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## Wheelwright plans use of another underground mine for water

### Officials want an 'independent' water system

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Wheelwright wants to tap into an another abandoned underground mine to supply its residents with water.

The city's water system has been supplied by an underground mine since 1977, and on Dec. 8, it went dry for the first time since 1989. All residents were without water for more than two days

and officials reported at the time that some residents who live in higher elevations were without water — or had sporadic service — for up to a week.

Wheelwright Utilities

Commission Chairperson Paul Hunt Thompson recently detailed those issues and proposals for a new water source during a Wheelwright City Commission meeting. He reported three possible

solutions, and the one his team is banking on would filter water from another underground mine — one which was used the last time the city's water source went dry in 1989.

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## Floyd BOE recognizes academic achievements

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Schools Board of Education honored 11 students who qualified to compete this

month at the state Governor's Cup.

During a Feb. 26 meeting, the board approved \$4,500 for travel expenses, allowing academic teams and coach-

es from Betsy Layne High School, Floyd Central High School, Prestonsburg High School, Adams Middle School, Betsy Layne Middle School, Allen Middle

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Floyd County Schools Board of Education members pose with some of the students honored for their achievement in the Governor's Cup academic competition. These students and others will compete at the state competition this month.

## BOE discusses shortening the superintendent search

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Two Floyd County Schools Board of Education officials want to shorten the search for a new superintendent.

During the Feb. 26 meeting at Betsy Layne High School, board of education members Linda Gearheart and Rhonda Meade asked whether the superintendent search can be completed before May. The board previously approved a timeline for the search, setting May 15 as the day that the new superintendent would be named.

Gearheart brought up the topic, apologizing for not asking about changing the timeline during the Feb. 21 joint meeting with the board of education and the superintendent search committee.

"But after I left, I got to thinking, May is a long time. We have got all of March and all of April, and I was just wondering if anybody mentioned speeding up the process of the superintendent

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## Battlefield gets a \$24K facelift

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

One of Floyd County's most prominent tourist attractions received a facelift recently, thanks to anonymous donors.

Frank Fitzpatrick of the Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation said the installation of a tractor-trailer load of split-rail fencing was made possible with about \$24,000 in donations from businesses and individuals who requested anonymity.

He said the railing, purchased from a West Virginia company, cost about \$12,000, and the labor to install it also reached that amount.

"We're extremely proud of the local response from individuals and businesses that have made this all possible," Fitzpatrick said.

In addition to the railing, Layne's Hardware of Prestonsburg donated the facade of an old-style building, which was also

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Anonymous donors contributed about \$24,000 that was used to purchase and install split-rail fencing at the Middle Creek National Battlefield in Prestonsburg.

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# Fiscal court moving forward with scanner purchase

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is not expected to seek bids for an \$185,000 purchase, but officials report the measures taken will satisfy state bidding laws.

The fiscal court voted unanimously on Jan. 19 to start the bidding process to buy a low-dose radiation scanner for the Floyd County Detention Center, a piece of equipment that's expected to cost \$185,000. The fiscal court did not publish a request for bids after that meeting and officials are now considering a sole source purchase.

State law requires local governments to seek bids on purchases over \$20,000, but there are exemptions to that law, including one that allows purchases without bids if the product only has a sole source.

During a Feb. 20 meeting,

fiscal court members reported that the jail is seeking a scanner that is not sold by any other Kentucky company, and the fiscal court does not have to abide by bidding laws if that company is the only one selling that scanner.

"On this body scanner here, I just want to see what we need to do to move forward," Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert said at the meeting. "I've got the sole source justification, as far as the bidding goes ... Supposedly, these other counties can use this sole source, you know, to keep from bidding because nobody has this particular material of what we're needed, of what we're getting."

Halbert previously told fiscal court members that he has been working with Romaine Companies on the proposed purchase, the same company that recently sold a scanner to the Pike County jail. That company exhibited its full body

scanner during the annual Kentucky Association of Counties Conference.

Located in Hopkinsville, it sells bulk cleaning items, floor equipment, mattress and luggage scanners as well as body scanners. The Compass DV Dual View full body security screening system it offers is manufactured by Adani, which is based in England and has offices in China, Belarus and Florida.

County Attorney Keith Bartley reported that the information he received shows the company is the sole source of the type of scanner Halbert is seeking for the jail.

"Based on the information he's providing me, it does appear that this particular company provides the only machine with these capabilities and it's only company in the world that makes it," Bartley said.

"So, assuming, the accuracy of that information, that

it is truly the sole source of that particular machine, then I don't think there would be a bidding requirement."

Halbert explained that the scanner sold by Romaine uses low-dose radiation to offer a "7-second scan" that can detect weapons, narcotics, electronic devices and other objects that can be swallowed or inserted in body cavities and brought into jail.

This scanner is unique, he said, because the company offers a databank of all x-rays taken worldwide, and the software will automatically compare x-rays taken in Floyd County to those in the databank to more quickly determine whether an inmate has contraband. Training for jail staff will be minimal, he said.

Halbert said the equipment will save lives and keep contraband out of the jail.

"If you have one case of an overdose, it will pay for this

machine 10-fold," he said. "I know this sounds like a lot. I know it sounds like a lot to the taxpayers, but if it catches one case, one instance, it will by far pay for this."

He believes scanners like this one will soon be mandatory in Kentucky jails.

"Everybody that goes out and comes back in will be X-rayed," he said, talking about work release inmates and contraband they could bring back to the jail. "Everybody who steps one foot outside this door will be scanned."

He said Monday that officials are working to determine whether the county should seek a loan from the Kentucky Association of Counties to make the purchase or whether the fiscal court should buy it and be repaid by the jail.

# Big Sandy ADD makes final lease payment

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Big Sandy Area Development District now owns its building, free and clear.

On Feb. 27, Big Sandy ADD officials reported

that the agency recently made its final payment for a 25-year lease on the building it occupies on Resource Drive in Prestonsburg.

The Big Sandy ADD has spent about half of its existence paying off the lease. The agency is celebrating its 50th year.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court entered into a lease agreement with the

Kentucky Association of Counties Leasing Trust Program in 1992 for the construction of the office building and the Big Sandy ADD made payments via a sublease with the fiscal court. The principal amount of that lease was \$850,000, and the Big Sandy ADD spent around \$266,000 from 2014 to this year to pay finalize payments.

RJ Palmer of Compass Municipal Advisors of Lexington addressed board members at the meeting, reporting that his company provides financing services to public entities, like local governments, school districts, special purpose governmental entities and others.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court obtained a \$2.2 million bond with the help of Compass last year for road maintenance and to fix the roof at the Floyd County Detention Center. That bond was made possible via a bond pool coordinated by Compass through the Kentucky Association of Counties Interlocal Finance Corporation.

Compass also serves as the financial advisor

for the Kentucky Council of Area Development District Financial Trust. Palmer told Big Sandy ADD members that the trust offers a pool leasing program that carries a AA- credit rating.

"So what that means to your community is you have access to the capital market at that bond rating that could otherwise not achieve on your own," he said.

He said local governments and other entities can obtain loans with fixed rates for between one and 30 years. He also mentioned the possibility of these entities of refinancing debt through the program to save money.

"It can be used for construction purposes, for land acquisitions ... It can be used for road

improvements, basically anything that you can think of that would be a capital expenditure, you can access those dollars through this program," he said.

During the meeting, the board approved a three-year area aging plan and two Area Development Fund allocation requests: \$22,700 to the Martin County Fiscal Court for park improvements in Inez and \$23,746 to provide a vehicle to the Johnson County Fiscal Court.

Big Sandy ADD Director Sandy Runyon asked officials to use their Area Development Funds, suggesting they could be reallocated if not used.

"Please use them before they sweep the accounts," she said.

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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 filed

Alisha Dawn Akers, 19, of Banner, to Austin Ryan Yates, 20, of Banner  
Chris A. Hall, 37, of Wayland, to Willie George Bentley, 35, of Wayland

### Property transfers filed

Rita Corlette Watkins, Rodney Lee Watkins to Rodney Dean Watkins; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 259)

Edward Moore, Edward Ray Moore to Ernie Ray Moore, Tammy Ratliff; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 265)

Christine Hunt, Linzie Hunt to Crystal Howell; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 269)

Shannon J. Adkins, to Barbara A. Akins; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 272)

Orville Blackburn to Greg Blackburn, Rebecca Blackburn; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 279)

Brandon Blackburn to Kyle Calhoun; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 283)

Danny Akers, Elizabeth Akers,

Chad Conn, Rachel Hall, Scottie Hall, Fred Gravely, Donna Jean Akers Pierce, Guy Lee Pierce, Tammy Denise Akers Conn, Billy Squires, Diana Lynn Akers Hall Squires to Nora Akers, Randolph Akers; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 301)

Donna Setser, Donna K. Setser to Philip W. Castle, Melissa Peppi; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 309)

Estate of Donna Setser, Estate of Donna K. Setser, Melissa Peppi, executrix, to Joshua Chaney, Misty Chaney; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 311)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, First Guaranty Bank, Susan Francis to Bayview Loan Servicing; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 316)

Scott A. Little, Cheryl R. Little, Dewana Little to Gail Martin, Jerry Martin, property on the Right Fork of Bull Creek

Joann Newman, Larry Newman, Michael Newman, Phyllis Newman to Carol Walker; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 322)

Derrick Newsome, Jennifer Marie Newsome to Lynn Newsome Gutmans; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 330)

Miranda Samons to William Hale; property location unlisted (Deeds Bok 645; pg. 340)

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also installed near the battlefield entrance. Fitzpatrick said that piece "makes a nice focal point" for visitors who want to take their pictures at the battlefield and it also serves as a location where brochures may be placed. He plans to add a registration

book to that area so that the foundation can track where visitors are traveling from.

Fitzpatrick said the foundation will continue to work toward finding funding to complete paving on the battlefield trails. He said, hopefully, these recent improvements could help the foundation find other funding opportunities for

improvements.

The foundation is already seeking volunteers for its annual Park Day cleanup event, which is set for April 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. That day may change to April 14 if inclement weather arises. Volunteers are asked to bring their lawn and farm equipment and supplies for the Park Day cleanup.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
This facade of an old building, donated by Layne's Ace Hardware in Prestonsburg, was recently installed at the Middle Creek National Battlefield.

# Middle Creek fire department to get new equipment

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Fiscal Court recently approved a bid award for new equipment for the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire department's \$44,300 Homeland Security grant was announced last October, but the extrication equipment chosen in the bid process costs a little more than that.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben

Hale opened bids at a Feb. 20 meeting for extrication equipment for the fire department.

The fiscal court voted to give Emergency Management Director Tim Fields and a Middle Creek fire department official authority to evaluate four bid proposals and choose the "lowest and best" bid for the equipment needed.

They chose a \$45,189 bid from Vogel and Pohl of Erlanger, noting the equipment provided by that company will be bet-

ter for the fire department than the equipment presented in the other proposals.

The other proposals from two other companies ranged from \$38,500 to \$50,455.

During the meeting, the fiscal court approved a \$14,240 project to will replace a Bridge on Buddy Hollow Road, located on Rt. 850 in magisterial District 2.

It is funded through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Rural Secondary Road pro-


gram. According to the agreement, the county will pay 20 percent of the project cost, while the rest will be funded by the state.

The fiscal court also approved entering into a lease-purchase agreement with Caterpillar to buy a mini-excavator for District 4, reporting

in the meeting that the purchase will come from a company that is on the state-approved vendors list so bidding will not be required.

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# One East Kentucky seeks Opportunity Zone designation

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

One East Kentucky, a Prestonsburg-based organization that works to recruit industry and investment into nine eastern Kentucky counties, is asking that this region be designated as an "Opportunity Zone."

The Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development issued a request for information on Feb. 12, asking local governments to identify cities and counties in the state that could be designated as Opportunity Zones. Submissions were due to the cabinet on Feb. 26, and Chuck Sexton, CEO of One East Kentucky, confirmed he submitted an application on behalf of eight Eastern Kentucky counties served by the agency.

Judge-Executives from Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Perry, Knott, Letcher, Magoffin and Martin counties submitted letters supporting One Kentucky's Opportunity Zone application.

Sexton said he was surprised to learn that Lawrence County, which is also served by the organization, did not meet the federal requirements to become an Opportunity Zone.

The Opportunity Zone designations, made possible by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act approved by Congress this winter, allows investors to get "significant federal tax advantages" for investments into those areas — an attempt to attract capital investment to economically distressed areas across the country.

Sexton said getting an Opportunity Zone designation for this region would provide another "carrot" that could be used to lure investors and businesses here.

"You always want to have as many opportunities to attract investments as possible... and you know incentives play a big role for corporations, in where they decide to locate," he said.

He said One East Kentucky's application highlights

developable industrial properties, airports, downtown areas and areas located along four-lane roads that connect those areas. He said it also points out probable locations for land could be developed for industry in the future.

He explained through this program, investors can place unrealized capital gains into "opportunity funds" and those funds may be used for private investments into low-income areas.

"Essentially, what it does, it provides capital to companies that are looking to invest in this region," he said, noting that he hopes communities will also be able to tap into those funds to do infrastructure projects that would spur economic development.

Gov. Matt Bevin has until March 21 to submit nominations to the federal government for consideration for these Opportunity Zone designations. The federal government has identified 573 low-income communities that could qualify as

part of the Opportunity Zone in Kentucky, and Bevin has the authority to nominate 25 percent of them, or around 144. He may also choose to nominate eight non-low income areas that are located near the low income zones he chooses.

Big Sandy Area Development Director Sandy Runyon talked about One East Kentucky's efforts during a Feb. 27 board meeting, saying officials are excited about the proposal.

"It really gives the region a step up to make them a little more competitive when they are applying for grants and those kinds of things for federal funds," she said, explaining the request for information issued by the cabinet and saying, "We hope that will move forward."

She pointed out that local counties have not be part of any type of special zone for years.

"We hear of these other zones being granted to these other parts of the region, and actually, our region has not

been a part of any kind of Opportunity Zone or set-aside zone for quite some time," she said. "There's been several different names of some that's out there for different reasons, and coal, actually, has been one of the things that has kept us from being a part of that. Now, we're all thankful for that, because, obviously, I guess we didn't need it at that time. But we all know where we are with that today. So, I appreciate the fact that One East Kentucky is going to do this as a region because we all know we can't exist just as a county or a city, that it takes a region to make it work."

Sexton said he is optimistic about One East Kentucky's application, saying he doesn't see why this region would not qualify for the opportunity.

He said One East Kentucky will continue other efforts to bring companies into this region. Over the past two weeks, he has been working with five companies interested in locating here.

## Police: Man found passed out at elementary school

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES  
STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man was arrested Sunday after he was found unconscious behind the wheel of a running vehicle on school property.

Jacob Akers, 22, of Frasures Creek Road, McDowell, was charged with driving under the influence, driving on suspended license, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and third-degree possession of a controlled substance.

According to a citation written by Floyd County Sheriff Officer Justin Szymchack, he was dispatched to Duff Elementary School with the complaint of a male subject being unconscious behind the wheel. Upon arrival, the officer located Akers, un-

conscious in his vehicle, with the ignition running, the citation said. The officer wrote in the citation that the car was running, was in drive mode and was facing Ky. 80.

"I banged on the window several times," Szymchack wrote. "I then used my unlock kit to open the car."

Upon getting Akers out of the vehicle, according to the citation, the officer performed sobriety tests, which Akers did not pass. The officer then placed Akers under arrest.

The officer located 3.5 Alprazolam pills, and 2.5 oxycodone pills on Akers. He was transported to St. Joseph Martin Hospital before being lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center.

According to the citation, Akers refused a blood test.

## Estill man arrested on drug charges, fleeing police

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES  
STAFF REPORT

An Estill man was arrested in Floyd County earlier this week after he allegedly fled from an officer before being found with drugs, including methamphetamine.

Aaron J. Patton, 29, of Rt. 7, Estill, was charged with first-degree fleeing or evading police, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree trafficking meth, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, second-degree possession of controlled substance and traffic charges.

According to a citation filed in Floyd District Court, written by Kentucky State Police Trooper D. Coleman, the officer noticed a brown SUV in the Minnie community in Floyd County without any tail lamps. Upon running the plates, the officer discovered that the registration did not match the description of the vehicle. Coleman then conducted a traffic stop, the citation said. The driver, Patton, pulled into a parking lot, exited the vehicle and fled on foot from the officer, according to the citation.

Coleman pursued Patton, before Patton jumped over a chain-linked fence. "I deployed my agency-issued CEW (taser)," Coleman wrote. He said that the first round made contact with Patton's clothes, but did not make skin contact. The officer deployed two five-second rounds on Patton before he was able to take Patton into custody, court records show.

Patton told the officer he was running because he did not have a driver's license, the officer wrote.

The officer located a black bag nearly eight feet from where Patton was taken into custody. The bag, according to the citation, contained: 18 small clear plastic baggies, one small bag containing what was believed to be marijuana, one and a quarter of methadone pills and a plastic bag containing seven clear bags of "a clear rock-like substance" that appeared to be methamphetamine (13.66 grams).

The items were sent to the KSP lab for testing. Patton was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center.

## Ongoing investigation into meth trafficking in area nets 2 more arrests

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STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — An ongoing effort by local law enforcement to battle the transfer, sell and use of methamphetamine in Pike County resulted in two more arrests including a Pikeville woman charged after a traffic stop Monday evening.

According to the citation of Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton, local law enforcement gained information through their "ongoing investigation of trafficking crystal methamphetamine" that Karen D. Spears, 42, of Rainbow Lane, Pikeville, was trav-

eling with others, including Christopher Thomas Wireman, 28, of Gunlock, to Louisville to obtain crystal methamphetamine. Hamilton wrote Spears had been identified as "a source of supply" for the drug.

According to the citation, Hamilton observed a vehicle matching the description of one Spears is known to use operating on Fife Fork Road. While observing the vehicle, Spears operated it side-to-side, touching both lines of the road on two separate occasions, the citation said.

Hamilton wrote that he performed a traffic stop and made contact with

Spears, who was "very nervous and was fidgety in trying to retrieve" her information. Spears gave Hamilton consent to search the vehicle and the officer located a hidden compartment under the cup holder, the citation said.

Inside of the compartment, Hamilton located a "large quantity of crystal methamphetamine," which Spears said was about 56 grams, or



**Karen Spears**



**Christopher Wireman**

two ounces, the citation said. Hamilton also located a pair of brass knuckles, six Gabapentin tablets and nine tablets which Hamilton suspected to be ecstasy, the citation said.

Both Spears and Wireman denied ownership of the drugs, the citation said. Wireman, according to the citation, also had a warrant for his arrest and had prior charges of carrying a concealed deadly weapon, the citation said.

Spears was arrested

on charges of first-offense first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than two grams of methamphetamine), first-offense first-degree possession of a controlled substance and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, court records show.

Wireman was arrested on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, second or greater offense first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than two grams of methamphetamine, first-offense first-degree possession of a controlled substance and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, court records show.

Both appeared at arraignment on their

charges Tuesday where Spears waived her hearing and agreed to have her case bound to the grand jury and Wireman entered a not guilty plea, court records show.

Pike District Judge Darrel Mullins ordered Spears held in the custody of the Pike County Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash or property bond, and Mullins ordered Wireman held in custody on a \$10,000 cash bond, according to court documents. Wireman was also ordered held without bond on a contempt of court charge through Floyd Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris, court records show.

Both remained in the custody of the jail as of presstime Wednesday.



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## EDITORIAL:

### Don't shorten the superintendent search

We encourage the Floyd County Schools Board of Education to lengthen, not shorten, it's superintendent search.

The board of education discussed a request from members Linda Gearheart and Rhonda Meade this week to shorten the length of time the board will spend finding the district's next superintendent.

No action was taken on the matter, but board Chairman Sherry Robinson said she would ask the Kentucky School Boards Association whether the timeline can be shortened.

We implore the board of education to take its time with

this decision — a recommendation made by both Robinson and board member William "Junior" Newsome, who said the board should "make sure we get the right person because the future of Floyd County depends on that."

We wholeheartedly agree. This decision will impact the education of Floyd County students for years to come.

When the board hired the KSBA to help the district find its new superintendent last year, its representative, Don Martin, suggested that the school district wait until the spring to seek applications so that more

candidates would apply for the position. He called it the "fishing season" for superintendents, because they're finishing up their contracts and that's when most superintendent searches take place.

He reported that the district should expect to receive 25 to 30 applicants in the spring and 15 to 20 applicants in the fall — the timeframe the board chose.

On Feb. 21, Martin reported that only 12 people had applied and only three of them have experience as superintendents.

Robinson asked last year

if the district can extend its search if the "fish aren't biting," and Martin told her that the district can advertise for as long as it wants and at no additional charge.

Perhaps, instead of talking about shortening this process, members of the board of education should have a thorough discussion about whether it should extend the search to find more qualified candidates.

The screening committee was initially set to narrow down all applicants to "10 or 11 people they'd like to know more about" and then whittle those applications down to a

handful of applicants they will recommend to the board.

With only 12 "fish" in the tank, the board has a smaller chance of finding the best candidate for the job than it does if it had 25 or 30 fish to choose from.

Robinson said the superintendent's position is the "single most important job" the school district has. She's right, and the appointment of that person requires a deep and thorough search, not one that settles for a handful of fish, when the district's table could be full.

## GUEST COLUMN:

### The Public Service Commission — dedicated to fair electric rates

By **MICHAEL J. SCHMITT**,  
CHAIRMAN — KENTUCKY  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

Many Kentuckians may be unaware of the role of the Public Service Commission (PSC) in their daily lives. Paraphrasing our mission statement, the PSC fosters the safe, reliable service of utilities to customers at a price that is both reasonable and also allows for the financial stability of the regulated utilities. This includes rates and service for a myriad of utilities, including electricity, natural gas, and water.

While the PSC wants utility customers to pay a fair and reasonable price, we must also consider the merits of rate increase requests. When a utility company requests a rate

increase, the PSC is thoughtful and thorough in our pursuit of fairness to all parties, including both the consumer and the company. A strong Kentucky economy requires healthy, viable utility companies. Like any business, if utility companies are forced to provide their services at a loss, the company cannot succeed and consumers will ultimately be harmed when those services are no longer available.

Our recent rate hearing with Kentucky Power (K.P.) is a good case in point. Kentucky Power negotiated with various customer groups, including the Kentucky League of Cities, Kentucky School Boards Association, Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers Inc. and Walmart to achieve a reasonable compro-

mise. I want to compliment Kentucky Power for their willingness to negotiate and for working with their customers to help make rate relief possible. Kentucky Power initially sought to increase its annual revenue from base rates by \$60.4 million (about 11 percent). The utility later reached a proposed settlement agreement with most of the parties involved on a rate case of \$31.8 million. Ultimately, the PSC granted Kentucky Power a revenue increase of only \$12.35 million, which after other adjustments, resulted in a 4 percent decrease in the average utility bill for residential customers. The manner in which this was achieved speaks to the comprehensive analysis methods the PSC incorporates under the Bevin Administration.

One adjustment made in the Kentucky Power rate case was in the Demand Side Management Program (DSM). These programs were implemented nationwide a few years ago and sought to reduce electricity by implementing activities or programs that promote electricity efficiency or conservation. These programs may have provided consumer benefits when electricity demand and prices were high. However, the market has now changed and demand for electricity has decreased. In light of this reality, DSM programs provide little benefit to consumers. And it must be understood, that these programs are not free to customers. There is a line on every utility bill that shows the DSM charge per kilowatt hour. In the K.P. case,

the PSC discontinued all of the company's DSM programs, except those designed to help low income rate payers, resulting in a savings for consumers.

The PSC also considered another important change in the K.P. case, the recent federal tax reform legislation signed into law in December by President Trump. The new law has allowed corporations like AEP, the parent company of K.P., to realize savings on their tax liability, which is one component of their rate calculation. The PSC was aware that Kentucky Power would now realize substantial tax savings and ruled that all of those savings should be passed on to customers.

Another area that the PSC evaluates in rate cases are the compensation packages of

utility employees. As PSC Vice Chairman Robert Cicero recently commented at the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Energy Conference, "Salary and compensation packages for utility employees should be market driven." The PSC carefully scrutinizes compensation packages to ensure that utility customers are not subsidizing packages that are significantly more lucrative than those available in the Kentucky job market.

These are only a few examples of the scrutiny the PSC incorporates to ensure fair rates for consumers and utilities. There should be no ambiguity as to who sets electric utility rates in Kentucky. As we move forward, the Public Service Commission will continue to diligently analyze rate increase requests to arrive at a fair resolution for all parties. Our goal has always been and will continue to be ensuring a fair and stable utility market for Kentuckians.

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**Nola Cook**

It is with great sorrow that the family of Nola Cook, (affectionately known by her nickname, "Tom"), announces her death at age 92. Born to Will and Flossie Hall of Dry Creek, on Jan. 14, 1926, she is survived by her five children: Jerry (Verna Kay) Cook, Sharon (Peter) Walstrom, Mike (Jewell) Cook, Bonita "Bunny" (Jon) Baldwin, and Ted (Gwen) Cook. She was also blessed with eight grandchildren, four step-grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Over the years, Nola mourned the loss of her husband, all 14 of her siblings and many good friends, like Velma Bentley. She cherished the ones who remain, like Opal Caudill, all the more.

As a child, Nola was disappointed not to be allowed to attend school

past eighth grade. At age 17, she left Knott County for Louisville to aid the WWII effort, making casings for artillery shells. She worked at a factory until the boys came home from war; one of these was her childhood sweetheart Jerry (Jay D) Cook. They were married in 1946 and shared their lives at Dry Creek until Jay's death in 2001.

Nola highly valued education. In 1972, she went to evening school to get her GED. In 1974, she graduated from the Hazard School of Practical Nursing and became an LPN. She was a nurse at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Highlands Regional Medical Center ICU/CCU in Prestonsburg, and Glasrock Home Health Care. She enjoyed nursing, her patients, and her colleagues. As a home health nurse, she had many great adventures driving the hollows of Eastern Kentucky in search of her patients. She loved laughing and talking with new people, and made friends wherever she went.

An informed and principled citizen, Nola loved her community.

She was an advocate for the children of Dry Creek and Eastern Kentucky. She thought children in Dry Creek should have the same opportunities available to children anywhere else. She worked for paved roads, school bus routes, new playground equipment and good teachers. She had a special scorn for crooked politicians. She was concerned about the economic downturn in Eastern Kentucky, but remained stubbornly optimistic about its future.

Nola had high expectations for others, and for herself. She expected her children to "buckle down" and do their best in school. She was loving, hardworking, energetic, creative and opinionated. Her disapproval was best avoided! In addition to raising five children and maintaining a household, Nola tended a vegetable garden and at times cared for farm animals. It was sometimes a hard life, but she rose to the task. She was tough, but also feminine, a beautiful and stylish woman. Her children were secretly proud she was their mother. Others sought

her advice and counsel, knowing she would keep their trust. People loved her, and she them. She also knew her way around the kitchen. Her family relished her Sunday dinners featuring fried chicken and chocolate cake. Her gingerbread was legendary. She was also an enthusiastic UK fan, sometimes getting so excited in the middle of a game she couldn't stand the suspense. She would then snap off the TV and declare, "I'll have to read about it in the newspaper!"

As Nola's children grew up and moved away, she was excited to travel to new parts of the country to visit them. She made trips to many places including Florida, Wisconsin and New Mexico. Although she saw the Atlantic Ocean on the east coast and the Grand Canyon out west, she still thought Eastern Kentucky was one of the prettiest places on earth.

Nola took great pride in the activities and accomplishments of her children and grandchildren. She was a beloved mamaw, who made sure her grandchildren were

kept warm by her beautiful quilts. Making these quilts in dazzling color combinations was a favorite pastime. Her flowerbeds were also a great source of pleasure. She loved blouses with bows, butterflies, perfume and curls in her hair. Great-grandchildren arrived late in her life, and she enjoyed those who lived nearby. She also loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and those who held to its teachings.

In 2015, due to medical concerns, Nola left her longtime home of 55 years. She moved to Bowling Green, so her daughter Bunny could help her better navigate old age. It was a chance to take it easy, but Nola never really took to rest and retirement. She was too accustomed to working and taking care of others. In her last two years, strokes made life increasingly difficult. In February 2017, she moved into a nursing home in Bowling Green. Following more strokes, she died peacefully in the presence of her daughter. She was a truly special person, and her passing leaves a hole in the lives

of many. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2018, at the Dry Creek Providence Old Regular Baptist Church. Burial followed at Joe Hall Cemetery, Topmost. Arrangements were under the direction of the Hindman Funeral Home of Hindman.

Nola's family invites everyone to join in this acknowledgement of the sadness of her death, but also joy in the remembrance of her remarkable life.

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

This is a paid obituary.

**Garrett Frasure**

Garrett Frasure, 71, of Harold, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018.

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

**Douglas Warrens**

Douglas Warrens, 67, of Berea, died Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018.

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

## PSC grants another hearing in Kentucky Power rate case

**AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT**

The Kentucky Public Service Commission issued two orders on Feb. 27, granting another hearing in a rate case through which Kentucky Power customers received a four percent reduction in monthly charges.

The rate increase request was closed on Jan. 18, when the PSC issued orders in two Kentucky Power cases that collectively decreased residential customer bills by four percent. But the PSC reopened the case on Feb. 7, after Kentucky Power and an intervenor, the Kentucky Industrial Utility Customers, filed motions seeking re-hearings.

KIUC asked the PSC to lower Kentucky Power's rate increase by \$1.31 million to reflect a reduction in the fed-

eral taxes it will owe for the Rockpower plant in Indiana — a request that Kentucky Power opposed, claiming the PSC miscalculated the tax savings and should increase its revenue requirement by \$765,000.

Among other things cited in its request for a rehearing, Kentucky Power also argued that one of its tariffs were understated by \$1.15 million and its accounts receivable financing was understated by about \$392,000. In its request, Kentucky Power also sought a clarification about costs associated with the Rockport plant.

On Feb. 27, the PSC granted the rehearing request from the KIUC, to "allow the record to be more fully developed," on the tax savings issue, the same reason it gave in the order approving Kentucky Power's request for a rehearing on the tax savings issue and the

tariff-related issue in which the company claims the PSC "improperly excluded" a forced outage expense from its base rate revenue requirement. In that claim, Kentucky Power seeks that revenue requirement be increased by \$1.15 million.

Noting that the attorney general, another intervenor in the case, contends that the PSC treatment of that expense was "appropriate," the PSC ruled that it "finds no merit" in Kentucky Power's claim, but decided to grant a rehearing on that matter to "allow the record to be more fully developed to clarify the accounting" of the expense and "determine whether the revenue requirement should be increased or reduced as appropriate."

The PSC denied Kentucky Power's request for a rehearing on its accounts receivable

financing. Kentucky Power argued that the PSC order on that matter was unreasonable and that its base rate revenue requirement should be increased by \$391,700.

The PSC ruled on Jan. 18 that selling receivables but maintaining the bad debt "places and undue burden" on Kentucky Power customers, but the company claimed that requiring the company to "bear the expense" associated with its bad debt "does not prejudice Kentucky Power, or its customers, or impose costs different from what it would otherwise bear."

This week, the PSC pointed out that it adjusted the company's capital structure based on findings that selling receivables to American Electric Power Company while "retaining uncollectible accounts on Kentucky Power's books placed an

undue burden on ratepayers, and that the cost of accounts receivables financing is higher than the cost of the short-term financing."

The PSC determined those adjustments to be "reasonable, lawful, and supported by evidence in the record," and denied that rehearing request.

"Despite Kentucky Power's arguments to the contrary, it is not reasonable to conclude that a prudent business would exclusively utilize long-term debt, with its higher rates, to fund accounts receivables instead of utilizing some portion of short-term financing at a later rate," the order states.

Rehearing dates were not scheduled as of print deadline. All documents are available online under case number 2017-00179 at [psc.ky.gov](http://psc.ky.gov).

## Community calendar

- March 3; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. Vincent Mission, David, to host free knitting and crocheting class. (606) 886-2513
- March 3; 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
- March 3; 4 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center

- hosts Star City Circus Jam, an album release party for Revival by Kristopher Bentley of Sundry Best, featuring special guests Boulevard, Brother Smith, If Birds Could Fly, Short and Company. 888-MAC-ARTS
- March 4; 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
- March 5; 6:30 p.m.: Grow Appalachia Gardening Series, session 2, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- March 6: AARP to provide tax aid to help people fill out tax returns, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 6; 5 p.m.: Game night, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 6, 6 p.m.: Al-

- len City Commission to meet at Allen City Hall. (606) 874-2953
- March 6, 13, 20; 5:30 p.m.: Sign Language Class, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860
- March 7, 9, 6:30 p.m.: Tai Chi Class, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 7; 2 p.m.: Afternoon story time, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

- March 8; 10:30 a.m.: Morning story time, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 8; 6 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College Board of Directors to meet, Gearheart Conference room.
- March 8, 12 p.m.: Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets at Prestonsburg First Presbyterian Church

- March 9; 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Appalachian Regional Commission to host a free regional workshop for those interested in submitting a POWER grant application at Hazard Community & Technical College. Register under the POWER initiative link at [arc.gov](http://arc.gov).
- March 9-10, 7 p.m.: Big Sandy Idol, Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS

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# Martin's audit shows no worries for city, waster/sewer department in need of changes

## Auditor recommends council hire water operator or consider rate increase

By JOSH LITTLE  
STAFF WRITER

The Martin City Council was presented with the city's audit at its regularly-scheduled meeting Tuesday. The audit shows that the city is sound, but that the city's water/sewer department could use some adjustments, including the possible institution of a rate increase.

Certified Public Accountant Richard F. Paulmann attended Tuesdays meeting to present the report from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, to the council. The report showed that governmental expenses for the city

totaled \$342,000, an increase of \$21,000 from the previous year. The Martin Police Department spent \$276,000, an increase of \$129,000. The Martin Volunteer Fire Department spent \$32,000, which was \$29,000 less than was spent in the previous year.

The report also showed that the city received a \$35,000 grant for a new police interceptor vehicle.

In terms of the police department and general budget expenses, Paulmann told the council they may wanted to tighten those expenditures.

"You may want to

tighten your controls and watch what you're spending, somewhat, to try to keep control of cash flow," he said. "Even though, the city really doesn't have problems, it's all mainly with the water and sewer."

The business revenue recorded for the city totaled \$436,000. Business expenses for the city totaled \$719,000, for a loss of \$282,000 to the city for the year.

The total number of general revenue for the city was \$703,000.

"The city made a profit of \$119,000," said Paulmann. "The water and sewer was a loss of

\$282,000, for a net loss of \$163,000."

Paulmann told the council that the city had \$352,000 that can be appropriated to the next fiscal year — \$983,000 from the city minus a \$660,000 loss from water and sewer which the city will carry over.

User fees for water and sewer totaled \$240,000, down \$18,000 from the previous year. Septic and wastewater totaled \$187,000. Total operating expense was down \$13,000. Salaries, taxes and benefits totaled \$177,000. Water purchases totaled \$109,000, a \$33,000

increase from the previous year. Utilities was down by \$8,000 from the previous year, totaling \$30,000. Supplies totaled nearly \$67,000.

Paulmann said contracted service totaled \$67,930, a \$52,000 increase from the previous year, with repairs totaling \$33,000, a \$9,000 increase over the previous year.

"Total operating expenses were \$699,000. That's a \$116,000 increase over the previous year," said Paulmann. "Operating loss was \$127,000 worse than the previous year; \$282,000 less than the year on the

water and sewer operations."

Paulmann recommended the council hire an operator for the water plant, or consider a rate increase.

The audit also showed that the city had \$78,000 short-term debt and \$464,000 long-term debt.

Paulmann said within the next few years, the city will be recognizing the new city hall and fire department as income in its budget, which will reflect more than \$2 million in income to the budget.

Paulmann said the audit was overall sound and non-alarming.

# Calendar approved for next school year

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES  
STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Board of Education approved its 2018-2019 calendar this week.

The first day for students will be Aug. 8 and the school year will continue through May 13 for students.

The calendar includes 177 days of instructional time and it banks seven days the district can use if school is called off for inclement weather or other issues.

The calendar provides a spring break in April 2019, requires testing during the last two weeks of school and in-

cludes several holidays.

It notes that early childhood students will begin school on Aug. 13 and be in session on certain Fridays that school year.

There was no discussion about any changes that will be required to the current school year calendar. The district

banked seven days and has missed 14 days due to weather-related issues.

May 17 was originally approved as the last day for students this year, and the 14 missed days will drag the school year into June unless the board decides to take other actions, like increasing the

instructional day or canceling spring break, which is currently scheduled for April 5-6.

The previously-approved calendar for this school year would allow the district to continue classes through June 29, if additional time is needed.

### PLANS

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Other proposals call for Wheelwright to buy water from Knott County, either directly or on a third-party basis through Southern Water & Sewer.

But Thompson believes those options are too expensive for Wheelwright residents, who he said cannot afford to pay higher water bills. He reported that Wheelwright water customers pay around \$16.40 per 2,000 gallons for water, and that cost would increase to \$24.60 if the city bought water from Southern Water and to \$18.25 if the city bought water directly from Knott County.

"I think it's very important that we keep an independent water system, the way it is," he said.

Thompson told those in attendance at a Feb. 21 Wheelwright City Commission meeting that this plan will cost around \$2 million, and it includes the refurbishing the city's existing water plant. Since 2016, the city has been planning to build a new water plant, and the funds for that project have been committed. City officials believe all of those funds can be reallocated for this new project.

"Hopefully the most practical, the cheapest, the thing that will

keep Wheelwright's water rates low is we have found that there is a reservoir of water ... There is another reservoir of water that is about 4.5 to five times as big, probably, in area, but about eight to 10 times bigger in water volume because it's deeper than our current reservoir," Thompson said.

He explained that this underground mine is being fed from old mines that stretch into Knott County and from Wheelwright toward Price, where an abandoned coal tippie is located.

"And that water, as far as we can get to and as far as we can see, has topped out at the roof of the mines. So, what was it (astronomer) Carl Sagan used to say about the universe, 'billions and billions of planets?' Well, there's billions and billions of gallons of water there," Thompson said.

He explained that the pump once used by the city in this mine is still there, as are the lines that stretch from the mine into Wheelwright.

Thompson said with this plan, the city utilities will spend about \$125,000 to refurbish existing lines and the pump, and it would use the rest of the funding it has to refurbish its existing water plant.

The utilities commission must first get that water tested to ensure it's suitable for consump-

tion and obtain permits from the Division of Water to use that mine as a drinking water source.

"It's good quality water, the same water that comes out behind the church over at Jack's Creek is this water, and people drive from Knott County, McDowell and everywhere else to go over there and fill up water jugs ... It's the same water that comes into Wheelwright," Thompson said.

Residents at the meeting voiced opposition to using water from elsewhere.

"What would be the good in switching over to a company, when the water quality is not as good as the water we have here in Wheelwright and have to pay more for it? That don't make too much sense," Wheelwright resident Gary Taylor said.

"That is a good question. I like that, Gary. I love that," Mayor Don Hall said. "We've probably got the best water in Eastern Kentucky, as far as quality. I mean, it's like I told that guy down at that meeting. I told him, I said, 'It's like you take a glass and you dip it in the Big Sandy River or you go in that mines and dip you out a glass.' He said, 'I'd rather go in that mines.' I said, 'Well, we would, too. That's what we're here for. We want to keep our system.'"

Hall said he wouldn't

care to drink the city's water before it's treated, describing it as a type of spring water.

Southern helped Wheelwright find a temporary solution to its water outage this winter, but had to cut off the city's service when freezing temperatures interrupted service for Southern's customers in that area. At the meeting, residents complained about that problem.

"How are they going to take care of us if they can't take care of themselves?" one of them asked.

Magistrate Mike Tackett, who works as the Wheelwright Utilities gas operator, chimed in, "Southern can't supply your water."

Thompson, Hall, Wheelwright Utilities supervisor Wes Little, Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale, Southern Water and others met with Kentucky Division of Water officials in Frankfort on Feb. 19 to discuss Wheelwright's water system.

Officials would not discuss specific topics discussed at the meeting, but Thompson said state officials were incorrectly told that Wheelwright was without water for three weeks and alleged that local politics were involved.

Hale denied that accusation, saying that he supports whatever plan Wheelwright officials de-

side to take with its water system. He said he traveled to Frankfort to ensure officials know that if the city decides to purchase water from Knott County through Southern Water, a larger tank is needed for Southern on Jack's Creek.

John A. Mura, director of communication for the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, said the meeting was part of an "ongoing dialogue" about Wheelwright's water system.

"The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need to ensure that the community receives safe, reliable drinking water," he wrote in an email.

The Wheelwright Utilities Commission was cited for a violation by the Division of Water on Jan. 25, but details about that violation were not available as of press-time. Thompson did not discuss it at the Wheelwright City Commission meeting.

### SUDOKU & CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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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

Donald C. Jones vs. La-Mikka M. Jones.

Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC. vs. Henry B. Napier, et al.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Mark V. Hicks, et al.

Stephanie Renee Tackett vs. Marty Keith Little.

KY Foster Care vs. Steven Johnson.

KY Foster Care vs. Amy Johnson.

Midland Funding, LLC. vs. Georgia Hall.

Donald Wells vs. Dreama Sue Wells.

Kimberly Spears vs. Charles Hall.

KY Foster Care vs. Dallas Marsillett.

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg vs. Donna Dye.

Ruth Poe vs. Christopher Poe.

Teresa Prater vs. Barbara Walz.

Teresa Prater vs. Allstate Property & Casualty Insurance.

Vada Collins vs. Joann Reed.

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. vs. Irene Moore, et al.

### Felony charges filed

Brittany Elliot, 28, of Witten Ln., Wittensville, flagrant nonsupport.

Crystal Hill, 36, of Ky. Rt. 7, Deane, flagrant nonsupport.

Jacob Akers, 22, of Fra-sures Creek Rd., McDowell, driving under the influence, driving on suspended license, first-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of controlled substance.

Keith Webb, 43, of River Street, Dwale, driving under the influence, license to be in possession, first-degree possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aaron J. Patton, 29, of Rt. 7, Estill, improper display of registration plates, no registration receipt, no registration plates, not wearing seatbelts, driving on suspended license, no tail lamps, no insurance, first-degree fleeing or evading police, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree trafficking meth, possession of marijuana, resisting arrest, second-degree possession of controlled substance.

Olivia Johnson, 34, of Moore Branch, Inez, flagrant nonsupport, possession of drug paraphernalia.

### Misdemeanor charges filed

Jacob Carpenter, 40, of Ky. Rt. 1428, theft - receipt of stolen credit/debit card, fraudulent use of credit card under \$500.

Kenneth Hayden, 30, of 114 Owens Trailer Court, Prestonsburg, second-degree fleeing or evading police.

Lonna Music, 25, of Fords Gap Rd., Auxier, sec-

ond-degree fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Justin Young, 31, of Island Creek, Pikeville, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Christopher Thomas Williams, 31, of Lexington, second-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Thomas Edward Skeens, 48, of Jane Brown Branch, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking under \$500, driving under the influence, failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, no insurance card, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to notify address change to department of transportation, failure to register transfer of vehicle, license to be in possession, driving on suspended license.

Kevin Moore, 28, of Ky. Rt. 122, Hi Hat, violation of EPO.

Julie Hall, 38, of Lexington, first-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Brian Manns, 39, of Ky. Rt. 1086, Wayland, harassment.

Stacy Akers, 32, of Halbert Lane, McDowell, receiving stolen property under \$500.

Selina Crager, 42, of Ky. Rt. 122, Melvin, theft by deception under \$500.

James Phillips, 43, of Island Creek Road, Pikeville, resisting arrest, fleeing or evading police.

Jerry Iricks of Blackburn Street, Betsy Layne, harassment, third-degree terroristic threatening.

*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.*

## SEARCH

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she said.

"I have," Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble joked, prompting laughter from the audience.

Board Chairman Sherry Robinson, a member of the search committee, said that question has not been mentioned by those members. She pointed out that the board previously approved all search committee meetings.

"So, if it's something that we want to invoke, we need to do that in a meeting, too, because that's a timeline for us, you know, how long we have to go through every folder, when to do the interviews, when to do the Skype interviews, when we have to have that information back to all of us," she said.

Gearheart asked whether the timeline has anything to do with contracts for applicants currently employed by school districts and Robinson explained that it does because if another superintendent was hired, he or she would need enough time to get

out of their contracts. She said applicants working as superintendents elsewhere must be hired by June 1.

"They have to be hired, by law, I believe Don said, Don Martin said, by June 1," Robinson said. "And depending on the situation of whose hired, whether Mr. Trimble has to stay (to train him or her).

Trimble joked about an early departure again.

"I'll stay as long as you need me to, but I'll leave as quick as you want me to," he said.

After the laughter subsided, Robinson told Gearheart that board approval would be needed to change the timeline.

"Like I said, I didn't think about until I left the other day, and I thought, well, we've got all of March and all of April and, what, half of May?" Gearheart said.

Robinson said the screening committee's next meeting is March 19, and candidates will be selected for interviews at that time.

"There just seems to be a lot of down time," Gearheart said. "And, then, we don't get them until April, when was it?"

Robinson said the screening committee will have four weeks to select candidates, review applicants and conduct interviews.

"It's a lot of work," she said. "And it's not something that I want done hastily, but that's a decision that's up to the board, if you want the timeline changed."

Meade said that the board could end its contract with the Kentucky School Boards Association, which is conducting the search and working with the screening committee.

"We can stop the proceedings now of the committee and we could get the applications and do it ourselves," she said.

Robinson backed away from that suggestion, stating, "Well, we as a board, voted to hire KSBA to do a job."

"But we can stop it at any time," Meade insisted.

Robinson said the board would have to vote to end the contract and it would keep all applications it gathered in the process.

"And what KSBA has already done, they would keep. They wouldn't give them to

us," she said. "We'd have to start all over again from scratch, on accepting applications, and it would have to be done by the law."

When Meade asked whether the KSBA would share the applications it received, Robinson said she would check to see.

"I believe at the meeting he said that we could ... but I don't know," Meade said. "But I just thought that we could speed it up, too, if we just got to do a meeting and started going through the applications and decide who we want."

Robinson said, "But, we agreed as a board to let the KSBA handle it, to make sure that it was done above board and the law was followed to the letter. You know, if you want to make a motion to not have KSBA do it, then you're more than welcome to make that motion."

Gearheart said she doesn't mind the KSBA conducting the search, but said she "just thought we could speed it up somewhat."

Robinson told her changes can be made in the timeline, but the decision has to be made by the board.

Board member William Jr. Newsome pointed out that the board of education won't begin its interviews until May 1, according to the timeline previously approved. Robinson asked if he wanted the timeline moved up, as suggested by Gearheart and Meade.

"No," he said. "I think we need to take our time on this because we want to make sure we get the right person because the future of Floyd County depends on that. So, I'm for leaving it as it is or moving it back some, because we definitely want to get the right person in here."

Robinson said the dates would remain as-is, unless someone makes a motion to change the timeline or remove KSBA from its contract with the district.

Gearheart pointed out that the timeline was set with the board expecting up "20-some applicants" and only 12 people applied for the job.

"It just seems like that we might speed it up some," she said, later pointing out, "I don't want it in any way to be

rushed."

Robinson said the superintendent's position is the "single most important job" the board has. She said she could ask the KSBA whether the timeline can be changed at the next screening committee meeting.

No action was taken.

Martin told board members on Feb. 21 that 12 people filed applications to be the district's new superintendent, and all but one of them reside in Kentucky. Three of the applicants are employed as superintendents elsewhere, five are employed as central office staff and two of them are principals in undisclosed school districts. He did not return a call seeking comment about whether the KSBA would allow the district to use applications it has received if the contract is ended.

The board hired Trimble as interim superintendent, effective July 1, 2017, and that contract expires on June 30 or until a superintendent is named. The board pays him \$379.59 per day, plus benefits.

## RECOGNIZES

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Duff-Allen Central Middle School, Stumbo Middle School and South Floyd Middle School to attend the Governor's Cup competition, which will be held by the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition in Louisville on March 17-19.

Madison Thornsberry and Justin Tussey from Duff-Allen Central and Jada Reynolds from Allen will compete in two areas

at the state competition.

They were recognized at the meeting alongside Ean Tackett of South Floyd, Brianna Johnson of Betsy Layne, Kaitlyn Hager of Adams, Duff-Allen Central students Grace Clark, Brody Buck and Elizabeth Goodman, as well as Floyd Central students Natalie Lester and Kade Scott — who all ranked at the top of the challengers in regional Governor's Cup competitions and qualify to compete at state.

Some of those students, who did not attend

the Feb. 26 meeting, will be individually recognized by board members at a future meeting.

Pam Caudill, the district's community education liaison told board members that the district has "done a few things a little differently this year in academics," explaining that it "really paid attention to every single penny" and, in doing so, was able to increase the amount of funding it provides for students to attend a summer academic camp.

"We've done some

things differently this year and we are able to advance our programs by 20 student opportunities to go to the Kentucky Academic Association camp this summer. It's in June at Bellarmine University, and we're totally excited for this opportunity for our kids," she said.

She said the top students in the state Governor's Cup in the past are frequently reported to be alumni of the academic camp.

"The students who are going to state, the

ones we recognized tonight...They will have 100 percent of their tuition paid," she said. "And people who placed in their content are at the district level, then we're going to be able to possibly pay for half of their camp tuition and then take them to the camp with that. We are also hoping that some of our coaches will be able to participate in this as well and step it up, because, as I tease Mr. (Steve) Trimble all of the time, in a year or two, we're taking Johnson County down."

Trimble, the interim superintendent, previously worked as superintendent in Johnson County, which has earned Governor's Cup honors for years.

Caudill also recognized Floyd County preschool classrooms at Allen, South Floyd, JM Stumbo, Prestonsburg, Duff-Allen Central and Betsy Layne for helping 90 to 100 percent of their students become kindergarten ready. The state average is only 51 percent of preschool classes.



# FAITH

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## Before you speak, think!

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. – Proverbs 16:24

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit. – Proverbs 18:21

The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit. – Proverbs 15:4

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. – Ephesians 4:25

The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered. – Proverbs 17:27

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. – Ephesians 4:29

My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the meditation of my heart will give you understanding. – Psalm 49:3

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to be-



come in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. – Ephesians 4:15

Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving. – Ephesians 5:4

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. – Proverbs 15:1

For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery

they deceive the minds of naive people. – Romans 16:18

Let someone else praise you, and not your own mouth; an outsider, and not your own lips. – Proverbs 27:2

A lying tongue hates those it hurts, and a flattering mouth works ruin. – Proverbs 26:28

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. – Proverbs 12:18

The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak what is just. – Psalm 37:30

Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. – Colossians 4:6

... For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. – Matthew 12:34

The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. – Isaiah 50:4a

## Possessed by God

We tend to think of possession in a negative light, for example, saying that someone is possessed by a demon or thinking that someone is possessed by a spirit of greed or envy. But possession can be a positive thing. We can be possessed by God or by a divine spirit, such as love or compassion, to such an extent that these become something constant in our lives. Possession is more than just obsession. When one offers up all of one's daily thoughts and activities to God, one is on the way to being possessed by God. When one stays in constant communication with God, praying becomes second nature, and the Biblical advice to "pray without ceasing" becomes a description of our inner life rather than a prescription for how we ought to live. Being possessed by God won't necessarily change the outward appearance of our lives; we will still have to get up every morning and go to work, but we will do it with a sense that all of these mundane activities are being offered to God, and are being done as a devotion to God. Every breath and every step we take becomes a prayer and an act of devotion, and we are then on the way to living in the constant presence of God.



– Christopher Simon

"No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God." –1 John 3:9 NIV

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Pastor Tim Searcy  
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## I witnessed adults acting like children



By JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I walked into an ongoing conversation. At first the people seemed to be joking around. There was an ironic situation that occurred and it was comical. I, too, laughed with the crowd. But quickly the conversation morphed into something else. It wasn't comical anymore. It was like a bunch of grade schoolers or high schoolers. Kids start out, acting as though they're being friendly. They're including you in the joke. But then it turns and you become the joke. You become the center of the conversation and not in a good way.

I stood, listening to the conversation change from joking into being downright rude and demeaning. Perhaps they didn't see it that way. Perhaps they thought they were being honest. But from my outsider point of view, it was like bullies huddling together and picking on their prey. I glanced over at a friend of mine. Neither of us liked the way this situation was going.

They used the person's naivety against them. The "bullies" told a lie and the naive "prey" bought it.

They continued their laughing. I was growing angry. Finally, I spoke up. I pointed out their "joke" of a lie. Their laughter turned to me. The group had the person going and I had spoiled the fun. The laughter continued. Only I wasn't laughing. I was appalled by their actions. I was mad at the "fun" they were having. I was saddened by their lack of courtesy and their complete rudeness. The person played it off. Perhaps they weren't as offended as I was. Or perhaps it was simply a defense mechanism. I'm not sure which, or if it was either. But I couldn't believe I had just witnessed adults acting like children – horrible, inconsiderate, rude children.

Two days later in a completely different situation with completely different people, I became the person being laughed at. Something was said and I was offended. Actually, I was initially in disbelief of what was said. I was horrified it was spoken out loud. Quickly, I went through emotions - embarrassment, sadness and anger. But I had no one on my side to back me. And when I spoke up for myself, it was as though I was being a goody two-shoes. Of course, my perspective was different. I felt I had been completely demeaned. In a private setting, I told the person who made the statement that it was disrespectful. "Are we back to that again?" they asked. They wanted to

brush it off, act as though it wasn't that big of a deal. It was then my anger turned to hurt. And unlike the other person who was ready to shove it aside, I couldn't. I was cut to the core at the complete insensitivity of it all.

Sometimes I seem to have a hard shell. I seem to be completely unapproachable. I may be standoffish. But underneath all that seemingly hardness and coldness, I'm completely sensitive underneath. Sometimes, when pressed, I simply lose it. And in that moment, when they failed to even try to understand my perspective, I lost it. That was it. I closed myself off. Sometimes being hurt will do that to you. They saw their words hurt me and they apologized.

In the moment I write this, it's only been minutes since that hurt. I know hurting me wasn't intentional, but that doesn't automatically make the pain less. Yet, I know the hurt will fade.

After all, we've all said things we shouldn't have. We've stuck our foot in our mouth. A few months ago, I recall something in partic-

ular I said. As soon as it left my mouth, I regretted it. I was trying to be funny. And although there was perhaps a brief chuckle, it really wasn't funny. And in fact, what I said was disrespectful. They confronted me on it later and I agreed that I shouldn't have said it. I apologized. I don't know whether or not they thought I was sincere, but I should have kept my mouth shut. And hopefully I learned from my mistake. I only hope that in this position, this person does the same.

Sometimes our words might not mean any harm, but they do in fact harm someone. James warns us about keeping our mouth shut (James 3:3-6). For the tongue to be such a small part of us, it can cause so many problems. I've seen those issues. I've felt the pain and I know you have too. Let us stop and think. Let us consider the other person's perspective. I know it can be difficult. But, let's not offend someone else with our tongue. And when we do speak too harshly, let's remember to apologize and ask for forgiveness.

**The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.**

– James 3:6

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**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Look inward and consider what will make you feel good about who you are and what you've accomplished. A small change can make a big difference. Romance is highlighted.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Don't allow anyone to limit what you can do or take credit for your actions. Make your feelings clear, and your actions and intentions known.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Learn from someone with more experience. Being receptive to new ideas and technology will help you advance. Don't balk at progress. General participation will keep you informed.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Stay focused on self-improvement, not on trying to change others. If you work on your personal goals, you will make progress and accomplish what you set out to do.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - Stifling your emotions will not help you get your way. Express your feelings openly. An opportunity to expand your interests and friendships should be taken. A partnership looks inviting.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Not everyone will be on your side. Don't share information with someone likely to take credit for your input. A competitive approach will discourage others from taking advantage of you.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Help someone who depends on you. Elders, youngsters or a family pet will appreciate your concern and ability to take care of matters quickly. An

**DAILY  
ASTROGRAPH**  
by Eugenia Last



unexpected reward is heading your way.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Emotions will be difficult to control when dealing with domestic issues, parents, partners or residential changes. Discipline will be required if you want to bring about positive change.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you. Helping out is one thing, but doing all the work is another. Lay down ground rules and set boundaries when dealing with pushy people.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Take a passionate approach to love, life and family matters. Offer love, understanding and help, not criticism and anger. You'll get more accomplished if you are mindful.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Personal changes should be inserted into your agenda. Whether you are seeking inner or spiritual growth or an updated image, what you achieve will be gratifying. Romance is highlighted.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Pore over the fine print when dealing with money, medical or legal matters to ensure that you don't overlook something important. Luxuriating and relaxing with a loved one is encouraged.

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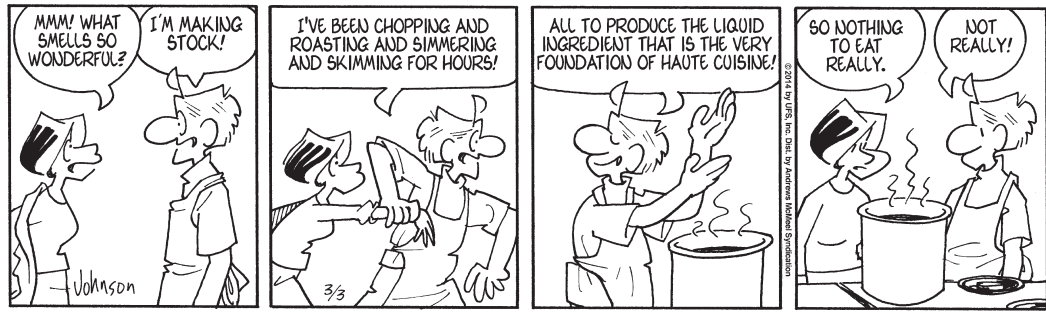
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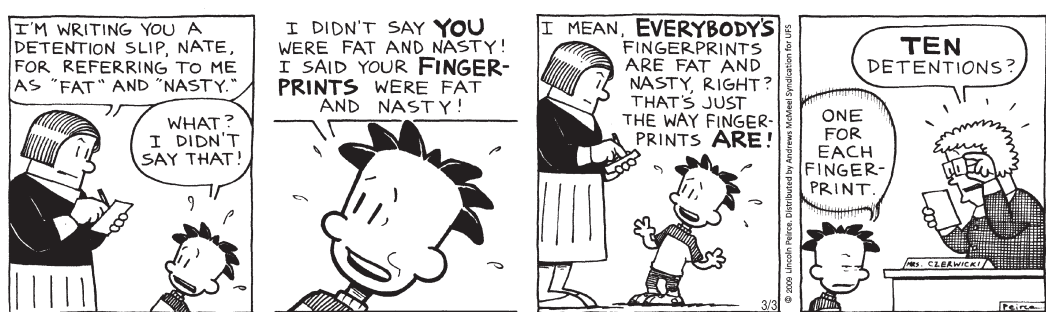
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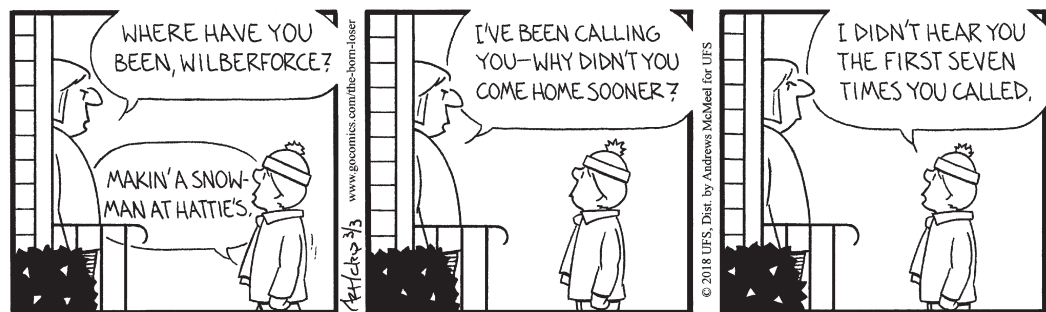
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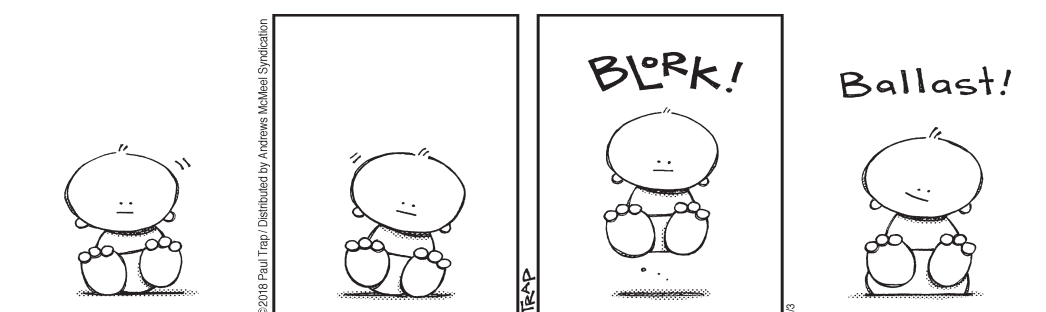
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## Strong third quarter lifts Lady Jaguars over Sheldon Clark

By **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

Upstart Floyd Central used an 18-8 scoring advantage in the third quarter to defeat 57th District runner-up Sheldon Clark 49-46 in the first round of the 15th Region Girls' High School Basketball Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Tuesday night.

Floyd Central, the champion out of the 58th District, trailed at the end of each of the first two quarters before moving ahead after intermission.

With the win, Floyd Central advances to the semifinals of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament.

Sheldon Clark ended its season with a 15-14 record with the loss.

Floyd Central and Sheldon Clark were never any further apart than nine points. The Lady Jaguars owned a nine-point lead at the 6:03 mark of the fourth quarter.

"We showed our age in the first half and put ourselves in a hard situation," Floyd Central coach Justin Triplett commented following his team's hard-fought win over Sheldon Clark. "But I thought our team showed great heart to fight back in the third quarter and take the lead."

Sheldon Clark edged Floyd Central 10-9 in the opening quarter. Then, following an 11-6 run in the second quarter, the Lady Cardinals packed a 21-15 lead into halftime.

But Floyd Central heated up offensively after the break. The Lady Jaguars, thanks

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## Golden Eagles hold off Blackcats, 76-65

By **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

After owning a 28-point lead at the 6:06 mark of the third quarter, 57th District champion Johnson Central settled for a 76-65 win over upset-minded Prestonsburg in the first round of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center on Wednesday night.

With the win, Johnson Central advances to the 15th Region semifinals.

Prestonsburg, the runner-up out of the 58th District, ended its season with a 14-19 record with the loss.

A balanced Johnson Central attack featured five scorers in double figures. Gabe Ferrell led Johnson Central with a team-high 12 points while Jacob Rice contributed 11 points.

Joining Ferrell and Rice in double figures for the Golden Eagles were Isaiah May, Dalton Collins and Bryson Hackney, who provided a spark off the bench, by adding 10 points apiece.

Narrowly missing double figures for Johnson Central, Cory VanHoose chipped in nine points.

Johnson Central shot 52.9 percent (27 of 51) from the field. The Golden Eagles were five of 16 (31.3 percent) from three-point range.

Johnson Central shot 73.9 percent (17 of 23) from the free-throw line.

Prestonsburg scored first, but never led again after an early 2-0 lead. The Blackcats were eventually doubled up in the first half.

Johnson Central led 22-12

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Prestonsburg's Adam Slone drives through traffic for a shot Wednesday night against Johnson Central in the opening round of the Boys' 15th Region Tournament. The Blackcats attempted to comeback in the second half, but fell short to the Golden Eagles, 76-65.

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to the 18-8 run in the third quarter, led 33-29 heading into the final period.

Floyd Central shot 32.7 percent from the field. The Lady Jaguars missed all eight of their shots from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 63 percent (17 of 27) from the free-throw line.

Inside, Floyd Central outrebounded Sheldon Clark 44-39.

The Lady Jaguars overcame 16 turnovers to claim the win.

Katie Moore led Floyd Central with a game-high 17 points. In addition to her game-high scoring total, Moore pulled down six rebounds.

Abby Maggard added 13 points and six rebounds for the Lady Jaguars in the thrilling

victory. Floyd Central featured three scorers in double figures as Kaylee Moore posted 10 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Kimberly Akers and Grace Martin rounded out the Floyd Central individual scoring, chipping in seven points and two points, respectively.

Sheldon Clark shot 34.7 percent (17 of 49) from the field. The Lady Cardinals were three of 12 (25 percent) from three-point range.

Sheldon Clark, a team under the direction of Floyd County native Tim Rice, shot 52.9 percent (nine of 17) from the free-throw line.

McKenzie Preston paced Sheldon Clark with a team-best 14 points. Accompanying Preston in double figures and recording a double-double, Madison Thompson added 10 points and a game-high 16 rebounds

for the Lady Cardinals. Thompson, one of the most underrated girls' basketball players in the 15th Region, grabbed 14 defensive rebounds.

Kristen Isaac scored eight points while Paige Maynard chipped in seven points for the Lady Cardinals in the setback.

Ann Oettinger and Fallyne Wefenstette completed the Sheldon Clark individual scoring, posting four points and three points, respectively.

Sheldon Clark committed 20 turnovers in the season-ending loss.

Along with the Lady Jaguars, Shelby Valley, Johnson Central and Pikeville prevailed in the opening round of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament. Floyd Central advanced to meet Pikeville in the semifinals of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at 8:15 p.m. on Friday night.

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at the end of the first quarter. Remaining in control throughout the second quarter, Johnson Central outscored Prestonsburg 22-10 to lead 44-22 at halftime.

The Golden Eagles' lead swelled to 28 points less than two minutes into the second half. Prestonsburg, however, battled back, hanging around late.

Johnson Central boasted a 59-36 lead at the conclusion of the third quarter. But Prestonsburg performed its best late in the postseason matchup, outscoring the Golden Eagles 29-17 in the final quarter before suffering the 11-point loss.

Aiding the Johnson Central offensive effort, Grant Davis chipped in seven points, Braxton Bentley netted five points and Dawson Burton posted two points.

Players throughout the Johnson Central roster helped to lift the Golden Eagles. The Johnson Central bench outscored Prestonsburg's reserves 24-7.

Prestonsburg shot 43.6 percent (24 of 55) from the field. The Blackcats were nine of 25 (36 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 57.1 percent (eight of 14) from the free-throw line.

The Blackcats managed to edge the Golden Eagles 33-32 in the rebounding column. Johnson Central was limited to nine offensive rebounds.

Phil Cornett led Prestonsburg with a game-high 23 points. Cornett was nine of 17 from the field, finishing four of 12 beyond the arc.

Graham Burchett added 14 points and Drake Nunnery contributed 13 points as three Prestonsburg players reached double figures in the scoring column.

Adam Slone (seven points), Gunnar Williams (four points), Dalton Trusty (three points) and Grant Justice (one point) provided additional scoring for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg committed 20 turnovers in the season-ending setback.

Veteran Johnson Central head coach Tommy McKenzie is looking to guide his team to another region title after finishing runner-up each of the last two seasons. Johnson Central will face Belfry in the 15th Region semifinals.

"Belfry has a great scorer in the (Isiah) Roblee kid and is big and physical, we had a chance to see them earlier in the season," said McKenzie. "It'll be a battle for us."

Johnson Central will meet Belfry in the semifinals of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5.



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Floyd Central's Katie Moore drives toward the basket Tuesday night against Sheldon Clark. The Lady Jaguars were able to edge out the Lady Cardinals 49-46 to advance to the semi-finals of the Girls' 15th Region Tournament to face Pikeville.



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Floyd Central's Kaylee Moore attempts a shot Tuesday night against Sheldon Clark.



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Prestonsburg's Phil Cornett launches a three Wednesday night against Johnson Central.



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Prestonsburg's Gunnar Williams attempts a block Wednesday night against Johnson Central.



Prestonsburg's Graham Burchett pulls up for a fade-away jumper Wednesday night against Johnson Central.

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