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PHS fight sends one student to the hospital, another arrested

Bartley: Other students, school officials under investigation

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A Prestonsburg High School student was injured and another student was arrested for assault following a fight that occurred on campus

Wednesday, officials reported.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said his office is already preparing for the case, and said the investigation will include a look into whether other students and school staff

should be charged with crimes.

A video of the altercation garnered thousands of views and shares before it was removed from social media Wednesday.

The video, portraying an altercation which al-

legedly occurred that day in a stairwell area near the high school's gym, lasted less than one minute, the video shows. But in that time, one student appeared to have been choked and punched at least 35 times and kicked

in the head five times.

By the end of the barrage, that student, who did not fight back, was screaming, "Please stop," as he lay on the floor while the other student threatened him with

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Floyd students return to class, some without transportation

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

Following two recent closures caused by inclement weather on Feb. 2 and Feb. 5, Floyd County Schools returned to regular schedule on Feb. 6, but some students did not have transportation.

Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble reported that icy conditions caused officials to decide not to provide bus transportation to students living on 18 rural roads in the county on Feb. 6.

Buses did not travel to Akers Branch, Daniels Creek, Old House Hollow, Buckhorn, Deadening Fork, the Left Fork of Little Paint, Bull Creek, Allen-Banner Road, Conley Fork, Jim Potter Branch, Ousley Branch, Ruff n Tuff, Rice Branch or Rt. 1210 in Caney.

"We hate that," Trimble said. "But we've got to try to go when 99 percent of the roads are good."

Trimble explained that even if some

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Allen eyes annexation

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Allen City Commission is eyeing expansion.

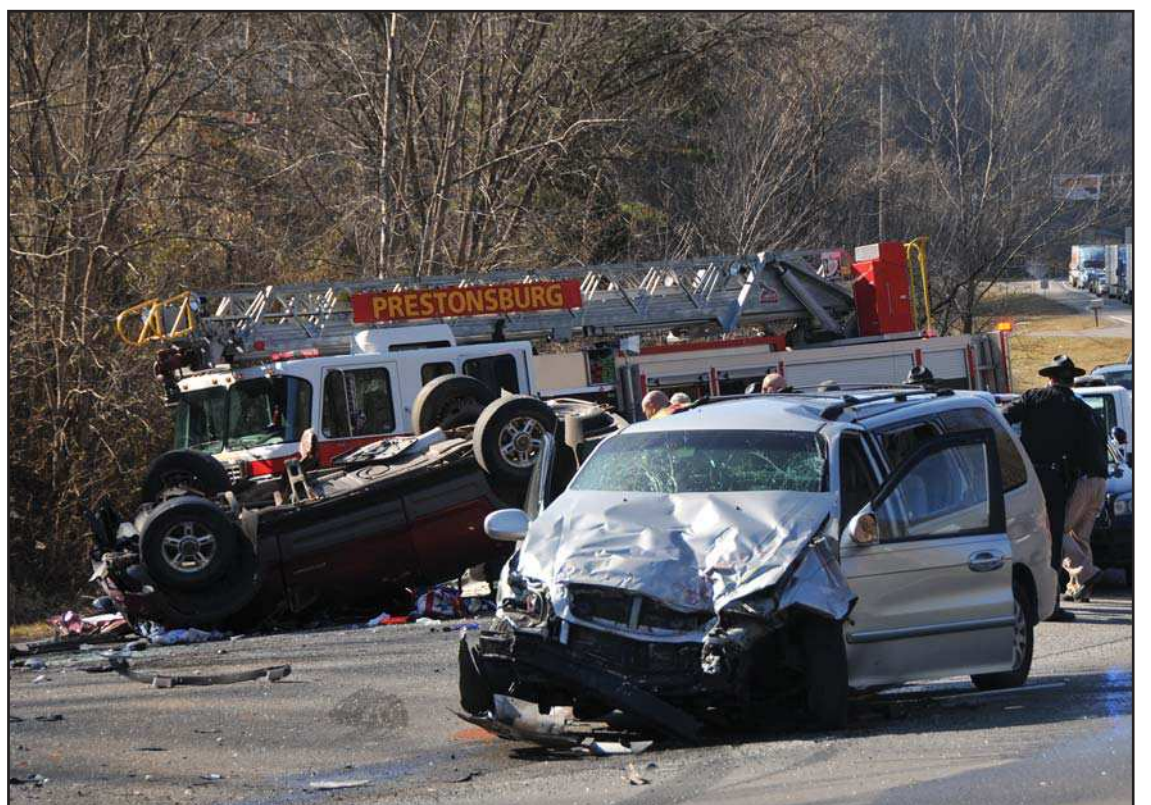
During a Feb. 5 meeting, the commission discussed the possibility of annexing businesses located in New Allen into the city limits.

Commissioners took no official action on the measure, but they asked City Attorney Beth Shortridge to draft a letter that will be sent to 20 to 25 New Allen businesses, requesting they attend a meeting later this month.

That meeting was tentatively set to be held

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Three injured in U.S. 23 crash



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

A three-vehicle wreck on U.S. 23 snarled traffic at around 2 p.m. Thursday and sent three people to the hospital. Prestonsburg Police Department spokesperson Lt. George Tussey said a female driving a Suburban was pulling out of Town Branch onto US 23 when her vehicle came in contact with a van traveling north. The female's vehicle went airborne, Tussey said, and collided with a tractor trailer before landing on its top. The female, the male driver of the van and a child in the van were transported for emergency care. Prestonsburg Police and Fire Department, Kentucky State Police, Allen Police, the state road department and TransStar Ambulance assisted at the scene. Tussey commended the prompt response and cooperation of those officials. He said the investigation continues with the help of the Pikeville Police Department, who will provide information about blood tests taken at Pikeville Medical Center. Names had not been released as of presstime Thursday.



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo

Rt. 1428, a state highway that runs from the intersection of U.S. 23 to Allen, is incorporated into the city limits, but the businesses are not under the city's jurisdiction. This week, Allen City Commission members discussed the possibility of annexing these and other businesses.



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Two charged Monday for alleged thefts at Rural King

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two Floyd women were arrested and charged with shoplifting Monday in Pike County following two incidents investigated by the Coal Run Police Department.

CRPD Officer James Sexton wrote in his citation that he located Pamela Hall, 33, of Oliver Hall Village, Printer, attempting to exit the store Monday afternoon. Hall, according to the citation, was wearing a new pair of shoes from the store and offi-

cers located a pair of flip flops she had attempted to hide down the back of her pants.

After placing Hall under arrest, Sexton wrote, he located "five needles, a spoon, a straw and a black stretch band" in Hall's possession. Hall stated the needles held Suboxone which "her boyfriend bought for her," the citation said.

Hall was arrested on charges of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, theft and possession of drug paraphernalia as well as being served with a warrant from Floyd County for a charge of first-offense, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, court records show.

While Sexton was at the store, employees noticed another female, identified as Lisa R. Jarrell, 47, of Railroad Circle, Betsy Layne, putting items into her purse, the citation said. Jarrell fled the store and attempted to leave in her vehicle, but, Sexton wrote, officers were able to remove her from her vehicle.

Jarrell was placed



Pamela Hall



Lisa R. Jarrell

under arrest and a search by officers located clothing and items from Rural King valued at \$846.05, the citation said. She was arrested on a charge of felony theft, court records show.

Hall pleaded not guilty to her new charges

at arraignment in Pike District Court on Tuesday, court documents said. Pike District Judge Darrel Mullins ordered her held in the custody of the Pike County Detention Center on a 10 percent payment of a \$2,000 bond, court records said. Through her warrant, Floyd Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris ordered Hall held in custody on a separate 10 percent payment of a \$5,000 bond, court records show.

Jarrell appeared at arraignment Tuesday and agreed to have her case bound to a Pike grand jury, court documents said. Jarrell was ordered held in custody on a 10 percent payment of a \$2,000 bond by Mullins, according to court records.

Jarrell, jail records show, was released from custody on Tuesday.

Ribbon cutting next week in Prestonsburg

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center will celebrate its latest expansion in Prestonsburg next week.

The public is invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony for the agency's new Dogwood Apartments complex, located at 1416 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15.

MCCC held a groundbreaking for the apartment complex last April in the former location of the Layne House substance abuse treatment facility. MCCC tore down the Layne House to pave the way for the new apartment complex after it opened the Mountain Center for Recovery and Hope at StoneCrest in 2016.

The apartment building will provide 20 low income housing units for MCCC clients and community members. Some apartments are reserved for people who have special needs, as well as those who are homeless, victims of domestic violence or are senior citizens.

Officials reported at last year's groundbreaking that the project cost about \$1.7 million, with the majority of the funds coming from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, an organization that offers funding to banks and sets aside 20 percent of its revenues to provide affordable housing grants. It partnered with First Commonwealth Bank to make those funds available for the project.

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Police: Two Floyd inmates found with contraband in jail

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two inmates lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center were allegedly found with contraband last week.

Joseph Serrano, 33, of Hunter Branch, Printer, was charged with first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree wanton endangerment and tampering with physical evidence. Serrano was serving time for theft and drug-related charges. Charles Mullins, 33, of Melvin, was charged with first-degree promoting contraband and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to a citation written by Floyd County Detention Center Lt. Parker DeRossett, on Jan. 29, a deputy was collecting trays when he noticed a group of inmates huddled in a cell. "As he entered the cell, he noticed Joseph Serrano trying to hide something in his waistband," the citation said. Serrano denied having anything, the officer said. Once Serrano stood up, after resisting, according to the citation, "a needle cap fell to the floor."

When the officer asked Serrano to give him what he had, he again denied having anything. When the officer went to search Serrano while he was sitting, Serrano "dropped the needle and tried to hide it by kicking it under the bed." Officers conducted a strip search and nothing else was found on Serrano.

According to another citation written by DeRossett on Jan 29, Mullins was found in the shower with a needle "that appeared to have blood in it" laying beside him. Mullins told the deputy that the needle was not his, records show. Nothing was found upon a strip search of Mullins. Records show that a drug test was administered. Mullins tested positive for Suboxone, the citation said. Upon completion of the test, according to court records, Mullins admitted the needle was his.

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P'burg to partner with Beattyville

By JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

The City of Prestonsburg is partnering with the City of Beattyville for an economic development initiative that will allow business owners to engage with one another in hopes of a cross-marketing relationship.

Misha Curnutte, economic development recovery coordinator for the Big Sandy Area Development District, and Teresa Mays, Main Street manager and economic development director for the City of Beattyville, created the initiative, which links Prestonsburg and Beattyville as "sister cities."

"It's kind of a pilot project," said Curnutte. "We started a Prestonsburg merchant group in town and were trying to figure out a way to get those businesses talking to each other. We started noticing that Beattyville is also doing a lot of the same things that we are doing here. So, we wanted to talk to them to get their business people to talk to our business people to trade ideas and suggestions."

The project allows for a cross-marketing situation in which Prestonsburg business owners will market for Beattyville businesses, when possible, and vice versa.

"We're hoping that instead of traveling to Lexington and Huntington (West Virginia) we will visit each other to buy stuff," said Curnutte.

She said East Kentucky Concentrated Employment (EKCEP) and Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) have already backed the initiative. The two will host seminars and offer informa-

tional training sessions for business owners and communities in both cities.

Mays visited Prestonsburg Tuesday to tour the city and meet business owners, Curnutte plans to visit Beattyville soon to do the same.

"Ultimately, the goal is to grow the economy," said Curnutte. "We think we can do that by building up small businesses in the area."

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said the partnership will be important for the local economy.

"Anytime we have an opportunity to operate and do business with other cities and cross-market each other, we're going to try to take advantage of it," said Stapleton. "We just want to keep some of our dollars here in Eastern Kentucky."

One topic that the two cities will focus on is tourism. Curnutte said Beattyville draws crowds from the Red River Gorge located in Stanton. She said with the trails and outdoor activity in Prestonsburg, she thinks the partnership will allow Prestonsburg to bring that crowd into the city to "keep them in the area a little bit longer."

In the near future, a group of business owners from Prestonsburg will visit Beattyville and vice versa. From there, a brainstorming phase will begin to discuss future collaboration. Curnutte said there is not a time frame around the "sister cities" initiative.

"We're just kind of letting it live and breath and seeing where it takes us," she said.

She said she hopes the project will be successful enough to expand in to other communities in Eastern Kentucky.

Turner meets with health official



Submitted pic
Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, meets with Dr. Mamata Majmudar of the Fayette County Board of Health to discuss health issues affecting Eastern Kentuckians, in Frankfort. Sen. Turner represents the 29th Senate District in Floyd, Harlan, Knott and Letcher counties. To contact Sen. Turner with questions or concerns, call the Legislative Message Line toll-free at, 1-800-372-7181, or email, JohnnyRay.Turner@lrc.ky.gov. For more information on the interim committee schedule, visit, www.lrc.ky.gov.



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ture beating before picking up his backpack and walking away. Both students are freshmen, Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble confirmed.

The video was posted on Facebook at approximately 3:47 p.m. by a student, who said she published it to "get justice" for the student who was attacked. She reported that "this is what goes on" at the school and said "no adults came."

Trimble issued a statement at approximately 9 p.m., confirming the fight occurred at PHS that day and reporting that law enforcement was notified.

He reported that administrators with the school and central office are "handling the situation according to school district policies."

"A full and complete investigation will occur and those involved will be held accountable according to local policy and Kentucky State Law," he said in the statement.

"Let me be clear, behavior such as this will not be tolerated in the Floyd

County School System. The safety of all students is and will remain our utmost priority."

PHS Principal Lori Bricken, who became principal there this school year, sent a similar statement via the school's telephone alert system to parents of Prestonsburg High School students that evening.

On Feb. 8, Trimble confirmed to the Chronicle and Times that the attack occurred sometime after 2 p.m. in an area of the building that is "isolated" and without cameras. He said that area is not regularly supervised during class breaks because students are normally not in that area during the school day. School officials are reviewing their supervision policy to improve it, he reported.

He commended the response of school staff, reporting that one of the students who witnessed the fight left the scene and got a staff member for help. He could not confirm how long it took for staff to arrive at that location.

"They called the police and they promptly showed up," he said.

"The mother was called and they advised her to take him to the ER (emergency room) to get him checked out. It didn't look like there was anything seriously wrong, but we wanted to make sure."

He spoke to the student's mother on Feb. 8 and said the student who was assaulted returned to class that day.

"The little fella he was hitting on is in school today and he's fine," he said.

He said he believed the other student was arrested after the video surfaced online. He said he could not legally confirm whether he was suspended from school.

Officials did not know the severity of the altercation until the video surfaced, he said.

Prestonsburg Police Officer Bradley Calhoun is investigating the incident. Attempts to reach him and Prestonsburg Police Department spokesperson Lt. George Tussey were unsuccessful.

Bartley confirmed the student who beat up the other student was arrested and charged with assault. Officials at his

office have been working with police and a Court Designated Worker to narrow down aspects of the case, and he said others may be charged with crimes as well.

He said he was upset because the school district did not contact him. He learned about it after people who saw it on social media contacted him.

"Nobody bothered to tell me about it from that school before it was posted, and that perturbs me," he said. "We're going to take a look at everything, and when I say everything, I mean everything."

He went on to question why teachers did not intervene during the length of the video. He did note, however, that school officials immediately reported the fight.

When asked if school officials could be investigated in this case, he said "absolutely."

"Did they do anything wrong? I don't have any evidence to point to that at all, but we will find out," he said.

He said his office will take this case "very seriously."

"Yes, we are preparing for it. Yes, we will

take it very seriously, and, yes, it will be more than just the assaulter," he said. "We're going to look at some other folks, too. For example, the person shooting the video ... is under investigation at this moment."

He said there is no law that requires a person to render aid in Kentucky, but his office is "taking a close look" to determine whether the person who shot the video knew the fight would occur ahead of time and "may have even planned it."

He said, "It's like the fight is designed to be on video."

He said students who witnessed the fight did not commit a crime unless it is determined that they engaged in it or encouraged it in any way.

Trimble said there have been 12 fights at PHS this year, and one of them was "an isolated situation" that involved PHS football team members.

"My goal is to make sure people don't panic and make sure people aren't afraid to send their kids to school," Trimble said.

With approximately

6,000 students, he said, incidents like these "happen very seldom, but one time is too many."

He reiterated that this kind of behavior is not tolerated in Floyd County schools and said district officials are "continually trying to get better" to stop things like this from happening.

The Kentucky Department of Education reports online that there was one assault at PHS in the 2016-2017 school year, and there were one report of drug use, five reports of alcohol use, and 16 reports of tobacco use there. At the school, 66 students were suspended last year and 103 students faced in-school removals for these issues and other violations of school policies.

On the district level, KDE reports all Floyd County Schools had two assaults, one report of a weapon, 23 cases of harassment, eight issues regarding drugs, eight issues regarding alcohol and 18 issues regarding tobacco in the 2016-2017 school year.

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GUEST COLUMN:

House week in review

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

Public school education and Medicaid funding needs were laid before House budget review subcommittees as we prepared to enter the sixth week of the 2018 Regular Session.

Education is Kentucky's largest state appropriation, and that wouldn't change under the governor's proposed 2018-2020 budget unveiled last month. That proposal would set aside 42 percent of the state's General Fund for the Department of Education, teachers' retirement, school facilities construction and the Education Professional Standards Board. (Another 9.8 percent of the General Fund would be appropriated for the state's colleges and universities, although those are postsecondary education funds and are not among the dollars that go to school districts.)

Lawmakers know that safeguarding public school districts' per-pupil funding (known as Support Education Excellence in Kentucky, or SEEK) in what promises

to be another rough state budget cycle is important to school districts, as is support for dozens of school programs. It is in budget hearings like the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education and Workforce Development hearing last Wednesday that we will learn what spending is needed as we turn the governor's proposal into a House proposal in coming days.

Second to education in the percentage of state General Fund dollars it receives is Medicaid. The needs-based program is expected to comprise at least 17 percent of the 2018-2020 Executive budget, notwithstanding any savings from a recently-approved federal Medicaid 1115 waiver allowing Kentucky to set new participation requirements for some beneficiaries.

When we add another 7.2 percent in non-Medicaid appropriations over the next two years for Cabinet for Health and Family Services programs — as the governor has proposed — we have well over 20 percent of the budget slated for health and family service needs. Again, it is the responsibility of budget review

subcommittee members to look at any and all budget proposals and find the best options for our state's future spending needs.

All of the work being done by these and other budget review subcommittees will be shared with the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee — the governing committee that is ultimately responsible for getting a budget bill to the full House. Expect the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee to use all data at its disposal as it prepares the state's more than \$21 billion budget proposal this session.

Budget hearings are only part of the action this session. Bills on dozens of non-budget matters passed from committee and from the full House over the past week, including this legislation:

House Bill 84, which passed the House by a vote of 88-0 and is now before the Senate. HB 84 would require coroners or medical examiners to release information on a deceased person in their care to an organ and tissue procurement agency, if they know that the person intended to be an organ or tissue donor.

HB 124, which passed the

House 85-2 and is now before the Senate. HB 124 would require the state to complete a comprehensive review of current licensure and quality standards for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services and programs and develop enhanced licensure and quality standards, subject to available funding.

HB 132, which passed the House 68-24 and now goes to the Senate. HB 132 would require Kentucky public high school students to fulfill a financial literacy requirement to graduate beginning with students entering the 2020-2021 ninth grade class.

HB 158, which passed the House 91-0 and is now before the Senate. HB 158 would allow more public employees to obtain life insurance under the state-sponsored group life policies if the person's employer opts to participate in the state-sponsored group life insurance program.

Another bill to watch for is HB 269, which I filed this week. This legislation would support the intent of existing law in KRS Chapter 403 by requiring parents of minor children to attend mandatory parenting classes before they

can divorce. Some jurisdictions already require the classes, but not all. The requirement would help ensure that parents learn the effect divorce has on children and take time to consider the benefits of jointly rearing their child. The bill has been referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Over 40 House and Senate bills have passed at least one chamber at this point in the session, with two bills receiving final passage. By the time we reach Feb. 27 — the last day to file new bills in the House — we can expect more bills and resolutions to have made it through the legislative process and all the way to the governor's desk.

Remember, you can keep up with the latest action from the 2018 Regular Session in the Legislative Record, which is found on the Legislative Research Commission website at lrc.ky.gov. You can also still leave comments for your state Representatives and Senators by calling the Legislative toll-free message line at, (800) 372-7181.

GUEST COLUMN:

Senate week in review

By **JOHNNY RAY TURNER**
STATE SENATOR
29TH DISTRICT

We have completed the first third of the 60-day session with very little fanfare. However, we anticipate the pace to increase as we delve more deeply into substantial issues looming ahead, such as the two-year spending plan and pension reform.

Passage of a budget is constitutionally required of the General Assembly so both chambers are working on their proposals as well as looking into solutions to our pension problems. Those two topics dominate the headlines — and our agenda — but lesser-publicized bills also require our attention. Some of those gained passage in the Senate this week, while others were vetted and voted out of committees.

One of the bills to earn

the Senate's stamp of approval is a measure that would change the law for victims of domestic violence seeking a divorce. Senate Bill 68 closes a loophole so that the victim would not have to pay the attorney fees for the abusive spouse if he has been convicted and incarcerated for the abuse. The costs, which would be paid by the state, would be minimal, but it would be a tremendous help to victims of brutal attacks who must then pay a state-appointed lawyer to represent their convicted abuser. That is not justice.

For some abused spouses — usually women -- even a modest legal fee could be a hardship or even out of reach, causing them to abandon the plan to divorce the abusive spouse and, in some cases, go back to an abuser. This is just another barrier we can remove for victims.

SB 68 was named Jeanette's Law for Jeanette McCue, an abuse victim in Washington County, who testified that she had to pay her ex-husband's divorce costs while he was imprisoned for abusing her. I repeat, that is not justice.

In addition, this week, I supported a measure to reduce recidivism rates. Senate Bill 37 would allow some nonviolent federal prisoners to get driver's licenses so they can work outside of prison walls. The goal of the legislation is to allow prisoners to learn employable skills so they are less likely to re-offend. SB 37 was introduced at the request of the U.S. Bureau of Prisons, which operates five institutions in Kentucky. This measure, which also passed the Senate chambers last session, contains an emergency clause that allows the bill to become effective immediately upon

approval by the governor.

I am less enthusiastic about another bill that passed this week — without my approval. Currently, Kentucky law requires an employer to pay an employee who works more than 40 hours in a week, no less than 1.5 times the hourly wage rate. A new exemption created by Senate Bill 35 will deprive thousands of employees of larger amusement parks, such as Kentucky Kingdom and those working for our state and city swimming pools, parks and golf courses, from receiving overtime pay. This legislation will exempt employees employed by "amusement or recreational facilities" if the facility does not operate for more than seven months in a calendar year; or the facility's average receipts show seasonal income.

Other bills to pass the Senate and head to the

House for further consideration include:

Senate Bill 57, commonly referred to as Andy's law for Pfc. Andy Long who was fatally shot by a self-proclaimed terrorist, would allow a person injured by an act of terrorism to file a claim for damages against the terrorist. It would also establish a crime of terrorism as a capital offense, making it punishable by imprisonment for life without probation or parole.

Senate Bill 72 would prohibit the naming of state property, programs, and state highways and bridges in honor of any living statewide current or former constitutional officer, legislator, state judge, or state employee.

Senate Bill 12 would designate May 1 of every year as "School Bus Driver Day."

Senate Bill 85 would allow a notary public whose

name has changed, for whatever legal purpose, to get their name change on their certificate without lengthening their term.

Along with passing legislation, I met with constituents from my district, such as school superintendents, board members and teachers, and advocates for important causes such as United 874K Disabilities Coalition, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children), and Community Action Agencies.

This is just a quick snapshot of the work this week. There are many other issues being discussed in Frankfort and I encourage you to join in those discussions. Our representative form of government was designed to give the people of Kentucky a voice. I will always listen to your viewpoints. You have a big say in the laws affecting you.

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Andy Dye

Andy J. Dye Sr., 75, of Printer, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2018.

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

Christine Golden

Christine R. Golden, 75, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018.

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Helen Ormerod

Helen C. Ormerod, 85, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018.

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

Phil Osborne

Phil Osborne, 72, of Ivel, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

Arrangements were under the direction of J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Judy Slone

Judy Fay Fraley Slone, 76, of Wayland, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2018.

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Siltana Yates

Siltana Meade Yates, 87, of New London, Ohio, went to be with her heavenly father on February 7, 2018, surrounded by her loving family, at the home of her daughter. She was born at Honaker, June 17, 1930, the daughter of the late Robert and Myrtie Ellen Case Meade.

She was a mother and homemaker for the

68 years she had with her husband, Carbet Yates, who preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 2015.

She worked very little outside the home. She and Carbet spent many, many hours in the woods looking for ginseng and mushroom hunting. She said it kept them both young.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Tworea Ratliff, June Harvey, Lemuel Meade, Woodrow Meade, Muriel Perkins, Zora Meade and T.J. Meade; her granddaughters, Carol Lee Kay Siltana Yates and Heather Danielle Richards; and her son-in-law, Orbie Lee Case.

She is survived by her children, Sharon Case, Edwin Yates (Charlene), Carol McGue (Russell) and Clinton Yates (Barbara); her grandchildren, Darin Case, Todd Case, Jamie Case, Sharon Camacho, Derek Yates, Heather Fagan, Teddie Yates, Minnibelle Yates, Seneca Yates, Loretta Yates, Kelly Yates and Brett Richards; many great-grandchildren; her siblings, Estelle Shenk, Ransom Meade, Ethel Hamilton, Rose Jackson, Almas Shepherd and Linro Meade.

Friends and family will be received from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2018, at the Eastman Funeral Home Chapel, New London, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, at the funeral home with her brother, Linro Meade, officiating. Burial will follow at the Fitchville Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of the Eastman Funeral Home of New London, Ohio.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the New London Church of Christ in Siltana's name.

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

This is a paid obituary.

Teacher program set to meet targets in Floyd schools

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County School District is on-schedule to meet its goals in the Network to Transform Teaching, or NT3, program.

The district started the program last year as one of only two districts in Kentucky and one of eight schools nationally participating. It came as part of a \$70,000 US Department of Education Supporting Effective Educator Development, or SEED, grant, which is set to expire this year.

Last year, the Floyd County Board of Education approved a memorandum of understanding with several agencies for the program, and appointed Director of District Wide Services Angela Duncan to oversee it.

With NT3, the district is working to "provide equitable access to accomplished teaching" to all teachers by 2020 by implementing a "systematic pathway" through which accomplished teachers — those who have gained additional certifications — become mentors to new teachers.

Duncan and district administrators outlined several goals that were set when the program started, and she gave board members and update about the progress during a recent meeting.

By 2020, the school district wants to have at least one National Board Certified Teacher on staff at every school. The district has nearly met this goal. There is an active National Board Certified Teacher or a candidate for the program in 10 of the 11 schools in Floyd County.

"So, we're very proud of that fact. We have made gains toward that and, by the 2020, we definitely should have 100 percent taken care of," Duncan said.

Another goal the district set was to have 20 percent of its teachers working in "defined and compensated" leadership roles by 2020. To date, 14 percent of district teachers are fulfilling this goal, as the district has 32 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, or CIA, members and 21 Accomplished Teaching Cohort members, who mentor new teachers.

Duncan said the district has more CIA members than it has ever had in that program, and these teachers are working to obtain advanced certifications.

By 2020, the district plans to have all new teachers involved in the pathway to accomplished teaching. The district launched the Accomplished Teaching Cohort last year and Duncan said officials are "pleased" with the outcome. She reported that one-third of teachers in the district are new educators and they're working to increase participation in the cohort.

The district offers a mento-

ring program for new teachers, as well as monthly professional development opportunities and school leaders who coach new teachers.

"That's something we're very proud of," Duncan said. "We have teachers from our Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment team who are actually leading this professional development for our teachers. So, we have teachers who are learning some great things in their courses, and they're sharing that monthly."

The final goal was to maintain an ongoing cohort of teachers who are pursuing national board certification. The district currently has 22 candidates working toward that accomplishment, Duncan reported.

"We're very excited that we have that many teachers who are going through this process," she said. "I went through the process myself back in 2007 and it was the best professional development that I have done in my career."

The district also set several additional aims in the NT3 program, including hosting 15 district-wide sessions to help administrators understand the accomplished teaching program and National Board Certification and having all of its teachers engaged with ATLAS, a computer program available through the NT3 grant.

Duncan reported that all schools have access to ATLAS, but not all of them are using it. The focus for this school year is to implement it in five pilot schools and provide support to all others, she said.

ATLAS offers resources that detail the National Board Certification process, including videos from teachers who have obtained that certification to share tips on classroom instruction.

Duncan reported that two schools that started the pilot program last year have opened their doors to staff from other schools. That gesture, she explained, is saving the district money.

"What I think is so important about the work that we're doing, is considering the uncertainty of the state budget in education, these are programs that are sustainable without grant money," she said.

She explained that information may be distributed electronically, without additional cost, the grant funded a long-term subscription to ATLAS, and technology provides virtual meetings that don't require additional funds for travel or substitute teachers.

"We're really looking at systems that will help us sustain the growth of our teachers," she said "because they do such a great job, but we all know it's a difficult job."

The district has partnered with Educators Rising to pilot two Future Teachers of America

programs in two high schools, establishing a teaching career pathway for students who want to become teachers.

The district is doing these things in partnership with its technology program.

Duncan and Courtney DeRossett, the district's chief information officer, talked about how both the NT3 program and the district's technology program work hand-in-hand to improve education.

DeRossett said the two efforts are a "natural fit."

"Before, 20 years ago, technology was a separate department from teaching and learning," she said. "Today, for us to maintain and teach the way we should in 2018, it has to be integrated. It can't be separate."

The districts launched its Digital Conversion—pledging to provide computer devices to all students in grade five through 12—four years ago. The final year of implementation went well last year and all students now have devices that may be used in and out of the classroom.

DeRossett reported the district will now move to purchase Chromebooks for next school year, which is expected to save around \$200,000. The district is also working to get teachers Google certified so that they can teach others how to use programs offered Google.

She reported that the district partnered with the state on a survey that was launched the same year the Digital Conversion started, and the results have been positive.

In the district, 52 percent of teachers and students feel like that they collect and analyze data every week. That statistic is 36 percent statewide, she said.

Four years ago, 25 percent of students in Floyd County used to technology to identify and solve problems. That percentage has grown to 43 percent, she reported.

One area of improvement needed, DeRossett said, is digital citizenship skills, as only 27 percent of students reported receiving instruction about responsible use of technology, cyberbullying and online safety on a monthly basis.

"We're mindful that we need to make sure every teacher knows how to teach digital citizenship every day or at least weekly in their classroom," DeRossett said. "We've noticed from the data that's a need."

Teachers are continually asking for more technology training, she said.

Technology expenditures approved by the board totaled more than \$1.5 million, with the largest expenditures being the Digital Conversion (\$446,250) and the addition of fiber (\$240,000).

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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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Marriages

Michele Sparks, 41, of Salyersville, to Freddie Blanton, 54, of Salyersville

Brandy Rose McCoy, 31, of Prestonsburg, to Gary Wayne Slone, 41, of Prestonsburg

Property Transfers

Wilmington Savings Fund Society to Selene Finance; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 6)

TGK Investment LLC to Kinzer Investment Realty LTD; property in Town Hall Addition, Allen

Carria Jarrell, Woodrow Jarrell Jr. to Lasha Brown, Lawrence Brown; property location

unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 26)

Georgia A. Hyden to James Douglas Hyden; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 32)

Clifford Jerome Schornak II, Katherine Lynn Goble Schornak, Ella Louise Goble McCray, Vernon Connely McCray, Charles Edward Goble to Charles Edward Goble, Lana Goble Ilari, Ella Louise Goble McCray, Katherine Lynn Schornak; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 36)

Anna Ray Ward to Deborah Ann Hardee, Steven E. Ward; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 42)

James Patton to Nancy Patton; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 45)

Dietech Financial LLC to James E. Patton, Nancy Patton; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 47)

Geraldine Hall to Joshua Hall, Walter Hall; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 52)

Martha Billips, GST to Greg Damron; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 56)

Lisa Bailey to Sheila Bailey; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 59)

Loretta Watkins Ward to Rodney Watkins; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 63)

Melissa Anderson, Joseph Reynolds II, Melissa Witt, Thomas Witt to Arthur Foren; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 66)

Denver Ousley, Judith Ousley to Chelsea Austin Wright; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 76)

Kinzer Business Realty LTD to L&B Hall Real Estate LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 79)

Carlos Hoover to Colson Couch, Deborah Couch; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 82)

Curtis Hamilton to Kenneth Damron; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 84)

Josephine Hall, to Rita Faye Hall Newsome; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 86 and pg. 89)

Teddy Newsome to Rita Newsome; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 92)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Ginger Halbert, Mark Halbert, Mark D. Halbert, Branch Banking and Trust Company to BBT Branch Banking and Trust Company; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 95)

Edward Slone, et al, and Joseph Slone, et al, to Ed Sone; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 101)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Doris Griffith, US Bancorp Consumer Finance to US Bank Trust National Association; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 108)

Jackie Tackett to Shirl Tackett; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 114)

ANNEXATION

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at 6 p.m. on Feb. 26 at the Allen Fire Department, with city officials saying they will reach out to the department to see if the facility is available at that time before the meeting is officially set.

“Can you annex somebody that don’t want to come in?” Commissioner Clyde Woods asked.

“Yes,” Shortridge told him. “You can have a nonconsensual annex.”

Allen city limits end at the intersection of New Allen and U.S. 23, but only the state highway in New Allen is part of the city’s jurisdiction. The businesses located in New Allen and residents who live in New Allen are not part of the city. The commission did not discuss bringing New Allen residents into the city—just the businesses.

Shortridge explained the nonconsensual annexation process, through which Allen would first be required to

approve and publish an intent to annex, allowing resident voters or property owners to review it. If 50 percent of those people oppose it, they can petition to have the annexation placed on the ballot. It will fail if 55 percent or more voters oppose it in the election. If less than 55 percent approve it, Allen can finalize the annexation with another ordinance.

If all landowners in the area intended to be annexed give prior written consent, the city can annex these businesses without enacting the initial intent to annex ordinance.

During the discussion on Feb. 5, Allen officials talked about how the annexation would benefit the city and discussed things the city can provide these businesses.

Police protection topped the list, as well as grants that could be available to New Allen businesses if they were part of the city. Officials said the city will have to hire another police officer if the annexation

goes through, with Police Chief Thomas Gearheart reporting he knows someone who may be interested in the job.

Commissioner Elmer “Fudd” Parsons asked that Commissioner Dr. Eilene Kinzer make the city’s presentation to these businesses at the upcoming meeting. She asked commissioners to send a list of “selling points” she can talk about to encourage business owners not to oppose the annexation.

“We need to sit down and talk to them,” Parsons said.

“Show them what we can offer, because that’s the first question they’re going to ask,” Mayor Sharon Woods said. “And as far as, I haven’t put my bookkeeping to work in many a year, but we’ll sit down and go through that.”

Woods was referring to tax revenues the city could receive if the annexation goes through. Parsons joked that the city could get three cents per dollar for every pizza roll sold at a gas station

in New Allen. He said the city will do the paperwork for the businesses.

“What happens is, they don’t have to do the paperwork. We do,” he said. “They send us what they made and we find out how much it is. Three cents to a dollar, is what it is.”

Eilene Kinzer asked if the city needs to vote to implement a tax. Parsons and Mayor Woods told her it’s a state tax that is already set.

Pamela Trautner, public information officer for the Kentucky Finance and Administration Cabinet, however, confirmed to the Chronicle and Times that the state does not provide a portion of the sales and use taxes it collects from businesses

to city governments.

She said in an email that there is no revenue sharing of sales tax receipts with local jurisdictions and the distributions that the Kentucky Department of Revenue makes to local governments “have nothing to do with receipts generated” by the types of businesses in New Allen.

“Any collections would have to be generated from some type of local imposition administered by the city itself,” she said in the email.

She confirmed that cities are not permitted to levy sales and use taxes in the state. Cities may impose business license fees on franchises, trades, occupations and professions, as well as

personal property, stock used for breeding purposes or other ad valorem taxes. City tourism commissions may also levy a three percent tax on restaurants, but Allen does not have such a commission.

Allen collects property taxes at a rate of 23 cents per \$100 of assessed value, and its property tax collections would increase under the annexation. The city also has a six percent insurance premium tax on all insurance policies sold to Allen residents, the Kentucky Department of Revenue reports online. It is not clear whether Allen already has a business license fee ordinance in place.

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issues and stay in touch with me. A taped message containing infor-

mation on legislative committee meetings is updated daily at, (800) 633-9650. To check the status of a bill, you may call the toll-free Bill Status Line at, (866) 840-

2835. To leave a message for any legislator, call the General Assembly’s toll-free Message Line at, (800) 372-7181. You can also e-mail me at, JohnRay.Turner@lrc.ky.gov.

Appalachian Horse Project seeks tour guides

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The Appalachian Horse Project is offering a training class for individuals who would like to lead tours to see the free-roaming horses in Breathitt County.

The class is open to up to 15 eligible people who can provide a welcoming, knowledgeable and entertaining visit to the Southfork area to see free-roaming horses up close. Tours will begin in April.

The training will take place at the Life Skills Center in Jackson, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on March 9, and from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. on March 10. The class fee is \$20 per student and includes a continental breakfast on March 9 and lunch on both days.

The training includes expert speakers in relevant topics such as: The role of a tour guide, the history and culture of Breathitt County, horse and herd behavior, safety and emergency Response, insurance and liability, details of accepting a tour reservation and recommendations for other attractions in the region. The students will also practice leading a tour group to see the horses.

Tour guides will be on contract with the Appalachian Horse Project and will earn a fee for each tour they lead. This training class is a requirement for those leading AHP tours.

For more information and to register for the class, visit, www.AppalachianHorseProject.org/tour-guide-training.

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Conditions on drawing nearer to God



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

The introduction to the book of Hebrews in my New International Version states the book was probably written in the late A.D. 60's. The writer (who remains unknown) was encouraging Christians to remain faithful. Christians were facing persecution from Jews among them, as well as the government. Because of their conversion to Christianity, if they owned a business, people would no longer purchase goods or services from them. Sometimes families would declare them dead and have a funeral. In the timeline "Persecutions of Christians in the Early Roman Empire" by Felix Just, S.J., Ph.D., James the brother of Jesus, and the apostles Peter and Paul were all killed during the same decade Hebrews was written. James was stoned. Peter was crucified. And Paul was beheaded.

In order to remain strong in the faith, the Hebrew writer says, "let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed

with pure water (Hebrews 10:22)." Our minister Bob Werntz bought this scripture out in his Sunday evening sermon. James tells us, "Come near to God and he will come near to you (4:8)." By going to the cross, Jesus has already made the path clear for us. In the Temple, a veil separated the Holy of Holies. This is where God dwelt. Only the high priest could enter this area once a year after fulfilling certain requirements. But when Jesus died, the veil was torn, allowing us direct access to God. The closer we are to God, the closer God is to us. But as this scripture points out, there are four conditions in order to draw nearer to God.

First, in order to draw nearer to God we must have a "sincere heart." We must be genuine, or honest, in our faith. We must seek Christ in a meaningful way, without hypocrisy. We must evaluate ourselves based on the Word. "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." We must be grateful to Jesus for what he has done. According to Marvin Vincent, a true heart approaches God with an attitude of gladness, freedom and enthusiasm.

The second condition in drawing nearer to God, is with "the full assurance that faith brings." We must know - without a doubt

- we can come before God through Jesus Christ who died on the cross for our sins. We are accepted by God because Christ shed His blood. Jesus sacrificed His life for us, allowing for our redemption. God is there. He will hear us. And He cares about the issues we bring before him.

Now, in order to "draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings" we have to fulfill two requirements. The requirements: "having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water" are needed. Whenever the high priest entered the Holy of Holies, he had to perform a ritual to cleanse himself. He also had to sacrifice an animal and sprinkle it's blood upon himself. The old covenant, which the high priest was under, has been replaced by the new covenant, which came after the death of Jesus. Animal sacrifice is no longer necessary. Jesus was our sacrifice. Instead of requiring someone to approach God on our behalf, we can now come to Him on our own.

We repent of our sins, personally to Jesus. Not in front of a crowd, or before a congregation. If we have heard the Word, believe the Word, and repented

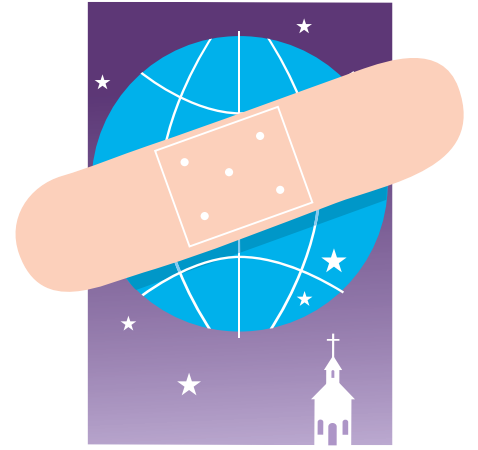
of our sins, then we continue to the next step of salvation and confess that Jesus is the Christ before witnesses. After that, we have "bodies washed with pure water" when we are baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. It is in the watery

grave of baptism where we are cleansed of our sins (Romans 6:4). We become Christians and are under the grace of God. Then, as Christians, we are privileged to have a personal relationship with Christ, whereby we may draw near to God.

As Christians we must be confident in our faith to draw near to God. "The Lord is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you (2 Chronicles 15:2b)." It's important to remember that whether or not He draws near to us is conditional. We can remain strong in our faith, but it takes effort. We have to continuously work at it. If we faithfully seek God and draw near to Him, then He will draw near to us. If we have that type of relationship, then when we face obstacles, trials or even persecution, God will be there for us. And what could be greater than having the creator of the universe on your side when you're in a tough situation?

Tikkun Olam: Repairing the World

The Hebrew phrase "tikkun olam" literally means "repair of the world," and is found in the Mishnah, a work of classical rabbinic teaching that was compiled in the third century. The basic idea behind tikkun olam is that we should improve the world through acts of social justice and simple acts of loving kindness. The modern world is as much in need of repair as the ancient world. Tribal divisions, whether of nation-states, ethnic groups or different religions, continue to foster wars, genocide, and acts of terrorism. Tikkun olam advises individuals to work at repairing these divisions. It is also obvious that the world may need to be physically repaired, whether because of damage wreaked by earthquakes or hurricanes, or because of the damage done by war or human neglect. We have not always taken good care of our planet, and it is a sign of gratitude for us to work to repair it. One way to think about tikkun olam is that God has entered into a covenant with His creatures. God has given us a beautiful world, a garden of earthly delights, but He requires that we care for this garden, including all its inhabitants. We are instruments in the struggle between good and evil, and not simply observers. How will you contribute to the great task of repairing the world? - Christopher Simon



"Follow justice and justice alone, so that you may live and possess the land the LORD your God is giving you."
—Deuteronomy 16:20 NIV

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Bible verses: Drawing nearer to God

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! - Hebrews 9:14

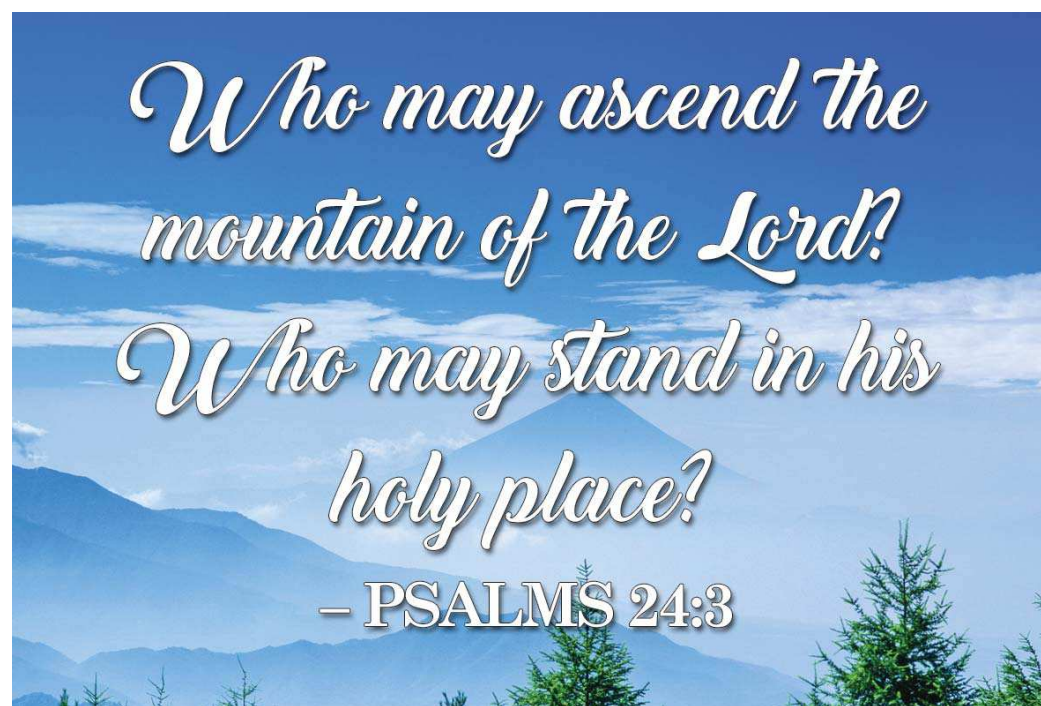
"Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. - Matthew 5:23-24

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. - Romans 12:18

Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god. - Psalms 24:3-4

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. - Hebrews 11:6

Therefore, there is now no



condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus - Romans 8:1

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. - 1 John 1:6-7

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. - Acts 17:27

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. - Romans 5:1-2

For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. - Ephesians 2:18

In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence. - Ephesians 3:12

... (for the law made noth-

ing perfect), and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God. - Hebrews 7:19

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. - James 4:8

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. - Psalm 34:18

But as for me, it is good to be near God. I have made the Sovereign Lord my refuge; I will tell of all your deeds. - Psalm 73:28

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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

- Byron Tyler Stumbo vs. Jessica Stumbo.
- Larry Tackett, et al. vs. Marlene Tackett, et al.
- Tina F. Case vs. Mary E. Case. American Alternative Insurance Corporation vs. Mattie R Triplett, et al.
- Lowell Castle vs. Marquita Rister.
- AmeriCredit Financial Services, Inc. vs. Stacy Collins.
- Property & Casualty Insurance Co. of Hartford vs. Terry G. Tackett.
- Stevenson J. Brown vs. Cortnee N. Hall.
- Brenna Bates vs. Elisha M. Matthew, et al.
- Jimmy Ratliff vs. Micky Ratliff, et al.
- Joshua Coleman, et al. vs. Stephanie G. Stephens, et al.
- Sammie Salisbury vs. Sally H. Hale, et al.
- Trenton Grindle vs. Justina D. Adams.
- Kayla Howard vs. Cory Howard.
- Mary Reffitt-Ball vs. Megan Hensley.
- Andrew Clinton Lewis vs. Rebekah Leigh Ann Lewis.
- Michael Slone vs. Sonia Slone.
- Heather B. Collins vs. Burnis Ray Collins.
- Ada Howard Barton vs. Carlos Edward Barton.
- Synchrony Bank vs. Rick Hancock.
- Griffin Baker vs. Selina Baker.
- Martha Hill vs. Tony Hill.
- Lauren Brooke Vanderpool vs. Travis Ray Mullins.
- MTAG as C/F MGD-KY, LLC. vs. James M. Newsome, et al.
- Jack Anderson, et al. vs. Me-telectric, LLC.
- PMB Rentals, LLC. vs. Shanna L. Conley.
- Discover Bank vs. Debra A. Wood.
- Capital One Bank vs. Timothy Lewis.
- Mckella Nasha Hall vs. Calvin Derrick Hall.
- The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company vs. Franklin Mortgage Funding, Inc.

Krystal Lynn Hall vs. Kevin Jerome Hall.

Felony charges filed

- William J. Marsillett, 46, of Fords Gap, Auxier, carrying a concealed weapon, public intoxication of a controlled substance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription controlled substance not in proper container.
- Elizabeth Combs, 33, of Dry Creek Rd., Topmost, flagrant nonsupport.
- Edd C. Hicks, 64, of Stone Cold Rd., Garrett, no registration receipt, failure to signal, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, possession of open alcoholic beverage in motor vehicle, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container.
- Paul David Nichols, 43, of Left Fork Tyler, Harold, rear license not illuminated, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Susan R. Stewart, 31, of Camp Branch Rd., Tram, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Frank Powers Rice III, 43, of Right Fork Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence, two counts), menacing, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, third-degree criminal mischief, disarming officer, third-degree assault of police officer.
- Raquel Cain, 42, of North Roberts Drive, Prestonsburg, first-degree possession of a controlled substance.
- Vanessa M. Stapleton, 38, of South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, flagrant nonsupport.
- Mark A. Horne, 36, of Prestonsburg, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container.
- Brett Spears, of Left Fork Conn Branch, Prestonsburg, flagrant nonsupport.
- Kyle Hicks, 29, of LaGrange, theft by unlawful taking of a firearm.
- Whitney Powers, 30, of East Back Street, McDowell, first-degree promoting contraband (two counts), possession of a controlled substance.

trolled substance.

- Joseph Serrano, 33, of Hunter Branch, Printer, first-degree promoting contraband, drug paraphernalia, second-degree wanton endangerment, tampering with physical evidence.
 - Charles Mullins, 33, of Melvin, first-degree promoting contraband, drug paraphernalia.
 - Eric T. Vanderpool, 43, of Gunlock, theft by unlawful taking (more than \$500).
 - Nellie Collett, 40, of Ky. Rt. 550, Hueysville, flagrant nonsupport.
 - Orville Moore, 50, of Gorges Branch, East Point, flagrant nonsupport.
 - Thornton Watts, 37, of Watts Branch, River, possession of firearm by convicted felon, possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container, carrying a concealed weapon.
 - Micheal Duff, 27, of Main Street, Dwale, first-degree trafficking controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree possession of controlled substance.
 - Kenneth Kretzer, 33, of Richmond, flagrant nonsupport.
 - Austin L. Craft, 22, of Auxier, first-degree trafficking controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree possession of controlled substance.
 - Heather Pennington, 29, of Iceplant Hollow, Martin, identity theft.
- Misdemeanor charges filed**
- Misty D. Charles, 31, of Grassy Branch, Raccoon, violation of EPO.
 - Evan T. Swiger, 23, of Williams Fork, Banner, violation of EPO.
 - Destiny Rena Swiger, 20, of Williams Fork, Banner, violation of EPO.
 - Joshua Shepherd, 28, of Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).
 - Lisa A. Alberty, 38, of Bill Dee Branch, Kite, giving officer false information.
 - David Chris Puente, 37, of Ky. Rt. 2030, Printer, fourth-degree assault.
 - Betty J. Hicks, 31, of Town Branch, Prestonsburg, second-degree wanton endangerment.

- Ella Mae Sullivan, 50, of Fords Gap, Auxier, public intoxication of controlled substance.
- Tabitha Wallin, 42, of Ky. Rt. 1426, Dana, theft by unlawful taking under \$500.
- Candace J. Prater, 29, of Salyers Branch, Hueysville, harassment.
- James Bert Bailey Jr., 47, of Akers Branch, Dana, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), second-degree wanton endangerment, third-degree terroristic threatening.
- Nathan Stewart, 27, of Store Hollow Rd., Betsy Lane, theft by unlawful taking, theft by deception under \$500.
- Benjamin B. Akers, 33, second-degree criminal trespassing, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing, third-degree terroristic threatening.
- Austin Conn, 26, of Akers Branch, Banner, harassment.
- Mikael Fannin, 33, of Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking under \$500.
- Jamie Lynn Blankenship, 40, of South Highland Ave., Prestonsburg, parent to send child to school.
- Leonard Blair, 27, of Cedar Estates, Prestonsburg, parent to send child to school.
- Charlett Elste, 32, of Cliffside Drive, Prestonsburg, parent to send child to school.
- Thomas Shepherd, 43, of Bucks Branch, Martin, third-degree terroristic threatening.
- Ricky Stanley, 28, of Auxier, fourth-degree assault.
- Stephanie Morrison, 22, of Bent Branch Rd., Pikeville, theft by unlawful taking under \$500.
- Judith Marie Bailey, 35, of Prestonsburg, third-degree terroristic threatening.
- Christian Collett, 19, of Hoover Hollow, Garrett, failure to make distribution of property.
- Christopher Cox, 32, of Hoover Hollow, Garrett, failure to make distribution of property.
- Kayla Rogers, 30, of Toler Creek Rd., Harold, public intoxication of controlled substance.
- Jeanne L. Blanton, 43, of Al-len, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana.
- Larry Michael Shepherd, 42, of School House Hollow, Hunter, second-degree wanton endangerment.

- Aaron Burkett, 26, of Rock House Rd., Tomahawk, possession of drug paraphernalia.
- Jonathan Perry, 26, of First Street, Prestonsburg, parent to send child to school.
- Charles K. Hall, 39, of Ky. Rt. 122, Hi Hat, second-degree criminal mischief.
- Nathan Newsome, 34, of Hopkins Fork Rd., Pikeville, giving officer false information.
- Bronson Bishop, 27, of Tackett Fork Lane, Beaver, one headlight, no seatbelt, license to be in possession, giving officer false information, operating on suspended/revoked license, no license.
- Stacy M. Akers, 32, of Sally Stephens Branch, Prestonsburg, third-degree possession of controlled substance, possession of legend drug, prescription not in proper container, possession of marijuana.
- Ricky Tackett, 40, of Lincoln Court, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication.
- Avery Lowe Jr., 47, of Myrtle Branch, Prestonsburg, public intoxication of controlled substance, first-degree disorderly conduct.
- Jordan L. Martin, 26, of Turkey Creek Rd., Langley, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).
- Zandol Parrigan, 46, of Spaulding Branch, Louisa, driving on suspended license, no insurance cards, no insurance, possession of revoked license, license plate not legible, improper display or registration plates, rear license not illuminated, no seatbelt.
- Jerry L. Robinette, 52, of Hurricane Creek Rd., Stopover, reckless driving, violating safety regulations, criminal littering.
- Richard Mullins, of Old Country Rd., Harold, third-degree possession of controlled substance.
- Steven Donald Adkins, 23, of Stephens Rd., Banner, possession of revoked license, operating vehicle with suspended/revoked license.

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.

MAC sees increase in revenue for 2017

**BY JOSH LITTLE
STAFF WRITER**

In 2017, the Mountain Arts Center saw an increase in revenues and had 12 sold-out shows, officials reported.

Revenues for the facility increased by 4.3 percent, room rentals at the MAC increased by 47 percent and recording studio revenues increased by 168 percent during the 2017 fiscal year, which spans from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College took over management of the center in spring 2016, through a partnership with the City of Prestonsburg. Clayton Case, executive director of the MAC, said BSCTC took over management of the MAC's recording studio in 2015, before taking over management of the entire facility upon the former executive director's retirement.

One of the bigger

changes from the 2016 fiscal year until the 2017 fiscal year, according to Case, was the increased use of the MAC's recording studio. Prior to the 2017 FY, Case said the studio averaged between five and six projects per year. For 2017, the studio produced 26 projects. Some of the artists/projects recorded include: Sundy Best, The Revival, Nicholas Jamerson, Jason Goble and the Big Sandy Singers and Band. Case said the rise in recorded projects was made possible by having one designated employee for the studio.

"Actually, there was not a lot of recording going on at all in previous years," said Case. "It was primarily because they didn't have a designated studio producer — a recording engineer. To my knowledge, in the past (the former director) was going over to do some producing from time-to-time."

The MAC currently has a BSCTC employee working

in the studio to manage the recording.

"We're on target for fiscal year 2018, which is what we are in now, to beat that number this year," said Case. "We should have between 30 and 35 projects that we will have been completed through the studio."

The MAC is currently working on creating a marketing package for the center's recording studio to be marketed in Lexington, Huntington, West Virginia, and other surrounding areas.

For FY17, the MAC recorded more than 96,000 in foot traffic for the center. Case said that number is difficult to compare to past numbers, with the data that had previously been recorded.

"That's 96,000 people — maybe not 96,000 different people — obviously a lot of those are returning folks that come for the programs, but that fact that those people have come

in to Prestonsburg; they're buying food here, they're going to our department stores and paying for hotel rooms. Obviously, that's a huge impact on the community," said Case.

From January through December 2017, the MAC touted 12 sold-out shows, three of which were Kentucky Opry shows.

"This Kentucky Opry Christmas season (2017), we had two sold-out shows," said Case. "This was the first time that we've had a sell-out Kentucky Opry crowd in at least six years. It was a big deal for us."

Case said he believes that having new members in the Opry draws a crowd, but he said the crowd returns because the MAC has "some of the best musicians and performers." The Opry added four new members in 2017.

In 2018, Case said people can expect a wider range of programming at

the MAC.

"We are trying to bring in acts from across the board that are different than what you would nor-

mally see in Eastern Kentucky," said Case. "We definitely want to cater to folks of all ages and genres."

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roads are clear, turn-about areas in some rural roads may not be clear, and buses cannot travel those roads. He said "in most cases," parents will bring students living on these

roads to meet the bus in a safe location.

He said students who missed school because they had no transportation will be counted absent, but that absence will be excused.

The school district got a late start to the school year, as construction

delays at Floyd Central caused a two-week delay. The Floyd County Board of Education set May 17 as its last day in its updated calendar and it also inked in days up to June 30 that could be used as make-up days, if needed.

Schools have now lost 12 instructional days this

winter, which will push the end of the school year into June if the board of education decides to add days to the end of the year instead of making up lost time in other ways. That decision is expected to be made by the board of education in March.

Good fortune is heading your way. It's time to make positive personal and professional changes. Look at your options and consider the best way to move forward. Mental and physical alterations and updates will enhance your resume and help you promote your assets.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Make changes based on reality. Do your due diligence and know exactly what you are capable of handling. Get promises in writing to ensure that you are going to get what you ask for.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Charm shouldn't be the deciding factor when someone tries to push you into doing something questionable. Make a counteroffer, stick to high standards and be prepared to walk away, if necessary.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - A trip, reunion or personal change will do you good. Attending a retreat or searching for inner truth and verification of your beliefs will encourage you to make positive revisions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - A financial gain or gift is heading your way. An improvement you wanted to make to your life, domestic environment or community will lead to a new opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Personal gains should be your focus. Spend time updating your look, nurturing an important relationship or setting time aside to rejuvenate. Romance is encouraged.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Being tempted by change will not be in your best interest. Think matters through and consider the motive behind your desire for something new. You'll find comfort in familiarity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Personal improvements will make you feel good about your

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by Eugenia Last



appearance. A little charm will entice someone special to get involved in something you enjoy doing. A short trip looks inviting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Make positive changes at home. Work alongside those you live with to ensure that no one feels left out or becomes disgruntled by the decisions you make. Be open to suggestions and compromises.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Don't be daunted by what someone else says or does. Follow your heart and use your intelligence to help you find your way. Accept the inevitable and forge ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Find a way to incorporate the old with the new if you want to come up with something that will appease your opponents and excite your supporters.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Your charm and persuasive ability will lead to greater popularity. Love and romance are featured, and a change in your status or direction looks promising.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Keep your distance from individuals who appear to be unstable or unpredictable. Refuse to let anyone use emotional manipulation to coax you into doing something you are best off avoiding.

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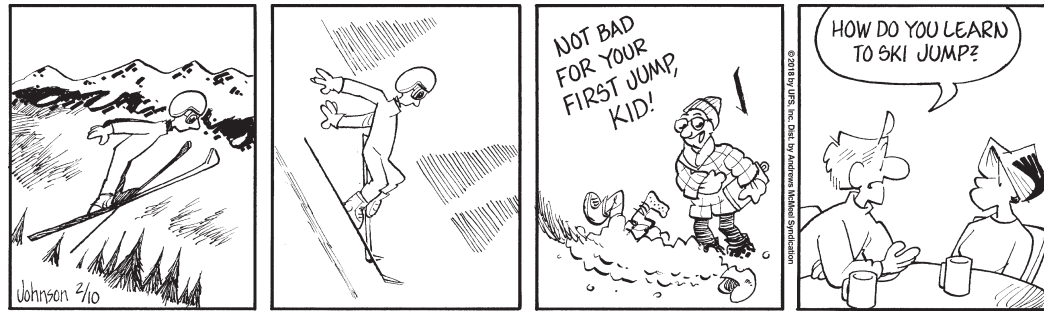
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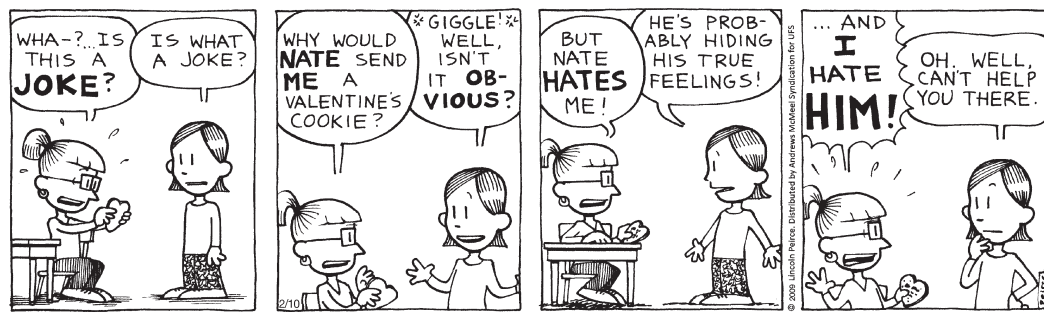
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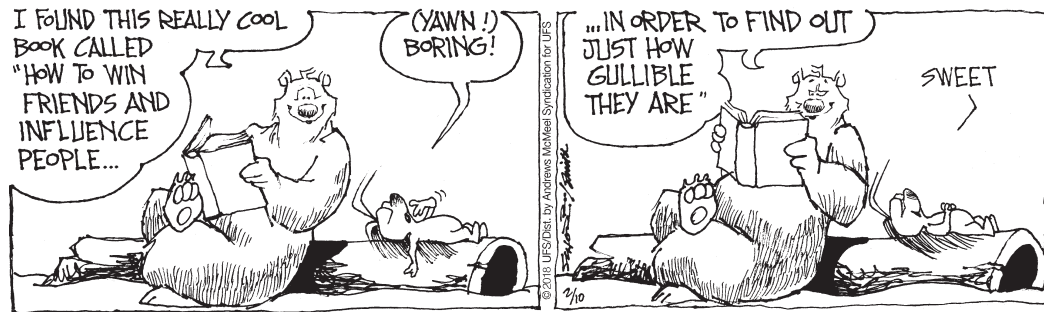
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LEGALS

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In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for a major revision to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located at Tram in Floyd County. The major revision will add 0.00 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 254.75 acres within the revised permit boundary. The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.8 miles south of US 23's junction with Powell Branch Road and located alongside Powell Branch. The proposed major revision is located on the Har-old USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by ACIN LLC.

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Blackcats pick up back-to-back wins

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg found a way to remain in the win column at home on Tuesday night, edging visiting 15th Region rival Sheldon Clark 46-43 in overtime in a late-season boys' high school basketball game.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 10-15.

Sheldon Clark dropped to 8-17 with the loss.

The Blackcats continued to show improvement in their latest outing.

"These players deserve all the credit in the world for the way they stand up and fight no matter what's thrown at them," said Prestonsburg coach Brandon Gearheart. "We were very happy with the way our team scrapped out a win. Sheldon Clark is a young team that has a nucleus of talented players in Trey James and Brady Dingess. They will be unreal as they develop and I can assure you nobody will want to play them. We struggled to hit shots all night. Our game plan was to speed them up, spread them out and look to drive and kick for threes. We got all kinds of good looks, but had one of those nights where they wouldn't drop. Lucky for us, they struggled getting in any offensive flow as well and couldn't get the ball to drop either, outside of Dingess. In overtime, I thought we showed tremendous mental toughness. We made some bonehead plays late in the fourth quarter that almost cost

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Prestonsburg's Graham Burchett defends against Sheldon Clark's Ethan Colegrove. Prestonsburg's Drake Nunnery (2) and Sheldon Clark's Trey James are also pictured.



Woods signs with Union College for football

Betsy Layne High School senior Bradley Woods made his college choice official on National Signing Day on Wednesday, inking with Union College's football program.

photo courtesy of Betsy Layne High School

Floyd Central falls to host North Laurel

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LONDON — After claiming three straight wins and winning five of its last six games, Floyd Central dropped back into the loss column earlier in the week. Host North Laurel used a hot-shooting streak after intermission to defeat visiting Floyd Central 79-68 in a boys' high school basketball game on Tuesday night.

Floyd Central, under the direction of head coach Kevin Spurlock, made the lengthy road trip to North Laurel for the late-regular-season matchup.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 15-9.

North Laurel, the current frontrunner in the 13th Region, improved to 21-4 with the win.

Floyd Central led 36-28 at halftime, but faltered shortly after the break. North Laurel thrived in

the third quarter, outscoring Floyd Central 27-8 to move ahead.

Turning in one of its best offensive performances thus far in the 2017-18 season, North Laurel shot 57.8 percent (26 of 45) from the field. North Laurel was eight of 19 (42.1 percent) from three-point range.

Brian Gray, who is among the top boys' basketball players in the 13th Region, led North Laurel with a game-high 35 points. Gray drained six of the home team's eight three-point field goals.

Albert Oster was the only other North Laurel player to reach double figures in the scoring column, contributing 19 points. Oster recorded a double-double, pulling down 12 rebounds.

Kaleb Osborne (seven points), Keenan Hernan-

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Betsy Layne drops home game to Shelby Valley

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Following a loss to Belfry over the weekend, Betsy Layne dropped another game to a Pike County opponent just two days later. Visiting Shelby Valley, the top-ranked team in the 15th Region, pulled away to beat Betsy Layne 75-53 in a girls' high school basketball game at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse on Monday night.

Betsy Layne and Shelby Valley met for a battle of former multi-time 15th Region girls' basketball champions.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 8-15.

Shelby Valley improved to 21-4 with the win.

Shelby Valley shot 58.6 percent (34 of 58) from the field. The Lady Wildcats were five of 14 from three-point range.

Shelby Valley finished two of five from the free-throw line.

Reigning 15th Region All "A" Classic champion and recent statewide tournament runner-up Shelby Valley took control early and managed to separate itself from Betsy Layne.

Summer Rose led Shelby Valley with a game-high 24 points. Rose, a longtime leader for Shelby Valley, drained a dozen field goals for Shelby Valley in the victory.

Joining Rose in double figures, Alyssa Elswick added 12 points and standout eighth-grader Cassidy Rowe, who already holds multiple scholarship offers, posted 10 points.

Both Tori Hampton and Alyssa Newsom narrowly

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Lady Jaguars fend off Harlan, 63-52

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — The Floyd Central Lady Jaguars enacted some revenge over the weekend. After suffering a 25-point loss on the road four days earlier, Floyd Central defeated visiting Harlan 63-52 on Saturday.

The Lady Jaguars were productive throughout the latest matchup against Harlan.

Floyd Central dealt Harlan its second straight loss after the Lady Dragons had put together a four-game winning streak.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 12-8.

Harlan dropped to 12-11 with the loss.

Floyd Central returned to the win column less than 24 hours after dropping a 58th District game to Lawrence County.

After each team managed to score 11 points in

the opening quarter, Floyd Central led 26-21 at halftime and outscored Harlan 21-12 in the third quarter.

A pair of underclassmen led the way for the Lady Jaguars.

Seventh grade guard Abby Maggard and freshman guard Katie Moore scored 17 points apiece to lead Floyd Central to the victory over Harlan.

Four Floyd Central players reached double figures in the scoring column as Savannah Watkins netted 11 points and Kaylee Moore posted 10 points.

Numerous former South Floyd Lady Raiders and Allen Central Lady Rebels fill Floyd Central's roster.

Other scorers for Floyd Central were Brook Stumbo (six points) and Kim Akers (two points).

Faring well beyond the

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Leslie County 60, Betsy Layne 55



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Betsy Layne bigman Byron Hammond works for position as the Bobcats hosted the Leslie County Eagles.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Grant Orsborn split two Leslie County defenders during the Bobcats' home game at the D.W. Howard Fieldhouse on Tuesday night. Visiting Leslie County overcame a slow start to beat the Bobcats 60-55.

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us a chance at winning. I was proud of how they re-focused in overtime. Our assistant coaches, John Meade and Justin Allen, along with new student assistant Chandler Nelson, did an excellent job of game prep and execution with a short turnaround. I'd put those guys against anybody anywhere. We are fortunate to have them. It was a total team effort and at this point in the year we are looking to get hot. Teams that can carry momentum from the regular season into the postseason will be dangerous. We want to fall into that category and be a tough out when the time comes."

Prestonsburg won despite shooting only 27.1 percent (16 of 59) from the field. The Blackcats were three of 27 from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 64.7 percent (11 of 17) from the free-throw line.

Excelling inside, Prestonsburg pulled down 40 total rebounds.

Drake Nunnery scored 11 points and grabbed eight rebounds for the Blackcats in the victory.

Finishing directly behind Nunnery in the Prestonsburg scoring column and leading the Blackcats on the backboards, Graham Burchett added 10 points and pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds.

Phil Cornett and Adam Slone narrowly missed reaching double figures in the Prestonsburg scoring column, netting nine points apiece.

Gunnar Williams and Grant Justice rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, chipping in five points and two points, respectively.

Prestonsburg 54, Lawrence County 49

Prestonsburg completed a regular-season 58th District sweep of Lawrence County on Monday night, prevailing 54-49 on Homecoming Night at the Fieldhouse.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 9-15 overall and 2-4 in the 58th District.

Lawrence County dropped to 8-17 overall and 1-5 in the district with the loss.

Sophomore guard Graham Burchett, one of the area's most underrated boys' high school basketball players, paced Prestonsburg with a near-double-double, scoring 17 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

Prestonsburg coach Brandon Gearheart was pleased with his team's performance in the district game.

"Big win for us," Gearheart said, following his team's triumph over 58th District rival Lawrence County. "Nobody wants to play Floyd Central at home first in the district tournament. We worked really hard preparing for Lawrence. Coach (Travis) York does an excellent job and they gave Floyd Central all they wanted just a few days ago, so we were very fortunate to win. Graham Burchett has really come on for us as of late and we are very proud of him. I challenged the guys at half-

time to get to the free-throw line in the second half and go there to make them and we did. We've really stressed free-throw shooting in practice and it's paid off. Hopefully we can get some momentum from this win and finish strong."

Prestonsburg shot 39 percent (16 of 41) from the field. The Blackcats were five of 15 (33.3 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 70.8 percent (17 of 24) from the free-throw line.

Senior Drake Nunnery joined Burchett in double figures for the Blackcats, scoring 14 points. Nunnery ranked second in both scoring and rebounding for the Blackcats, grabbing seven rebounds.

Adam Slone scored seven points while Gunnar Williams added six points and Phil Cornett chipped in five points for the Blackcats.

Several players contributed offensively and defensively for much-improved Prestonsburg.

Dalton Trusty and Grant Justice rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, contributing three points and two points, respectively.

Tyler Maynard continued to lead Travis York-coached Lawrence County, a team less than two years removed from capturing a 15th Region championship.

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

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dez (six points), Jack Capobianco (six points), Adam Sizemore (six points) and Landon Young (one point) provided additional scoring for North Laurel in the victory.

North Laurel was 19 of 28 (67.9 percent) from the free-throw line.

Brady Conn led Floyd Central with a team-high

19 points. Three Floyd Central players reached double figures in the scoring column as Jake Collins contributed 17 points and JR Tackett delivered 15 points.

Other scorers for Floyd Central in the loss were Ethan Smith-Mills (six points), Dylan Caudill (four points), Kyle Isaac (three points) and Kolby Slone (two points).

Floyd Central was scheduled to visit 15th Re-

gion rival Magoffin County for a game on Wednesday, but the contest was cancelled.

The top-ranked team in the 58th District, Floyd Central has regular-season games remaining versus Frederick Douglass, Scott County, Johnson Central, Belfry and Huntington Prep. Floyd Central is slated to visit Frederick Douglass on Friday night then venture to Scott County on Saturday.

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missed reaching double figures for Shelby Valley, registering nine points apiece in the winning effort.

Kayla Newsom netted eight points and Kyleigh Tackett chipped in three points for the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats.

Betsy Layne shot 37 percent (17 of 46) from the field. The Lady Bobcats were one of five from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 69.9 percent (16 of 23) from the free-throw line.

Inside, Betsy Layne outrebounded Shelby Valley 35-18.

Betsy Layne was forced to play from behind throughout the regular-season game and struggled against hot-shooting Shelby Valley.

Megan Frazier led Betsy Layne with a double-double, providing 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Ladycats. Frazier was 12 of 14 from the

free-throw line.

Destiny Compton accompanied Frazier in double figures and added a double-double of her own, scoring 16 points and pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds.

Caroline Ariaz scored six points while Katie Kidd chipped in four points and Lauryn Watkins added two points for Betsy Layne in the setback.

Betsy Layne has regular-season games remaining versus Belfry, Jenkins, Phelps and Magoffin County.

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arc, Floyd Central drained five three-point field goals in the triumph. Floyd Central was able to produce offensively from various parts of the court.

The Lady Jaguars won despite missing seven of 12 free throws in the fourth quarter. Floyd Cen-

tral, which is under the direction of former South Floyd head coach Justin Triplett, finished 12 of 22 from the free-throw line in the win.

Former 13th Region champion Harlan wasn't out of the game until late in the fourth quarter.

Senior forward Mackenzie King, one of the top girls' basketball players in the 13th Region, paced

Harlan with a game-high 23 points.

Payeton Charles accompanied King in double figures for the Lady Dragons, adding 16 points.

Harlan finished seven of 12 from the free-throw line.

Floyd Central has regular-season games remaining versus Sheldon Clark, Raceland and Magoffin County.

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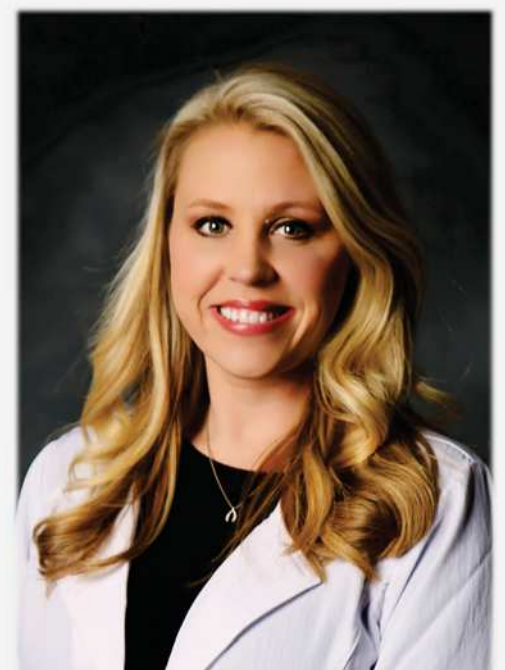
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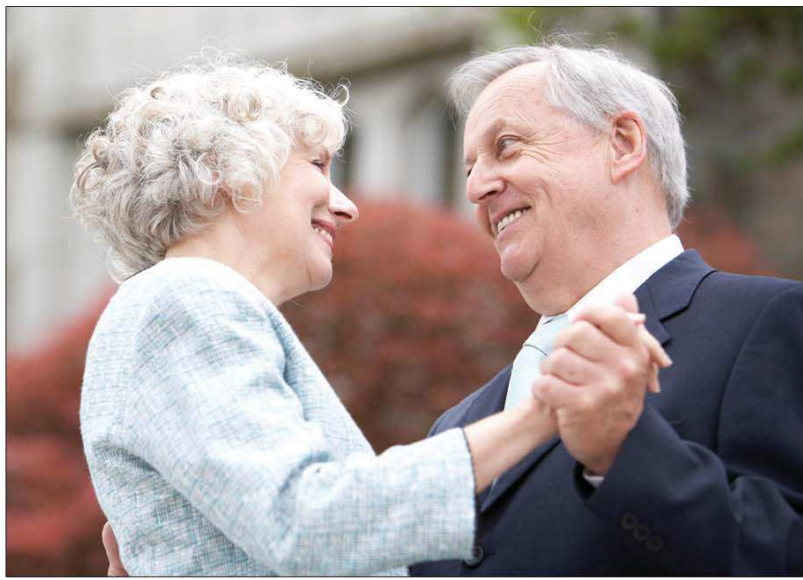
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Larry and Jane Marcum of Martin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2017 with a surprise party thrown by family and friends. The couple was married on June 23, 1962. Larry is a retired banker and Jane is retired from the Floyd 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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