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Floyd County Judge Executive Ben Hale reads a proclamation declaring the opioid epidemic a public nuisance. County Attorney Keith Bartley is also pictured.

Opioid epidemic declared a 'public nuisance' in Floyd

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court took steps to officially declare the opioid epidemic a public nuisance this week.

On Feb. 20, the fiscal court approved what Judge-Executive Ben Hale called the Floyd County Opioid Cost Recovery and Public Nuisance resolution, which "applies retroactively." In voting to approve it, fiscal court members agreed that opioid abuse and addiction is "one of the greatest challenges" facing the county.

The action comes several months after the fiscal court approved an agreement with the Gary C. Johnson Law Firm to sue several opioid distributors.

The resolution declares that selling, distributing and prescribing of opioid pain

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Area Technology Center students at Prestonsburg High School won the Congressional App Challenge with a fishing app they created. Pictured are, from left to right, technology center students Jacob Pitts, Jon Dotson and Tanner Gibson, and IT Instructor Dr. Jeff Shannon. Michael Shepherd, another winning team member, is not pictured.

Tech students win app challenge with Ky Fishing Buddy app

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Area Technology Center is celebrating its third consecutive app challenge win.

U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers announced this week that Floyd County Area Technology Center students Jacob Pitts, 17, Jon Dotson, 18, Tanner Gibson, 17, and Michael Shepherd, 17, won the

Congressional App Challenge for the fifth congressional district.

Most of these students have earned this honor before. The center's team has topped the winner's list for the fifth congressional district since the challenge started three years ago. It stood as the only winning team in Kentucky in 2015 and 2016, and this year, it's one of four

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Haas eKentucky Advanced Manufacturing Institute opens in Paintsville

BY WAYLON WHITSON
AND AARON NELSON
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PAINTSVILLE — The Haas eKentucky Advanced Manufacturing Institute held its grand opening celebration Tuesday, complete with visits from Gene Haas, founder of Stewart-Haas racing and Gov. Matt Bevin.

The ribbon-cutting for the 40,000 square-foot workforce training facility is a step towards making the "vision of a transformed Appalachian region" a reality,

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Appalachian Newspapers photo by Aaron K. Nelson
Gov. Matt Bevin shows his son a Formula 1 car used by the Haas F1 team at the Haas eKentucky Advanced Manufacturing Institute's grand opening celebration Tuesday in Paintsville.

Flood damage at least \$600K in Floyd, officials say Assessment ongoing

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County will likely meet the damage threshold it needs to receive federal assistance if a disaster is declared, following storms that soaked the region this month.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale reported during a Feb. 20 fiscal court meeting that the county easily met that \$145,000 threshold in flood dam-

ages. The county will qualify to receive federal assistance for flood cleanup if it meets that threshold, and the state meets its \$6.3 million threshold and a federal disaster is declared.

"It looks like that we're probably going to meet our threshold, and they're looking at seeing if there's going to be a threshold met by the state," Hale said.

He reported that
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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

First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation vs. Stephen Johnson.

Gateway Financial Solutions vs. Joshua L. Short.

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. DBA Americas Service vs. McClun McClure.

Whayne Supply Co. vs. Sam J. Doyle.

Bryant Dean Cornett vs. Thomas A. Hyden, et al.

Roger D. Ball vs. Benjamin A. Perkins, et al.

Rachel Dotson vs. Randall Charles Dotson Jr.

Phillip Martin Jr. vs. Lenora Sue Martin.

Kalee Patton vs. Michael Patton.

Leeanne Comton vs. Ryan Nicholas Yates.

Jeremiah Johnson vs. Paul Tackett, et al.

Shelter Mutual Insurance Co., et al. vs. Sheila Tussey.

Donald C. Jones vs. Lamikka M. Jones.

Felony charges filed

Amy S. Shepherd, 35, of Ky. Rt. 825, Paintsville, first-degree possession of meth, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jessica McKinney, 31, of Ky. Rt. 122, Hi Hat, first-degree possession of meth, first-degree wanton endangerment.

Rodney Thompson, of Adams Road, Pikeville, flagrant nonsupport.

Teresa Lynn Howard, 50, of West Garrett Road, Garrett, first-degree assault (domestic

violence).

Amanda Hicks, 32, of Ky. Rt. 122, McDowell, custodial interference.

Jason Lafferty, 33, of Ky. Rt. 979, Teaberry, first-degree possession of meth, public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, giving officer false information.

Will T. Perkins, of Salyersville, third-degree criminal trespassing, fourth-degree assault, third-degree assault of a police officer, menacing, resisting arrest.

Justin Bryant, 27, of Caney Fork, Martin, second-degree escape, theft by unlawful taking more than \$500, failure to appear.

Gregory A. Little, 44, of Circle Street, Wheelwright, driving under the influence, disregarding stop sign, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michael Allen, 38, of Ky. Rt. 114, Prestonsburg, first-degree possession of meth, license plate not legible, driving on suspended license, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence), flagrant nonsupport (three counts).

James Neal Sisco, 43, of Pebble Creek Road, Meally, speeding (26 mph over speed limit), first-degree fleeing police, reckless driving, failure to wear seatbelts, driving under the influence, first-degree wanton endangerment, second-degree assault, failure to yield.

Kayla Hall, 29, of Allen, flagrant nonsupport.

Tari Hall, 33, of Ky. Rt. 979, Harold, first-degree possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Paul D. Nichols, 43, of Left Fork Toler, Harold, first-degree trafficking meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence, no registration plates, no registration receipt, no insurance.

Latitia F. Gillespie, 31, of Frog Branch Road, Banner, trafficking meth, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joseph Landrum, of Dema, flagrant nonsupport.

Roger Collins, 30, of Fords Gap, Auxier, trafficking marijuana, first-degree possession of controlled substance, second-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in proper container.

Ashley B. Crider, 25, of Hopson Street, Auxier, trafficking marijuana, first-degree possession of controlled substance, second-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of controlled substance, prescription not in proper container.

Aaron Patton, trafficking marijuana, first-degree possession of controlled substance, second-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, violating EPO, prescription not in proper container.

Phillip Newsome, 48, of Left Fork Stone Hollow, Beaver, flagrant nonsupport.

James Dewey Meade, 49, of Hite Road, Martin, harassing communication, third-degree terroristic threatening.

Jennifer Marie Phillips, 27, of Arkansas Creek Road, Martin, public intoxication of controlled substance.

Brian Speal, of East Point, harassment.

Michelle Rose-Spears, 39, of East Rasnick Bottom, Elkhorn City, third-degree criminal trespassing.

Amy L. Slone, 27, of Arkansas Creek Road, public intoxication of controlled substance.

Barbara J. Elswick, 55, of Willard Drive, Pikeville, driving on revoked license, not surrendering revoked license, possession of cancelled license, possessing license when privileges are revoked.

Lisa L. Slone, 40, of Cliff

ton Street, Prestonsburg, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Tanya E. Perkins, 47, of Wayland, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Tracy Chaffins, 34, of West Garrett, Garrett, parent to send child to school.

Tammy Williamson, 35, of Ky. Rt. 122, Bevinsville, harassment.

Matthew Tackett, 35, of Garth Hollow Road, Martin, harassment.

Heather N. Rister, 32, of Railway Lane, Lackey, second-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree criminal trespassing, harassment.

Emily Grace Quaine, 18, of Hurricane Road, Pikeville, possession of marijuana.

Kathy L. Boyd, 52, of Spring Branch, Pikeville, harboring a vicious animal.

Patricia L. Caudill, 35, of Front Street, Garrett, second-degree disorderly conduct, falsely reporting an accident.

Amy N. Cunningham, 43, of Rebel Road, Eastern, third-degree criminal trespassing, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct, menacing.

Selena Nichols, 40, of Left Fork Tyler Creek, Harold, second-degree criminal trespassing.

Anthony Phillips, 54, of ice Plant Hollow, Martin, public intoxication of controlled substance.

Lori Stone, 47, of Denwood Road, Martin, second-degree possession of controlled substance.

William J. Skeens, 37, of Maritt Branch, Prestonsburg, third-degree criminal trespassing.

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

Misdemeanor charges filed

Joy R. Jervis, 35, of First Street, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication.

James Dewey Meade, 49, of Hite Road, Martin, harassing communication, third-degree terroristic threatening.

Jennifer Marie Phillips, 27, of Arkansas Creek Road, Martin, public intoxication of controlled substance.

Brian Speal, of East Point, harassment.

Michelle Rose-Spears, 39, of East Rasnick Bottom, Elkhorn City, third-degree criminal trespassing.

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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Marriages

Emma J. Music, 51, of Prestonsburg, to Ross Donvier Broadnax, 51, of Prestonsburg

Charlotte Lynn Martin Sparks, 48, of McDowell, to Bruce Sparks, 48, of Prestonsburg

Jessica Renea Samons, 41, of Martin, to Dwayne Carlos Laferty, 48, of Martin

Property Transfers

Nationwide Community Revitalization LLC to 689 Jim Potter Branch Prestonsburg Trust; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 116)

Robert Spradlin Jr.

to Garnet Lowe; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 119)

Jeffery Patton, Pamela Patton to Robert Owens, Samantha Owens; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 122)

First Assembly of God Inc. to Kentucky District Council of the Assemblies of God; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 128)

Kentucky District Council of the Assemblies of God to First Assembly of God; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 132)

Rose Holbrooks, Carole G. Slone, Cecil Slone to Jeffrey S. Slone; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 138)

Daryl Prater, Mary Ann Prater, Helana Rice, Paul D. Rice, Vicky L. Rice to Paul D. Rice; property on Prater

Fork, Brush Creek Helana Rice, Paul D. Rice to Cyrena Kaye Reynolds; property on Prater Fork, Brush Creek

Global Premier Asset Management LLC to Joseph Freeze, Sherry McDonald; property at Melvin

Lowell Steele, Peggy A. Steele to Lowell Steele, Peggy A. Steele; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 160)

Dessie Hamilton, Yvetti Hamilton to Cameron Hamilton, Lucas Hamilton, Shellie Hamilton, Deetra Martin; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 169)

David R. Wells Jr., Rebecca Ann Goff Wells to Pamela Joyce Ashley; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 176)

Master Commissioner, Estate of Charlie Bentley, Gregory A. Isaac to Ethel Bentley,

Mose Bentley; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 179)

Stanville Properties LLC to Darvin Bryant; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 185)

Lonzie Tackett Sr., Nadie Tackett to Marty Lynn Tackett; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 190)

Mona Mitchell, Tex Mitchell to Courtney Boggs, Matthew Boggs; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 193)

Mona Mitchell, Tex Mitchell to Brian Tackett, Jillian Tackett; property at Tex & Kay Mitchell Subdivision

James Puckett to Tommy Ray Bays Sr.; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 196)

Gary Boyd, Judith Ann Boyd, Shawn Holliday, Susan Holliday, Barry E. Justice, Deb-

bie Justice to Candy Potter; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 203)

Kayleigh Coleman, Kayliegh Long, Keith Long to Kaliegh Coleman, Kayliegh Long, Keith Long to ; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 212)

Mary Margaret Baldrige Porter to Mary Margaret Baldrige Porter, Daryl Prater, Mary Ann Prater; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 216 and 220)

Kristy Porter, Michael B. Porter to Corey B. Mosley, Megan Layne Mosely; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 224)

Betty Musick, Betty Musick Newsom to George Perru Musick; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 227)

Curtis Hamilton to Mary Ann Hall, prop-

erty at Curtis Hamilton Cemetery

Toby Music, Geraldine Thorpe heirs, Michael Thorpe, Billie Turner to Brenda Ramey; property at Steels Creek Road

Nellie Tackett to Jason Lee Tackett; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 230)

Camellia Williamson, Jesse Edward Williamson to Donald Conn; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 240)

Pamela Kidd to Thomas Neil Kidd; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 243 and 246)

Estate of Charlie Bentley to Robert Caudill, Gregory A. Isaac, Master Commissioner; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 645; pg. 293)

Prestonsburg Utilities: Martin County Water District has not paid for water in three months

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission is alleging that the Martin County Water District has not paid the commission for water the district used valued at more than \$63,000.

In a letter sent to the MCWD from the PCUC, dated Feb. 15, the PCUC states that the letter is in reference to a notice of a breach of joint operation agreement between the two entities. The letter, addressed to John Horn, MCWD chairman, states that the MCWD "took delivery of 8,336,000 gallons of water for delivery to its customers for which PCUC has not been paid."

The agreement, accord-

ing to the letter, states that the PCUC will provide emergency back-up water of a "non-reoccurring nature" to the MCWD. "The agreements provide that the district shall make payment within 10 working days from the date of PCUC's invoice for the backup emergency water service," the letter reads. The PCUC cites three invoices, which had not been paid: Dec. 1, 2017 - \$5,603; Jan. 1, 2018 - \$13,151.50; Feb. 1, 2018 - \$44,291.

"Since you have not given us the courtesy of a call relating to the status of the above unpaid invoices, we have no choice, but to request full payment in writing," Turner E. Campbell, the PCUC superintendent wrote in the letter. The PCUC also

stated that it was willing to "discuss alternatives."

Campbell said that if the MCWD failed to pay the due amount within 14 days, the PCUC will restrict the flow of water to the district.

The MCWD addressed a followup letter to the PCUC, dated Feb. 16, addressed directly to Campbell.

"As you know, the Martin County Water District has been in a state of emergency for the last eight weeks, recovering from severe weather," the letter said. Water main, service line failures and associated leakages placed additional demand on the treatment plant and hindered the district from keeping "adequate supply" of source water in the reservoir, the MCWD stated.

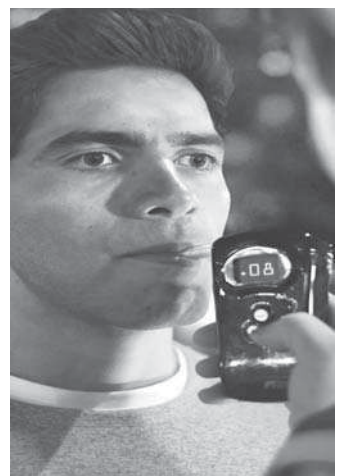
In the letter, Horn said he was unaware of the unpaid invoices and said he just received them Feb. 15. A "good faith payment" of \$12,000 was sent to the PCUC, Horn said in the letter, and he said he hoped the PCUC would allow for a payment plan, until the MCWD could pay the full balance.

Both letters addressed an agreement in the works between the two districts to lease a water tank at Honey Branch Park. In its letter, the PCUC said it was hesitant to enter the agreement because the MCWD did not want to agree to a monthly sum for the PCUC, the terms of the agreement were not acceptable and due to public comments made by MCWD

representatives at a previous meeting.

In his return letter, Horn said his understanding of the lease agreement includes a monthly lease fee of \$15,000 for use of the tank, 625,000 gallons of water at no charge to supply district customers in industrial park, reduction in water rate purchases from \$7.95 per 1,000 gallons to \$3.05 per 1,000 gallons, a five-year agreement term, Prestonsburg to receive all of the water revenue from the federal prison at a rate of \$7.75 per 1,000 gallons and an emergency supply of water, if needed, at \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Horn closed the letter by saying he would like to meet with the Campbell and attorneys to resolve the issues.



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that earned honors as congressional district winners in the state.

In 2015, Pitts, Dotson and Shepherd worked with another student to win the challenge with the KY College and Career Readiness Pathway app. In 2016, those students returned to the challenge, winning it a second time with a KYtech Connect app, which detailed area technology centers.

For this year's challenge, the team is being honored for its Ky Fishing Buddy app, which highlights information about and fishing regulations at Dewey Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Cave Run Lake, Carr Creek Lake, Grayson Lake, Greenbo Lake, Lake Cumberland, Fishtrap Lake, Paintsville Lake and Yatesville Lake. People who use the app while fishing at these lakes will be able to quickly find regulations on fishing sizes and limits, as well as other information.

"Many people in our community love to fish," Shepherd said in a press release. "There just wasn't any apps out there with local information about our lakes and awesome fishing opportunities we have here in Eastern Kentucky."

Pitts said the students have focused on education in the past

and wanted to create a recreational app this year.

"We kind of changed it up this year. The past years have been education-based. This one is fish and wildlife in our area," he said. "We just wanted to try something new. We didn't think anyone would do anything like that in our area."

These students were among more than 4,000 students who participated in the competition in 190 congressional districts in 42 states. The center's app will represent Kentucky's fifth congressional district in the U.S. Capitol this year.

Rogers praised the accomplishment, stating that the app is a "great way to highlight our recreational hotspots."

"This team has submitted a winning app three years in a row," his statement said. "I applaud their ingenuity and ability to develop an app that could be very useful to local families and visitors. We have incredibly talented students in Eastern Kentucky."

The app will be featured for one year at the Capitol and on the house.gov website. The winning students have been invited to attend #HouseOfCode, a reception that will be held on Capitol Hill in April. They will also earn \$250 in Amazon Web Service credits and a \$100

Southwest Airline gift card for travel to Washington, D.C.

Floyd County Technology Center IT Instructor Dr. Jeff M. Shannon said planning is underway for that trip, but it will likely come after the reception is held. It will be the third Capitol visit for Pitts and Dotson, the second trip for Shepherd and the first trip for Gibson, a new team member.

All of the students said they are excited about seeing the Capitol.

"It's fascinating," Dotson said.

Gibson, the newest app team member, said he joined the IT classes because wants to land a technology job after graduation.

"I've just always had an interest in this type of stuff, and then, like, I wanted to pursue an education in this field of work, so I felt like this would be a good way to get my foot in the door," he said.

Dotson and Pitts said they didn't know how to code prior to taking classes with Dr. Shannon.

Dotson said, "He pushed us passed our limit and it really helped us win."

Dotson, who plans to seek an information technology job after graduation, knew how to code before he joined the class.

"It's honestly like learning a new lan-

guage," he said. "At first, it seems really daunting, but once you learn it, it's really simple."

Pitts didn't have any experience with the skill before enrolling.

"I joined this class sophomore year. I didn't know anything about coding," said Pitts. "Now, we're here."

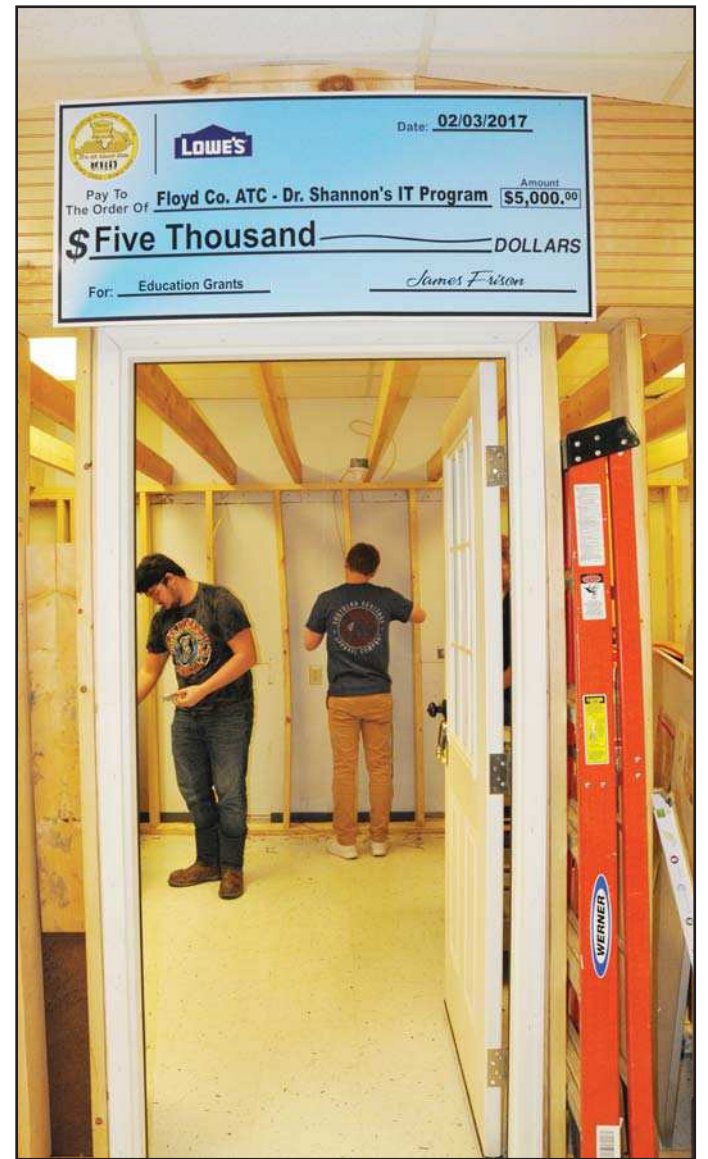
Dr. Shannon said these students and others in his classes are learning skills that will help them in the future.

"I see this being our future," he said. "Our jobs are all going to migrate to this. Teaching, itself, has changed quite a bit. It's amazing how much we do through apps ... It's all going to this. I'm glad to see it. It's more cost effective and you get better results from it."

He is proud to lead a team of students who have won the app challenge for three years.

"I am very proud," he said.

He recently received a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's for the construction of a new "Smart Home" room adjacent to his classroom. His students are helping with construction. They've already installed a camera on the roof of the school, providing live video feed in the classroom, and the room will also feature touchscreen walls, app-controlled lighting and door access, as well as other equipment.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Area Technology Center students help construct a "Smart Home" room adjacent to Dr. Jeff Shannon's class at Prestonsburg High School. Dr. Shannon received a \$5,000 grant from Lowe's for this project, which will feature touchscreen walls, app-controlled lighting and door access and technology equipment.

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EDITORIAL

Prestonsburg Utilities, BSCTC partnership an excellent move

State officials traveled to Prestonsburg last week to announce and celebrate the state's very first apprenticeship for water and wastewater treatment plant operators.

As officials said during the event, this apprenticeship program is a win-win-win for local residents, the college and the city utilities.

Prestonsburg Utilities and city officials have worked with Big Sandy Community & Technical College, as well as state officials, for about two years on this project — which will shorten the amount of time it takes for operators to

be trained and give residents a career option they may not have otherwise thought about.

That's what a couple of water treatment plant operators told the Floyd County Chronicle and Times during the announcement last week, when they explained that they have good-paying jobs, jobs that high school students don't often think about when they are trying to decide what they want to do after graduation.

We commend all partners who made this happen, as well as Deputy Labor Secretary

Mike Nemes, who has traveled to Floyd County several times to promote apprenticeships since he stepped into his role in the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

This new apprenticeship comes, officials said, as utility companies across the region work to replace older workers who will retire soon, and it also comes as this county and region struggles to overcome a loss of jobs in coal mining and related industries.

This is the kind of forward thinking our communities need to overcome the economic hardships that have plagued the region over the past few

years, and it is another example of how BSCTC has partnered with local leaders to fill gaps in the region's workforce.

The college has troves of workforce development programs, and most of them are short-term programs that train and re-train workers so they can quickly get back into the workforce. We've seen that effort in Pikeville, with the college's fast-track nursing programs. We've seen it at other campuses with BSCTC's Information Technology and lineman classes, as well as others.

Dr. Sherry Zylka, presi-

dent of BSCTC, emphasized its desire to "develop a workforce that can stay here and earn a livable wage and not have to move away."

"By offering this locally, we can have people that can upgrade their skills or feed into the pipeline and not have to leave," she said. "We're hearing that the jobs are going to be needed. So in order to do that, we wanted to step up to the plate and meet the demands of the workforce to help fill that need."

That is music to our ears. Excellent job, to everyone involved.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Attorney General doing the right thing by suing drug distributors

Kentucky's Attorney General Andy Beshear recently announced another lawsuit against a pharmaceutical drug supplier, an effort that Beshear said he hopes will pay off in the form of large settlements that will see those funds given to drug treatment centers and drug use prevention programs.

This is the third lawsuit of this type that Beshear has filed, the first two against Endo Pharmaceuticals in November 2017 and McKesson Corporation in January. Endo Pharmaceuticals even pulled one of its best-selling painkillers off the market in 2012, and, in October, a month before Beshear's lawsuit was filed, Endo sued the FDA in a thinly veiled attempt at sleight-of-hand. Endo didn't win that lawsuit, and the drug continued to be legal to take to market. So, what did the company do?

Even though the drug, Opana ER, was pulled from the shelves in its name-brand form (which was the second iteration of the drug, coated with a crush resistant compound and a totally separate patent from the original), it didn't do the same for generic versions of the drug. Those generic versions are produced in a partnership with a company referred to as Impax Laboratories, and are still available, amounting to a company which once admitted that the altered version of the drug (with the protective coating, designed as a deterrent to crushing and snorting and thereby, abuse) was too dangerous to be prescribed now standing to continue making money off of the original version (in a generic form) which doesn't even have the abuse-deterrent coating.

The FDA made the determination that Opa-

na ER (with the coating) wasn't safe to be prescribed due to its high potential for abuse, but did not make the same decision for the other version, and declined to comment to CNN as to why. The allegation is they are willing cohorts in the distribution of these drugs.

This is just a readily-available example of the lengths these companies will go to profit from the suffering of American citizens, and, more specifically, Kentuckians.

In nearby Floyd County, between 2010 and 2016, according to a statement from the AG's office, the subject of the new lawsuit, Cardinal Health, was said to have distributed approximately 11.6 million dosage units of prescription opioids, meaning an approximate 302 doses for every man, woman and child in Floyd County.

Beshear's decision to

go after these companies is commendable, but is likely a drop in the bucket of the above-board drug dealing and crippling of an entire region that has been perpetrated by drug companies. It is important that the people of Johnson County, who have been just as profoundly affected by the opioid epidemic and the methamphetamine epidemic that took hold in the vacuum created by the closing of "pill mills" and pain clinics in the area, pay attention to the results of these lawsuits, as they may be a means toward the end of stabilizing our region and undoing some small portion of the damage done by this willful, dishonest and illegal distribution of drugs.

Beshear spoke to the Los Angeles Times, saying, "This is blood money and money that comes from these companies should be restricted by

law, mandating that it goes to fight this epidemic."

That is a sentiment many Eastern Kentuckians share, as there are now entire generations of our region's residents that have been born into a broken society and may not know any other way. The drug epidemic (namely the opioid crisis and the methamphetamine and heroin epidemics that have filled in the vacuum left by the crackdowns on pain clinic and "pill mills") is a troubling and tiresome series of events to follow, but one against which we must fight to ensure a safe and prosperous region for future generations.

This is an issue that may likely need to be taken on at a federal level, but, until then, Beshear is doing what is within his power (and understanding of the severity of the issue) to help fight

the epidemic, and that is commendable. Some might question how this ties into our region or whether or not such an effort can even reverse the damage done to this region by the drug epidemic, and the answer is that, yes, it can help, if it is applied correctly.

What is imperative is that as a community and a state, the public, who have suffered under this epidemic, take steps to safeguard any possible monies won in these lawsuits and ensure that they are not squandered. We have to make sure, as a region, that we advocate for this money to be spent toward improving the situation at home on programs that offer treatment, rehabilitation and job training, to name a few examples, rather than spent on unrelated projects. That could be a massive boon for our region and would be a cause worthy of championing.

— The Paintsville Herald

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Mary Brown

Mary Inez Bentley Brown, 78, of Morgantown, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, at the Commonwealth Regional Specialty Hospital, Bowling Green.

She was born at Allen, Oct. 5, 1939, the daughter of the late William and Nancy Wright Bentley.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church at Frogtown and attended a church at Morgantown with her best friend, Brenda Coots. She worked various jobs and made a home for her children. She was compassionate and welcoming and had a heart for those in need. She was adamant in her prayer life. She enjoyed spending time with friends and family, gardening and reading the word of God. "Granny" as she was known, is dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lincoln Brown; her son, Charles Brown; her daughter, Linda Brown (Ballard's wife); her great-granddaughter, Evy Kaye; and four siblings, John Earl Bentley, Marrion (Buddy) Bentley, Sally Haywood and Carol Hager.

She is survived by her children, Patricia Brown and Ballard Brown, both of Lexington, Rick and Teresa Brown of Bremen, Ind., David and Bill Brown, Vanessa and David White and Rodney Blunk, all of Morgantown and Julie Bradley of Mobile, Ala.; 20 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; four siblings, Martha Akers of Morgantown, Buck Bentley, William Bentley, both of Eastern and Patsy Propst of Bremen, Ind.; and her beloved dog, Digger.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at the Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel.

Visitation will be held from 8 a.m. until time of funeral services Friday, Feb. 23, at the funeral home. Arrangements are

under the direction of the Smith Funeral Home of Morgantown.

You may share any memories, photos, condolences or light a candle in memory of Mary at www.smithfuneralhome-ky.com.

This is a paid obituary.



"Tina" Carr

Ernestine "Tina" Carr, 78, of Newcomerstown, Ohio, formerly of Ypsilanti, Mich., died Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at her son's home in Ohio.

She was born at Banner, Oct. 5, 1939, the daughter of Tine and Elizabeth Jones Meade.

She married James Carr on Dec. 18, 1957, in Virginia, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 14, 1996. She then married Jim Hurley on March 13, 2004, in Newcomerstown, Ohio, and he preceded her in death in May of 2014.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Tina was a member of First Free Will Baptist Church in Ypsilanti and also attended the Churches of Christ in Christian Union in Newcomerstown, Ohio.

She worked at Ford Motor Company, Rawsonville plant for 31 years as a winder operator.

She loved country and gospel music and she loved to sing. She began performing on the radio with her sister when she was five years old. She was an astute songwriter, especially country and gospel songs. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by two sons, Jimmie D. Carr (Kathie) of Ohio and Jeffrey Carr (Beverly) of South Lyon; five grandchildren, Richard (Tanja), Jeffrey (James), Ashley Elizabeth, Chelsea and Emily; six great-grandchildren, Alana, Jimmie, Emily, Anala, Avin and Pressley Adair; one great-great grandson, Roman; two sisters-in-law, JoAnn Meade and Salley Meade;

and several nieces and nephews.

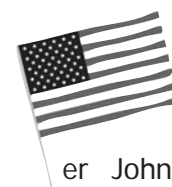
Funeral services were held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018, at Stark Funeral Service, 101 S. Washington Street, Ypsilanti, Mich., with Pastor James Reed of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23, 2018, at the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel. Arrangements are under the direction of Stark Funeral Service of Ypsilanti, Mich.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the American Kidney Foundation.

The guestbook may be signed at www.stark-funeral.com.

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Clinton Johnson

Clinton

Wheeler Johnson, 88, of Crossville, Tenn., Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018, at his residence.

He was born at Osborn, Sept. 5, 1929, the son of John Jacob and Flora Ford Johnson.

He served two years in the United States

Army as a paratrooper. He retired from the State Department of Agriculture and was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn Hamby Johnson; his daughter, Lois Johnson; his brothers, Aster and Millard; and his sisters, Thelma, Virginia, Aubrey, Gayle and Betty Ruth.

He is survived by his sons, Greg Johnson, John Johnson (Ruth) and Ray "Tom" Johnson (Annette), all of Crossville, Tenn.; his brother, Ray Johnson (Barbara) of Michigan; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at the Chapel of Hood Funeral Home, Crossville, Tenn. Burial followed at Big Lick Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Chapel of Hood Funeral Home of Crossville, Tenn.

This is a paid obituary.

Muril Moore

Muril Dale Moore, 46, of McDowell, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018.

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

NUISANCE

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"is a hazard to public health and safety, which has created a public nuisance" to Floyd County residents.

It reads, "... the court agrees that manufacturers of prescription opioids and those in the chain of distribution have wrongfully abused the privilege of

selling and/or providing medication to our residents and must be held accountable."

It notes that it is "the duty" of the county to "vindicate the rights of the citizens" and "take action to abate this public nuisance."

Hale reported that an average of about seven million opioid tablets are distributed in Floyd County annually.

"There's about, over a six-year period of time, there's about 65 million," Hale said.

Hale reported that the county uses taxpayer funds to provide services related to opioid epidemic, including jail services. County Attorney Keith Bartley said the county's costs related to this problem goes far beyond the jail.

"Really, this reso-

lution is just the court making the official recognition that the opioid abuse, opioid addiction that we have in this area has grown to that of a public nuisance," Bartley said. "In reality, the cost to this court is probably immeasurable. The cost of people's lives is probably immeasurable."

He continued, "The jail costs are just one small fraction. How do

you put a number on the loss of tax revenue because you've got a generation, or multiple generations now, of people that have drug addiction issues so, therefore, they're not able to become productive citizens — getting jobs or buying houses."

He said the resolution also recognizes that the fiscal court has authority to say "we're

willing to do our part about it."

"Obviously, one of those parts is this lawsuit against these opioid distributors who targeted places like Appalachia to just dump huge amounts of opioids. The numbers are staggering, actually, when you get to studying those," Bartley said.

The resolution passed unanimously.

OPENS

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according to a statement released by eKAMI, which will offer 16-week training programs for positions in advanced manufacturing with the goal of "building a skilled workforce that will attract advanced manufacturing to the region." The opening of the facility comes on the tail of an announcement by eKAMI that manufacturers worldwide are struggling to find qualified workers. The statement said 3.5 million jobs in the field would be unfilled by the year 2025, according to eKAMI's projections.

"We're thrilled to bring modern manufacturing to the mountains,"

said Kathy Walker, director of eKAMI, who worked for 30 years in the coal industry before establishing the institute. "This is about diversifying the region's economy and finding sustainable answers, about taking our hard-working Appalachian workforce of today and preparing them for the jobs of tomorrow."

This sentiment is shared by Bevin, who said at the ribbon-cutting that he wants to see Kentucky become the engineering capital of the United States, and said he is grateful to Haas for providing the region with an opportunity.

"There was nothing here," Bevin said. "(Haas) was willing to bet on the people of Johnson County. I truly am grateful to

you for taking that bet.

"This is an exciting day," Bevin said. "For Kentucky to remain the center of excellence in America for engineering and manufacturing, we need a steady supply of the most qualified and highly trained workers. The opening of HAAS' eKAMI, as well as its partnership with the Advanced Robotics for Manufacturing Institute (ARM), will provide the next generation of Kentucky's skilled workforce with training opportunities in both HAAS CNC machines and robotics. Graduates of eKAMI will attract advanced manufacturers to Johnson County and the surrounding communities. Across the Commonwealth, in every region, Kentucky is

moving forward and the future is very bright for our economy."

Johnson County Judge-Executive R.T. Tucker Daniel echoed a similar sense of gratitude.

"It means so much to Johnson County," Daniel said.

According to the statement, students at the facility will train using Haas' state-of-the-art equipment in fields including computer numerical control (CNC) machinist and machine building and tool maintenance technicians in the aerospace and advanced manufacturing industries. The institute's first class began 13 weeks ago, the statement said, with 12 students, including five Johnson

County residents, ranging in age from 18 to 55 years. Tuition for the program totals approximately \$11,000 and all of the currently enrolled students have received private and grant funding to cover these costs. The programs are open to any individual seeking advanced manufacturing training and is expected to draw students from multiple counties and surrounding states, according to the statement.

eKAMI was initially funded by a \$1.5 million grant from the Gene Haas Foundation, the statement said, and later received a \$2.5 million Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mines grant, as well as donations from the private sector, such as Kentucky Power.

According to the statement, Haas is the top American manufacturer of CNC machine tools and cofounder Gene Haas, also well-known in the motorsports arena, founded NASCAR's Stewart-Haas Racing and Formula One's Haas F1 team, an experience that he drew on when he likened the ups and downs of the economy to the world of racing, stressing the importance of perseverance to success.

"Eastern Kentucky doesn't give up," Haas said. "No matter how many times you get kicked around, you've got to figure out how to come out on top."

To learn more about eKAMI, or to apply for one of its programs, visit, www.ekyami.com.

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Three arrested in Floyd on meth-related charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Three people were arrested at a Floyd County gas station in the early morning hours Monday after an officer located meth and drug paraphernalia on their persons.

Paul D. Nichols, 43, of Left Fork Toler, Harold, was charged with first-degree trafficking meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence and

other traffic charges.

Tari Hall, 33, of Ky. Rt. 979, Harold, was charged with first-degree possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Latitia F. Gillespie, 31, of Frog Branch Road, Banner, was charged with first-degree trafficking meth and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to a citation written by Kentucky State Police Trooper M. Martin, he received a tip

that Gillespie and Nichols were driving a silver Pontiac while in possession of drugs. The subject advised the officer that the two were traveling between Double Kwik stores in Coal Run Village and Harold. Martin said that, while making a patrol in the Harold area, he noticed Gillespie and Nichols sitting in a car matching the description. He said Hall was standing outside of the vehicle talking to the two. "While

pulling into the parking lot, I observed the operator hand the female something," Martin wrote in the citation. "(Hall) then walked from their car and got into hers."

The citation stated that Hall gave Martin consent to search her vehicle, where he located a cigarette pack that contained "a small baggie of crystal meth." The citation stated that Hall advised the officer that Nichols placed something

under his seat as the officer approached the vehicle.

Nichols, the officer wrote, advised him that there was nothing illegal in his vehicle and gave the officer consent to search. The officer located a cigarette pack with a small baggie of crystal meth inside, records show. Inside a sunglasses case, located in the vehicle, Martin located a larger baggie of crystal meth. The officer also

found clear baggies, a digital scale "with white residue" on it, "snort straws" and needles.

The officer wrote that while he was speaking with Nichols and Gillespie, a male subject called Gillespie's phone, "wanting to meet in reference to a drug deal." Several messages were located on Nichols' phone in reference to drug deals, records show.

Floyd BOE takes steps forward in superintendent search

By JOSH LITTLE STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education and the Floyd County Superintendent Screening Committee met at May Valley Elementary School Wednesday to continue the process of hiring a superintendent for the district.

The two agencies learned that 12 applicants applied for the position, 10 men and two women. Three of the applicants are currently employed as superintendents in other districts, five work in central offices for school districts and two are principals, with three working in other positions. Out of the 12, 11 are currently employed in Kentucky.

The BOE shared with the committee what they are looking for in a superintendent. Board Member Sherry Robinson said the district needed an innovative thinker and someone with experience in larger school districts.

"(We need) somebody who has been in an district and has thought outside of the box to create programs

that are innovative," said Robinson. "Someone with experience over a large district. We're listed in the top 20 in the state, as far as district size. So, it would be really hard to pick someone who has been superintendent over only three schools."

Robinson said someone with experience maintaining buildings and grounds is also needed.

"We have a lot of buildings and a lot of grounds that we have to maintain," she said.

The board also mentioned transparency and communication with the school board, as important qualities in a superintendent.

The board mentioned choosing five of the 12 candidates to move forward to the final round of interviews, once the screening process concludes. A drafted timeline presented to the board shows that the applicants will be chosen for interviews and reference checks March 19, with the superintendent being named by May 15. That timeline is subject to change.

PPD to receive new cruiser

By JOSH LITTLE STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Police Department will soon add a new cruiser to its lineup after the city council voted to approve the purchase at its Monday meeting.

The council opened bids for two vehicles before deciding to only purchase one Monday after the department's police chief displayed interest in purchasing a larger SUV for the department to use.

"The chief and I talked about it and we're looking at maybe buying one vehicle now and trying to purchase another one down the road," said Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton.

Stapleton told the board and attendees Monday that the department was seeking to obtain some four-wheel drive vehicles.

"We think that if we wait a little while, we may have some money to put into a four-wheel drive," he said.

"We definitely need, at least, two or three more four-wheel drive vehicles because, in bad weather, the

only one we have access to is the white Tahoe out there and it's not equipped with emergency equipment," said Prestonsburg Police Chief Larry Woods.

Stapleton asked if Woods wanted to purchase both cruisers Monday or buy one and put the remaining money toward purchasing an SUV.

"How long will it be," Woods asked.

"Probably at the next meeting we will be opening bids for a four-wheel drive," said Stapleton.

Woods said the department needs a larger vehicle to hold accident-reconstruction equipment.

"We have an officer in accident-reconstruction school right now and we already have one (complete the course)," he said. "Once we get to where we can get what is called a 'total station' for fatal accidents and accidents with injuries, we're going to need something that can hold all of that equipment."

The council approved the purchase of a 2018 Dodge Charger police package priced at nearly \$22,000.

DAMAGE

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preliminary damage assessments currently total around \$600,000 in Floyd County, and he said it could increase to \$700,000 are more damage assessments are completed.

Noting recent damages to Feds Creek in Pike County, Hale said, "It's possible that we will meet the state requirement, which is \$6.3 million. Ours is a lot less threshold in the county, about \$145,000, which we've met no problem. We're probably up around \$600,000 and possibly \$700,000 in es-

timates right now, just on — we've still got a few more things that need to be added into it."

Emergency Management Director Tim Fields said the damage assessment is ongoing.

Several county roads in all magisterial districts were damaged by flooding, causing the closure of schools for two days. Fields said the damage to individual homes, however, was minimal, with some residents reporting flooded basements while a couple of residents reported homes that were flooded. Mud pushed one mobile home off its

foundation on Rt. 550, he said.

Hale said county workers are temporarily fixing roads at this time.

"It looks like we don't know exactly, but we hope the state does meet the \$6.3 million threshold. If they do, then, hopefully, it's federally-declared and more permanent fixes on some of the bigger jobs will be done at a later time," Hale said. "We're doing temporary work right now, just trying to get people in and out."

To report property damage or loss, call Fields at, (606) 205-1767.

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Ad NHTSA

Floyd man appears in Pike court as wife remains on run

By CHASE ELLIS
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — A Martin man who was indicted in Pike County on charges including he stole money and a van from a Pikeville church appeared in Pike Circuit Court Friday as his wife has remained on the run from the law three months after her husband's arrest.

John Allen, 46, of Martin, was arrested in South Williamson in November as he and his wife, Michelle Allen, aka Michelle Fowler, 43, and young daughter were located shoplifting from a store in the city. While inside of the store, John Allen had also tried to cash a check which had been registered as stolen from the church, along with a church bus, which had been entered as stolen into the National

Crime Information Center, the citation said.

Pike County Sheriff's Deputy Jackie Deskins wrote in his citation that, when he went to his vehicle to check for any warrants against John Allen, Allen attempted to run. According to the citation, Deskins, two employees and another officer pursued John Allen and caught him before he was able to make it to his wife's vehicle. During the foot chase, however, Michelle Allen fled in a vehicle, the citation said.

Michelle Allen has remained on the run from the law since that evening.

The pair were indicted in December on a felony charges of theft by deception and John Allen was also indicted for felony theft and being a persistent felony offender in the first degree.

On Friday, John Allen, with defense attorney Joseph Lane, appeared in the courtroom of Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman after Allen filed a "pro se motion" to have his bond in the case reduced from an original bond set at \$45,000 full cash.

"(John Allen) has been in jail for three months and been unable to reach any bond that he could make," Lane said. "He has been in Kentucky of his own for five years. He has a two-year-old child. When he first came to Kentucky he was on a federal probation which he has since completed."

Lane asked for a 10 percent bond, a requirement or payment which John Allen believed he could make.

Pike Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley had cited John Allen's connections to New York and New Jersey,

where he had previously been charged in armed robberies, as reasons why, Bartley believed, John Allen would not remain in the area if released on bond.

"Mr. Allen has only been here for a few years and, in fact, came here out of federal prison for robbing a gas station up in New England," Bartley said.

Bartley said John Allen had "absolutely no connection to this area whatsoever" when he came into Eastern Kentucky, except he started living with a family. That family had a falling out and started taking out warrants against each other, Bartley said, thus, that family is no longer an option to him.

"He came here for a while and resided with that family, but he left that family and had to go to the homeless

shelter because he had so few contacts," Bartley said. "In the meantime, he met and married a local woman from Floyd County. I will note that Michelle Allen is still on the run some months after we returned this indictment. She is his co-defendant, his wife and the mother of his child. I think if we let him out, he and Michelle are going to jump and run and we'll never see either one of them again, by the actions of his wife."

Coleman said he would take the motion under advisement and make a decision on bond at a later date.

Allen was returned to the custody of the Pike County Detention Center where he has remained since his initial arrest in the case.

FEMA to conduct damage assessments in counties following Feb. 9-12 rains

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NEWS SERVICE

FRANKFORT — Kentucky Emergency Management has asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to validate the damage assessments reported by counties that were impacted during the heavy rains Feb. 9-12. Assessment teams will look at damage sustained on public roads, bridges, buildings and other public facilities, a state news release said.

Michael Dossett, KYEM director, said, "We appreciate the timely response by our FEMA Region IV assessment teams in an effort to document the flooding dam-

age caused to the infrastructure in multiple southeastern counties, as we look toward another severe rainfall event that may adversely affect our southwestern counties in the next several days."

The assessments are being conducted to determine if damage levels are sufficient to request federal assistance. Seventeen counties are currently slated for assessments: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Metcalfe, Perry, Pike and Whitley.

A single FEMA team will begin assessment work Thursday in Eastern Kentucky. Four additional teams will supplement the effort on Monday.

Beshear opposes federal cuts to low-income utility program, CDBG grants

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NEWS SERVICE

FRANKFORT — Attorney General Andy Beshear is asking the federal government to fully fund programs that help thousands of Kentuckians either survive winter temperatures or their battle with addiction.

In a recent letter to federal leaders, Beshear is opposing federal budget cuts to the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

"Both LIHEAP and CDBG provide critical assistance to Kentuckians most in need," Beshear said in a news release.

"On behalf of all Kentuckians, I am asking that our congressional delegation oppose the elimination of these programs. The lives of our families may depend on it."

Beshear said LIHEAP helps Kentuckians who would not be able to afford "to keep their homes heated and their lights on."

Last year, the subsidy component of the program's bill payment plan offset heating costs for over 80,000 Kentucky households with an average one-time benefit of \$138 per household for a total of more than \$11.1 million.

The crisis component of the bill payment plan helped over 79,000

Kentuckians who experienced an energy crisis, such as pending utility disconnections, with an average benefit of \$303 for a total of \$24 million. In total, more than 116,000 Kentucky families received benefits totaling more than \$35 million.

Beshear said CDBG funds provide approximately \$22 million annually to help primarily rural counties across the state better serve their citizens. Just as important is CDBG Housing Programs Grant funds that support substance abuse treatment through the Recovery Kentucky residential program.

The Recovery Kentucky program leverages funds from CDBG, the Kentucky Housing Corporation, the Kentucky Department of Corrections, Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Federal HOME and Affordable Housing Trust Fund dollars to construct and provide operating dollars for high-quality treatment services to citizens battling addiction, Beshear said.

"At a time when Kentucky is battling addiction at an unprecedented rate, federal funding to keep our Recovery Kentucky centers operating is critical to the future of our people and state," Beshear said.

There are currently 17 Recovery Kentucky centers, including the original model programs in Louisville and Lexington, and an additional five women's centers and eight men's centers, each housing 100 clients. According to Beshear's office, a 2017 study by the University of Kentucky tells us that the program works: After one year of program participation 84 percent of users were drug free and 94 percent of clients previously addicted to opioids were drug free.

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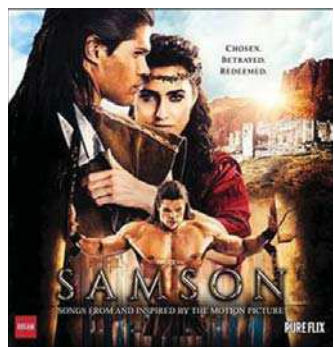
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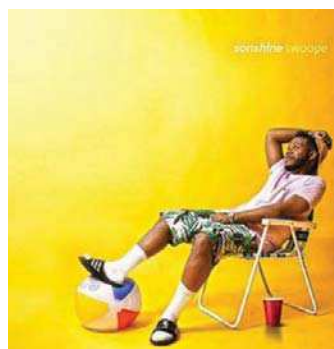
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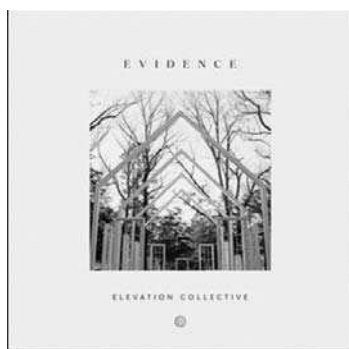
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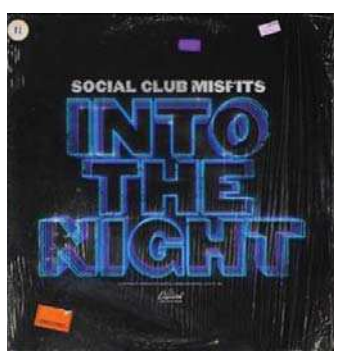
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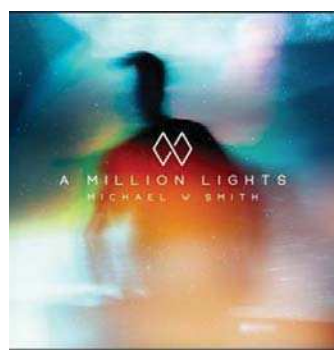
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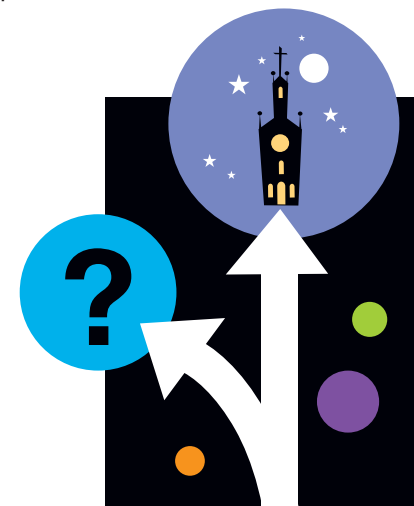


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Altering destiny

Will things be different after we die? There is a natural tendency to think that there will be a radical transformation after death, that we will be unburdened by our bodies and that our souls will fly off to heaven and be united with God. But then shouldn't we prepare our souls now to be with God? The truth is that God won't be changing, and probably neither will we. Our souls and the virtues and appetites we cultivate become more or less permanent parts of who we are. If you have cultivated a spirit of love and compassion in your life, and live in the presence of God, you can certainly expect more of this in the hereafter, but if you have cultivated a spirit of anger and hatred, or any of the other vices, these have become a part of your soul. Fortunately, these things can be changed, but only with steadfast hard work and a conscious decision to alter our characters. We can change our destiny, but only if we do the hard work necessary to change our characters. If you aren't living in the presence of God now, what makes you think you'll be in his presence in the hereafter? Live now as you would for eternity.

— Christopher Simon



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Going beyond the truth



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

During a sermon in the past, our minister Bob Wertz spoke about truth in three different ways. The third and final way was the topic of going beyond the truth. It was this issue that caught my attention.

Bob read 2 John verse 9, "Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God." He explained that running ahead was going beyond the Word. Personally, when he first made the statement I wasn't quite clear of the meaning. However, Bob went on to explain by using a Biblical example.

The book of Acts records the beginning of the church. There were Jews who had converted to Christianity. Some of the Jewish Christians were teaching Gentile Christians (non-Jews who converted to Christianity) that they must obey the law of Moses. "Certain people came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching

the believers: 'Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved' (Acts 15:1)." The law of circumcision goes back to the book of Genesis, when God told Abraham every male should be circumcised as a sign of the covenant between God and His people (Genesis 17:9-14).

The book of Acts occurs after the death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Christ. Therefore, there is now a new covenant between God and His people. God's promises are no longer just for the Jew, but for the Gentile as well. However, some of Jewish Christians, referred to as Judaizers, were holding on to old religious laws and not embracing the new. Christ's apostles had to settle the matter.

"Peter got up and addressed them: 'Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith. Now then, why do you try to test God

by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear? No! We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are' (Acts 15:7-11)."

The Judaizers were going beyond the truth. They thought Gentiles needed to be circumcised as well. It was their opinion that this be done. It wasn't the Word, but merely an opinion.

Bob explained that anytime we let an opinion be held equal to the truth, then we are going beyond the truth.

I paused for a moment. Bob was still talking, but my mind was turning. Immediately, I was trying to think about columns I had written. Had I done this? Have I gone beyond the truth?

I couldn't think. I couldn't remember anything specifically. I didn't know.

Have I been guilty of

this?

Later, a few columns popped into my mind, and I went back to review them. In those particular columns I had not gone beyond the truth. But I don't

know if I've overstep the boundary at one point or another. If not in my words, then I wonder if I've done it in mind? In my thoughts? Have I taken an opinion and imposed it upon something as though it were equal to the truth?

I don't know whether I have or not. If I ever written something and taken my opinion to a level beyond what it should have been, then I apologize. Please forgive me. And hopefully with Bob's sermon I will try to remember to leave my opinion as just that – an opinion. Because the truth is, regardless of what I say, or what I write, it doesn't matter. What matters is what the Word says. That is what is important. The Word is the truth – the truth we all need to know and follow.

Now then, why do you try to test God by putting on the necks of Gentiles a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors have been able to bear?

– Acts 15:10

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Build-A-Bed project seeks applications from Floyd, other counties

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Floyd County residents who have children in need of beds have until March 2 to apply for the MSUCorps AmeriCorps Program's Build-A-Bed project.

The Build-A-Bed project has provided more than 1,000 beds to Eastern Kentucky children since it started in 2010. This year, it is expected provide beds to 250 children in preschool through 12th grade who are living in homes and are forced to sleep on floors, couches, or in beds with other children or

family members.

Each child will receive a bed and mattress along with a bed-time bag containing sheets, a pillow, blanket, stuffed animal, book, alarm clock or nightlight and a hygiene kit.

The beds will be built Saturday, April 14, at the Peddler's Mall in Morehead. Recipients who are selected by the committee to receive a bed are expected to pick up their beds on the day of the build.

The project is currently accepting applications from Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Magof-

fin, Martin, Pike and other Eastern Kentucky counties. Donations are also being accepted.

Checks may be made to Build-A-Bed and sent to MSUCorps, Morehead State University, 201 Education Services Building, Morehead, Kentucky, 40351. Each bed costs approximately \$200.

Applications can be found at morehead-state.edu/buildabed. The applications must be submitted by March 2 for consideration. For more information, call Mary Claire Williams, program director, at, (606) 783-2719.



Submitted photo

Volunteers will build 250 beds for children in need this spring through the MSUCorps Build-A-Bed program.

Regional high school Governor's Cup results released

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble congratulated students who competed in the Governor's Cup competition for the 15th region, held Feb. 17 at Floyd Central High School.

The event, hosted by the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition, included academic teams from schools in Floyd, Pike, Johnson and Martin counties.

Floyd Central ranked third in Quick Recall and fourth in final standings. Floyd Central students Kade Scott and Natalie Lester both qualified to compete at the Kentucky Governor's Cup competition, with Scott placing first and Lester placing

fifth in Arts & Humanities.

Prestonsburg High School ranked third in Future Problem Solving and sixth in overall standings.

"The board team and I are very proud of all our academic team students," Trimble said in a statement. "We want to congratulate Floyd Central for placing 4th overall in the region and 3rd in Quick Recall and Prestonsburg High School for placing 3rd in Future Problem Solving."

He congratulated Scott and Lester and other academic team students who have earned honors this year.

"Our teams are becoming more and more competitive and we're very proud of our kids," Trimble's statement said. "We wish Kade and Natalie the best of luck at state competition."



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Floyd Central High School academic team members ranked third in Quick Recall and fourth in final standings at the 15th Region Governor's Cup competition.

Community calendar

- Feb. 23; 7 p.m.: Front Porch Pickin, Mountain Arts Center. Free admission.
- Feb. 24; 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosts elk tours. \$30 per adult; \$15 for children; free for kids age 12 and under. (606) 889-1790
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BSCTC to host women's history conference

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Big Sandy Community and Technical College's (BSCTC) Library Seminar Series and Campus Environment Team will host the Fifth Annual Library Seminar Series Women's History Conference. BSCTC would like to extend an invitation to the community to attend. During the Women's Conference, a variety of presentations will be made.

- The presentations include:
- Dr. Shirley Thomas — Hitler's Women
 - Sandra Saad — Is Your Body Language Speaking For You?
 - Sabra Jacobs — Prestonsburg Woman's Club
 - Garrison Turner — Intersection Between Science and Society
 - Sabra Jacobs — Dealing with Toxic

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- Janean Freeman — Women of Poetry and Song
 - William Bowman — Watch Out for That Refrigerator
 - Alexandra: Women and Graphic Narratives — Michelle Fields & Joshua Thacker
- The Women's History Conference is free and open to the public and will take place on Friday, March 2, 2018. Registration begins at 8 a.m. in the lobby of the Magoffin Building on the Prestonsburg Campus of BSCTC. Presentations will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served by the Prestonsburg Woman's Club from 8 a.m. to 8:25 a.m.
- For further information or the full program, call Judy Howell at, (606) 889-4750 or email her at, judy.howell@kctcs.edu.

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Boys' 58th District opening round

Jaguars pull away from Lawrence County, 71-49

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Playing on its home floor, top seed Floyd Central pulled away to defeat Lawrence County 71-49 in the opening round of the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament on Tuesday night.

Senior guard JR Tackett poured in a game-high 29 points to lead Floyd Central to the victory. Tackett was nine for nine at the free-throw line for the Jaguars.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 18-11 and advances to both the 58th District championship game and the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament.

Lawrence County, one of the youngest boys' basketball teams in the 15th Region, ended its season with an 8-22 record with the loss.

"It wasn't our best game, but we accomplished our objective of winning and advancing to the region tournament," Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock commented, following his team's victory over Lawrence County. "JR (Tackett) played well as did Dylan Caudill. Lawrence County played well and is a bad matchup for us as they play five out, but we were still able to hold them to 49 points. We need to improve our free-throw shooting and cut down on our turnovers if we are going make a run to Rupp."

The Jaguars pulled away to win late. After swapping leads with Lawrence County during the opening quarter of the postseason contest, Floyd Central battled back to lead 34-23 at halftime.

Floyd Central led 42-32 at the end of the third quarter. The Jaguars excelled offensively and limited Lawrence County's production in the final frame.

Floyd Central, which notched its third straight win, shot 47.4 percent (27 of 57) from the field. The Jaguars were four of 16 (25 percent) from 3-point range.

Floyd Central shot 54.2 percent (13-of-24) from the free-throw line.

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Blackcats shake slow start, oust Betsy Layne

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — The Prestonsburg Blackcats are headed back to the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. Prestonsburg punched its regional ticket on Wednesday night, battling back to beat longtime rival Betsy Layne 46-39 in the opening round of the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament at Floyd Central High School.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 14-17 and advances to both the 58th District championship game and the 15th Region Tournament. Betsy Layne ended its season 12-16 with the loss.

The Bobcats opened the game on a 7-0 run and held Prestonsburg scoreless until the 3:37 mark of the first quarter. Betsy Layne, which owned multiple leads, led 19-15 at halftime.

The Bobcats led 34-30 at the conclusion of the third quarter, but faltered late.

Prestonsburg, turning in one of its best single-quarter performances thus far in the 2017-18 season, outscored Betsy Layne 16-5 in the final quarter to capture the victory.

Graham Burchett led Prestonsburg with a game-high 16 points. A pair of Prestonsburg players reached double figures in the scoring column as Adam Slone added 11 points for the Blackcats.

Phil Cornett and Drake Nunnery narrowly missed reaching double figures for Prestonsburg, posting nine points apiece.

Grant Justice rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, chipping in one point.

Prestonsburg was 15 of 31 from the field.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

JR Tackett drives to the basket for the Jaguars during the first half on Tuesday night.



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Floyd Central's Cameron Nelson (20) looks to work his way around a Lawrence County defender.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central's Jake Collins and Lawrence County's Chase Sartin watch one of the Jaguars' shot attempts on Tuesday night.

JAGUARS

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Faring well inside, Floyd Central claimed 36 total rebounds.

Junior forward Brady Conn delivered a double-double for Floyd Central, scoring 10 points and

pulling down a game-high 14 rebounds.

Matching Conn in the Floyd Central scoring column, senior guard Jake Collins contributed 10 points of his own for the Jaguars.

Kyle Isaac scored eight points and Dylan

Caudill added six points for Floyd Central in the win.

The other scorers for the Jaguars were Cameron Nelson (four points), Ethan Smith-Mills (two points), Caleb Hager (one point) and Rylee Samons (one point).

Active inside for the Jaguars, Tackett and Collins pulled down six rebounds apiece.

Tyler Maynard led Lawrence County with a team-high 17 points. Lawrence County featured two scorers in double figures as Cody

Maynard contributed 13 points.

Narrowly missing double figures for the Bulldogs, Alex Ratliff added nine points.

Chase Sartin (five points), Weston Hardin (two points), Baden Gillispie (two points) and Lu-

cas Maynard (one point) accounted for the rest of Lawrence County's scoring in the season-ending setback.

Floyd Central will face Prestonsburg in the 58th District championship game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday.

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Betsy Layne's Grant Orsborn dribbles against Prestonsburg's Graham Burchett.

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Prestonsburg's Drake Nunnery clears out a rebound and looked to push the basketball up the floor.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

BLACKCATS

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The Blackcats were three of 13 from three-point range.

Prestonsburg was seven of 15 from the free-throw line.

Betsy Layne was 11 of 31 from the field. The Bobcats were five of 18 from three-point range.

Betsy Layne was two

of seven from the free-throw line.

Zach Bentley led Betsy Layne with a team-high 11 points. Bentley was the only Betsy Layne player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Morris Adkins and Byron Hammond added eight points apiece for Betsy Layne in the season-ending loss.

Grant Orsborn and

Jordan Frazier chipped in five points apiece while Nathaniel Mims netted two points for the Bobcats.

Defensively, Prestonsburg forced Betsy Layne into committing 16 turnovers.

Prestonsburg will face top seed and host Floyd Central in the 58th District championship game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday.



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FCHS, First Commonwealth Bank partner on new scoreboards

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central High School has new scoreboards thanks to longtime community leader First Commonwealth Bank.

FCHS boys' basketball head coach Kevin Spurlock worked with First Commonwealth Bank President & CEO Greg A. Wilson and FCB Sales/Marketing Director Nikki Shepherd on a sponsorship deal for the new scoreboards.

"We are grateful to First Commonwealth Bank for the sponsorship of our new scoreboards," Spurlock said, in between 58th District Tournament games earlier in the week. "Greg Wilson and Nikki Shepherd we're great to work with. At first, we were looking to get a scoreboard for over the floor but couldn't get one of those in time for the district tournaments. Hopefully we'll have one of those in place before the start of next season. The scoreboards will bear the name of First Commonwealth

Bank."

The new scoreboards display fouls and timeouts.

The Floyd County Schools' maintenance department was able to get the new scoreboards installed prior to the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament tipping off on Monday evening.

By the end of the week, Floyd Central will have hosted its third district tournament thus far in the 2017/2018 schoolyear. Floyd Central hosted the 58th District Volleyball Tournament in October.

Floyd Central athletics director Tony Isaac is another individual who is excited about the new scoreboards.

"The new scoreboards will help everyone, especially coaches and members of the media," Isaac confided. "We couldn't have done it without First Commonwealth Bank."

Floyd Central will face Prestonsburg in the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament title game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central High School has new scoreboards courtesy of First Commonwealth Bank.

Betsy Layne back in Class 1A under draft football alignment

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) has released its 2019-2020 through 2022-2023 draft football alignment. Under the draft alignment, Betsy Layne would drop from Class 2A to Class 1A.

Betsy Layne would be a member of Class 1A, District 6, along with Fairview, Paintsville and Raceland.

Class 2A, District 8 would be comprised of Prestonsburg, Bath County, East Ridge, Morgan County Shelby Valley and Sheldon Clark.

Floyd Central would join powerhouse Belfry, Lawrence County, Magoffin County and Pike County Central in Class 3A, District 8.

Feedback will be so-

licitated from the KHSAA membership. A final determination will be made at the KHSAA Board of Control meeting May 8-9.

The draft alignment follows.

Class 6A (32 Schools)

District 1- Apollo, Daviess County, Henderson County, Marshall County, McCracken County

District 2- Barren County, Central Hardin, Meade County, North Hardin

District 3- Butler, DuPont Manual, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier

District 4- Bullitt East, Fern Creek, Male, Southern

District 5- Ballard, Eastern, Trinity (Louisville)

District 6- Campbell County, Dixie Heights, Ryle, Simon Kenton

District 7- Hen-

ry Clay, Lafayette, Paul Laurence Dunbar, Bates Creek

District 8- Bryan Station, George Rogers Clark, Madison Central, Oldham County

Class 5A (39 Schools)

District 1- Graves County, Grayson County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, Owensboro

District 2- Bowling Green, Christian County, Greenwood, South Warren

District 3- Bullitt Central, Doss, Fairdale, Iroquois, Western

District 4- Atherton, Jeffersontown, North Bullitt, Seneca, South Oldham

District 5- Boone County, Conner, Cooper, Covington Catholic, Highlands

District 6- Frederick Douglass, Grant County, Great Crossing, Mont-

gomery County, Scott County

District 7- Collins, East Jessamine, Madison Southern, West Jessamine, Woodford County

District 8- North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern, Whitley County

Class 4A (39 Schools)

District 1- Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Logan County, Madisonville-North Hopkins

District 2- Allen County-Scottsville, Breckinridge County, Franklin-Simpson, Warren Central, Warren East

District 3- John Hardin, Marion County, Moore, Spencer County, Valley

District 4- Central, Franklin County, North Oldham, Shelby County, Waggener

District 5- Anderson County, Bourbon County, Boyle County, Lexington Catholic

District 6- Boyd County, Harrison County, Holmes, Rowan County, Scott

District 7- Corbin, Knox Central, Lincoln County, Russell County, Wayne County

District 8- Clay

County, Harlan County, Johnson Central, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central

Class 3A (40 Schools)

District 1- Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Union County, Webster County

District 2- Adair County, Casey County, Glasgow, Hart County, Taylor County

District 3- Bardstown, Elizabethtown, LaRue County, Nelson County, Thomas Nelson

District 4- Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Garrard County, Henry County, Mercer County, Western Hills

District 5- Bell County, Estill County, Jackson County, McCreary Central, Powell County, Rockcastle County

District 6- Fleming County, Lewis County, Mason County, Pendleton County, West Carter

District 7- Ashland Blazer, East Carter, Greenup County, Russell

District 8- Belfry, Floyd Central, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Pike County Central

Class 1A (32 Schools)

District 1- Caverna, Crittenden County, Fulton County, Russellville

District 2- Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Fort Knox, Holy Cross (Louisville)

District 3- Berea, Eminence, Frankfort, Kentucky Country Day

District 4- Bellevue, Dayton, Ludlow, Newport Central Catholic

District 5- Bishop Brossart, Bracken County, Nicholas County, Paris

District 6- Betsy Layne, Fairview, Paintsville, Raceland

District 7- Hazard, Jenkins, Phelps, Pikeville

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Trouble will brew when you're faced with opposition. Getting along with others and maintaining peace will be essential if you want to slowly get people to favor your point of view.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Use your energy wisely. Arguing will lead to conflict with the powers-that-be. Stay focused on what's expected of you and be quiet about your likes and dislikes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Donations, joint financial ventures and being a Good Samaritan should be carried out with caution. Don't let anyone pressure you into signing up for something you can't afford or don't want to do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - You'll be quick to jump into action. Temper your thoughts and feelings, and avoid getting into an argument. Be wary of anyone using manipulative gestures to gain control.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Get your personal documentation up to date. Being fully prepared will help you deal with financial, medical or bureaucratic institutions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Someone who wants you to pay his or her way will take advantage of your generosity and desire to have everyone love you. Be firm and offer suggestions, not cash.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - A change at home may be emotional at first, but if you ease into the situation, you'll find a way to

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



make it work. Your efforts will be appreciated.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Emotional mishaps are apparent if you get into a heated discussion with a friend, relative or loved one. Take the high road and don't do or say anything derogatory.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Look for common ground when dealing with others. Altering your lifestyle or making a change that will help cut your overhead or bring a dream one step closer to fruition is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - An important relationship should be handled with care. Misunderstandings and emotional mayhem can be expected if you or someone you are dealing with is evasive. Share your feelings openly and honestly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Rethink your goals and consider how best to improve mentally, physically and financially to be successful. Keep up with the times and use experience, knowledge and new methods.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Dig in and help people in need. Your humanitarian attitude will help stave off criticism as well as keep you too busy to let temptation and excessive behavior take the reins.

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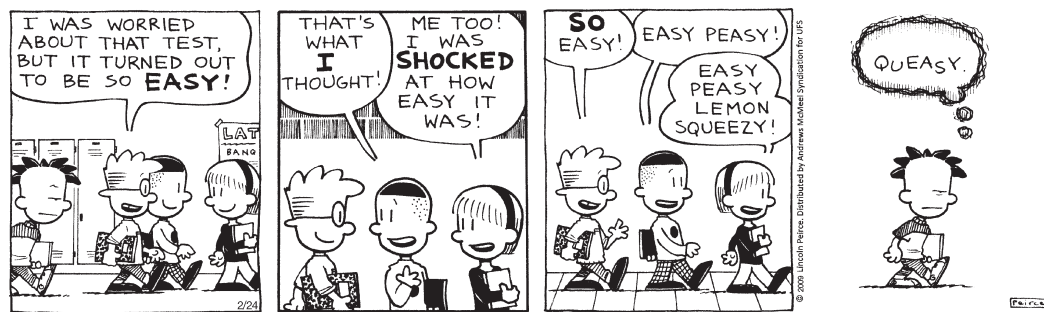
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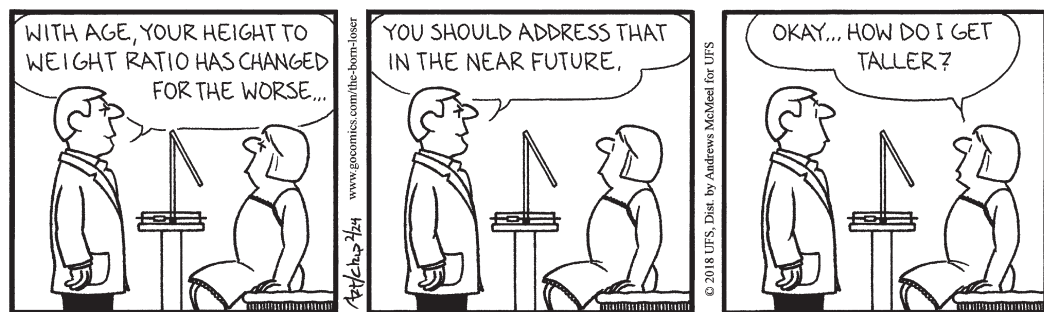
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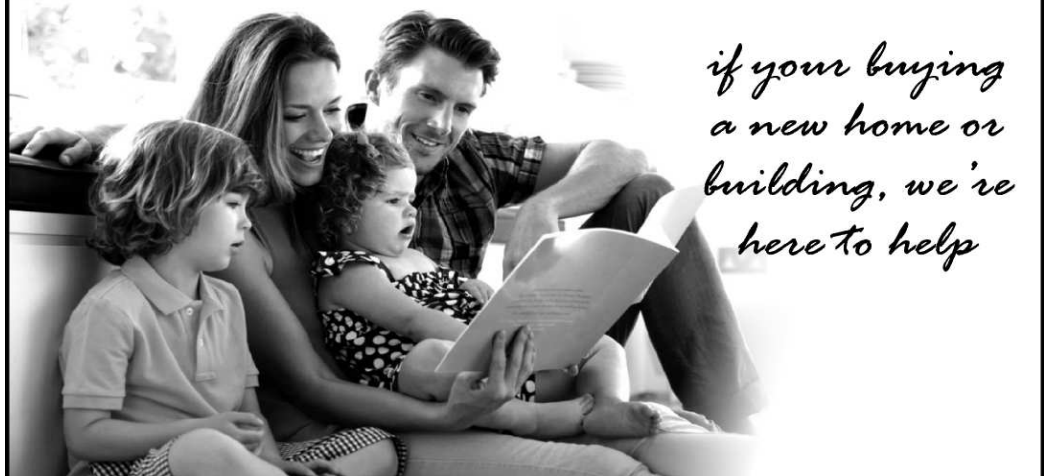


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NOTICE (Of Final Settlement)

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF FLOYD...SCT

I, Douglas Ray Hall, Clerk of the Floyd District Court, do Hereby certify that the following Settlements of Estates have been filed in my office. Anyone desiring to take exceptions to said Settlements must do so on or before MARCH 28, 2018 at 10:00 am.

SETTLEMENT	CASE NUMBER	ESTATE OF:	FIDUCIARY	DATE FILED
FINAL	15-P-86	ANTHONY TACKETT	TONYA SHEPHERD	3/10/15
FINAL	15-P-264	ROBERT MARTIN	VICKI ORME & ROBIN BALLMAN	6/24/15
FINAL	15-P-403	DAVID ARTRIP	JUDY SHEPHERD	10/5/15
FINAL	15-P-407	DEVIN BURKE	ASHLEY BURKE	10/6/15
FINAL	15-P-430	NICK JACKSON	ERNEST JACKSON	10/23/15
FINAL	15-P-439	BOBBY ANDERSON	BEULAH ANDERSON	10/28/15
FINAL	15-P-453	TOMMY GREEN	BARBARA GREEN	11/13/15
FINAL	15-P-479	WANDA WEBB	EDWARD WEBB	12/3/15
FINAL	15-P-480	ELIZABETH TACKETT	JANIE LEMASTER	12/3/15
FINAL	16-P-107	TRUMAN MESSER	TINA OUSLEY	3/15/16
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JENNIFER BURKE ELLIOTT Attorney at Law 107 S. Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-9937

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 836-5648,
Major Revision No. 5

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 Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is

LEGALS

owned by ACIN LLC. The major revision proposes to change the post-mining land use to Pastureland. 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 of the Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. **This is the final advertisement of the application.** All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of today's date.

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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**.

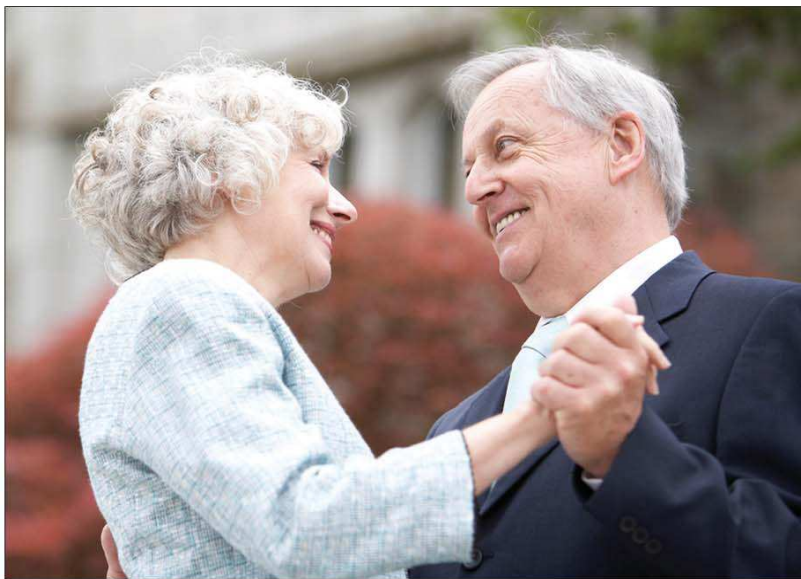
Celebrating Birthdays



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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