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Halbert: 'The patching days are over with'

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

they don't have to continue working like that for long.

Floyd County Detention Center employees are working in deplorable conditions, but county officials hope

Jail officials say the facility's roof has been leaking for more than a

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Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo
This section of the Minnie-Harold connector is incomplete at this time. Last year, residents who live in the area said completing this section of the road will help alleviate dust problems on Little Mud.

Major road projects wiped off funding list in Floyd

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

make the list.

The Kentucky House approved the state's two-year road spending plan last week, and two of Floyd County's biggest road projects did not

Work on the Mountain Parkway in Floyd County and the Minnie to Harold Connector was included in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Detention Center employees have been battling a leaky roof on the facility for years, a problem Judge-Executive Ben Hale blamed on the lack of maintenance in prior administrations. Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert said the problem is now "uncontrollable." Officials are planning a jail roof replacement this year.

Floyd man sentenced to 10 years in child porn case

By CHASE ELLIS
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

A former Floyd County pastor who pleaded guilty to a federal child porn charge was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

David Glenn Boyd, 53, who previously served as pastor of the Wheelwright Baptist Center and worked in faith-based social work, was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to one count of distributing visual depictions involving the use of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

During the sentencing hearing Friday, Boyd's defense attor-

ney Ned Pillersdorf objected to a penalty enhancement in which Boyd was alleged to have "submitted links (to child pornography) in exchange for valuable information." During the argument, Pillersdorf said Boyd had initial interest in "adult porn," but it "admittedly" changed to child porn. But for the enhancement, according to Pillersdorf, people who are looking into child porn, "have to trade links to receive links," thus all child porn cases would be eligible for that enhancement.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Marye said that Boyd realized there was more than "adult porn ..." but

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Pikeville officer killed in line of duty

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS
STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — "A community that is safer for his service," were the words spoken about the commitment Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton made to both the city of Pikeville and to Pike County.

In a press conference held early

Wednesday morning at the department, Pikeville Mayor Jimmy Carter confirmed that Officer Scotty Hamilton, a 12-year veteran of the department, was shot and killed in the line of duty late Tuesday night.

City officials said Hamilton was assisting Kentucky State Police in the investigation of a crime in the

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Appalachian Newspapers photo by Cody Davis
Members of the Pikeville Fire Department salute as the ambulance which carried the body of Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton makes its final turn into J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home. Hamilton, a 12-year veteran of the PPD, was killed Tuesday night during an investigation in the Hurricane Creek area of Pike County.

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Wayland City Council clears the path for Knott County Coal Company

By ELAINE BELCHER
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Members of the Wayland City Council voted Tuesday to submit letters to Jeff Baird at the Kentucky Department of Mines and Permits confirming that the lease with Landfall Mining has been terminated and they no longer have permission to mine within the Wayland city limits.

According to Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz, the action will force Landfall Mining to either begin the reclamation process or sell their permit. Landfall Coal has leased the property from the city on an annual basis for at least the last 10 years, according to Fultz, and sub-contracted surface mining to other companies that paid the city royalties on what was mined. However, with the downturn of the coal economy, Fultz said, Land-

fall and its sub-contractors have not been working the site for the past year or so and therefore the city has opted to not renew the lease.

The council signed a lease with Knott County Coal, LLC during February's meeting for the mineral rights for the next three years and delivered an advanced royalties check for \$3,000. According to Fultz, the council negotiated with Knott County Coal to pay a minimum of \$1,000 per month in royalties for the life of the lease.

Knott County Coal Representative Rex Frohnopf reported to the council that he has attempted to reach out to Landfall Mining with the offer to buy the permit from Landfall. However, as of presstime, no reply has been received.

Frohnopf contacted the Department of Mining and Permits to determine

the correct procedures on how to proceed and he said Baird advised the city to issue the letter to him confirming Landfall Coal's mining lease termination from Wayland City Council.

According to Wayland City Attorney Tyler Green, Landfall has up to 30 days to respond by selling the claim or beginning the reclamation process and that the letter from the council would simply expedite the process of transferring the mining permit to Knott County Coal.

"It would cost the company less to sell the permit than it would to go through the reclamation process," said Green. "Landfall has the option of either selling the lease or giving the permit to Knott County Coal. If they give over the permit, then we will work on renegotiating the Knott lease with the city down the line."

Parent claims 'hit list' found at school

AES placed on lockdown following parking lot altercation

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

ALLEN — Law enforcement officials responded to two incidents at Allen Elementary School this week, one of which prompted a school-wide lockdown on March 15.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department was called to investigate what one stepparent alleged to be a "hit list" of student names at the school.

That parent, Stephanie Shepherd, said her 13-year-old stepdaughter texted her on March 15 to report that one of her friends was named on that "hit list," and she complained that the school did not inform parents about that incident.

"My main concern was if the (student) wanted to hurt somebody or

kill somebody, if (he/she) wanted to come to school and act upon it, (he/she) could have shot students other than those on the list," she said. "I would have much rather gotten a cautionary call about it rather than a panic-mode text from a 13-year-old."

She said the school sent a letter home two months ago after bullets were found in a student's book bag, but they determined "there was nothing to" that incident.

"That's been kept hush-hush, too," she said.

Floyd County Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble confirmed that a list of student names was found on Tuesday, saying he believes it included the names of five students who attend the school. He could not confirm who found the list or where it was found, but noted officials did not believe there were any threats to students.

"A student had a list of kids and I think there's four or five kids on there," he said. "I guess you could consider it a hit list type of thing."

Trimble said the school dealt with the situation by contacting the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and telling the parents of students whose names were on the list.

He said school officials completed their investigation and determined no threat existed for students.

"Absolutely not, at no time were there any threat to students," he said. "We did not feel like that at all."

Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt called it a "very low level" incident. He reported the child who reportedly made the list had a behavioral disorder and there was no criminal intent with the list.

"I don't know if you'd call it a hit list," he said. "The (student) acted out on paper. It just said a bad list and a good list. It had a bad list with names on it and a good list with names on it."

He said that list did mention the word "kill,"

but it was not written as a threat. He said one side read "good list," and the other side "was like 'bad kill' or 'bad list to kill' or something like that."

"To be honest, it's about what you would expect of a person of that mentality to write," he said, pointing out, "There was no threat to one kid or a group of kids."

Addressing Shepherd's concerns, Hunt that school officials dealt with the situation quickly.

Hunt said, "I think most people think the school didn't do anything about it, but they did very quickly," he said. "Due to the age or condition of the child, it was not broadcasted or whatever. But it was handled very quickly."

He and one of his deputies, Landon Hall, worked another investigation with the Kentucky State Police at the school on March 15 that came about because of a domestic dispute in the parking lot.

Hunt said at approximately 9 a.m., Allen Elementary was placed on lockdown because of that incident.

He said it was a verbal dispute between Donnie Adams, 36, of Auxier and his girlfriend. He reported that a school district employee was in the area where Adams and his girlfriend were arguing and Adams allegedly took the employee's cell phone by force to call 911.

"This guy ends up taking away the cell phone of the school employee by force. He calls 911 from there," Hunt said.

He explained that someone at the scene was threatening to call police because of the verbal altercation, and he alleged that Adams forcibly took the school district employee's phone and called 911 on himself.

"He calls 911 himself on himself and throws the phone down and leaves, walks away on foot," Hunt said.

Adams was arrested at 10:15 a.m. at his home in Auxier and charged with assault involving a school official in the third degree, a felony charge.

Hunt said the investigation is ongoing and more charges may be pending against Adams. Officials are conducting further investigation into the initial call of domestic violence, he said. Adams was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center.



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SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet crews will begin treating for noxious and nuisance weeds throughout the state this month. The treatments aid in controlling the spread of undesirable plants along state

highway rights of way.

The Cabinet, in accordance with KRS 176.051, targets Johnson grass, giant foxtail, Canada thistle, nodding thistle, common teasel, multiflora rose, amur honeysuckle, poison hemlock, marehail, Japanese knotweed and kudzu.

Left uncontrolled, noxious weeds can grow so large that they interfere with a driver's line of vision on highways. They can also damage pavement and embankments and clog ditches, causing drainage problems.

Noxious weeds often invade and destroy the roadside

turf grass, leaving these areas vulnerable to erosion. They can also smother native plants through rapid reproduction and long-term persistence.

Motorists are reminded to use extra caution when crews spraying for weeds are out on the roadways.

Property owners who are actively treating noxious weeds on private property may request the eradication of nuisance weeds found on adjacent state-owned right of way. A written application must be submitted to the property owner's local highway district office. To request an application locally, please call the Highway District 12 office in Pikeville at, (606) 433-7791.



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Hueysville man gets leniency in bus incident

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man who faced 30 counts of wanton endangerment from a 2017 incident in which he nearly crashed into a school bus found leniency in Floyd County Circuit Court last week.

After a recommendation from the Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith placed Matthew Prater, 25, of Hueysville, on pre-trial diversion.

Turner's office recommended a sentence of five years, with that sentence being placed on pre-trial diversion for five years, provided that Prater follows the conditions of his probation. During that time, he is required to undergo substance abuse treatment, to refrain from consuming alcohol and to not drive without a license or insurance. He was given 90 days to pay court costs associated with the case.

Prior to the hearing, Judge Smith told Prater

that his case was mentioned in the Kentucky legislature last week as "an example of how you're supposed to handle one of these cases."

"You can get in a whole lot of trouble real fast, and you've kept a very clean record all of your life," Smith told him.

"You know better than what happened, and based upon what I've seen, we don't have to worry about you coming back and doing this anymore, do we?"

"No," Prater said.

Prater, represented by Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf, faced a possible penalty of between one and five years for each of the 30 counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

He was arrested in February 2017 when Wayland Police Chief Brian Ratliff accused him of driving over a median and narrowly missing an oncoming school bus that was transportation 29 children and a bus driver—the reason for 30 counts of wanton endangerment.

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EDITORIAL:

Legislature made the mess with teacher pensions and benefits, now it's responsible for digging us out

What's happening in Kentucky right now with public pensions is not a surprise.

In fact, for several years now, the warning signs have been in place — Kentucky's public pension system, as it exists now, is not sustainable.

For years, the amount of unfunded liability in the state's pension systems have grown to — according to some estimates — more than 40 percent. In other words, the state has less than half of what it will need to fund the pension costs of the employees to whom its already made promises.

This is not new information.

For years, most legislative sessions have begun with talk on the part of legislators that, "We must deal with public pensions." However, most sessions have also ended with the

words, "We'll get to pensions next year."

The state of the crisis is growing, which means that the methods of dealing with it are also becoming more radical.

Across the commonwealth, and in our own backyard, teachers and others are expressing their displeasure. Their words seem to echo from across the state line in West Virginia, where teachers took part in a nine-day walkout.

The walkout just ended last week, when the West Virginia Senate finally agreed with the House, to a 5 percent wage increase for teachers and all state employees. The resolution to the nine-day walkout also included an agreement by the governor and legislature to freeze any proposed changes to the public worker healthcare system, PEIA (Public Education Insurance Agency),

until June 2019, as well as to appoint a task force to look into ways to get it fully funded.

Could the same thing happen here? Possibly. The tensions are high and the answers that have been offered are not acceptable to all parties involved.

There are a lot of questions remaining out there, but one question that is easily answered hinges on responsibility. There is no doubt that the Kentucky legislature is the party responsible for bringing the situation to an impasse and now bears the bulk of the responsibility for finding a solution.

If a government fund comes to a point where it's not sustainable, there are two solutions — cuts or a new source of revenue. Cuts, while often the best option when it comes to government agencies, are not necessarily the best

tactic for dealing with anything in the educational field.

Reducing or weakening teacher pay and/or benefits simply makes Kentucky a less competitive state in teacher recruitment. It would also take aim at a group of employees who are dealing with far less resources than they need to get by — as evidenced by the amount of personal money many teachers put in each year buying equipment and tools for students that the state will no longer fund.

For the retired teachers, the state made promises that it's now finding difficult to keep, but cutting anything going to them sends a message that, when it comes to government, a promise is not a promise.

Government is often really good at missing the full impact of the actions

it takes, especially when it involves employee cut-backs.

We don't have the answer, and we don't really know whether the legislation which has been proposed is the answer.

But here's what we do know: The Kentucky legislature made this mess, and is also required, not only legally, but ethically, to come to a solution which doesn't harm education or those who have dedicated their lives to education. At the same time, the legislature must avoid putting more burden on already stretched-thin taxpayers, who are often struggling to stay afloat themselves.

And there's no longer room to "kick the can" down the road. The time is now. The responsibility is apparent. Now, we need our leaders to rise to the occasion.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

'Floyd superintendent search tainted/damaged/smeared'

After reading the Floyd County Chronicle and Times' Weekend Edition, March 2-4, 2018, we realize the same old tactics are once again being used by your board of education members. If it were not for the Floyd County Chronicle

and Times, we would have never known about board members wanting to shorten the superintendent search prior to the May primary. Once again, boys and girls, your tax dollars have paid the Kentucky School Board Association to do a

nationwide search for the best and most-qualified applicants.

At the Feb. 26 board meeting at Betsy Layne, board members wanted to end the superintendent search. Board members want to end the search, end the con-

tract with KSBA, and pick a "straw superintendent." Why would board members, out of the blue, capriciously and arbitrarily throw your money away you paid the KSBA and all the hours of the hard work the superintendent search committee spent

on choosing the best and most-qualified superintendent?

Questions to ask yourself:

Do any of your board members have family members running for magistrate in the May primary?

Did any of these same board members vote to waste thousands of dollars your boys and girls could have used on ending condemnation proceedings to acquire the new Floyd Central High School site when they fired the Smith Law Firm and built a school on a silt pond and hollow fill?

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Brent Allen,
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"Bobcat" Jackson

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Operation Clean Sweep is this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Hundreds of volunteers are expected to participate in the annual Operation Clean Sweep at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park this weekend.

The event will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 17, at the park's convention center parking lot and last throughout the day. Volunteers who pre-registered will be given T-shirts and lunch will be provided at noon for all volunteers at the campground.

Volunteers will remove trash from the park's shorelines and park officials will help some volunteers pick up trash via boat on Dewey Lake. Volunteers of all ages are welcome. Garbage bags will be provided.

The park has partnered with community sponsors to host this event annual for several years. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to stop by the convention center parking lot on Saturday or call (606) 889-1790 for more information.

Shock probation denied for drug trafficker

**BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER**

Floyd County Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith denied a request for shock probation last week for a Stanville resident convicted of drug trafficking.

On March 8, Judge Smith made the ruling with the recommendation of Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, who asked him to adhere to a plea deal to which Stanville resident Ryan Hackworth agreed at the time of his conviction.

Telling Smith that Hackworth is employed, his attorney William Collins asked the court for his release so he could help his family.

"He has a two-year-old child that needs a father, as well as the wages he would

earn when he's out," Collins said. He said that Hackworth had "been on the straight and narrow before he went in on these charges."

Hackworth told Judge Smith that he could also help care for his 80-year-old grandmother if he is released. He mentioned that he passed all of his drug tests while on pre-trial release prior to his incarceration.

"I'd like to get back out there and be able to care for my family, help them out, and show you all that I'm going to do good and make everybody proud of me," he said.

He reported having spent a couple of months behind bars.

Turner said the first-degree trafficking charge

against Hackworth is a Class D felony, which carries a penalty of five years, and his office agreed to give him the minimum sentence of three years in exchange for his guilty plea.

He said part of Hackworth's plea deal was that he agreed to serve time so the mother of his child would not have to serve time.

Collins said Turner was accurate in his description of that agreement and noted that he has no complaints about it. He asked, however, if retaining Hackworth in jail would "serve the interest of the Commonwealth" when he could be out earning money to support his family.

"Well, this is a difficult decision, Mr. Hackworth," Judge Smith said. "You're

someone that I have enjoyed

dealing with, and I don't say that very often."

He overruled the motion, citing the severity and nature of the crime, as well as Turner's recommendation. He noted that Hackworth will qualify for parole soon.

He said he looked forward to Hackworth becoming a productive citizen.

Hackworth was arrested by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in September 2016, following an investigation that lasted several months. The department reported that the investigation came from drug trafficking complaints in the Mare Creek community of Stanville and deputies gathered sufficient evidence to present the case to the grand jury.

Candlelight vigil for youth violence next week

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Students from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center invite the public to a candlelight vigil in Prestonsburg next week to raise awareness about youth violence.

The center is hosting the candlelight vigil

at 6:30 p.m. on March 22, as part of the National Youth Violence Prevention Week and the center's student-led anti-violence initiative, Youth 2 Youth: Partners 4 Peace.

The candlelight vigil will take place in the stage area in downtown Prestonsburg with Mayor or Mayor Les Stapleton

serving as guest speaker. The vigil will take place at dark and will feature music, the center reported, and informational resources will be offered by several agencies. Candles will be provided to guests.

Carl D. Perkins students joined the national Job Corps-based Y2Y program in 2015, with

three basic aims: to talk about violence and aggression in their communities, to empower one another to prevent violence and aggression and to share their stories and talk about solutions to help prevent violence and aggression.

"We have to help in every way we can to stop violent acts," Y2Y

Student Ambassador Frank Rivera said.

Agencies interested in setting up an informational table at this event should call Jimmie Wilson at, (606) 433-2265, or email her at, wilson.jimmie@job-corps.org.

Community calendar

- March 14; 1 p.m.: Story Time, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860
- March 14; 2 p.m.: Story Time, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 14, 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meets, city hall. (606) 452-4202
- March 14-15, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host underground mine retraining. (606) 218-1228
- March 14; 3:30 p.m.: After School Craft Program, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 15; 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Anime Day Fanart Contest 2018, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 15; 10:30 a.m.: Storytime, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 15, 10 a.m.: The Big Sandy Elder Abuse Council meets, Big Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374.
- March 15; 6 p.m.: Floyd County Farmers Market meets Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668
- March 15; 6:30 p.m.: Free movie night, "Thor Ragnarok," Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 16; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.: Volunteers sought for Operation Clean Sweep, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, with registration at the convention center parking lot. Free T-shirts for all registered volunteers; lunch provided. (606) 889-1790
- March 17; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College to offer social media training, Mayo campus. \$100. Register by con-

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- tacting Danny Tonkin at (606) 230-0354
- March 17; 10 a.m.: Anime Day, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 17; 6 p.m.: Floyd County School District Superintendent Screening Committee meets, May Valley Elementary.
- March 19-March 30; 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville to host initial underground mine training. (606) 218-1228
- March 19; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District meets at the district office, 18 Mayo Br., Brandykeg. (606) 889-9800
- March 19; 5:30 p.m.: Floyd County Library hosts book club. (606) 886-2981
- March 19; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335
- March 20; 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.: AARP Tax help, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- March 20; 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts

- Center Board of Directors to meet. (606) 889-9125
- March 20; 4 p.m.: Teen/Tween Loom Making, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860
- March 20; 5:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Chapter of the AARP meets at Highland Terrace, Prestonsburg.
- March 20; 5:30 p.m.: Sign language class, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860
- March 20; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office
- March 20; 6:30 p.m.: Allen Elementary Performing Arts presents Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego? Free admission at the Mountain Arts Center.
- Every Wednesday, 1 p.m., through May 2: Story Time, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860
- First, third Thursday, 8 p.m.: Comedy Night, Dewey's Bar and Grill, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. (606) 889-1790
- Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.: Lane of Roses

- Women's Bible Study meets at City Perk, Prestonsburg. ayngleastevens.laneofroses@gmail.com or (606) 367-2970
- Every Monday; 3:30 p.m., through May 7: Mommy and Me Sewing Class, Prestonsburg Library. (606) 886-2981
- Every Tuesday, Through May 1; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Mayo campus, to host woodworking class. Registration accepted on any Tuesday. The class is for anyone interested in woodworking and building projects with wood. This course is specifically designed for working adults with beginner, intermediate, and advanced experience levels. (606)788-2832
- Big Sandy Community & Technical College hosts driver's education and refresher courses on an individualized basis. Basic River Motorcycle classes also available. Pre-register at (606) 218-1228

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Property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Property transfers
Jean Adams, Ronald Adams, Susan Kendrick to Elizabeth Woods, Shawn Woods; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 404)
Jerry M. Martin to Charles Shell Sr.; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 412)
Anthony Lee Newsome, Rebecca Sue Newsome, Patricia Ann Olds, Stuart K. Olds to Rosetta Leigh Newsome Gardner; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 415)

Regina Leigh Mitchell, Regina Leigh Stanley to Gregory Dean Stanley, Regina Leigh Stanley; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 422)
Kimberly Cantrell, Richard Cantrell to Brandy Joe Mullins, Charles A. Niles; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 427)
BAC Home Loans, Bank of America to Ashley E. Rothfuss; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 432)
Christi Reynolds Hafield to Mikka Lyn Hall; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 455)
Lavenna S. Hall to Mikka Lyn Hall; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 458, 461, 464, 468)
Karl Christopher Ensslin,

Tammy Meade Ensslin, Alesia Meade, Kimberly Dawn Meade to James Meade, property on Spurlock.
The Elk Horn Coal Company LLC to Grace Taylor, Tommy Taylor; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 471)
Riverbend Medical Plaza to River Bend Realty LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 475)
Citizens Bank of Kentucky to G&B Rentals Inc.; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 479)
Bryon Caudill, Delisa Caudill to Alvin Hall, Toby Spradlin Hall; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 483)
JP Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. to CR 2018 LLC; property location unlisted

(Deeds Book 635; pg. 486)
Roger D. Steele to Sarah Lee, Ann Taylor; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 493)
Dreauna Sue Wells to Donald Wells; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 501)
US Bank National Association as Trustee to Christina Morris; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 503)
Brian K. Nelson to Bill Conley, Tonya Conley; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 515, 518)
Kinzer Investment Realty LTD to Catherine Joann Johnson, Ricky Dale Johnson; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 521)
Secretary of Veterans Af-

fairs to Jennifer Horsley; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 526)
Hugh B. Sylvia, Karen J. Sylvia to Whitney P. Burton, Zachery T. Burton; property at Pin Hook Creek
Norsa Jarrell to David May, Lois May; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 533)
Bill R. Conley, Tonya Conley to Patsy S. Goble; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 538)
Shirley Davis to Darlene D. Honeycutt, Paul W. Honeycutt; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 542)
Gwen Miller to Gwen Miller; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 546)

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2016-2022 Highway Plan, which was released in 2016, but those two projects are not on the two-year funding plan approved by legislators last week.
The bill passed with a vote of 66-25 on March 7, with support from some local legislators, including John Blanton, R-Salyersville, Chris Fugate, R-Chavies, and Angie Hatton, D-Whitesburg.
Rep. Larry Brown, R-Prestonsburg, did not vote for or against the plan, but Rep. Chris Harris, D-Forest Hills, opposed it.
Harris said in a press release that tens of millions of dollars in projects that are "vital to opening up the roads in Eastern Kentucky" were completely removed from the plan.
"They're not moved

back, they're not bumped to a different time, not delayed, they're just taken out like they don't exist," said Harris. "This is not what the people in Pike and Martin counties expect from their leadership."
The 2016 six-year road plan included more than \$24 million in construction in Floyd County for the Mountain Parkway project from 2018 to 2020; and it included \$25.2 million for the Minnie-Harold connector, which was scheduled to be funded in 2016, but is not completed.
The Minnie-Harold Connector is set to receive more than \$13 million for completion in 2021 and nearly \$20 million in 2022 in the new six-year road plan, House Joint Resolution 75, which was also approved by the House on March 7. That resolution, however, does not mention construction of the Mountain Parkway

in Floyd County. Portions of the Mountain Parkway project are funded for other counties, however, in both the two-year road funding plan and the new six-year road plan, both of which still must find approval in the Senate.
Legislators report that the two-year road funding plan prioritizes funding for bridges in the state, as well as projects geared to spur economic development, like \$14 million proposed for infrastructure that would help EnerBlue, Inc., a company that plans to open in Pike County.
Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale said he's not worried about Floyd County's remaining section of Mountain Parkway project, because he expects it to be funded in later years. He is frustrated, however, that the Minnie-Harold connector project will not be funded soon.

Construction is complete on all but one section of the Minnie-Harold connector, which is planned to connect Ky. 680 with Harold. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet announced the beginning of construction on the next-to-last section of the road in 2015, but, with more than \$80 million already invested in this project, a two-mile section in the center of this road is still incomplete at this time.
"It's a shame," Hale said. "I don't know why we're getting ignored... It's a shame to have a road that has a beginning and an end, but no middle."
He said finishing the project would improve emergency service response times in that area and it could open that area to more economic development.
"It would really help our county," he said. "I just don't understand why

there's not more of an emphasis on getting that finished up. It makes no sense ... It's frustrating. It's frustrating that they do not get it in there now. That's kind of been put in limbo over the last two years. We really need to get that last section of 680 done and make it a good road."
He said hopes the Senate will make changes to the two-year funding plan.
As approved, the bill provides more than \$20 million for Floyd County road projects from 2018 to 2020: \$322,000 for one project in 2018, \$15 million for five projects in 2019 and \$4.97 million for five projects in 2020.
In this fiscal year, \$322,000 is designated for bridge repairs on Little Paint Creek, located near the Floyd/Johnson County line.
In the 2019 fiscal year, \$940,000 is designated to

improve safety on US 23 between KY 80 and KY 3384; \$525,000 is dedicated to repairs of the Justell bridge in the Ivel area, \$210,000 is designated for repairs of a bridge on Ky. 550; \$175,000 is dedicated to repair a bridge on Bryant Branch of Left Fork of Clear Creek; \$140,000 is designated for the Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The majority of the \$15 million designated in 2019 in Floyd County is \$13.47 million allotted to "address pavement condition of AC pavement."
In 2020, the funding includes repairs to the intersection on US 23 at the entrance to Betsy Layne High School, set for \$250,000; \$3 million for additional repairs on the Justell bridge and \$1 million for additional repairs on the Ky. 550 bridge.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>ANIME DAY</h1> <p>Floyd County Public Library Prestonsburg Starts at 10:00am</p>						3
	5 Wesley Christian (B), Bright Beginnings (B)	6 Creekside (B), Ivy Creek (B), Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB), Game Night 5:00 PM (P), Sign Language 5:30 PM (EB), Lego Club 5:30 PM (P)	7 Goble Roberts (B), Dixie Apartments (B), Story Time 1:00 PM (EB), Story Time 2:00 PM (P), Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P)	8 Adventure Learning Center (B), Betsy Layne Senior Citizens' Center Outreach, Story Time 10:30 AM (P), Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB), Game Time 4:00 PM (EB)	9 Wayland (B), Garrett (B), Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P)	10
	12 Wesley Christian (B), Bright Beginnings (B), Tack Quilting 10:00 AM (EB)	13 Warco (B), Grigsby (B), Block Party 1:00 PM (EB), Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB), Game Night 5:00 PM (P), Perler Bead Craft 5:30 PM (P), Sign Language 5:30 PM (EB)	14 Cliffside (B), Story Time 1:00 PM (EB), After School Teen/Family Craft 3:30 PM (P), Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P), Story Time 2:00 PM (P)	15 Adventure Learning Center (B), Martin Senior Citizens' Center Outreach, Story Time 10:30 AM (P), Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB), Free Movie Night 6:30 (P)	16 Adams Middle School (B), Highland Terrace (B), Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P)	 24 Family Movie Day 1:00 (P)
	19 Wesley Christian (B), Bright Beginnings (B), Tack Quilting 10:00 AM (EB)	20 Creekside (B), Ivy Creek (B), Wheelwright Senior Citizens' Center Outreach, Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB), Tween/Teen Craft 4:00 PM (EB), Game Night 5:00 PM (P), Sign Language 5:30 PM (EB)	21 Goble Roberts (B), Dixie Apartments (B), Story Time 1:00 PM (EB), Story Time 2:00 PM (P), Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P)	22 Adventure Learning Center (B), Mud Creek Senior Citizens' Center Outreach, Story Time 10:30 AM (P), Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB)	23 Wayland (B), Garrett (B), What's Cookin' 10:30 AM (EB), Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P)	31 The Trail of Peter Rabbit Treasure Hunt (Registered Guest Only) 10:30 AM
	26 Wesley Christian (B), Bright Beginnings (B), Tack Quilting 10:00 AM (EB)	27 Warco (B), Grigsby (B), Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB), Game Time 4:00 PM (EB), Game Night 5:00 PM (P), DIY Cardboard Cat Castle 5:00 PM (P)	28 Story Time 1:00 PM (EB), Story Time 2:00 PM (P), After School Family/Teen Craft 3:30 PM (P), Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P)	29 Adventure Learning Center (B), Let's Get Moving 4:00 PM (EB), Story Time 10:30 AM (P), Free Movie Night 6:30 (P)	30 Tai Chi (Registered Guests Only) 6:30 PM (P)	

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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:

Misdemeanor charges filed

Brianna L. Holbrook, 32, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, assault
 Ellis Lewis, 38, of Banner; assault, menacing
 Tyler Thacker, 25, of Ivel; assault, menacing
 Johnny Stewart, 50, of Grethel; assault, menacing
 Joshua McDonald, 29, of Martin; assault, menacing
 James Bailey, 47, of Banner; violation of emergency protection order
 James B. Bailey, 47, of Dana; unlawful transaction with a minor, careless driving, driving under the influence, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance
 Kelly Owens, 21, of Prestonsburg; theft by deception (cold checks) under \$500
 Brittany Hall, 37, of Beaver; criminal trespassing

Kathy Ann O'Connell, 50, of Drift; driving under the influence or revoked license, reckless driving, wanton endangerment, second degree
 Michael Hall, 24, of McDowell, receiving stolen property
 James R. Castle, 33, Grethel; driving under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container,
 Tammy Burchett, 57, of Stambaugh; public intoxication
 Adron Burchett, 29, of Ivel; public intoxication, disorderly conduct
 Tiffany Hall, 31, of Teaberry; failure to send child to school
 Adam D. Potter, 29, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication, disorderly conduct
 Freddy Adkins, 55, of Harold; assault
 Misty Charles, 31, of Racoon; violation of an emergency protection order
 Jonathon Mims, 39, of Allen; violation of an emergency protection order
 Ashley Hayden, 30, of Martin; failure to send child to school
 Christopher Meade, 23, of

Martin; improper registration plate, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Susan R. Gibson, 53, of Langley; theft by deception (cold checks) under \$500
 Kirstyn Dingus, 35, of Langley; failure to send child to school
 Krista Leigh Hall, 47, of Maytown; failure to send child to school
 Charles Keith Hall, of McDowell; terroristic threatening
 Kimberly Williams, 31, of Harold; failure to send child to school
 Michael Kevin Ousley, 40, of Prestonsburg; flagrant non-support
Felony charges filed
 April Dawn Hamilton, 26, of Banner; public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container, tampering with physical evidence
 Walker Ratliff, 35, of Martin; violation of an emergency protective order, driving under the influence, two counts of possession of a controlled substance
 Vanessa A. Hall, 38, of

Pikeville; possession of a controlled substance
Lawsuits filed
 Mary Craft vs. Arlinda Jarvis; petition for custody
 Clara M. Ellis, Bucky Ellis, Lenville Martin, Beverly Martin vs. Colin K. Dingus, Belinda L. Dingus; property rights dispute
 Robert Bedaro vs. Mirianne F. Bedaro, divorce
 Christopher Barnett vs. Wal-Mart Stores East LP, unknown defendants; personal injury complaint
 Commonwealth of Kentucky, Attorney General Andy Beshear vs. AmerisourceBergan Drug Corporation; personal injury complaint
 Kayla Cord vs. Randy Cord Jr.; petition for child support and health insurance
 Community Trust Bank vs. Curtis Barnard Lee; contract complaint
 Bert Melton vs. Power Torque Inc., O'Reilly Automotive Inc., doing business as O'Reilly Auto Parts of Prestonsburg; contract complaint
 Doff Justice vs. Sandy Valley Transportation Services; contract complaint
 OneMain Financial Group

LLC vs. Gregory K. Tackett; contract complaint
 Ashley Blevins vs. Cody R. Hall, Nationwide Property & Casualty Insurance; personal injury complaint
 Naoma Spradlin vs. Nathan Bentley; petition for child support and health insurance
 Lendmark Financial Services LLC vs. Joseph Campbell; contract complaint
 Christopher Betz vs. Julie Betz; divorce
 Ashley McKinney vs. Rite Aid Pharmacy of Martin; contract complaint
 Rita Hamilton vs. K-V-A-T Food Stores, doing business as Food City, Ramsey Park Plaza, LLC, unknown defendants; personal injury complaint
 US Bank National Association vs. Christopher Clyd Justice; foreclosure
 William C. Hammonds vs. Marlena J. Hammonds; divorce
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.

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Hurricane Creek area of Pike County when the incident occurred. The murder investigation is being conducted by KSP, Carter said. Carter asked that the community keep Hamilton's family in their prayers. Hamilton is survived by his wife and nine-month-old daughter.

According to a statement from KSP, Officer Hamilton and KSP Trooper Matt Martin were conducting a criminal patrol on Hurricane Creek when they encountered a suspicious vehicle in the area.

The officers spoke with the occupants of a vehicle and assessed the area around a nearby residence for possible subjects on foot, the statement said. While canvassing the area, Offi-

cer Hamilton and Trooper Martin were separated, according to the statement. Gunshots were fired a short time later in close proximity to the residence and Trooper Martin located Officer Hamilton, who had suffered a fatal gunshot wound. Officer Hamilton was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Pike County Coroner's Office. The perpetrator was not located at the scene, the statement said.

Troopers with KSP Post 9, KSP Special Response Team and PPD have been actively searching for possible suspects, the statement said. Det. Randy Combs, with KSP's Critical Incident Response Team, is leading this investigation, along with detectives with KSP Post 9. Additional details will follow when available.

Anyone with information on the incident

is asked to contact KSP at, (606) 433-7711, or the Pikeville Police Department at, (606) 437-5111.

Officers reported a Pike District Judge signed a search warrant for a property potentially connected to the investigation early Wednesday morning. That was before portions of the roads near the Hurricane Creek area being blocked off by investigating officers, which included the use of drones and at least one helicopter to attempt to locate an alleged suspect.

An arrest warrant was issued Wednesday in connection with the case against John Russell Hall, 55, for a charge of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun. The search for Hall continued in Pike and surrounding areas throughout Wednesday and Thursday. Hall was taken into custody after

11 a.m. Thursday morning by Kentucky State Police. KSP said that Hall was being sought for questioning relating to the murder of Officer Hamilton.

Hall was located in the Stoney Brook area of Pike/Floyd Hollow in the Betsy Layne area of Floyd County.

On Wednesday, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell spoke on Hamilton's passing on the Senate floor in tribute to the officer.

"Hearts are heavy in Pikeville, Kentucky this morning. Last night, Officer Scotty Hamilton, a 12-year veteran of the Pikeville Police Department, was shot and killed in the line of duty," McConnell said. "The investigation is ongoing. My Kentucky staff and I are monitoring the situation closely. For now, our sincere condolences go out to his family, friends, and

colleagues at the Pikeville Police Department. Officer Hamilton leaves behind a wife, a young daughter and a community that is safer for his service."

Coal Run Village Mayor Andrew Scott took to social media to pass along the city's thoughts and prayers following Hamilton's death.

"The city and I send our thoughts and prayers to Mayor Carter, the City of Pikeville, Pikeville Public Safety and to the family, friends and co-workers of Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton," Scott wrote on Facebook. "The cities of Pikeville and Coal Run border one another, and our police departments have often worked together. I have ordered city flags in Coal Run to half-staff through sunset Friday in honor and remembrance of the life and legacy of Officer Hamilton, and City Hall

will be lit in blue ... during this time."

The City of Prestonsburg and its law enforcement and fire department lifted a lighted U.S. flag into Wednesday morning in Hamilton's memory and the sacrifice he made. A procession led Hamilton's body home to Pike County Wednesday afternoon. His body was greeted by family, friends, his law enforcement family and first responders on his arrival at J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Visitation for Hamilton will be at the East Kentucky Expo Center Friday after 5 p.m. and from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday. The funeral will be 1 p.m. Sunday, March 18 at the Expo Center with burial following at the Huffman section of the Pikeville City Cemetery.

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continued to go there" to a link that originated in The Netherlands. Marye said Boyd and others that look at child porn know that, "when someone in child porn posts links to child porn, they are expecting that sharing to be returned."

Chief U.S. District Judge Karen Caldwell said she concurred with the enhancement assessment made by Pillersdorf when he stated that it

could be adopted in all child porn cases. She also adopted the enhancement in Boyd's case. Caldwell stated before sentencing that the recommended sentencing guidelines was between 210 and 240 months.

Boyd apologized to his many family members who were in attendance.

"I know this process has caused pain in my family and my friends and there are things I did that were wrong. I just want to say I am sorry. I was stupid and I made bad decision," Boyd said.

"I was led astray ... I am sorry"

Boyd stated that he did post a link, "but I didn't want anything back."

Boyd claimed during court to have shared photos of nudists and nudists resorts. Marye and Caldwell stated that investigation discovered 42 images and 35 videos on Boyd's electronics.

But, Pillersdorf and Marye both agreed that Boyd deserved a sentence in the lower portion, if not slightly below, the statutory recommen-

dations. Pillersdorf called Boyd's wife to testify at sentencing, speaking on the "exemplary life" that Boyd has lived. Pillersdorf stated there was "no evidence" Boyd "had ever molested a child" and that the sentencing guidelines are "Draconian."

"It is really inexplicable why he is here," Pillersdorf said.

Caldwell concurred with both attorneys, agreeing that Boyd, who had no prior criminal history, fit for a deviation from the guidelines.

"But, good people can have problems that lead them to doing bad things. Regardless of the number of images there were, it is the nature of the images involved," said Caldwell. "He has a problem that needs addressed through treatment and, yes, through punishment. A serious crime warrants a serious punishment."

Caldwell sentenced Boyd to 10 years in prison which, she admitted, was "considerably less than the minimum."

"But, the reasoning

behind the sentence is, this court has the authority to impose lifetime supervised releases which we will adopt," said Caldwell.

Boyd was ordered to undergo sex offender treatment while in custody, to undergo treatment for a sexual disorder, to be registered on the sex offender registry and to have restricted contact with minors when released.

Boyd was returned to the custody of U.S. Marshals following the sentencing.

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, et. al.
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
COLA VANCE, et. al.,
DEFENDANTS.
NOTICE OF PENDING ACTION

By virtue of the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, dated January 8, 2018, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order to notify Cola Vance of the pendency of a Complaint which involves the collection of a debt where certain property was used as collateral. The Complaint seeks to foreclose on the mortgage. The Complaint describes the subject real property as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Martin, Floyd County, Kentucky, on Bucks Branch, a tributary to Beaver Creek and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a steel pipe at northwest corner of Lot No. 6 and road; S 38 25' W 150.00' to steel pipe a corner of Lot No. 11 and 12; S 51 35' E 175.00' to steel pipe, N 38 25' E 104.00' to steel pipe in southeast corner of Lot No. 21 and road; N 37 47' W 5.55' to steel pipe corner of Lot No. 21 and Lot No. 7 and road; N 36 18' W 105.43' to the beginning. Being the same property conveyed to Sheila Tackett Vance and Cola Vance by deed from Timothy Potter and Donna Potter recorded in Deed Book 531, Page 272, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Notice is hereby given that Cola Vance is directed to come forward and present any claim or defense to the Complaint regarding the above-described property she may claim or be forever barred.

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Warning Order Attorney
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PATCHING

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decade and every time it is repaired, a new leak sprouts.

Since last year, Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert has repeatedly mentioned the need for building repairs during his presentations at Floyd County Fiscal Court meetings, and now that funding is in place to fix the roof, he is ready for that work to begin.

Several months ago, the leaks were centered in his office and a neighboring office in the front of the building. Deputies who work in the jail reported this month that they were able to fix the leaks in that administration area, but the problem moved to the booking area, where several employees are stationed.

Employees who work in that area sit underneath or near a tarp that has been hung from the ceiling. It is fitted so that it catches water from several leaks and funnels it, drip by drip, into a garbage can.

And the leaks continue even when it is not raining because water pools on the roof from past rains. That was the case on March 2, when no rain fell in the county. Employees working that day had to empty that garbage can several times during their shift. Within two hours, the 10- to 12-gallon garbage can was at least two-thirds filled with water, they reported.

"The dripping is what gets you," jail employee Dwayne Johnson said.

He and other employees talked about how bad the leaks get when it rains and how they get wet while trying to do their jobs. One of them placed a toy frog on the tarp to lighten the mood. Halbert said he is concerned about his employees.

"The thing is the majority of the leaks is right in my booking area where my employees are working.

That's not good," he said. "I can handle it over here, but the worst part of the leaks we've got right now are in my booking area and that's not right for my employees to have to deal with that, you know, water dripping and everything while they're trying to work."

Halbert said the leaks are confined to the front area of the building and there are no leaks in inmate cells. Ceiling tiles have been removed in the administrative suite, the booking area, the main hallway and an area where inmates are permitted to make phone calls. Buckets are placed to catch water throughout the front of the building and in the hallway, where at least one light has been turned off because it's full of water.

"It drips in so many places we've got it gathered into one place just to where we can keep one can in there to keep it from doing that," Halbert said, talking about the tarp in the booking area. "We've had to turn the light fixtures off and everything because of it. It's gotten to be a hindrance."

Halbert and Judge-Executive Ben Hale report that officials have been trying to fix the jail's leaky roof for years. They've repeatedly put tar on the roof, trying to fix the leaks, but Hale said some of those repairs kept water from going into drains and caused other leaks. Hale said the county hired a company last year that removed tar from those areas and temporarily fixed leaks, but the contractor told them that those repairs would not be a long-term solution. Hale said it started leaking again about four months after that work was done.

"The money was the biggest issue," Halbert said. "We've just tried to patch and do what we could here and there. We tried to do the majority of it in house, but it's gotten to the point where it's basically uncontrollable for us. The patching days are

over with. We're just lucky they've come up with a little bit of money, the fiscal court, and give us that money. With that, that's going to be my first priority."

He has been working with Five-Star Roofing of Florida to get recommendations about what needs to be done to fix the jail's roof. There are two options, he said, are removing the current roof and replacing it, or building a new roof on top of the one currently there.

Officials are assessing the problem and preparing a scope of work, which provide the information that will be used when the fiscal court seeks bids for the project. Halbert and Hale said the bidding process will start as soon as possible.

After working out a deal last year to get out from under a \$2.2 million debt the county faced for Thunder Ridge and paying off a bond the county took out for the jail and other projects decades ago, the fiscal court voted last July to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Association of Counties' Interlocal Finance Corporation. That agreement brought the county \$2.2 million for jail repairs and road maintenance, but the funds were not available until October 2017.

"It was actually real good timing," Halbert said about that funding. "We've needed it here and we've tried to fight these leaks in the jail as much as we can with our labor, but it's just gotten to the point now where it has to be fixed. It's out of control."

Hale said the work on the jail could not be completed during the winter months because of the weather. As soon as the bids are awarded and the weather improves, the work will start, he said.

He said the jail was built in 1993 and its one of several county facilities that need updating. He blamed the problem on the lack of maintenance from prior administrations.

"A lot of things to neglected over the years and I'm trying to get everything straightened up," he said. "They neglected the road system. They had poor equipment. They neglected the jail. I'm trying to get things back on an even keel and trying to get them repaired."

He said, "It's one of the many things I've inherited."

He talked about maintenance work completed last year on the county courthouse, where his offices are located. He said prior administrators failed to install the proper filters on the heating and cooling system, which caused build-up of residue in that system and damaged radiators throughout the building. He said the county spent around \$18,000 last summer to update the air conditioning system there and is now looking at repairs for the heating system.

"There's a lot of problems like that we're dealing with, that we wouldn't be dealing with if there had been some kind of preventive maintenance," he said.

Halbert said the computer system that locks the doors and controls speakers and microphones in the jail is also outdated and in need of repair. He's planning to start that project after the roof is fixed.

"You can't even buy parts for the system anymore," he said. "We've got to get that updated to where we can operate our doors and speakers and things. We're actually having to take parts from what they've got and rebuild the parts that we've got because you can't get them anywhere."

Johnson County student wins Big Sandy Idol

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Students from area high schools competed in the annual Big Sandy Idol competition, held March 9-10 at the Mountain Arts Center.

Twenty-eight high school students from Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties competed in the two-day competition, which started with runners-up competing on March 9 for a "Wild Card" chance to advance to the finals on March 10.

For the first time in the history of Big Sandy Idol, there was a tie for the "Wild Card." Daniels from Johnson Central High School who sang "Run to You" by Whitney Houston tied for that spot with Danica Dye from Belfry High School who sang "Amnesia."

Aliyah Allen from Johnson Central High School, brought won the competition, earning a full scholarship to Big Sandy Community & Technical College, a spot with the elite Big Sandy Singers and band and an album recording.

Celeste Turner from Paintsville High School was first runner-up and also received the Senior Award, a spot with the elite Big Sandy Singers and Band. She performed "What a Beautiful Name It Is" by Hillsong Worship. Gracie Combs from Floyd Central High School was second runner-up and performed "Faithfully" by Journey.

Mallory Bowling, of East Ridge High School, was the essay contest winner and the Gearheart Communications Social Media Video Winner, and Cassidy Clatworthy, of Wesley Christian High School, was the Idol

social media winner.

This year, a special award was given to a community member "who was fighting the good fight," Troy Burchett. Last year, Heather Gearheart, of the Gearheart Communications, was battling cancer. This year, she is in remission but wanted to thank someone who is making a difference. Burchett, a former member of the Big Sandy Singers, has been legally blind since birth but continues his music career and donated his album release party money to a local animal shelter.

The Big Sandy Singers and Band and the Big Sandy Idol Regional Competition, which is presented by Gearheart Communications and BSCTC, have awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships since it began 12 years ago.

Clayton Case, director of fine arts at BSCTC and executive director of the MAC, said the event would not be possible without the support of their sponsors.

"I want to thank Gearheart Communications and the Gearheart family for their long-standing support of our college and this program, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Unique Boutique, and all the employees here at the Mountain Arts Center," said Case.

The Big Sandy Singers and Band performed both nights with the band providing the music for the contestants.

For more information on the Big Sandy Idol Regional Competition or the Big Sandy Singers and Band, contact Case at, (606) 889-9125, or email, ccase0005@kctcs.edu.



Submitted photo

Gracie Combs of Floyd Central High School, was the 2nd Runner Up in the Big Sandy Idol Competition. Shown are: Lindy Gearheart and Adam Gearheart, Gearheart Communications, Clayton Case, executive director of the MAC, Combs, Lauren Dotson, Big Sandy Singers Member, and Chesi Spriggs, assistant director of fine arts at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.



Submitted photo

Cassidy Clatworthy, of Wesley Christian High School, won the Social Media Idol award for "Most Likes" on her poster during the weeks prior to the Idol competition. Shown are: Clayton Case, executive director of the MAC, Clatworthy, and Chesi Spriggs, assistant director of fine arts at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.



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Troy Burchett, received the first ever Good Fight award for his work with a local animal shelter. Burchett, legally blind since birth was a former Big Sandy Singers member. Shown are: Lindy Gearheart and Adam Gearheart, Gearheart Communications, Burchett and Clayton Case, executive director of the MAC.

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Your sensitivity to what goes on around you will be heightened this year. Don't ignore the signs you see when you should be standing your ground and taking action before matters escalate. Taking care of business quickly will ensure that you don't miss the many opportunities heading your way.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Getting angry will not help solve a problem. Address matters head-on, and if you must step down or make a move, you'll end up further ahead when you do so.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Making a financial gain or negotiating a deal is featured. Step up and wheel and deal. If you leave this task to someone else, you won't do as well.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Share your feelings with someone you love and respect. A joint effort will help you hash out all your problems, and although it won't be easy, the results will be worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - A legal or financial dispute should be handled carefully. Anger is never a good way to deal with controversy if you want to move forward. Look for an appropriate solution.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Get involved in projects that will help you advance. Revamping your resume or exploring new ways to use your skills will encourage you to take on a new position or income opportunity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Discuss what you want to see happen and get the go-ahead. If you are open to suggestions, it will help you bring about changes that will encourage saving and ease stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You may have a good plan, but don't expect things to run smoothly when it comes to settlements, joint

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ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



finances or issues that affect your health. Have a good excuse at the ready.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - You'll be drawn to someone who requires assistance. What you get in return will be a lesson or experience that will serve you well when you deal with future relationships.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Old habits are hard to break. Look at the mistakes you've made and the people who have been bad influences or have taken advantage of you, and alter your course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Someone close to you will take advantage of your generosity and good nature. Offer nothing more than affection. Make positive personal changes. A new look and a healthier lifestyle are encouraged.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Getting together with an old friend or attending a reunion will do you good and give you something to think about. Be proud of your accomplishments instead of envying others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Take up a creative hobby or show a greater interest in different cultures, lifestyles or beliefs. What you learn will encourage you to improve your own life.

TODAY'S SUDOKU PUZZLE

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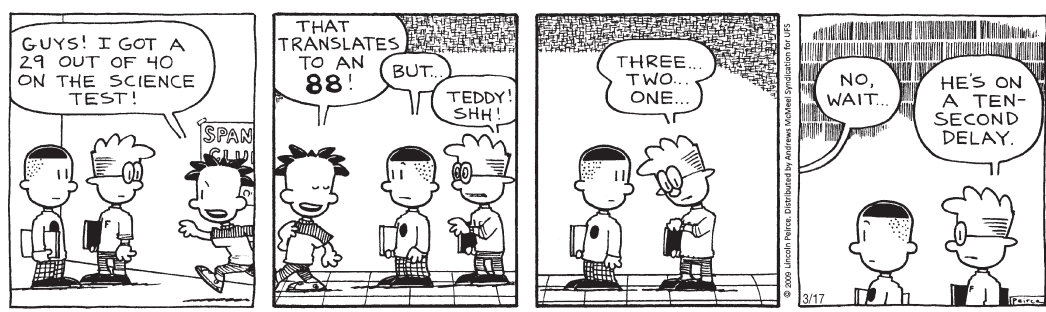
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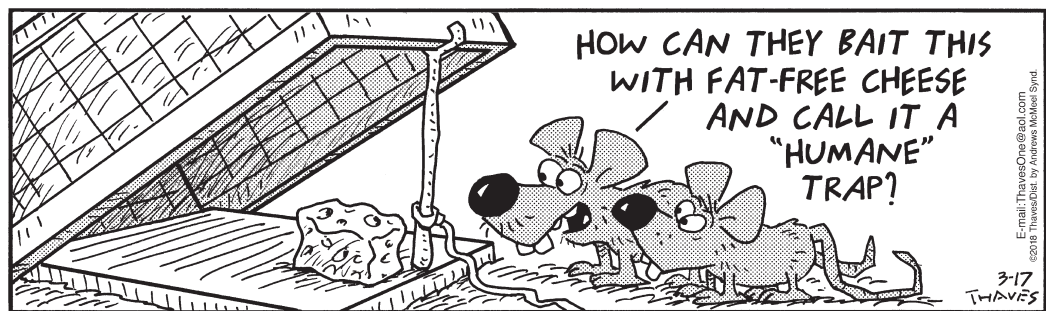
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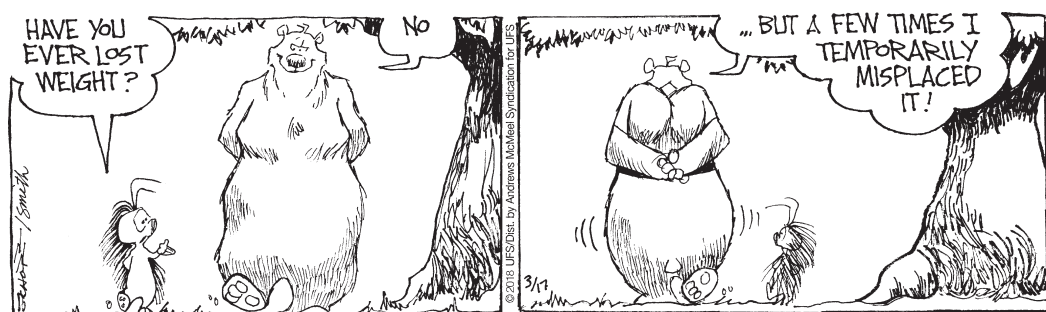
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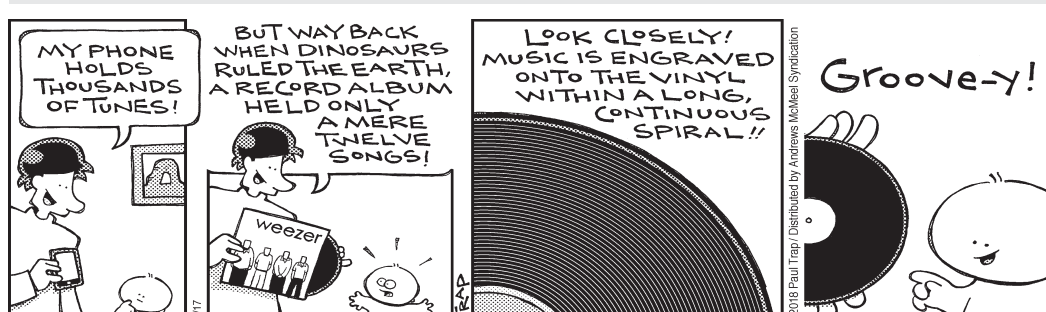
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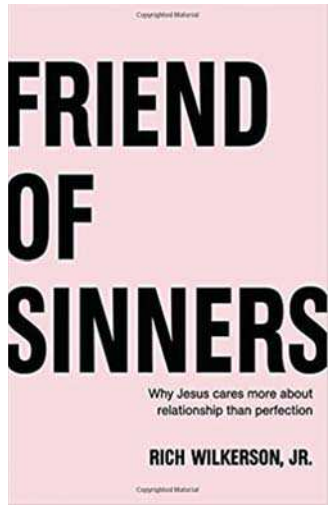
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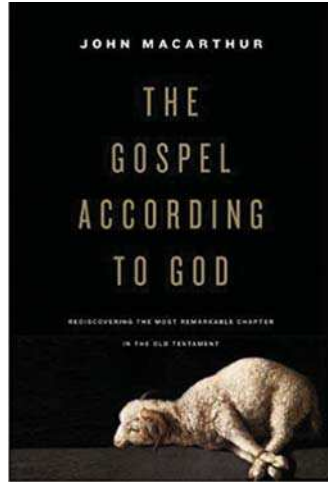
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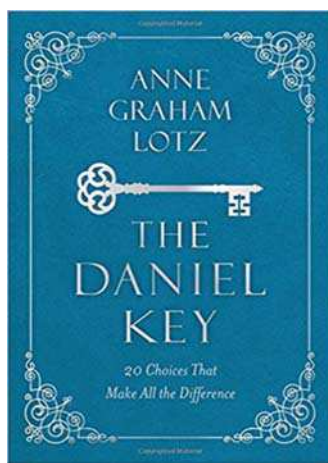
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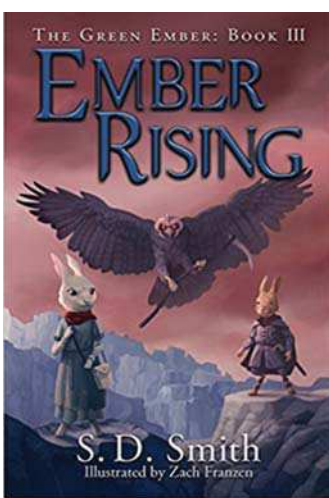
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Give us this day

The Lord's Prayer is noteworthy for being a petition to God to fulfill our basic needs, though in a very modest way. To ask of God that He give us "our daily bread" suggests that our basic physical needs are really quite modest, and that we should be content with meeting those needs with something as simple as bread. It also drives home the point that we are beggars of God. All of us, from the richest to the poorest, rely on God's beneficent hand. The richest among us have been given the most, and should be thankful stewards of God's gifts. The poorest among us have perhaps been liberated from the trials and tribulations of caring for piles of material things, and that too is reason to be grateful. There is nothing shameful in being a beggar, because we are all, in effect, beggars, since none of us created the material from which we draw our lives. Being beggars is perhaps a reason to be humble, but not something for which we should be ashamed. Keep in mind that everything ultimately comes from God and belongs to God. — Christopher Simon



"Give us each day our daily bread."
— Luke 11:3 NIV

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Insurance: Burdening the middle class



BY JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Healthcare and medical insurance. I don't know about you, but right now those two items are aggravating, exasperating and quite frankly make me angry.

I don't know everyone's story, but I can tell you parts of mine. Since Obamacare began, the cost of medical insurance, co-pays and deductibles have continuously been on the rise. At the time of its inception, I was on my husband's healthcare plan. However, the premium increased dramatically. I can't remember the exact figure, but the out-of-pocket cost for the premium raised well over 200 percent for the two of us. (Yes, 200.) He had to drop me off the plan. The Affordable Care Act was already making health care unaffordable.

I had to get my own medical coverage and, thankfully, I was blessed to be able to do so through my employer. However, changes continued over the

years. My husband's employee switched their plan, which allowed the premium price to drop. However, for a period of time I wasn't even allowed to be on his insurance. It wasn't an option. Because medical insurance was offered by my employer, he could not carry me on his insurance. (That has since changed, but so has his healthcare provider.)

I can remember a day when families were able to have multiple insurances companies. Both spouses could have insurances, and have the other on their policy. What one insurance company didn't pay, the other would pick up and pay. That remains an option, but it's not always that simple anymore. Some healthcare plans charge an additional fee (beyond the cost of the premium) if your spouse's place of employment offers insurance. And sometimes, the other insurance simply won't pick up and pay. As an example, someone on Medicare visits a doctor who is out-of-network on their spouse's insurance. Because the spouse's insurance won't cover the visit, Medicare may also refuse to pay for it. (Despite the fact, if you weren't on your spouse's insurance then Medicare would pay for the visit.) How crazy is that? Not to mention un-

fair, bias and quite frankly, punishing people in their attempt to have healthcare coverage.

In some cases, the in-network circle of doctors have shrunk. For example: In order for your insurance to cover 80/20, you have to see a doctor in the network. But, that network is small and limits the patient's choices, which means they're not necessarily receiving the best care available. If they go outside the network, coverage could drop to 70/30 or 60/40, or they might not be covered at all.

Between the high costs of premiums, co-pays and deductibles, the necessity of having medical insurance has truly become a hardship for the middle class American. You may have insurance, but can you really even afford to use it? You need a loan just to cover all the charges the insurance company doesn't cover. It's frustrating.

Perhaps Obamacare meant well in trying to help people receive medical coverage. Helping the needy is something we should do. Jesus himself helped those in need (Matthew 14:14). He healed the sick, drove out demons and raised the dead. But the mandatory issues that were created, causes bondage for people. It plac-

es unnecessary weight on the hard working citizens of this country. Instead of helping the common people, a yoke has tied them down. The common man is being dragged further down from a financial standpoint. We've shifted the financial burden from one class of people to another. If people are weighed down by such financial burdens, they lose their ability to help the poor and the needy. Many hospitals throughout this country were created because of their Christian concern for the sick and afflicted. (Think of the hospitals with certain words in their names such as Saint, Methodist, Ascension, Trinity, Catholic, Providence and others.) By placing such a heavy yoke on the middle class, are we in fact hurting others in the process?

Truthfully, I don't know what the answer is to correct the problems created. I don't know how to fix the system. I don't know if a competitive environment for insurance companies will revert us back to where we once were, or somewhat closer. Regardless, the heavy weight the middle class is carrying is too much and needs to be lifted. Hardworking people are being punished. Maybe if we lift up these issues to God, He will solve them for us.

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Fitzpatrick signs to play soccer at UPike



Thursday afternoon, Prestonsburg's Haley Fitzpatrick signed on the dotted line to play soccer for UPike next season.

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Floyd Central basketball season recaps

Jaguars turn focus to next season

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — The Floyd Central boys' basketball team's debut season included a 58th District championship and an appearance in the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. But the Jaguars had a goal of winning the 15th Region championship. Now, minus five seniors, Floyd Central has turned its focus to the 2018/2019 season.

"It was not the ending we had in mind," Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock said. "We felt we were a region championship caliber team, but there was also about six to seven others that were as well. The team that won was going to be the most consistent and on the night we played, we just didn't play as well as we needed to and that can't happen in the region tournament."

Floyd Central played one of the state's toughest schedules in its debut season.

"I think we played the toughest schedule in East

Kentucky without question ... maybe even too tough," Spurlock confided. "We lost two games due to weather late in the season that cost us the chance for 20 wins, but 19 wins with our schedule is pretty impressive. It was probably the hardest schedule I've ever had to coach in my career, but it was fun because, for the most part, every night was a challenge, which makes the games more fun to play and coach. It also makes practice more fun because the kids know that strong preparation is required for every game."

Looking ahead to the 2018/2019 season, Floyd Central will face the task of replacing five seniors.

"We will miss our five seniors and we thank them for the sacrifices they had to make," Spurlock added. "Some made sacrifices with time and roles while others made sacrifices to their style of play and all had to adjust to a different coaching style which were all hard to do. But they persevered and helped to lay a solid foundation for the

future."

Floyd Central will enter next season looking to again be one of the top contenders in the 15th Region. Forward Brady Conn will be back for the Jaguars. Conn averaged a near-double-double for Floyd Central during this season, ranking as the Jaguars' top rebounder and second-leading scorer.

Along with Conn inside, Floyd Central will have 6 foot 8 center Grant Blackburn and 6 foot 4 forward Payton Tackett back inside.

"We are excited about our future," Spurlock exclaimed. "We return, in what we feel, is the best post in the Mountains next season with Brady Conn. We expect his numbers to improve next season with more expectations from him. He will be our focal point. We are excited about our returning wings: Ethan Smith-Mills; Dalton Boyd, who will be returning from injury and will also run some point guard; and Rylee Samons. We

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Lady Jaguars enter promising offseason



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Seventh-grade guard Abby Maggard helped to lead the Floyd Central girls' basketball team during its debut season.

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — After capturing the 58th District girls' basketball title and reaching the 15th Region semifinals in its debut campaign, Floyd Central will look to continue to improve over the offseason.

"We had a successful first season," Floyd Central coach Justin Triplett said. "We started out really good, opening the season 7-0, but then had to fight through injuries to some key players. After Christmas break, we seemed to start to figure things out and won the

conference. Then, entering the post-season we were questionable because of our youth. But our kids showed great poise to fight through two tough games in the district tournament and then a great first round game against Sheldon Clark in the region tournament. We played a good first half in the regional semifinals, but fell short to Pikeville. This offseason, we are going to focus on the weight room and improving our individual skills."

Following the loss to Pikeville in the 15th Region semifinals, Floyd Central finished its debut season 16-10. The

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Prestonsburg boys' archery team wins Region 11 title; Link top female shooter

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

ASHLAND — Prestonsburg remains home to one of the state's top high school archery programs. On Saturday, Prestonsburg captured the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Region 11 boys' archery title at the old Boyd County High School.

Nearly pulling off a sweep, Prestonsburg finished runner-up in the Region 11 girls' archery competition.

Prestonsburg recorded 98 10s on its way to winning the Region 11 boys' title. Russell finished as the runner-up followed by East Carter, Elliott County, Ashland, Boyd County, Floyd Central, Pikeville and Rowan County rounded out the nine-squad region boys' archery tournament's team standings.

Jordan Goble was the top finisher for the Prestonsburg boys' team, delivering 19 10s and placing sixth overall out of 107 male archers. Goble ranked first among boys' middle school competitors.

Jillian Link led the Prestonsburg girls' archery team, posting 21

10s on her way to finishing first overall.

As a team, the Lady Blackcats compiled 86 10s. Prestonsburg placed second behind Elliott County in the final girls' team standings. The Elliott County girls' team finished first with 92 10s.

Tournament host Boyd County, East Carter, Ashland, Russell, Floyd Central, Pikeville and Rowan County rounded out the girls' team standings.

Each Prestonsburg archery squad is excelling in the 2018 season.

"The boys' team is looking strong and we were impressed by the girls' team's performance in the region tournament, too," veteran Prestonsburg coach Sherman Holliday commented. "We had only 11 girls competing and eight of them had personal records. The girls stepped up at the right time and are coming on strong."

With a roster made up of young student-athletes, the future is bright for the Prestonsburg archery program.

"We're a young program," Holliday added. "Overall, we only have three seniors."



The Prestonsburg boys' archery captured the Region 11 championship.

photo courtesy of Blackcat Archery



The Prestonsburg girls' archery team finished runner-up in Region 11.

photo courtesy of Blackcat Archery

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need solid play from the point and expect that to come from Caleb Hager and Boyd, both of whom will play point guard and two guard. Lastly, we expect improvement and production from Grant Blackburn and Payton Tackett. Those are our seven returning varsity players. We also have expectations from a few of our junior varsity and freshmen players from this past season who both captured the district championships in their respective divisions."

Floyd Central boys' basketball players will begin offseason workouts in

less than one month.

"As for our spring/summer plans, we will begin offseason workouts on April 9 and those will run through the end of the school year," Spurlock noted. "We will then play summer games which will include a team camp at Floyd Central June 4-5, June 11-12 and June 18-19. We also plan on participating in the KBA Summer High School Tournament in Lexington June 14-17 and might even toy with the idea of taking a trip to the Coastal Carolina University Team Camp June 21-23. We will then shut it down during the dead period before picking back up with individual workouts in July through the start

of the new school year. After that, preseason boot camp will start back. We encourage kids to play multiple sports, but for the ones that don't, we like to provide opportunities for them to stay active and to get better."

A longtime coach and educator, Spurlock plans to continue to turn out quality student-athletes.

"We have set some lofty goals for our program which require lots of dedication, discipline and sacrifice as we try to not only build a consistent championship caliber program but also one that builds future championship caliber husbands, fathers and community leaders," said Spurlock.

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Justin Triplett-coached Lady Jaguars entered the region tournament after defeating Lawrence County 60-51 in the 58th District championship game.

Former players from Allen Central and South Floyd high schools came together to make up the Lady Jaguars' inaugural roster.

Freshman guard Katie Moore led Floyd Central, averaging 15.1 points and 8.9 rebounds per game for the Lady Jag-

uars. She led Floyd Central in scoring and ranked as the Lady Jaguars' second-leading rebounder.

Accompanying Moore in double figures in the Floyd Central scoring column, seventh-grade guard Abby Maggard averaged 11 points per game for the Lady Jaguars. Maggard is among the state's top seventh-grade girls' basketball players.

Kaylee Moore averaged 8.5 points and a team-best 9.7 rebounds per game for the Lady Jag-

Brook Stumbo (7.7 ppg) and Grace Martin (5.8 ppg, 4.8 rpg) were other key contributors for Floyd Central, especially during the Lady Jaguars' postseason run.

Floyd Central faced tough competition throughout its debut season, competing in holiday tournaments in both Lexington (Traditional Bank Holiday Classic) and Mount Sterling (Gateway Holiday Classic). The Lady Jaguars' 2018/2019 schedule will be finalized and released at a later date.

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