar power plants, which helped justify their investment and profits from these plants. But when they talk about net metering customers, they refuse to acknowledge that these benefits exist or can be quantified.

Consider that LG&E/KU offers an optional "time-of-use" rate that charges customers 27 cents/kWh

for energy used between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. from April to October. This is the peak time for solar production. If energy at this time is worth 27 cents/kWh, how could a customer's solar energy be worth only three cents/kWh?

The claim that net metering customers are an unfair burden on other ratepayers is refuted by a study conducted by the US Department of Energy. The study concluded that "for the vast majority of states and utilities, the effects of distributed solar on retail electricity prices will likely remain negligible for the foreseeable future," with rate impacts unlikely before solar reaches a high percentage of total electricity sales, on the order of 10 percent (Galen Barbo-

se, January 2017, p. 29). But in Kentucky solar represents a mere fraction of 1 percent of total energy demand and our net metering law already has a "safety valve" that allows utilities to request permission to stop offering net metering when they reach 1 percent of annual peak demand.

Imagine if our legislators, instead of suppressing this emerging industry, recognized the enormous economic development and job creation potential of solar energy. This industry is one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy in OTH-ER states and now employs more than 260,000 people nationwide. If this industry were empowered to grow as it has in nearby states like North Carolina and Ohio, we could see thousands of new jobs and hundreds of

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**Stella Davis**

Stella Marie Davis, 85, of Dwale, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2018.

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

**Paul Horn**

Paul Bryan Horn, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018.

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



**"Joe" Hughes**

Joseph Allen "Joe" Hughes, 26, of Somerset, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at his residence.

He was born at Somerset, Sept. 23, 1991, the son of David Hughes and Cynthia Warren.

He was a graduate of Pulaski County High School, Class of 2011, and a member of the Barnesburg Baptist Church. He was employed at Bluegrass Oakwood, where he was a caregiver. He had a very giving heart and the utmost respect for his patients. He never met a stranger and was a supportive and caring friend to all.

He was preceded in death by both of his grandfathers, Melvin

Hughes and Dirl "Slick" Warren.

He is survived by his father, David Hughes (Holli) of Somerset; his mother, Cynthia Warren of Prestonsburg; his grandmothers, Maggie Mounce of Somerset and Barbara Warren of Prestonsburg; his brothers, Jacob Rogers, Caleb Rogers, Noah Rogers and Gage Hughes, all of Somerset, and Lucas Cornwell of Louisiana; his sister, Elizabeth Hughes of Somerset; his aunts, Emma Hughes of Nancy, Barbie Ham of Somerset and Diana Warren of North Carolina; his uncles, Donald Hughes (Tabitha) of Somerset, Danny Hughes of Nancy, Jerry Warren (Rachel) of Raleigh, N.Car., and Dewayne Warren of Prestonsburg; and his nephew, Mickey Cornwell.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2018, at the Southern Oaks Funeral Home Chapel, Somerset, with Bro. Jamie Epperson officiating. Burial will follow at the Grave Hill Cemetery, with Jacob Rogers, Caleb Rogers, Iven Warren, Jerry Warren, Dustin Hughes, Kasey Hughes, Gaje Hughes and Noah Rogers serving as pallbearers.

Visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018, at the funeral home. Arrangements are under the direction of the Southern Oaks Funeral Home of Somerset.

In lieu of flowers, the family has kindly requested donations be made to

the Wounded Warriors Project.

The guestbook may be signed at [www.southernoaksfuneralservice.com](http://www.southernoaksfuneralservice.com).

This is a paid obituary.



**Effert Little**

Effert Little, 83, of St. Marys, Ohio, died Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2018, at his residence.

He was born at Wheelwright, Nov. 18, 1934, the son of the late Perry and Lily Ward Little.

He proudly served his country in the United States Army, during the Korean War. He was a retired production employee from Goodyear Tire & Rubber in St. Marys, a member of Mercer Lodge F&AM #121, a lifetime member of American Legion Post #323 and an honorary Kentucky Colonel. He enjoyed sports, woodworking and was meticulous about the appearance of his vehicles. More than anything else, he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Little; his half-brother, Harlan Little; his half-sister, Mary

Bentley; his parents-in-law, Earnest and Lilla Preston; his brother-in-law, David Preston; and his sister-in-law, Peggy Robinette.

He is survived by his wife, Faye Preston, whom he married on Feb. 13, 1960; two daughters, Kimberly Irons (Steve) and Meredith Speckman (Steve), both of St. Mary's, Ohio; one son, Brian Little (Missy) of St. Marys, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Samantha Irons, Kile Irons, Dan Speckman (Katlyn), Ashley Speckman, Mitchell Speckman (Kendra), Jacob Little and Sara Little; three great-grandchildren, Mackenzie Speckman, Henry Speckman and Dominik Speckman (due in April); one brother-in-law, Clarence Preston (Sue) of Ypsilanti, Mich.; and one sister-in-law, Kathy Preston of Somerset.

Rites were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2018, at the Miller Funeral Home, 1605 Celina Road, Ohio 703 Chapel, St. Marys, Ohio, with Pastor Harold Leiss officiating. Burial, with full graveside military honors, followed at the Elm Grove Cemetery, St. Marys, Ohio. Arrangements were under the direction of the Miller Funeral Home of St. Marys, Ohio.

Memorial contributions may be directed to: St. Marys Tailgate For Cancer, Grand Lake Hospice or American Legion Post #323.

The guestbook may be signed at [www.millerfuneralhomes.net](http://www.millerfuneralhomes.net).

This is a paid obituary.

**Fred Little Jr.**

Fred Little Jr., 74, of Lincoln Park, Mich., died Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018.

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

**Lewis Montgomery**

Lewis Montgomery, 29, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018.

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

**Elaine Newsome**

Elaine Reynolds Newsome, 70, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

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



**Herma Pratt**

Herma Lawson Pratt, 93, of Louisville, formerly of Garrett, wife of the late Jay Garland Pratt, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018, at the Masonic Home of Kentucky, Louisville.

She was born July 22, 1924, a daughter of the late Milton and Milie Howard Lawson. She

was of the Baptist faith and a homemaker.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three daughters, Dianna Fightmaster, Judi Shields and Susan Ann Pratt; five brothers, Clovis, Garnie, Ray, Gary and Johnnie Lawson; and two sisters, Shirley Handshoe and Bonnie Lawson.

She is survived by one son, Ken Pratt (Linda) of Waddy; two daughters, Sharon Humble (John) and Lovetta Richmond (Wayne) of Louisville; and one brother, Connie Lawson (Shielda) of Detroit, Mich.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin. Burial followed at the Lawson Cemetery, Stone Coal, Garrett. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

The guestbook may be signed at [www.hallfuneralservice.com](http://www.hallfuneralservice.com).

This is a paid obituary.

**John Stephens Jr.**

John Mark Stephens Jr., 65, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, Feb. 1, 2018.

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

**Evie Thornsby**

Evie Ousley Thornsby, 92, of Martin, died Friday, Feb. 2, 2018.

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

## Website helps people find local drug abuse help

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Gov. Matt Bevin announced a new tool in Kentucky's fight against the opioid epidemic.

FindHelpNowKY.org, part of Bevin's "Don't

Let them Die" campaign, allows users to search in real-time for a local substance use disorder treatment center.

"Kentucky is stepping up, ready to lead the nation as we address the opioid problem that

plagues so many," said Bevin. "We must all work together to solve this crisis."

Findhelpnowky.org acts as a search engine for individuals seeking a treatment facility for themselves or family members. Users can locate facilities based on geographic location, facility type, and type of treatment needed. The

search results also identify which facilities have current openings for patients. The website is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in partnership with the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center at the University of Kentucky College of Public Health, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

"Near real-time availability of SUD (substance use disorder) treatment openings will significantly reduce the time spent by the public, healthcare providers, and other healthcare professionals searching for treatment openings by matching available treatment with individual needs," said Dr. Terry Bunn, director of KIPRC.

As part of the launch of the new website, in

partnership with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, WLKY-TV will sponsor the 'Find Help Now KY' 'Don't Let Them Die' integrated marketing and advertising campaign challenge for high school students. The contest will raise awareness about the dangers of drug use and addiction and will encourage students to create original campaign advertisements to promote the 'Don't Let Them Die' and 'Find Help Now' websites. The winning advertisements will be incorporated in the Commonwealth's opioid awareness marketing campaign.

"Information is critical in the fight against opioids, and the high school challenge will allow students across Kentucky to become actively engaged in raising awareness about the dangers of opioid addiction," said

Andrea Stahlman, news director for WLKY.

"We are excited to unleash the resources of 'Don't Let Them Die' and 'Find Help Now KY,'" said Bevin. "By allowing the enthusiasm, intellect and creativity of high school students to aid us in this fight, we are giving them the opportunity to make a lasting impression on their peers about the dangers of opioid abuse. We will lead the way in eradicating the opioid epidemic, because we are Kentucky."

More information regarding the contest, including complete rules and guidelines, can be found at <http://www.dontletthemdie.com/High-School-Challenge.aspx>.

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# Morris: Full-body scanner 'best purchase county has made'

By BUDDY FORBES  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — A recent purchase by the Pike County Fiscal Court of a full-body scanning system to be used at the Pike County Detention Center is expected to be money well-spent, according to officials with the detention center.

The scanning system, which Interim Jailer Brian Morris presented to the PCFC in its Jan. 12 special meeting, was installed in the detention center this week. Morris told the News-Express he believes the system will be a "major deterrent" for any person who considers bringing contraband into the facility.

According to Morris, the procedure for checking work-release inmates will be made more efficient with the addition of this scanning system. The machine emits a low-radiation scan of the body that shows any illegal contraband a person attempts to bring into the facility — including items on their person, ingested items and items concealed within cavities.

Morris said the jail will now be doing things a little differently to accommodate the machine. He said construction will soon be underway, next to the scanning room, for a new room in which the facility will conduct strip searches.

"They're going to come through the strip-searching

area — which used to be our only defense — and after coming through what used to be our only defense in years past, they enter our scan room and they get scanned by a qualified officer," said Morris.

Morris said the inmates will be ushered out of the scanning room and taken up a set of stairs before being released directly into their housing units. He said the system will also keep scans on file in order to allow the scanning officers to compare daily scans if needed.

"It should be a bigger system," Morris said. "I wish we could build a jail around the scanning machine, but I have to use the scanning machine around the jail."

According to Morris, detention center employees Ricky Bostic and Chase Snodgrass are both trained officers who will be scanning inmates into the jail.

Morris said the machine has already been useful, providing an image of possible contraband inside of an inmate. He said that inmate was placed on "dry hold" where he was isolated until he passed the item that showed up on the scan. Though the item proved not to be contraband, Morris said the impact of that moment had already echoed to the inmates, showing them that the machine works.

"This right here is a major deterrent," Morris said. "This is the best purchase the county



Submitted photo

Ricky Bostic examines an image captured by the Pike County Detention Center's new full-body scanning system. Bostic said he believes the machine is going to prove to be "life-saving" for inmates and detention center employees.

has made. It really is. It will save lives and make the jail a safe environment."

Bostic said the money spent on the machine is a wise investment, in relation to the amount of lives that could potentially be saved and the expenses involved with a lot of the contraband issues.

"People may talk about the cost of this, but what does a life cost?" asked Bostic. "As far as an inmate or a staff member, this keeps them safe from getting something in the jail and somebody overdosing or getting high and attacking a

staff member ... I mean, it's life-saving."

The peace of mind that comes with knowing the jail is now going to be a safer place, according to Morris, is not just a benefit for the inmates and employees, but for the community and those who have loved ones housed in the detention center.

"It will save lives," said Morris.

He said he wants the community to feel safe in knowing "there's no weapons; there's no knives" and "it's as drug free as we could possibly make

it."

Morris said the scanner is a useful tool now, but he looks forward to "three months from now" when it will be even more beneficial as the staff "gets used to the equipment."

The Floyd County Fiscal Court recently received a similar request for a full-body scanner from Floyd County Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert. Morris said the machine is "much-needed" in Floyd as well, adding that these machines will "absolutely" benefit the region.

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in support of their cases and sought to immediately discontinue paying the benefits until the hearings were held. Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, who has led a variety of legal battles on behalf of the former Conn clients at the individual and group level, said those first notices led directly to at least two suicides.

Of those 1,787,

around 1,500 actually underwent hearings, and nearly 800 had unfavorable decisions, meaning a loss of their benefits and a request from the SSA that they repay years' worth of income. Pillersdorf said that those with legal representation had a higher success rate in their hearings than those going without.

"Now, they're going to harass 2,000 more people," Pillersdorf said. "It just strikes me as arrogant, given that we already had one feder-

al judge who said these hearings are unconstitutional."

Several other U.S. District judges have put their cases on hold pending a decision from the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals as to whether the initial 1,500 hearings were Constitutional and timely enough to satisfy the SSA's own statutory policies.

Rogers' office said last week that for these 1,965 new cases, the SSA would continue to pay benefits until the

hearings are held, and individuals are being given 30 days to gather evidence and find legal representation. The notices and hearings will also be staggered, with 12 administrative law judges being assigned to the cases.

"It is heartbreaking to witness the tragic impact that Eric C. Conn's fraud scheme continues to have on the lives of people living in Eastern Kentucky, who had entrusted him with this vital source of income," Rog-

ers said in a statement. "While I appreciate notification from the Social Security Administration, I question the need for additional redetermination hearings while litigation is still pending in the federal court system."

Already, the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, which helped organize dozens of lawyers from around the nation to volunteer their time to help represent Conn's former clients in the first round of redeterminations, is gearing

up for the nearly 2,000 new cases.

Pillersdorf said of these new redeterminations, approximately half are based on information gathered in an existing investigation, and half are based on information from Conn's plea agreement with prosecutors.

"I got the impression from Rogers' office that (the first round of notices) were about to go in the mail," Pillersdorf said. "I don't know. It is what it is. We'll keep fighting."

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4. Todd Hansford of Wayland, Democrat

**District 3 Magistrate**

1. Mike Tackett of Wheelwright, incumbent, Democrat
2. Warren Jarrell of Printer, Democrat
3. Ryan Slone of Drift, Democrat

**District 4 Magistrate**

1. Lennix Cola Ray Akers of Harold, Democrat
2. William L. Slone of Dana, Democrat
3. Jeff Hall of Harold, Democrat

4. George Hall of Harold, Democrat
5. Ronnie Akers, of Harold, incumbent, Democrat

**District 1 Constable Democratic Primary**

1. Larry (Boss) Jarrell of Slick Rock, incumbent, Democrat
2. William "Bill" Callihan of Auxier, Democrat
3. Gary Wolfe of Prestonsburg, Democrat

Winner will face Bobby Hamilton of Prestonsburg, Independent, in November.

**District 2 Constable**

1. Gary Nelson of Lackey, Democrat
2. Samuel Duncan,

of Garrett, incumbent, Democrat

**District 3 Constable**

1. Willie Hall of Melvin, Democrat
2. Bobby Page of McDowell, Democrat
3. Ernie Ray Moore of McDowell, incumbent, Democrat
4. Joey Collins of McDowell, Democrat

**District 4 Constable**

1. Michael McKinney of Teaberry, Democrat
2. Eddie Case of Betsy Layne, Democrat
3. Green Wakeland of Printer, Democrat
4. Allred "Junebug" Newsome of Grethel, incumbent, Democrat

**Floyd County Judge Executive Democratic Primary**

1. James "Jimmy" Rose of Caney Fork, Democrat
2. Ben Hale of Blue River, incumbent, Democrat
3. Mason Tackett of Langley, Democrat
4. Marvin Bryan Laferty of Prestonsburg, Democrat

Winner will face John B. DeRossett of Prestonsburg, Republican, in November.

**Floyd County Jailer Democratic Primary**

1. Glennis Caudill of Melvin, Democrat
2. Stuart "Bear" Hal-

bert of Martin, incumbent, Democrat  
3. Rondall "Rodney" Nelson of Wayland, Democrat

Winner will face Emmit Johnson of Prestonsburg, Republican, in November.

**Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk**

1. Douglas Ray Hall of McDowell, incumbent, Democrat
2. Donnie Daniels of Melvin, Democrat

**Floyd County Surveyor**

1. Gary Douglas Owsley of Prestonsburg, incumbent, Democrat
2. Bobby Joe Hamil-

ton of Beaver, Democrat

**These candidates will also be on the ballot:**

**U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District Republican Primary**

Harold "Hal" Rogers, incumbent, Somerset, Republican  
Gerardo Serrano of South Tyner, Republican

**U.S. Representative, 5th Congressional District Democratic Primary**

Kenneth S. Stepp of Manchester, Democrat  
Scott Sykes of Elkhorn, Democrat

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"The board team and I are very proud our students and their coaches for representing Floyd County so well. Our teams placed in the top five in overall, Future Problem Solving and Quick Recall," he said in a statement.

Trimble concluded, "Floyd County Schools

is represented in every content area and nine of our kids placed in the top five spots. Congratulations Madison, Justin, Ean, Brianna, Jada, Justin, Grace, Brody, Elizabeth and Kaitlyn! We wish these students the best of luck at state competition in March!"

Governor's Cup state finals will be March 17 - 19 at the Galt House in Louisville.

In Region 22, Floyd

County students and schools earned the following honors:

**Final overall**

Duff-Allen Central, second place  
Allen Elementary, fifth place

**Future Problem Solving**

Duff-Allen Central, third place  
Allen Elementary, fourth place

**Quick Recall**

Duff-Allen Central, third place  
Allen Elementary, fourth place

**Math**

Madison Thornsberry, Duff-Allen Central, fifth place

**Language Arts**

Grace Clark, Duff-Allen Central, fourth place  
Jada Reynolds, Allen, fifth place

Brody Buck, Duff-Allen Central, fifth place

**Science**

Justin Tussey, Duff-Allen Central, second place  
Ean Tackett, South Floyd, second place  
Brianna Johnson, Betsy Layne Elementary, fourth place

**Arts & Humanities**

Elizabeth Goodman, Allen, fifth place

**Social Studies**

Jada Reynolds, Allen, fourth place  
Justin Tussey, Duff-Allen Central, fourth place

**Composition**

Kaitlyn Hager, Adams, third place  
Madison Thornsberry, Duff-Allen Central, fifth place

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to throw in the towel. Parsons asked about the assistant clerk position, saying, "Something's gotta be done."

He asked whether the city advertised the position — a discussion that came up during the last meeting. City Attorney Beth Shortridge explained, once again, that the budget needs to be amended.

"Like I said last time," she said, "it has to be put into the budget. The budget has to be amended, just like any other ordinance."

Woods asked if the budget had been amended.

"No," Shortridge said to him. "Nobody's told, nobody's decided on the position. Nobody's decided on the pay. Nobody's decided on whether we have the money, so the budget's not been amended."

"So, let's decide," Woods said.

Commissioner Eilene Kinzer said the city used funds she donated to become a member of the Kentucky Municipal Clerk's Association, as approved at the last meeting. She said the association has found a mentor for current City Clerk Krystal Spurlock.

Through the partnership, a mentor from Auburn, located in Logan County, can work with Spurlock to show her what needs to be done to keep the city finances in order and help her file a Uniform Financial Information Report—a document the city has not filed, as required, with the state for years.

That filing delinquency has prompted the state to withhold funds from Allen.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the state has withheld more than \$2,300, for a total withholding of more than \$29,500 since 2010. The city previously hired an accountant to do this work, and paid him \$5,000. But he quit that job, reporting that the city did not supply enough documentation to complete the work. Commissioners learned this week that the city would not receive a reimbursement for that \$5,000.

Addressing that situation recently, commissioners discussed the possibility of changing its form of government to a city manager plan and hiring Bill Parsons as city manager. That discussion changed, however, to hiring him as an assistant clerk after commissioners learned the change in government would require approval of voters.

Parsons and Woods walked out of last month's meeting after it was reported that the city could not add a position without amending the budget and could not promise the job to Bill Parsons without advertising the position for others.

Parsons voiced opposition this week.

"So, I need to tell Bill that we don't need him. We've got some guy from Auburn that's going to call us on the phone and tell us how to do this," he said.

"No," Mayor Sharon Woods responded.

Clyde Woods, ask for a clarification and then proclaimed, "Well, that's bullsh\*t," after it was explained.

Commissioner Josh Kinzer said Spurlock came to the city with no experience and received no training. He and Eilene Kinzer said the \$40 annual membership to the clerks

association will pay for itself and help the city in the long run.

Mayor Sharon Woods told Clyde Woods and Parsons that after they walked out of the last meeting, concerns were raised about an assistant clerk earning more than Spurlock, who works part-time.

"She works three days a week, eight-hour days," Parsons said. "He (Bill Parsons) will work six days a week, 10 or 12 hours a day at his own office. He wants \$800 a month, plain and simple."

He said, "We can't run a business on three days a week."

Spurlock told commissioners, "I mean, I will work more, but nobody will pay me to work more. I will work six days a week, but that's never been offered to me. I was offered three days."

Mayor Woods told her that's what the city could afford when she was hired.

Shortridge commended Spurlock's work, saying, "She worked her butt off. I don't think you all realize the mess that she walked into."

Josh Kinzer asked what the commission needed to do to hire Spurlock full time and after Shortridge explained the process, Parsons, again, voiced concern.

"Guys, we have become a do-nothing city council and city," Parsons said. "Because we're all talk. We have become a do-nothing city."

Mayor Woods agreed, saying it's gotten worse over the last year.

"We've not moved forward at all," she said.

"I'm getting really disgusted with it," Parsons said.

"I'm ready to resign,"

Clyde Woods said. "Give us a chance," Mayor Woods told him. "I know. I know what you're saying. I know it."

Josh Kinzer explained that the steps suggested are required by state law.

Shortridge said, "I'm telling you legally what you have to do. I'm not telling you you're not doing anything. I'm telling you legal things have to be done and it hasn't been done that way in the past and that's why we are where we are now. I'm just telling you legally. You all can do whatever you want to do. That's my legal advice. If you don't want to take it, that's fine."

Praising her work, Clyde Woods said, "I'll take it."

Later, however, he threatened to quit again.

"To be honest with you all, I came out to resign tonight," he said.

"I'm thinking about it very seriously," Parsons said.

"Don't. Please," Mayor Woods told them. "Don't. Please."

"We're not accomplishing nothing," Clyde Woods told her.

"I know it. I know it," Mayor Woods said. "Give us a chance. I mean, that's what some people would love to see happen."

Josh Kinzer chimed in, saying, "I would suggest, if you guys want to create a position, bring a resolution in here for us to vote on. I mean, you've got to first bring a resolution for us to vote on."

"I think, really, bring a resignation," Parsons said.

"I mean, you can do that, too," Josh Kinzer told him. "I understand that you say you're frustrated."

Parsons said he believes they "got outsmarted" on hiring Bill Parsons.

He complained that

the accountant previously hired by the city "accomplished nothing."

Shortridge explained the commission could agree to create the position, and then amend the budget, emphasizing that a resolution to create the position must first be approved.

"I'll be quite honest," Clyde Woods said. "We ain't doing nothing, and I'm tired of it."

Mayor Woods told him, "Give us a chance. Fudd and Clyde, don't, don't give up on us."

The commission voted 4-1 to hire Spurlock full time, pending a determination of whether the city has enough funds.

Parsons, who voted against the measure, asked Spurlock if she can work full time because she has children.

"Yeah. I can work seven days. I mean, as a mom, you do what you need to do," she said. "So, if I wanted to make more money, then I would make it work."

Clyde Woods also voiced opposition, but voted for it.

"I tell you what, if we don't get this straightened up, I'm out," he said. "This is bullsh\*t."

He continued to complain about not getting things done throughout the rest of the meeting, saying at one point, "I'm most certainly getting tired of coming out here and not getting anything done."

Josh Kinzer responded.

"Make a motion to hire your guy if you want him," he said. "You have to make a motion. You have to make a resolution in order to get done what you all are wanting to get done. If you're not willing to do that and you're not

willing to follow the rules, that's your own damn fault. It just is."

"No. No," Parsons said. "He won't come. He's already told me."

"Well, then, what are we even arguing about?" Josh Kinzer asked.

"The way we got done," Parsons said.

"And how is that?" Josh Kinzer asked.

"This is a made-up piece of business before I even sat down here," Parsons said.

"If you never introduce a legislation, you never, I'm sorry, a resolution; if you never introduce an ordinance, you can't expect anything to get done. Those are the rules and you've got to follow them," Josh Kinzer told him.

"Do not get mad and quit," Mayor Woods told Parsons. "Do not."

"I think we both are," Clyde Woods said. "I'm just tired of not getting anything done, sitting out here."

Parsons said, "This is not the way this used to work. And I understand you're wanting to do it legal ... we all do, but this is not the way the city works. We sit here and made a \$1 million deal right over there in that old jailhouse and Doc Marshall was spitting chewing tobacco in the floor. We didn't have all of this trouble."

Josh Kinzer said he understands the frustration, but the city needs to do things legally.

In response, Mayor Woods asked for a motion to hire Bill Parsons as assistant clerk for \$800 a month. But no one took her up on that offer.

"There's no need to make that resolution," Parsons said, "because he won't come."

# Allen officials question city's finances

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

As the Allen City Commission discussed whether it has enough funding to move a part-time city clerk into full-time status this week, commission members indicated they may not know how much funding the city receives.

Reviewing a financial documents at a Feb. 5 meet-

ing, Commissioner Dr. Eilene Kinzer asked if the city is getting any revenues.

City Clerk Krystal Spurlock told her she just did a quarterly deposit of about \$10,000.

"Where is the money coming from?" Eilene Kinzer asked.

Spurlock told her insurance companies pay the taxes about four times annually

and the city receives property taxes from "folks that do pay their taxes." She also reported the city gets some state funding.

"So, what are we operating on? Eighteen, \$19,000 a year?" Commissioner Elmer Parsons asked.

Spurlock said the city "probably" gets \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year, a "rough estimate" with

Woods agreed.

The city's 2017-2018 budget, approved by the commission last year, included \$210,844 in revenues and expenditures. It did not detail where those revenues originated.

The city's 2017-2018 budget, approved by the commission last year, included \$210,844 in revenues and expenditures. It listed \$103,000

of its revenues as carry-forward funding from the prior year and estimated revenues of \$84,000 that are not specified as well as \$23,844 in municipal road aid funding the city expects to receive if its financial filing delinquencies are corrected.

**CHARGES**  
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Akers sold crystal meth, one Suboxone strip and marijuana to an undercover informant. In January 2017, Akers sold meth to an undercover informant outside of the Coyote Den Bar in Prestonsburg. In January 2017, an undercover informant

bought meth from Akers at his residence, in which he lived with Bailey. Bailey participated in the transaction by handing the meth to the informant.

"On Jan. 25, they had a search warrant and went to the home and found 26 grams of meth. (Officers) recovered \$70 of the buy money from one of the previous buys

in Judith Bailey's wallet," said Turner. The money that informants exchanged in transactions with Bailey and Akers was recorded. Turner said a lock box was found in the home which contained: Hydrocodone, oxycodone, Neurotin, morphine, Suboxone and Klonopin.

"Those all appeared to be packaged for indi-

vidual sale," said Turner. He said 12 cell phones and items related to manufacturing meth were found in the box. Those items included: lithium batteries, plastic tubing, salt, filters, cold packs, lighter fluid and pseudoephedrine.

Turner said Akers agreed, in his plea agreement, to a 10-year prison sentence for the compli-

city to manufacture meth charge, five years for the three other meth charges and one year for the marijuana charge. The charges, upon sentencing, will run concurrently.

Bailey, in her plea agreement, agreed to a 10-year prison sentence for manufacturing meth, five years for each of the three trafficking charges and one year for the traf-

ficking of a legend drug charge. The sentences will run concurrently. Her sentence is to be suspended after she serves five years, with the remaining five years probated for five years.

A sentencing hearing for Bailey and Akers is scheduled for 1 p.m. March 15 in Floyd Circuit Court.

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## Lady Bobcats outlast Prestonsburg, 64-60

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**BETSY LAYNE** — After facing a double-digit deficit, Betsy Layne battled back to beat visiting Prestonsburg 64-60 in a 58th District girls' basketball game at the Dome on Friday night.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 8-14 overall and 3-3 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 8-15 overall and 1-5 in the district with the loss.

Thriving late, Betsy Layne, a team under the direction of head

coach Kristal Allen, outscored Floyd County Conference counterpart Prestonsburg 24-14 in the fourth quarter. Prestonsburg owned an 11-point lead over Betsy Layne before faltering late.

Betsy Layne shot **See OUTLAST, Page 3B**



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Jordan Frazier drives to the Bobcats' goal during the first half of the 58th District game on Friday night.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg's Reesce Endicott dribbles against Betsy Layne's Caroline Ariaz as Lady Blackcat head coach Brandon Kidd looks on.

## Bobcats hold off Blackcats

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**EASTERN** — Behind a double-double from junior Byron Hammond, Betsy Layne held on to beat visiting Prestonsburg 64-61 in a 58th District boys' basketball game at the Dome on Friday night.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 10-11 overall and 3-3 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 8-14 overall and 1-4 in the district with the loss.

Struggling to connect on foul shots consistently, Betsy Layne shot 41.7 percent (10 of 24) from the free-throw line.

Hammond led the Bobcats with 18 points and 10 rebounds, recording the game's only double-double.

Betsy Layne featured four scorers in double figures. Zach Bentley followed Hammond in the Betsy Layne scoring column, contributing 16 points for the Bobcats. Grant Orsborn, who grabbed eight rebounds, added 12 points while

Jordan Frazier chipped in 11 points for the Bobcats in the victory.

Bentley and Frazier connected on two three-point field goals apiece for host Betsy Layne.

Nathaniel Mims rounded out the Betsy Layne individual scoring, finishing with seven points.

Prestonsburg shot 37.3 percent (19 of 51) from the field. The Blackcats were 12 of 28 (42.9 percent) from three-point range, connecting at a more frequent pace be-

**See BOBCATS, Page 3B**

# Jaguars get pair of wins

Floyd Central's JR Tackett brings the ball down the court in action earlier this season. The Jaguars knocked off Lawrence County 74-69 in 57th District action Friday night and followed that with a 71-49 win over Huntington St. Joseph Prep on Saturday.



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By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**LOUISA** — Visiting Floyd Central trailed late, but managed to battle back to beat Lawrence County 74-69 on the road in a 58th District boys' basketball game on Friday night.

The victory allowed Floyd Central to wrap up a perfect regular-season district record.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 14-8 overall and 6-0 in the 58th District.

Lawrence County slipped to 8-16 overall and 2-4 in the district with the loss.

Late pressure helped to lift Floyd Central to the district win.

"We didn't play our best and Lawrence County played very well," Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock said, following his team's hard-fought district win. "We were lucky to

get out with the win. Our press was very good in the fourth quarter."

Floyd Central shot 75 percent (27 of 36) from the floor. The Jaguars were five of 11 (45.5 percent) from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 50 percent (five of 10) from the free-throw line.

Senior guard JR Tackett led Floyd Central with 24 points and five steals.

Brady Conn accompanied Tackett in double figures in the Floyd Central scoring column, finishing with 18 points as well as five rebounds, three assists and three steals. Conn shot 75 percent (nine of 12) from the field in Floyd Central's victory.

Both Jake Collins and Ethan Smith-Mills narrowly missed reaching double figures for the Jaguars, finishing with nine points apiece.

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# Cornett signs with Union



Prestonsburg High School senior Phil Cornett signed with the Union College men's soccer program during a ceremony last Wednesday. Cornett ranked as one of the areas top boys' high school soccer players throughout his senior season. photos courtesy of Prestonsburg High School

# Little signs with UPike



Floyd Central High School senior Emilee Little made her college choice official on Thursday, signing with the University of Pikeville volleyball program. Little earned All-Floyd County Conference, 58th District and 15th Region honors as a senior. photos courtesy of Floyd Central High School

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# Starting those engines

The wait is finally over, the sound that you hear from a distance is that of the hauler doors being closed as they begin their journey to Daytona International Speedway for the beginning of the 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series. This weekend the engines that have been silent since November will roar to life as Daytona on Sunday will play host to a doubleheader as Daytona 500 Qualifying will kick start the daytime activities followed by the Advance Auto Parts Clash.

Qualifying for the Daytona 500 is unique to the season opening race as no other track uses the same format. Every car that is entered for the 500 will be on the track Sunday to post the fastest time possible. Where it becomes different from qualifying for the rest of the races that makes up the 36 race schedule is that only the fastest two drivers will be guaranteed their starting spot for the race. The pole winner and runner-up knows where their cars will be lined up to start the 500 but the rest of the field that qualified will not know their starting spot until after the Duel races on the following Thursday.

Following qualifying on Sunday will be the Advance Auto Parts Clash which is a 75-lap non-points race that will be run in two segments, with a competition caution at lap 25 separating the segments. In order for a driver to qualify for the Clash he had to be either a 2017 pole winner, former Clash winner, a former Daytona 500 pole winner who competed full-time in 2017 or any driver who qualified for the 2017 playoffs.

Ryan Blaney, Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch, Chas Elliott, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Erik Jones, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Martin Truex Jr. earned their way into the Clash by winning a pole last season. Austin Dillon and Jimmie Johnson are in the field by being former Daytona 500 Pole Award winners. Kasey Kahne, Jamie McMurray and Ryan Newman fill out the field by being one of last season's playoff drivers.

Several drivers will



**Racin' Steve Mickey**

be participating in the Clash in different rides from last season. It is the driver who earned the spot in the field and not the car that he was in the previous year. Ryan Blaney drove for the Wood Brothers in 2017 but is now with Penske Racing. Erik Jones was with Furniture Row Racing but is now at Joe Gibbs Racing and Chase Elliott was in Hendrick Motorsports' #24 last season but will now be in HMS' #9 Chevy. Kasey Khane left HMS after last season but will compete this Sunday in a Leavine Family Racing Chevrolet.

The field of 17 drivers could have actually been a 20 driver field but three drivers who were eligible will not take the green flag on Sunday. Dale Earnhardt Jr. would have been eligible by being a pole winner last season but he has retired. Matt Kenseth was a pole winner last season and Danica Patrick is a former Daytona 500 pole winner but will not be in the field because both drivers do not have a ride for the 2018 season.

There is no points to be earned on Sunday and the size of the purse is no longer announced but there is a few perks involved in participating in the event. Every driver will get 75 more laps around the Speedway even though they will not be in the cars that will be using in the 500. The added experience of getting some more seat time at the restrictor plate tracks will be very important for the Chevrolet teams as it will be the first time that the Camaro that will be introduced in the series this season will be in a competitive environment.

It's only 75 laps but for some reason it is like the unofficial end of winter and the beginning of spring. Once those engines come to life on Sunday, the marathon that runs to November starts and what a wild ride it should once again be as everyone now has a year of stage racing under their belts. Look for every team to start the season with the same mindset that series champion Martin Truex Jr used to win his title. It was an easy strategy that he used, "Every stage, every point!"

**BY STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — First-year head coach Brandon Kidd guided Prestonsburg to its first 58th District win of the 2017-18 season on Wednesday, Jan. 31 as the Lady Blackcats beat visiting Lawrence County 50-46 at the Fieldhouse.

Prestonsburg shot 32.6 percent (14 of 43) from the field in the winning effort. The Lady Blackcats were two of 15 from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 50 percent (20 of 40) from the free-throw line.

Alivia Slone led Prestonsburg with 19 points. Slone connected on six field goals while shooting 70 percent (seven of 10) from the free-throw line.

Three Prestonsburg players reached double figures in the scoring column. Reesce Endicott netted 13 points and Alison Campbell added 12 points for the Lady Blackcats.

Maddie Rainey and Nichole Burchett rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, posting four points and two points, respectively.

Prestonsburg excelled

on the backboards. Rainey grabbed 14 rebounds, while Burchett claimed 11 boards for the Lady Blackcats in the win.

Lawrence County shot 29 percent (18 of 62) from the field. The Lady Bulldogs were three of 18 from three-point range.

Lawrence County shot 55.6 percent (five of nine) from the free-throw line.

Kendra Spaulding paced Lawrence County with 19 points. Spaulding hit seven shots from the field and a three-pointer for the Lady Bulldogs.

Alexis Ratliff was the only other Lawrence County player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Ratliff added 10 points for the Lady Bulldogs.

Other scorers for Lawrence County in the setback were Kassidi Cavins (six points), Kelly Davis (six points), Hannah Rucker (three points) and Kensley Feltner (two points).

Prestonsburg captured its second straight win.

## **Belfry 78, Betsy Layne 67**

After notching back-to-back wins, the Betsy Layne Ladycats dropped back into the loss column over the weekend. Host Belfry

pulled away to beat Betsy Layne 78-67 in a girls' high school basketball game on Saturday night.

Longtime 15th Region rivals, Betsy Layne and Belfry met for a non-district matchup.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 8-14.

Belfry improved to 13-11 with the win.

One of the most improved teams in the 15th Region, Belfry shot 56.6 percent (30-of-53) from the field. The Lady Pirates were 6 of 13 (46.2 percent) from 3-point range.

Belfry shot 46.2 percent (12 of 26) from the free throw line.

McKenzie Maynard led Belfry with a game-high 33 points and 11 rebounds, recording one of two double-doubles in the non-district clash. Maynard was 14 of 19 from the field.

Belfry featured three scorers in double figures as Ariel Mounts netted 19 points and Robbi-Ann Brewer added 11 points.

Linzee Mounts narrowly missed reaching double figures for the Lady Pirates, pushing in nine points.

Two other players — Kailee Rash (four points) and Kennedy Rash (two points) — provided

additional scoring for Belfry in the victory.

Betsy Layne shot 43.4 percent (23 of 53) from the field. The Ladycats were only one of 11 from three-point range but fared much better when shooting foul shots. Betsy Layne shot 72.7 percent (16 of 22) from the free throw line.

The Ladycats managed to rebound Belfry 41-24.

Megan Frazier led Betsy Layne with a double-double, scoring 27 points and pulling down a game-high 17 rebounds. Frazier was 12 of 15 from the free throw line.

Caroline Ariaz and Destiny Compton accompanied Frazier in double figures for the Ladycats, adding 15 points apiece.

Aiding the Betsy Layne offensive attack, Lauryn Watkins scored four points while Amelia Blackburn and Madilyn Meade added two points apiece.

The Ladycats entered the first full week of February with regular-season games remaining versus Shelby Valley, Belfry, Phelps, Magoffin County and Johnson Central. Betsy Layne is slated to host Belfry on Friday, Feb. 9.

## **OUTLASTS**

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44.4 percent (20 of 45) from the field. The Lady Bobcats were three of 12 (25 percent) from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 60 percent (15 of 25) from the free-throw line.

The Lady Bobcats claimed 42 total rebounds in the triumph.

Megan Frazier led Betsy Layne offensively, scoring 20 points. Frazier drained a trio of

three-point field goals for the Lady Bobcats in the come-from-behind victory.

Caroline Ariaz followed Frazier in the Betsy Layne scoring column and recorded a double-double, posting 14 points and a game-high 14 rebounds for the Lady Bobcats.

Katie Kidd accompanied Frazier and Ariaz in double figures in the Betsy Layne scoring column, adding 10 points.

Destiny Compton

and Lauryn Watkins contributed eight points apiece while Allie Jarvis chipped in four points in Betsy Layne's winning effort.

Frazier (seven rebounds), Kidd (eight rebounds) and Compton (nine rebounds) helped to pace the Lady Bobcats inside.

Prestonsburg, which went cold on the offensive end late in the district game, continued to show much improvement under the

guidance of head coach Brandon Kidd.

Reesce Endicott led Prestonsburg with a game-high 22 points. Endicott connected on four 3-point field goals for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg featured three scorers in double figures as Alison Campbell contributed 15 points and Alivia Slone added 13 points. Campbell was seven of seven at the free throw line for the Lady Blackcats in the setback.

## **BOBCATS**

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yond the arc.

Prestonsburg shot 68.8 percent (11 of 16) from the free-throw line.

Phil Cornett, two days after signing with the Union College men's soc-

cer program, paced Prestonsburg with a game-high 19 points. Cornett drained five three-point field goals for the Blackcats.

Following Cornett in the Prestonsburg scoring column and nearly matching his long range shooting effort, Gra-

ham Burchett added 14 points. Burchett connected on four three-point field goals for the Blackcats in the short effort.

Drake Nunnery joined Cornett and Burchett in double figures for Prestonsburg, posting 13 points.

Adam Slone (six

points), Grant Justice (five points), Dalton Trusty (two points) and Gunnar Williams (two points) provided additional scoring for the Blackcats.

Both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg will compete in the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament later in the month.

## **JAGUARS**

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ed eight points while Cameron Nelson, Dylan Caudill and Kyle Isaac chipped in two points apiece for the Jaguars.

The Jaguars overcame 18 turnovers to claim the win.

As a team, Lawrence County shot 71.4 percent (20 of 28) from two-point range. The Bulldogs were 11 of 18 (61.1 percent) from three-point range.

Lawrence County is in its first season as a member of the tradition-rich 58th District.

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

## **Floyd Central 71, Huntington St. Joseph Prep 49**

Floyd Central remained in the win column over the weekend, defeat-

ing visiting Huntington St. Joseph Prep 71-49 on Saturday.

The Jaguars improved to 15-8 with the win.

Upstart Floyd Central, under the direction of head coach Kevin Spurlock, controlled the backboards. The Jaguars outrebounded Huntington Prep 37-24.

The Huntington squad faced some adversity during the road trip to neighboring Kentucky as its leading scorer was sidelined during the first quarter on Saturday. The visiting squad's big man had been called up to play for Huntington Prep national team prior to the game versus Floyd Central.

Floyd Central is slated to face Huntington Prep again at 6:00 p.m. in a late-season game on Feb. 16.

"This was a good game for us," Spurlock commented, following his team's victory. "Their best

player got hurt early in the first quarter and their big man was called up to the national team for the weekend. We will play them again on Feb 16."

Floyd Central shot 41.9 percent (18 of 43) from two-point range. The Jaguars were eight of 18 (44.4 percent) from three-point range, faring slightly better beyond the arc.

Floyd Central shot 55 percent (11 of 20) from the free-throw line.

Senior guard JR Tackett scored a game-high 26 points to lead Floyd Central past Huntington Prep. In addition to leading all players in scoring, Tackett distributed a game-high six assists, grabbed four rebounds and record a steal for the Jaguars.

Brady Conn accompanied Tackett in double figures in the Floyd Central scoring column and recorded a double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing a game-high 11

rebounds.

Jake Collins scored eight points and Ethan Smith-Mills chipped in seven points for the Jaguars.

Nine different Floyd Central players broke into the scoring column as Dylan Caudill (five points), Cameron Nelson (four points), Kyle Isaac (three points), Payton Tackett (two points) and Caleb Hager (one point) were additional offensive contributors.

Huntington Prep was eight of 26 (30.8 percent) from three-point range in the loss. The squad from nearby West Virginia was only seven of 24 from two-point range but shot 91.7 percent (11 of 12) at the free-throw line.

Floyd Central entered the week with other regular-season games remaining versus North Laurel, Magoffin County, Frederick Douglass, Scott County, Johnson Central and Belfry.

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The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg is requesting proposals from interested professionals to perform basic architectural and engineering services for a modernization project funded by a Capital Fund Program Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Housing Authority seeks to enter a lump sum fixed fee contract for FY2017 presently budgeted at \$113,500 with options to extend the contract through FY2018 and FY2019 at the same fee proportionate to the amount of funding for construction. Interested persons should respond with a letter of interest by February 12, 2018. At that time you will be sent a packet of documents which will contain all pertinent information and forms you will need to submit your proposal. All final proposals must be received at the office of the Housing Authority by 4:00 PM, February 26, 2018 in order to be considered. Please address your letter and proposals to Ms. Rhonda Burchett, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Prestonsburg, 12 Blaine Hall Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5666, Renewal 5**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509, has applied for a renewal of an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 12.8 miles southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 4.05 surface acres and will underlie 816.81 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 820.86 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.10 miles southwest from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located 0.50 miles north of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The operation will use the

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deep mine method of underground mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Ted Meade, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, Roy Spurlock, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Estill Mullins, Charles McKinney, Veredith Meade, Wesley and David Lee Meade, TAC Resources, LLC, Clayborn Bailey Heirs (Joe Dean Bailey, Mary Humphrey Harper, Sue Burns, Kay H. Estep, Tina M. Beaver, Tyler Bailey, Noah Hinton, Jr., Robert Bailey, Charles Borders, Robin Bailey, Jack Steven Humphrey, Dona C. Tucker, Patty M. Taylor, Edna Mae Click, John David Humphrey, Daniel C. Humphrey, Ali Jo Rohr, James Hardwick, Linda Zaranhavan, William C. Humphrey, Kim D. Russell, Thomas Hardwick, William and Dorothy Martin, Ella Martin, Vannie Kidd, and Sola Williams. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**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

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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

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informal conference is received by March 16, 2018.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that R&J Development Company, LLC, of 223 Old Middle Fork Road, Inez, Kentucky 41224,

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has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to fill in the flood plain in the Johns Creek area. The property is located at 164 Thunder Ridge Road, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky 41653, from the intersection of KY Route 3 and KY

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Route 321 traveling 3.5 miles east on KY Route 3, to the proposed fill site. In the Johns Creek watershed and adjacent to KY Route 3. Any comments, or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface

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Water Permit Branch, Flood Plain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.

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## Welcome Baby Smith



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.

## Birth Announcements

All birth announcements for babies under 3 months are **FREE**.

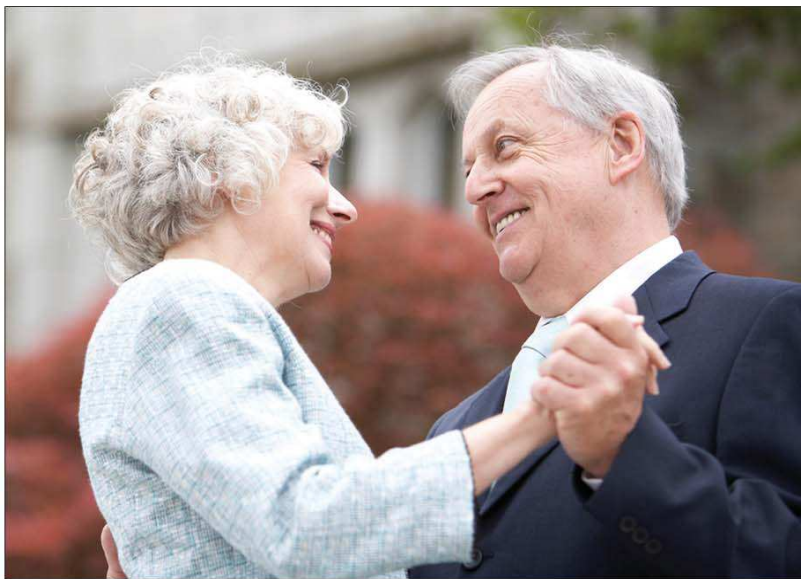
## Celebrating Birthdays



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

All Senior Citizen Centers may announce their birthdays for **FREE**.



## 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) Richland of Archdale, NC, and Margaret (Joseph) Andrews of Lynchburg, Va. They have 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

## Wedding Anniversaries

All wedding anniversaries over 40 years, in addition to 10th and 25th anniversaries, are **FREE**.

## Dotson-Simpkins



Mike and Cathy Layne Dotson of Prestonsburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Renae, to Scott Michael Simpkins, son of Marvin and Lynn Robinette Simpkins of Williamson. The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Kentucky in 2015. Simpkins is a 2011 graduate of Pikeville High School and a 2015 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. A June wedding is planned in Prestonsburg.

## Engagement

Announce your engagement in the Floyd County Chronicle for **FREE**.

## Wedding

Announce your recent marriage. Weddings within 3 months are **FREE**.

## Hatfield-McDaniel



Amy Michelle Hatfield and Chad McDaniel of Fort Bragg, NC, were united in marriage at six o'clock in the evening, Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Maple Lane Farm, Fayetteville, NC. The bride is a graduate of Allen Central High School and attended Morehead State University. McDaniel is a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School. He serves as a Sergeant in the US Army. Following the ceremony, the couple left for a honeymoon in the Bahamas. They are residing in Fort Bragg.

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