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Prestonsburg Tourism director resigns

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission is looking for a new leader, after Director Mitchell Pearson announced this week that he will resign.

Pearson said he has accepted a position as tourism director in Nicholasville, Wilmore and Jessamine County — closer to his hometown. His last day in Prestonsburg will be April 13.

The City of Prestons-

burg posted the job vacancy on social media on March 28, reporting the city will accept applications through April 5. That post was followed by a social media post from Pearson, who told his followers that he has

“enjoyed” his experience in Prestonsburg and has “been able to grow so much all while facing adversity.”

He said his resignation is “bittersweet.”

“It is a better opportunity for me,” he said.

“I’m going from a town of 3,200 to the one town has 37,000, you know, and it’s a community of 90,000 itself. And they’re growing like crazy. There’s lots of horse

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Floyd board honors students, staff



BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg Elementary School’s lunchroom was packed on March 26, as parents, students and staff turned out to watch their students earn honors at the monthly Floyd County Board of Education meeting.

Board members honored dozens of students and staff at the meeting, which included, for the first time, a review of the district’s overall goals: To create 5-Star schools, have a college

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd Central High School’s Community Problem Solving Team poses with Coach Bobby Akers while the team was recognized at a March 26 Floyd County Board of Education meeting. This team earned a runner-up spot in Kentucky for their project, geared to raise awareness about heart health, and has been invited to compete nationally. Members include Lindsay Caudill, Chloe Watson, Reece Terry, Savannah Price, Sahara Little, Isabella Stewart, Kelli Thomas and Victoria Sexton.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Board of Education member Rhonda Meade honored Floyd Central High School freshman Kade Scott on March 26. Scott placed eighth in Arts & Humanities and in General Knowledge at the Governor’s Cup competition in Louisville this month.



Floyd County Board of Education member Rhonda Meade poses for a picture with Duff-Allen Central student Lauren Gearheart, who was honored at a March 26 board meeting. Gearheart won first place in Kentucky for an essay she wrote in the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual Patriot Pen Essay contest.

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David resident pleads in meth case, facing possible 10-year sentence

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

An elderly Floyd County man is facing a possible 10-year prison sentence, following a guilty plea he entered in Floyd Circuit Court this week.

Martin Shepherd, 72, of David, represented by attorney

Ned Pillersdorf, pleaded guilty on March 27 to one count of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and one count of possession of a controlled substance — a charge that was amended from an original charge of drug trafficking.

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FRYSC clerk position abolished at PES

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A lack of funding has prompted the Floyd County Board of Education to abolish a position at Prestonsburg Elementary School’s Family Re-

source Youth Service Center.

The Floyd County Board of Education accepted a recommendation from the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center Advisory Council to abolish a project clerk’s

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reer readiness rate of 90 percent, have an attendance rate of 96 percent, remain fiscally solvent and efficient and have average scores of 19.5 on the ACT and 82 on the state assessment.

The board recognized individual students who scored well in the recent Governor's Cup competition, including Floyd Central High School freshman Kade Scott, who placed eighth in Kentucky in the Arts & Humanities and in General Knowledge assessments at the Governor's Cup competition this month and the May Valley Elementary Academic team, which won the regional championship, as it has done for the past five or six years.

Other students honored included Floyd Central High School's Community Problem Solving Team, which earned a runner-up spot in Kentucky for their heart health

awareness project it completed and has been invited to compete nationally, as well as the Prestonsburg High School Science Olympiad team, which will compete at the state competition on April 21.

Duff-Allen Central student Lauren Gearheart was also honored for her first-place state win in the Veterans of Foreign Wars' annual Patriot Pen Essay contest. She has won \$1,800 for her essay, as well as an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the national competition, where she could also earn other cash awards.

The board also recognized early childhood education classrooms that rank among the top preschool classes in the region. Those recognitions included honors for teachers at Duff-Allen Central, May Valley, Allen Elementary and Prestonsburg Elementary.

Dr. Sherry Shultz of Morehead State University's College of Education also presented certificates and gifts to Prestonsburg

Elementary teachers in the third through fifth grades who have partnered with the college to help train student teachers.

Board members were also recognized by several speakers at this meeting.

Prestonsburg Elementary Principal Brent Rose, Prestonsburg High School teacher Greta Gilbert, Patrick Davis of the Friends of Middle Creek and Duff-Allen Central teacher Angela Coleman, president of the Floyd County Education Association, thanked the board for supporting teachers during a rallies held to protest proposed changes in the state pension system in Prestonsburg and in Frankfort this month. The board cancelled school so teachers could participate in the Frankfort rally.

Coleman said Floyd County was leading the way for those demonstrations.

Board member Dr. Chandra Varia said, "If there are no teachers, there will not be any schools."

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

Marriages filed

Elvie June Collins, 66, of McDowell, to Edward Ray Moore, 81, of McDowell

Anthony Ray Ratliff, 32, of Prestonsburg, to Kendra Grace Vanhooose, 32, of Prestonsburg

Samantha Renee Thomas, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Harold Kiefer McCarty, 24, of Salyersville

Stephanie Danyail Spriggs, 30, of Weeksbury, to Brandon Joshua Hall, 33, of Martin

Tina Ruth Hollifield, 50, of Teaberry, to Joey Patrick, 54, of Tram

Jonathan Todd Mattingly, 41, of Shelbiana, to Dianna Kaye Akers, 38, of Harold

Property transfers filed

Michael Waid Meade to Sew N Love Shoppe LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 691)

Gerald Johnson, Larry Johnson, Michael Johnston, estate of Ronald

Johnson, Debra Moore, Joella Slone to Wright Lumber; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 694)

Wayne Wright to Linda Wright; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 698)

David May, Lois May to Amanda May; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 705)

Amelia Frasure, Steven D. Frasure to Clarence D. Frasure, Sandra Lynn Frasure; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 710)

Yvonne Osborne Gibson, Matthew Smith, Yvonne Smith to Harrison Gibson Jr. ; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 713)

James Conley, Shonna Conley to Ronald Owens, Sydney P. Owens; property on Campbell Branch of Water Gap

Kentucky Lodging Development Company to Dollar General Partners; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 721)

Estate of Ricky Dane Caudille , Tonia Holman Caudill, executrix to Tonia Homan Caudill; property on Right Beaver Creek

Charles Tyler Conn, Debra Conn to Tammy Stumbo, Marcus Tackett; property in HF May Addition

Bond revoked for alleged drug trafficker; mother released

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man who left without completing a drug treatment program will now spend more time behind bars.

On March 22, Floyd Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith revoked the bond in five cases charging various crimes against Justin K. Bryant, 28, of Martin.

Bryant, represented in court by Public Advocate Brandis Bradley, stipulated that he violated the terms of his probation when he left a substance abuse treatment facility before completing the program.

In the five cases, Bryant was charged with bail jumping, three counts of first degree trafficking of meth, driving under the influence, fleeing or evading police, tampering with physical evidence, convicted felon in possession of a handgun and other crimes.

He posted a \$20,000 surety bond in 2017 and

was ordered to complete drug treatment. A bench warrant was issued for him in January.

Smith ordered Bryant to remain in jail until his next hearing.

His mother, Kelly Bryant, 48, of Martin, was also in court on March 22.

She faced a revocation hearing in two cases. In a 2013 case, she pleaded guilty to complicity to commit first-degree robbery of the McDowell Stop and Shop and was sentenced in 2014 to five years, suspended, and was placed on probation for five years. In a 2016 case, she pleaded guilty to promoting contraband at the Floyd County jail and was placed on probation for one year, with the supervision scheduled to end on Jan. 18.

She was arrested, court documents say, for driving on a suspended license in May 2017, November 2017 and on March 8.

Commonwealth Attorney Brent Turner told Smith that she appears to do good on probation, but she won't quit driving without a license.

Smith sanctioned her to serve two weeks on the probation violation, after confirming she has served that amount of time since her latest arrest. She was released on her own recognizance that day.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

The Floyd County Board of Education honored dozens of students on March 26 for academic team honors. May Valley Elementary School academic team members were among the list of honorees at the meeting. The school has been the regional champ in the Governor's Cup academic competition for five or six years. It placed first overall, first in Future Problem Solving and first in Quick Recall this year. Student Brock Horn ranked fourth in Kentucky with his Arts & Humanities assessment.

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Local residents invited to join Lions Club

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Volunteers with a local Lions Club chapter are seeking residents of Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties to create a new chapter in Coal Run.

A press release from the organization said 20 "service-minded" individuals from the Big Sandy area are needed to charter the Coal Run Village Lions Club. If it is chartered, the Coal Run club will be among 47,725 Lions clubs in the world.

There is currently only one Lions Club in the Big Sandy area, and that is the Pikeville Lions Club, which is a Campus Lions Club. With the chartering of the Coal Run Village Lions Club, traditional and specialty Lions Clubs or branch Lions Clubs, can be chartered or organized for veterans or other groups.

"The goal of Lions Clubs International, Lions Multiple District 43, and Lions District 43-Y, is to have at least one traditional Lions Club or Branch Lions Club, in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties, and to have at least four more traditional Lions Club in Pike County, by July 1, 2023. In addition Specialty Lions Clubs, for first responders, veterans, educators, and others could also be a reality, but this relies heavily on the chartering of The Coal Run Village Lions Club," said Wesley Doughman, Past District Governor, Lions District 43-Y.

In addition to providing hands-on

support, Lions clubs give members an opportunity to advance worthy causes, serve with friends and become leaders in the community, the press release said.

"Lions are people who want to help, who want to make a difference, and who want to have fun while doing it. Lions give a lot to their communities, but they get back something that's even more valuable – the satisfaction that comes from changing lives," said Tim Hunt, District Governor Lions District 43-Y.

An organizational meeting for potential Lions Club members is scheduled to be held April 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Coal Run Village Community Center, located at 105 Church ST, to be followed with a 45-minute organizational meeting on April 17, at 6 p.m., at Pike County Library, 126 Lee AVE, Pikeville. These meetings are open to any resident of Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties who want to learn more about Lions and how they can make a difference in their community. Lion leaders will also be visiting local businesses and community leaders to invite them to join the new club.

For more information on becoming a charter member of this new club, please contact Doughman at, (606) 634-4858, by email at, lion-jwd@gmail.com, or join the Facebook group, Coal Run Village Lions Club.

For more information about Kentucky Lions, visit, kyllionseye.org, or, lcccky.org

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EDITORIAL:

Fight against meth ongoing, but positive signs seen

Fighting against methamphetamine is somewhat like struggling to get out of quicksand.

Any action taken can often result in the opposite of the intended effect, and can often get the victim stuck even further into the problem.

That's why it's important that we, as a community, are constantly taking stock of how we're doing in the battle against this destructive drug, and remind ourselves that we're not out of the woods yet.

Most notably, in the past week, a 72-year-old Vietnam veteran pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiracy to manufacture meth and one count of possession of a controlled substance. He now faces a 10-year prison sentence, but will be eligible for parole almost immediately.

Only time will tell if this is the right course of action in this case. And that's the major issue — despite recently-expressed ideas to the contrary, when it comes to justice for

those who are found to be dealing methamphetamine or other drugs, there is no "one-size-fits-all" approach. There are some instances in which the only answer is extensive incarceration.

In some cases, however, the answer is not incarceration but supervision.

There are no easy answers to the methamphetamine problem in our community, but what we can say is that prosecutors and law enforcement appear to be doing everything

they can to deal with the problem.

The case against this defendant has also resulted in convictions against four others, and was stemmed from an investigation launched by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, which responded to community tips and allegedly found two active meth labs.

From the community taking the responsibility of reporting this crime occurring, to the response of the sheriff's office and to the prosecutor

and courts taking time to work through the nuances of the case, in an attempt to not only ensure that justice is done, but also that each defendant is dealt with individually, we commend every one involved.

We've got a long way to go in the fight against meth and it's likely to get a lot tougher before it gets easier. However, we're glad to see that action is being taken and the issue is being tackled by those responsible. That's the first step toward winning the battle.

GUEST EDITORIALS:

McConnell on right path in hemp issue

In 2014, we editorialized that we believed it was the right time for hemp to be reintroduced in the state.

Under a provision of that year's federal farm bill, it was reintroduced for a pilot program to see how well it would do and how productive it could become. The pilot project would also help answer every question a farmer has about hemp, such as what variety of seeds works best in which soil, what's the optimum date to plant and what type of farm equipment it takes to harvest hemp.

It appears that all of those questions have been answered in a very positive way.

Fast-forward four years and hemp production in Kentucky is booming. In 2014, production of hemp was limited to 33 acres, while this year it is estimated to increase to 12,000 acres. These numbers are certainly proof that hemp has taken hold in our state and that farmers are seeing its value not only for them but for their

local and state economies.

It has been proven over and over that hemp can be used for a variety of things such as improving health, counteracting aging skin, health foods, clothing, construction materials, paper, biofuel, plastic composites and much more.

While it's great that hemp is allowed in our state for pilot projects, we believe now is the time to take hemp off the controlled substance list and to legalize it as an agricultural commodity.

That is why we are 100 percent behind U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in his efforts to do just that.

Speaking in Frankfort on Monday with Kentucky Commissioner of Agriculture Ryan Quarles, McConnell announced the impending introduction of legislation in the U.S. Senate to support Kentucky's hemp industry. The Hemp Farming Act of 2018 would legalize hemp as an agricultural commodity and remove it from the list of controlled substances.

The Hemp Farming Act of 2018 would help Kentucky enhance its position as the leading state in hemp production. It builds upon the success we have seen through the

hemp pilot programs by allowing states to be the primary regulators of hemp, if the U.S. Department of Agriculture approves the implementation plan. This legislation also would remove the federal barriers in place that have stifled the industry, which would help expand the domestic production of hemp. It would also give hemp researchers the chance to apply for competitive federal grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture — allowing them to continue their impressive work with the support of federal research dollars.

"Hemp has played a foundational role in Kentucky's agricultural heritage, and I believe that it can be an important part of our future," McConnell said. "I am grateful to join our Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles in this effort. He and his predecessor, Jamie Comer, have been real champions for the research and development of industrial hemp in the commonwealth. The work of Commissioner Quarles here in Kentucky has become a nationwide example for the right way to cultivate hemp. I am proud to stand here with him today, because I believe that we are ready

to take the next step and build upon the successes we've seen with Kentucky's hemp pilot program."

We believe McConnell and Quarles are really onto something here. It is far past time to take hemp off the controlled substance list. It has proven in the past four years that it is a very viable product that has inspired other states to follow our lead in growing it. Taking this off the list of controlled substances as initiated by McConnell through legislation in the Senate is a great way to get this product, which is already booming, to become an increasingly viable cash crop in our state.

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Recently the General Assembly considered a bill that would dull those tools. House Bill 302 would redefine "public record" to exclude communications including calls, text messages and emails on private electronic devices or on non-government email accounts.

Here in Franklin County, public officials frequently use personal devices and non-government email accounts to conduct public business. This newspaper has used

the Open Records Act to scrutinize such communications on numerous occasions.

For example, stories based on an analysis of such emails sent from private devices showed how board members of the Frankfort Plant Board were handling reports by third-party consultants hired to revisit FPB's agreements with the Kentucky Municipal Energy Agency — an issue of enormous public interest locally because of its implications for Frankfort's energy future. House Bill 302 would have taken away the public's right in this instance and many others.

House Bill 302 would also redefine "public meeting" to exclude those of committees such as the one recently charged with selecting a developer to demolish and replace the Capital Plaza Tower. Surely in that case the public had a right to know before Frankfort's skyline was so permanently altered.

For now, House Bill 302 appears dead. It was removed from the Senate's consent calendar after an uproar from transparency advocates. For the public's sake, let's hope House Bill 302 stays dead.

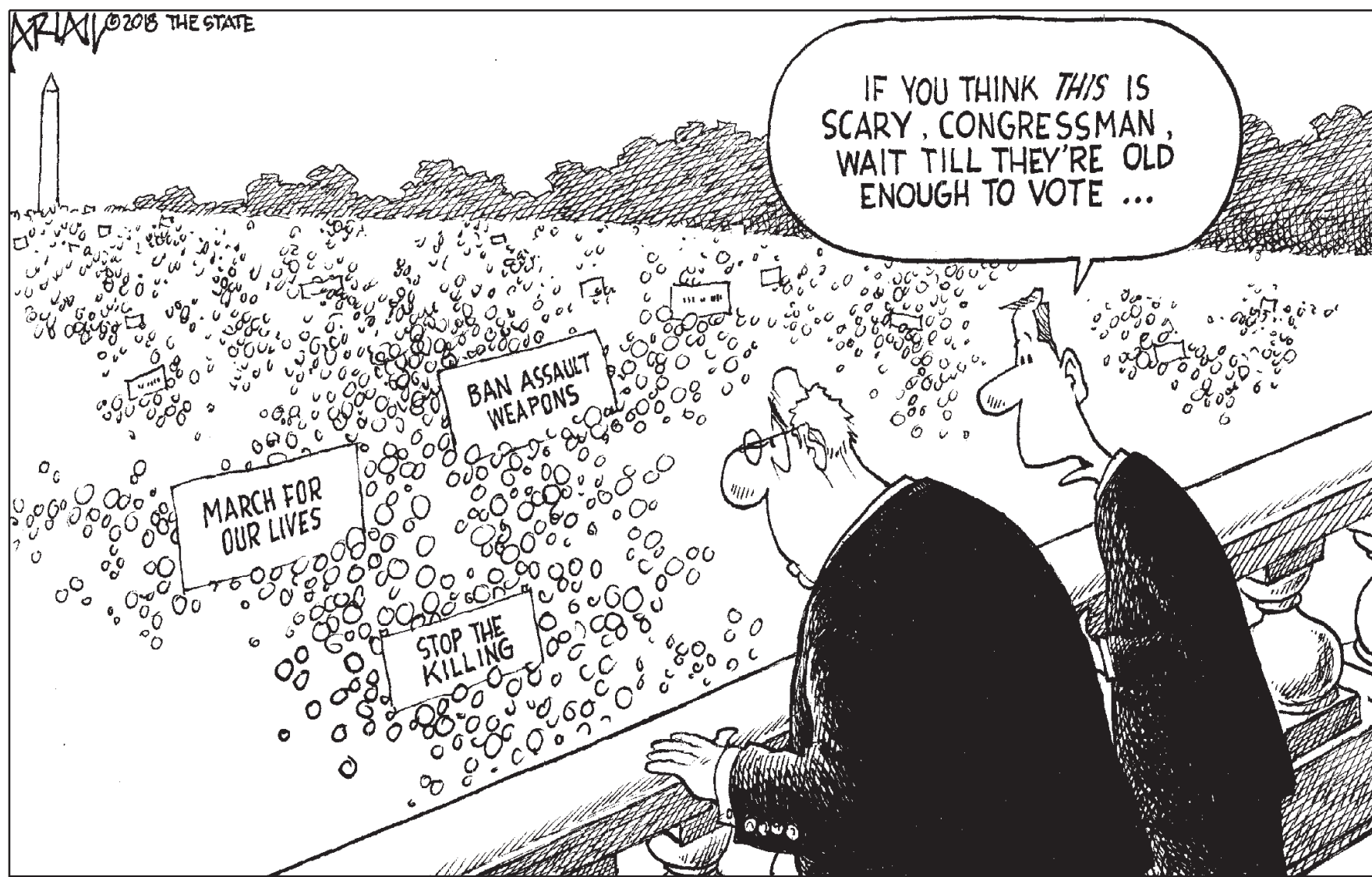
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Joyce Adkins

Joyce Ann Bryant Adkins, 75, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, Mar. 28, 2018.

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

Janice Bowling

Janice Lynn Bowling, 58, of Elkhorn City, died Wednesday, Mar. 28,

2018.

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Berchie Case

Berchie Spurlock Case, 95, of Martin, died Tuesday, Mar. 27, 2018.

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Marie Hall

Marie Hall, 96, of Har-old, died Tuesday, Mar. 27, 2018.

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"Mutt" Hall

Roger Hiram "Mutt" Hall, 78, of Wheelwright, died Tuesday, Mar. 27,

2018.

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David Henderson

David Henderson, 53, of Melvin, died Monday, Mar. 26, 2018.

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Nancy Mayo

Nancy Reynolds Mayo, 62, of Martin, died Monday, Mar. 26, 2018.

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

Sammy Slusher

Sammy Slusher, 68, of Nancy, died Saturday, Mar. 24, 2018.

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Vaughn Watson

Vaughn Watson, 70, of Dana, died Tuesday, Mar. 27, 2018.

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

Floyd Central students partner with Prestonsburg Healthcare

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Board of Education approved an affiliation agreement this week between Floyd Central High School and Prestonsburg Health Care.

The contract lasts three years, and it allows Floyd Central students to gain work experience at the nursing home.

In the agreement approved on March 26, the district agrees to provide transportation, parking and meals for Floyd Central students who are enrolled in a Certified Nurse Assistant program with the Prestonsburg Healthcare partnership.

The district agrees that students

participating in the program will have liability insurance and will provide proof of immunizations, vaccinations and other records. The healthcare facility agrees to provide an adequate conference room or teaching space for faculty and students from Floyd Central. It notes that the business' staff will supervise students and will remain responsible for patient care at all times.

Students who enroll in the program will not be considered employees or agents of Prestonsburg Healthcare. The students and staff who participate in the program are required to comply with state and federal laws regarding the release of medical records and reporting of elder abuse.

'Leading Ladies' conference next week

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

Two local colleges are partnering to bring the contributions of women to the forefront in Prestonsburg next week.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the University of Pikeville will host the second "Leading Ladies Regional Women's Leadership conference next week.

The conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, April 6, in room 102 of the Johnson building of the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus.

Featured speakers will include Lt. Governor Jenean Hampton, BSCTC

President Dr. Sherry Zylka, UPIke President Dr. Burton Webb, and his wife, UPIke professor Dr. Kay Webb and UPIKE Provost Lori Werth.

This conference will feature sessions for high school students that includes discussions on

leadership, social media, social networking, and a roundtable discussion with women leaders and college students in numerous educational fields. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to attendees. Attendance is free.

For more information, call Dr. Patsy Jackson at, (606) 889-4711, Brenda Miller at, (606) 889-4790, or Jess Shadrack at, (606) 218-0523.

Probation revoked for Floyd man

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County man is back in jail, after it was found that he had violated the terms of his probation.

Christopher Jones, 22, of Prestonsburg, represented in court by Public Advocate Brandis Bradley, was arrested in Floyd Circuit Court on March 22, following a revocation hearing.

Bradley told Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith that Jones was interested in pursuing additional drug treatment and sought home incarceration

for Jones, who has a newborn child.

In the hearing, Jones stipulated that he violated his probation. Probation and parole officials filed documents in his case on March 13, stating that he violated his probation by having "excessive positive" drug screenings in the drug court program and was "found to be trafficking, according to information on his phone."

He was originally charged in 2015 in two cases. In one of them, he was indicted on a charge of burglary for allegedly unlawfully entering

the residence of Esther Blair and stealing items.

In the other, he was charged with entering a building belonging to Gorman Collins of Q95 and stealing electricity from one of the radio station's booster sites. He was indicted on charges of second-degree burglary, theft of services and criminal mischief. That case is set to be diverted next year, court records show.

He entered a pretrial diversion program in both of these cases, was placed on probation for three years and ordered to attend drug court.

In January, Smith ordered that Jones' diversion be extended so he could finish drug court.

Responding to Bradley's request, Commonwealth Attorney Arnold Brent Turner said he was not opposed to additional treatment for Jones, but Smith said he was inclined to revoke his probation.

Smith ordered that his probation violation be held in abeyance until he enters and completes a long-term residential drug treatment program, ruling that Smith will be held in custody until he is

released to enter treatment.

"My inclination is not to let you out on home incarceration, and I hate that," Smith told him, referring to his newborn child. He said Jones has been in the court system for some time and suggested he should not have known better than to violate the terms of his probation.

The court bailiff allowed Jones to kiss his children goodbye before he was taken into custody.

Turner named to School Safety Task Force

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, was recently appointed to the School Safety Task Force, which formed by legislators to create a comprehensive plan to secure Kentucky's schools.

Turner said in a statement he will bring his experience as a school teacher, coach and administrator to this task force.

"With concern mounting across the

commonwealth and the nation, the leadership of the Kentucky General Assembly created the task force to evaluate school safety in Kentucky and devise measures that could be implemented across the state," said Turner, who was appointed by the Senate president. "My experience as a teacher and an administrator gives me insight that will benefit the task force as we study this issue."

The task force held its first meeting on Wednesday to identify

and evaluate options for schools to provide armed protection currently offered under Kentucky law.

"With the increase in school shootings, securing our schools has become a priority," said Turner. "I understand the fears that people are feeling and sharing with me. I have a daughter who is a school administrator and a granddaughter who is a few years away from starting school. I want them to be in a safe environment just as I want all of our stu-

dents and staff to be in a safe zone."

Immediately after his appointment to the task force, Turner reached out to the school superintendents in his districts and to other superintendents in Eastern Kentucky to get their input.

"Who better than the folks at the schools to give us ideas on how to secure our schools?" said Turner. "I appreciate each them for taking the time to talk to me and give me their thoughts and suggestions on making our

schools safer. I plan to get feedback from other school personnel and students as this process continues.

"It is sad that we even have to think about how to keep people with guns or other weapons out of our schools," he added. "Schools should be a safe haven for children. Unfortunately too many individuals have taken their anger and violence to schools so now safety is a critical topic facing schools across the nation."

The task force will

continue to meet and to study options under state law after the 2018 Legislative Session concludes as the committee works to develop a proposal.

"Our goal is to make our schools safer," said Turner.

Turner welcomes input from his constituents. Anyone who would like to share suggestions or other feedback, can contact him directly at, johnny-ray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

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Floyd man charged with pipe theft

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man who allegedly tried to steal gas pipes off of property belonging to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife is now facing several charges.

Kentucky State Police troopers arrested Matthew Glen Martin, 36, of Topmost, at 9:44 p.m. on Monday,

March 26, after they spotted his truck sitting beside of Rt. 7.

The citation alleges that there were metal pipes and an oxygen acetylene tank in the back of the truck, and KSP Sgt. Shaun Little made contact with Martin after he came out of a wooded area.

Little discovered that Martin "had been cutting old metal gas pipe" on Fish & Wildlife

property, the citation alleges. It reports there were eight pipes with an overall length of 50 feet in the back of Martin's truck and those pipes, valued at \$340, belonged to EQT.

Martin was charged with seven misdemeanor counts: third degree criminal mischief, third degree trespassing, no registration receipt, no registration plates, failure to maintain required insur-

ance, failure to produce an insurance card and improper display of registration plates.

He pleaded not guilty to the allegations on March 27, and his bond was set at \$500 cash. A court trial is scheduled to be held on June 7.

Martin has a criminal records history, according to documents on file at the Floyd County Judicial Center.

At the time of his arrest,

he was out on bond, his records show, from a felony case in Johnson County in which he was indicted in December 2017 and charged with first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication. He was released on his own recognizance in that case on Feb. 7 and was expected to return to court on April 6.

Martin PD arrests alleged cocaine, methadone trafficker

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A complaint about a man who appeared to be passed out on the side of Ky. 80 in Martin led to a drug trafficking arrest recently.

Martin Police Officer Kristen Napier arrested Terry Lee Moore, 57, of Martin, on March 23, reporting in the citation that she was called to investigate a man on the roadway who appeared to be passed out.

According to that filing, Napier said Moore gave her consent to search his vehicle, and she found unlabeled pill bottles, one of which contained three baggies of cocaine and another that contained 127 methadone pills.

Moore was arraigned in Floyd County District Court on March 26. District Judge Eric D. Hall set a preliminary hearing in the case for April 2. He set Moore's bond at \$5,000 cash.

School parking lot assault case headed for the grand jury

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The case against an Auxier resident accused of assaulting a school official was referred to the grand jury this week.

Donnie Mitchell Adams, 36, of Auxier waived his right to a preliminary hearing in the case filed against him by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department on March 15.

On that day, deputies were called to Allen Elementary, which had been put on lockdown because of an alleged altercation Adams had with his girlfriend in the parking lot.

Sheriff John Hunt previously re-

ported that a school district employee was in the area where Adams had a verbal altercation with the woman, 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 after Adams was arrested.

Adams was arrested later that day at his home in Auxier. He faces a charge of third-degree assault, a felony.

Represented by attorney Timothy Parker, he was in jail for his March 26 court appearance. District Judge Eric Hall set a \$3,000 partially-secured bond in the case.

Smith: Bond for wanton endangerment defendant needs some 'teeth to it'

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man pleaded not guilty to threatening someone with a gun last week.

Michael Hoover, 47, of Eastern, represented by Public Advocate Adam Gearheart, pleaded not guilty to one count of first-degree wanton

endangerment and fourth-degree assault on March 22 — charges stemming from a 2017 incident in which he allegedly threatened someone with a gun.

When a request to lower Hoover's bond arose, Floyd Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith hesitated.

Talking about several similar charges Hoover has faced

in the past, Smith said his bond should be "something with some teeth to it" because of a potential danger that Hoover could pose to the community.

He was indicted in December 2017 for engaging in conduct that could have caused serious injury or death of a victim and for physically injuring a female.

Hoover was incarcerated on a \$10,000 cash bond and Smith lowered that to \$5,000 cash during the hearing.

He's appeared in district court for four criminal cases over the past three years.

In 2015, he was given two years' probation after pleading guilty to assault and ordered to have no contact with a victim, and he was also

sentenced to 30 days in jail after pleading guilty to an animal cruelty charge. That year and in 2016, charges that he violated an emergency protection order were dismissed, with agreement from the alleged victim.

Hoover is expected to return to court on June 7 for a pretrial conference in the most recent case.

PLEADS

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Floyd Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith confirmed that Shepherd was pleading guilty in accordance with a plea agreement reached with the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, in which prosecutors recommended he be sentenced to 10 years on the manufacturing meth charge along with 12 months on the drug possession charge.

Smith asked Pillersdorf if those offers are consistent with the legal advice he offered Shep-

herd, to which Pillersdorf responded that they were "very consistent" with his advice. Pillersdorf reported after the hearing that Shepherd will be eligible for parole as soon as he is sentenced on April 26.

"He's been in jail, off and on, for two years ... He's a 72-year old Vietnam veteran who has significant health problems," said Pillersdorf, noting that he hopes Shepherd gets parole.

Shepherd's arrest — a first-offense manufacturing meth charge — came from an investigation into tips that the Floyd County Sheriff's

Department received on its tip line, police said.

The department issued a press release at the time of Shepherd's arrest, reporting it had received numerous complaints about illegal drug activity at his residence, and deputies executed a search warrant at his home in December 2015.

Deputies discovered two active meth labs, one inside a washing machine and another underneath the residence, the press release said, and crystal meth and meth-making precursors were also found during the search.

Shepherd was arrest-

ed that night alongside Brent Hale, 42, of Blue River, Heather Miller, 46, of David and Courtney Nicole Jordan, 31 of Gunlock. The Sheriff Department also reported that Bill Tom Shepherd, 66, of David, was arrested on a separate warrant. He was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Shepherd will be the last of these defendants to be sentenced in this case when he returns to court on April 26.

Hale, charged with complicity to manufacture meth, was sentenced in November to

10 years, suspended after the service of five years, agreeing to serve the remaining five years on probation.

Miller, originally charged with complicity to manufacture meth, pleaded guilty in September to an amended charge of facilitation to manufacture meth. She received a two-year sentence, which was suspended and she was placed on probation for two years.

Jordan, originally charged with complicity to manufacture meth, pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of facilitation to

manufacture meth and was sentenced to five years in September 2017.

She was also indicted in May 2017 with second degree escape and tampering with a prisoner monitoring device, and in September 2017, she was sentenced to 12 months on a lesser charge of third degree escape in that case.

Bill Shepherd, charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and trafficking marijuana, was sentenced in September 2016 to three years, suspended, and probated for three years.

RESIGNS

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farms, wineries ... There's a lot of history and culture there."

Pearson has brought about several changes to

the face of Prestonsburg Tourism since he accepted the director's job in January 2016. Under his leadership, the commission changed its name and logo, developed a new website and improved its branding and

marketing efforts.

He said since his hiring, Prestonsburg Tourism has increased its tour group revenue and overnight stays and earned awards for its tourism development efforts.

"It's been a whirl-

wind," he said. "We've accomplished a lot, and that's a good thing."

Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton praised Pearson's work with the city.

"Mitchell has brought a new aspect to the

tourism commission," he said. "He has included and, really updated our advertising and digital world, which has been greatly needed. We really appreciate his efforts since he's been here and wish him well."

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission was set to convene in a special meeting March 30 at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park May Lodge to begin the process of hiring Pearson's replacement.

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High schools collaborate for '365 Days-365 Books'

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Teachers and students from the county's three high schools are working together this year on an internet-based literacy project.

It's called the "365 Days-365 Books Community Service, Literacy and Collaboration Project," and, through it, high school students from Prestonsburg, Betsy Layne and Floyd Central will be working to en-

courage children between the ages of birth and five years old to read. Students from these schools are recording themselves reading books, with plans to upload those videos to the Internet.

Anna Shepherd, director of the Floyd County School District's Early Childhood program, Amy Ratliff of Betsy Layne, Sonya Slone of Floyd Central and a student gave a presentation about this project to the Floyd County Board of

Education during a March 26 meeting. Jamie Adams of Prestonsburg High School, who did not attend the meeting, is also working with this group.

Project coordinators reported that students are learning several things as part of this project, including recording and editing videos and writing business letters. They presented a video students created to explain the project, reporting that participating students are writing business letters to au-

thors and book publishers for permission to post videos of their books being read online.

Shephard said the idea for the project came when officials were trying to find a literacy project to replace the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program, which is no longer grant-funded. She said officials and students at participating high schools came up with creative solutions to expand this literacy collaboration project, reporting that students who

participate in the annual Young Authors program may also be invited to read their books as part of the project.

She said the website is expected to be up and running next year.

Each participating school plans to record the reading of 122 books for this project. The website will include a searchable database so that people can search for specific subjects their children are interested in, officials said.

Kindergarten registration planned

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The Floyd County School District reminds the public that there is now an early enrollment

option for kindergarten students.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, all Kentucky students enrolling in kindergarten would have to be five years old

on or before August 1, 2018. This cut-off date for age had been October 1.

There is an evaluation process that must be part of the policy and

Floyd County Schools will use the kindergarten registration screener to determine a child's readiness for school. This screener is used with all incoming kindergarten

students regardless of their birthdate.

Parents of children who are ready to enroll in kindergarten and will be 5 years old on or before October 1, are invited to

attend kindergarten registration any of our elementary schools on April

2nd and 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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position due to lack of funding.

Advisory Council members voted to take that action on Feb. 7, reporting that the position will not be written into the school's continuation program plan for the 2019-2020 fiscal year because of the lack of

funding.

In approving the change, Advisory Council Member Angie DePoy made a motion to re-create that position if funding becomes available, a motion which was also approved by the advisory council.

The Floyd County Board of Education gave its approval to abolish the position for the 2018-

2019 school year without discussion at its March 26 meeting. The issue paper provided to board members noted that the action would allow the school's resource center to stay within its budget.

PES Principal Brent Rose said the school's FRYSC clerk is retiring and the move to abolish the position come because officials don't plan to re-

fill that role unless funding becomes available. He said what happens in the Kentucky General Assembly in regards to the state's two-year budget will determine whether the position is funded in the future.

"Right now, since we don't have a budget that's been passed and there's so much uncertainty with the budget, what the

council recommended to the board was to abolish the position for now," he said, pointing out that they also recommended re-hiring someone in the center if funds become available. He said the action will allow the school to keep the center open and still have everything in place to help students in need.

Referring to rallies

held this month in Prestonsburg and Frankfort, Rose said people believe teachers have been rallying against state pension issues, but noted they are also protesting proposed cuts to education in the state's two-year budget.

"It's scary," he said. "There's so many cuts in there that could affect our kids and our schools."

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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

Vicky Hamilton, 46, of Dana, public intoxication
 Daniel Sword, 27, of Pikeville, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Savannah Nicole Smith, 18, of Leburn, alcohol intoxication in a public place
 Whitney Slone, 27, of Hueysville, failure to send child to school
 Thomas D. Bentley, 50 of Betsy Layne, driving under the influence, first-degree disorderly conduct, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance
 Mack H. Leeis, 36, of Xenia, Ohio, possession of marijuana
 April Dawn Hamilton, 26, of Banner, public intoxication
 Sarah Ross, age unavailable, of Printer, failure to send child to school
 Alison Hughes, age unavailable, of Prestonsburg, harassment
 Shawn P. Francis, 54, of Garrett, alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal mischief.
 Tiffany D. Lewis, 31, of Langley, theft under \$500
 Billy Case, 28, of Nicholasville, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container
 Joyce A. Collins, 44, of Raven, public intoxication
 Jerry D. Smith, 41, of Betsy Layne, fourth-degree assault, minor injury
 Lisa Slone, 40, of Allen, possession of marijuana
 Eric Jarrell, 34, of Auxier, possession of

drug paraphernalia, improper equipment
 James K. Dye, 39, of McDowell, giving an officer false information, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container
 Adron Burchett, 29, of Ivel, first-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication
 Vicki Jo Hamilton, 45, of Dana, improper equipment, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Billy G. Hunt, 39, of Banner, second-degree fleeing and evading, second-degree disorderly conduct
 Robbie Hall, 36, of Galveston, third-degree terroristic threatening, second-degree criminal trespassing
 Andrew Prater, 18, of Betsy Layne, harassing communications, third-degree terroristic threatening
 James Reynolds, 35, of Grethel, resisting arrest
 Clifford Ousley, 63, of Beaver, improper signal, possession of an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle, possession of marijuana
 Dannie Worrax, 40, of Raccoon, theft
 Matthew Glen Martin, 36, of Topmost, third-degree criminal mischief, third-degree trespassing, no registration receipt, no registration plates, failure to maintain required insurance, failure to produce insurance card, improper display of registration plates
 Christian McEvers, age unavailable, of Prestonsburg, public intoxication, menacing, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct
 Eric Jarrell, 34, of Auxier, alcohol intoxication in a public place
 Randall Lee Yates, 47, of Martin, alcohol intoxication in a public place

Felony charges filed

Tiffany Howell, 30, of Harold, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Jamie Lynn Spears, 35, of Hi Hat, theft over \$500
 Donovan Salyer, 25, of Martin, theft over \$500, third-degree criminal mischief
 Shelby D. Stacy, 40, of Hi Hat, identity theft, giving officer false information
 Myrtle C. Little, 40, of Prestonsburg, driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia, first and second-degree drug trafficking
 Donnie M. Adams, 37, of Auxier, third-degree assault
 William Edmund Blackburn, 49, of Ivel, first and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in proper container
 Melissa Blackburn, 37, of Ivel, first and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in proper container
 Bernie C. Blankenship, 61, of Grethel, public intoxication, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Bradley S. Hamilton, 41, of Teberry, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Mary A. Dotson, 42, of Teaberry, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Bennett L. Blankenship, 55, of Grethel, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Illrena A. Keller II, age unavailable, of Berea, flagrant nonsupport
 Carla L. Forsyth, 24, of Harold, public intoxication, possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, second-degree trafficking in a controlled substance
 Jesse J. Keathley, 31,

of Harold, first, second and third-degree drug trafficking, public intoxication
 Gregory B. Gibson, 39, of Martin, flagrant nonsupport
 Patrick Jarrell, 34, of Ashland, two counts of flagrant nonsupport
 Mack H. Leeis, 37, of Xenia, Ohio, fugitive
 Billy Case, 28, of Nicholasville, theft over \$500
 Robert Griffin, 41, of Wayland, theft over \$500
 Michael D. Combs, 38, of Stanville, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree promoting contraband, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Kathy Mitchell, 42, of Prestonsburg, first and second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of a legend drug, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Christopher Hamilton, 40, of Grethel, flagrant nonsupport
 Eric T. Derossett, age unavailable, of Bevinsville, flagrant nonsupport
 Robbie Hall, 36, of Harold, two counts of flagrant nonsupport
 Terry Lee Moore, 58, of Martin, two counts of first-degree trafficking controlled substances
 Danny Ray Pennington Jr., 40, of Bevinsville, first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Lawsuits filed

Talina Shantel Swope vs. Charles R. Swope; di-

vorce
 Kimberly Hall vs. Lonnie Johnson; divorce
 Tyler Shane Hall vs. Nikita Hall; divorce
 Kayla Cord vs. Randy Cord; divorce
 Rachel Caudill vs. Kenneth Caudill; divorce
 Kaitlan Rose vs. Donald Joe Dye; divorce
 Sandra Lynn Bentley vs. Maverick Bentley
 Daniel E. Jenson vs. Jennifer C. Frasure, Geico General Insurance Company; personal injury complaint
 Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC, assignee of Synchrony Bank, vs. Kimberly Banks; complaint concerning contract
 Kentucky Department for Income Support, Stephanie Lawson vs. Billy R. Slone; petition for child support and health insurance
 Kentucky Department for Income Support, Tiffany Wallen vs. Arnold G. Wesley; petition for child support and health insurance
 Carol Esther Twiss vs. Charles Thomas Twiss; divorce
 John D. Williams vs. Jay Kana Inc., doing business as Quick Mart Number Nine; personal injury complaint
 Kentucky Department for Income Support, Mindy Wells vs. Kevin Gayheart; petition for child support and health insurance
 Kentucky Department for Income Sup-

port, Erica Akers vs. Eric Hamilton; petition for child support and health insurance
 Sharmar Beatty vs. Amy Beatty; divorce
 Craig Click, Jeremy Click vs. State Farm Insurance Company; personal injury complaint
 Tina Moore vs. Angela M. Ferrell; child support complaint
 Branch Banking and Trust Company vs. Timothy D. Blackburn, Tami Blackburn, Lendmark Financial Services, Remit Corporation, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, Capital One Bank, Express Merchant Processing Solutions, World Credit Fund II, unknown spouse of Thomas A. Blackburn, unknown spouse of Diana Sue Blackburn; complaint concerning contract
 US Bank National Association vs. Ricky Justice, Loretta Justice, unknown spouse of Viola Roberts, unknown spouse of Artie Justice, unknown spouse of Azzie Justice, unknown spouse of Tommy Justice, unknown spouse of Sola Justice; complaint concerning contract
 Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Billy J. Brown, complaint concerning contract
 Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Leigh Ratliff, vs. James H. Presley; family court case transferred from Martin County



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Christ has raised from the dead

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, — 1 Peter 1:3

I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; — Job 19:25-26

But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; he will surely take me to himself. — Psalm 49:15

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; —John 11:25

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." —John 20:27-29

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be



afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. — Revelation 1:17-18

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection

of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not

been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. — 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Wrestling with God

Many, if not most, of the heroes of the Bible wrestled with God. Jacob literally wrestled with God (or an angel of God, depending on the translation) in the desert and was thereafter named "Israel." The name "Israel" in Hebrew means something akin to "he has struggled with God," suggesting God's willingness to struggle with his people. The story of Abraham depicts someone who must have had an internal struggle with God, for God tested him by asking him to sacrifice his only son Isaac. (Genesis 22) One can only imagine the struggle that Abraham had with God over this, and one has to wonder how this request, despite God relenting at the last moment, came to color Abraham's subsequent relationship with God.



Moses argued repeatedly with God and their relationship was contentious at best. In the fourteenth chapter of Numbers Moses seems to actually get God to change his mind about destroying his people. And finally, consider Jesus's struggle in the garden of Gethsemane. He is clearly wrestling with Himself about his imminent trial, suffering and death. Perhaps this is the most relevant to our own struggles with God, for in the end, we are struggling with the God within us. Our conscience is the voice of God telling us what we should do, but our contentious ego has trouble being obedient. It's alright to struggle with God, but at some point all must submit to His overwhelming power and goodness. — Christopher Simon

"Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."
— Genesis 32:28 NIV

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"If You left the grave behind you, so will I."



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

"God of salvation/You chased down my heart though all of my failure and pride. On a hill You created/The light of the world/ Abandoned in darkness to die. And as You speak/A hundred billion failures disappear. Where You lost Your life so I could find it here. If You left the grave behind you, so will I. I can see Your heart in everything You've done. Every part designed in a work of art called love. If You gladly chose surrender, so will I. I can see Your heart/ Eight billion different ways. Every precious one/A child You died to save. If You gave Your life to love them, so will I. Like You would again a hundred billion times. But what measure could amount to Your desire. You're the One who never leaves the one behind."

These are the ending verses in a song called "So Will I (100 Billion X)" by Hillsong UNITED. I heard the lengthy song, which clocks in at almost seven minutes, several times before I caught these ending lyrics.

God created the very hill of Golgotha. He molded the very ground the cross

would be erected upon. He created the tree that would be used for his torturous, humiliating place of death. And there at Calvary, the Christ, the Messiah, the Creator of the universe, the Creator of man, was nailed to the cross. Man that He created, that He loved and breathed life into, didn't believe in Him. "He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain (Isaiah 53:3a)."

Jesus hung at Calvary, betrayed by His closest friends. Despite their love and devotion for Jesus, when the moment came, they ran away. They denied they knew Him. He was alone with the crowd who cried for His blood. "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" they yelled (Luke 23:21). The crowd failed to realize who He was.

And yet, despite their anger and hatred and calling for His death, Jesus still loved them. He still pleaded for them as He said to God, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do (Luke 23:34)." His words were not just for the crowd in front of Him. He, the King of Kings, was thinking about us. His forgiveness included us, those who've gone before us and those who've yet to be born. Jesus' death was for all mankind.

Upon the cross He bore our sins (Isaiah 53:4a). Every wrong ever committed, (or to be committed) by us and every person to ever lay foot on this earth, was upon

His shoulders. The crowd mocked Him. "Come down from the cross and save yourself (Mark 15:30)!" But Jesus didn't. He could have called upon the Father and twelve legions of angels would have come to His aid (Matthew 26:53). But He remained obedient to God and died on the cross (Philippians 2:8).

Jesus gave His life for us. As Hillsong UNITED sings, "Every precious one/A child You died to save." Christ died for all. Every. Single. Person. If we were the only person on earth, Jesus would still have gone to the cross for us. And, if needed, He would do it again. That's how great His love is for us. Now, Jesus tarries in His return because He doesn't want anyone to perish. He wants every person to be in Heaven.

Heaven is our hope. Christ may have died on the cross. He may have been put in a tomb. But He didn't stay there. "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again' (Luke 24:5b-7)." He rose! He res-

urrected! And because He did, as Christians, we too will be resurrected. We will rise from the grave. His victory on Calvary, is our victory.

Christ left no one behind. As the prophet predicted, all sins were forgiven on the cross (Isaiah 53:5). But in order to receive forgiveness you must hear the Word (Romans 10:17), believe the Word (Acts 16:31), repent of your sins (Acts 17:30), confess Christ is the Son of the Living God (Acts 8:37), be baptized for the

remission of sins to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38) and live obediently until your death (Acts 14:22) — or Christ's return, whichever comes first.

The hope of eternal life with Jesus in Heaven is available to all for free. Christ already paid our way. He's already gone on before us to prepare a place. But you must accept His offer, His invitation. You must accept Him. For there is no other way to Heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (John 14:6)." Come to the resurrected Savior today, before it's too late.

"If You left the grave behind you, so will I."

Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!
— Luke 24:5b-6a

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Community calendar

- March 30; 9 a.m.: Prestonsburg tourism to host special meeting, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park

- March 30; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Easter Egg Hunt, Stonecrest Little League Fields.

- March 31; 10:30 a.m.: Trail of Peter Rabbit Treasure Hunt, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

- March 31; 12 p.m.: Drive-Thru Passion Play; Prestonsburg Church of God

- March 31; 2 p.m.: Wheelwright Easter Egg Hunt, park near the city swimming pool.

- March 31; 2 p.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Easter Egg Hunt, campground.

- April 1; 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m.: Trinity Harvest Church, a nondenominational church located at 220 South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, invites the public to Celebrate Easter with three services, open to any person, regardless of background, church history or beliefs. (606) 437-2600

- April 2-3; 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Kindergarten registration open in all Floyd County elementary schools.

- April 2; 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets.

- April 3: AARP Tax aides available at Prestonsburg library.

- April 3; 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, Mosby's. (606) 886-1341

- April 4; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

- April 5; 4:30 p.m.: Appalachian Hospice Care hosts free grief support group meetings on at 1520 Ky. Rt. 1428 in Hager Hill and 1414 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville. (606) 789-3841

- April 6; 8:30 a.m.

- to 3 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College and University of Pikeville to host Leading Ladies Conference; Johnson Building, Room 102. (606) 889-4711

- April 7; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Volunteers sought for Park Day cleanup at Middle Creek National Battlefield. Rain date: April 14. Please bring your own lawn/farm equipment and supplies

- April 7; 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: Open Skate Night, Archer Park. \$3 general admission

- April 9-13: PRIDE Spring Cleanup in Prestonsburg and Floyd County.

- April 9; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, hosts 8-hour mine emergency tech retraining class. (606) 218-1228

- April 10; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host surface mine retraining class. (606) 218-1228

- April 11-12; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Techni-

- cal College, Pikeville, to host underground mine retraining. (606) 218-1228

- Every Tuesday; 5 p.m.: Game Night, Prestonsburg library

- Every Wednesday, 1 p.m., through May 2: Story Time, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860

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- Every Monday, 6 p.m.: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Eastern Library

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Jaguars edge Sheldon Clark in debut

Starting pitcher Chase Conley helped to lead Floyd Central past Sheldon Clark, 5-4 in its debut on Tuesday.

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By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central held on to win in its debut earlier in the week, edging visiting Sheldon Clark 5-4 on Tuesday evening.

New 15th Region rivals, Floyd Central and Sheldon Clark are scheduled to meet for a late-season matchup in Martin County on May 18.

Despite being out-hit and committing four errors, Floyd Central dealt Sheldon Clark its first loss in the 2018 season.

Floyd Central opened its debut campaign 1-0 with the win.

With the loss, Sheldon Clark dropped to 3-1.

Floyd Central received stellar early-sea-

son pitching.

"I thought we played good enough to win," said Floyd Central coach Shawn Hager. "Our pitchers did an excellent job for the first game of the year. We didn't hit the ball like I was hoping, but there's a lot of room to improve. Sheldon Clark has a nice baseball team so it was a good win."

Floyd Central pitcher Chase Conley helped to lead the host team to the victory from the mound. Conley, who notched the win, surrendered one run on five hits over four and 1/3 innings, while striking out three without giving up a walk. Caleb Hager threw two and 2/3 innings in relief, recording the last eight outs to earn the save.

Working out of a starting role for the Cardinals, Daylon Stafford took the loss. Stafford allowed four hits and five runs over six innings, striking out eight.

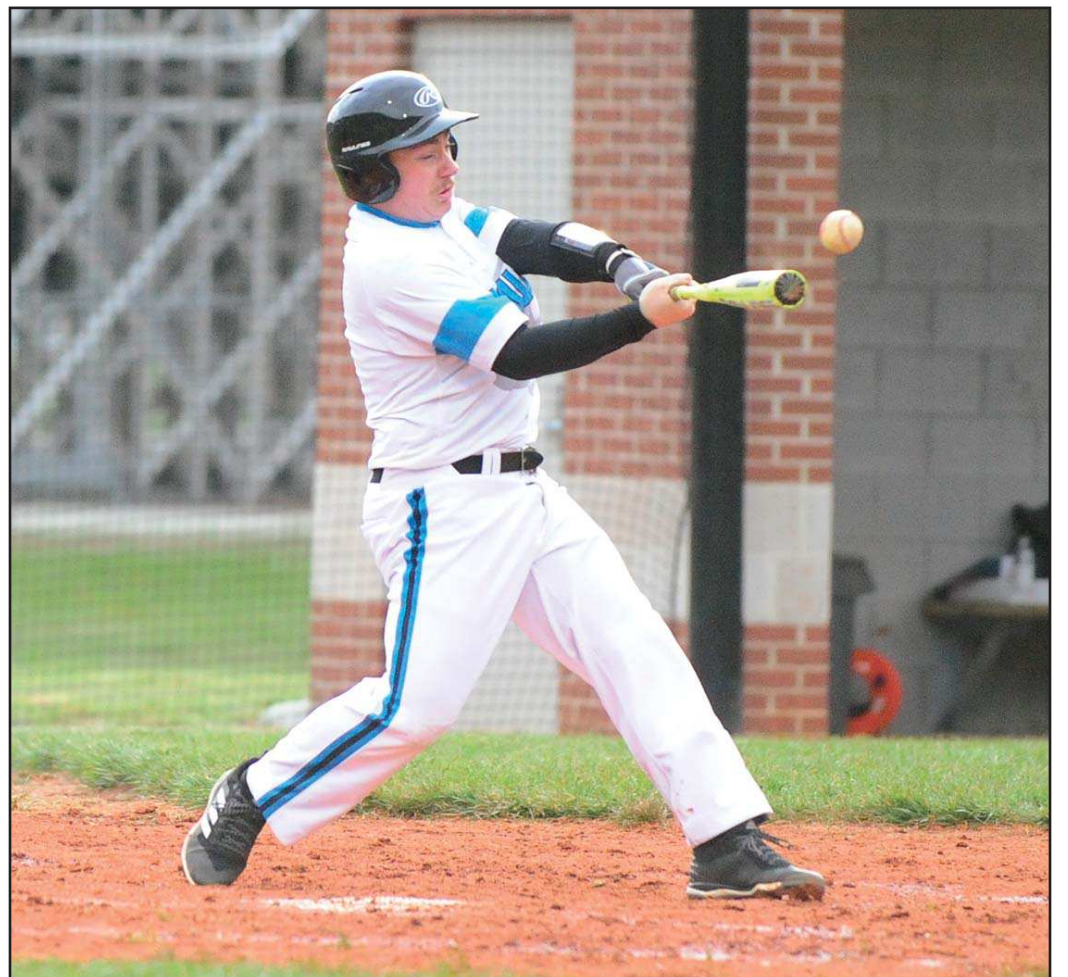
Sheldon Clark scored first, but Floyd Central pulled even during its initial plate appearance and never trailed again.

With the game tied 1-1 in the bottom half of the third inning, Floyd Central plated another run to take a 2-1 lead.

Then, following a scoreless fourth inning, Floyd Central pushed across three more runs in the top half of the sixth inning.

Sheldon Clark, which out-hit Floyd Central 9-4, plated three runs of its own in the top half of the sixth inning. Still,

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central's Braydon Hamilton connects on an offering from Sheldon Clark starting pitcher Daylon Stafford.

Bobcats suffer shutout loss to Pike Central

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK — Visiting Pike Central prevented Betsy Layne from entering the win column at the start of the week, The Hawks erupted for 11 runs in the first inning and Betsy Layne could never recover from the early onslaught. Pike Central rolled past Betsy Layne, winning 18-0 in five innings on Monday.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 0-4.

Pike Central improved to 3-1 with the win.

The Hawks out-hit the Bobcats 16-4 and turned in an error-free performance in the field.

Pike Central starting

pitcher Evan Coleman picked up the win.

Betsy Layne hurler Matthew Newsome was stuck with the loss.

After jumping on Betsy Layne with 11 runs in the opening inning, Pike Central scored seven more times in the second frame to lead 18-0.

Jonathan Potter, Seth Conn, D'Sean Prinkleton, Logan Hillerman, Bryce Adkins and Tanner Wood led Pike Central with two hits apiece. Hillerman, who doubled as part of Pike Central's offensive onslaught, delivered a game-high three RBIs for the Hawks.

Brady Robinson, Jordan Frazier, Matthew Newsome and Kolby Mc-

Guire collected one hit apiece for the Bobcats. Both Robinson and McGuire connected for a double for the Bobcats, who are under the direction of head coach Bud Newsome.

Betsy Layne committed a pair of errors in the loss.

The Bobcats managed only 18 total at-bats in five innings.

Betsy Layne and Pike Central are slated to meet for a late-season game May 14.

Phelps 15, Betsy Layne 1

Betsy Layne continued to struggle early in the 2018 season on the road in neighboring Pike

County on Tuesday as much-improved Phelps pulled away to win 15-1 in five innings.

The Bobcats dropped to 0-5 as a result of the loss.

With the win, the Hornets moved to 3-0.

Three games into the 2018 season, Phelps boasts additional wins over Jenkins and East Ridge.

Dylan New collected four RBIs to lead Phelps to the victory. New connected for a pair of doubles.

New, Brandon Turnmire and Dominic Francis combined to hurl a one-hitter for host Phelps. Turnmire started on the mound for the Hornets.

He worked three innings and earned the win while allowing only one run off one hit.

Betsy Layne pitcher Byron Tackett took the loss.

New, Keegan Bentley and Riley Dotson provided two hits apiece for Phelps in the victory.

Phelps set the tone early, plating two runs in the opening inning. In the first of two big innings, Phelps pushed across seven runs in the bottom half of the second frame to stretch its lead out to a commanding 9-0 advantage.

Betsy Layne scored its lone run in the top half of the third inning but never crossed home

plate again.

In another offensive-heavy plate appearance, Phelps manufactured six runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Jordan Frazier accounted for Betsy Layne's only hit and was responsible for the Bobcats' lone run in the loss.

Betsy Layne committed five errors in the setback. The Bobcats were limited offensively for the fourth straight game after nearly knocking off Shelby Valley in a season opener on Monday, March 19.

Betsy Layne is slated to face Phelps in a late-season matchup May 7.

Lady Jaguars fall to Lady Wildcats, 13-7



Floyd Central's Katie Moore attempts to beat the throw to second base Tuesday evening against Shelby Valley. The Lady Jaguars fell to the Lady Wildcats, 13-7.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

Blackcats drop district double-header to Lawrence County

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — The Prestonsburg Blackcats remained in the loss column earlier in the week after dropping a 58th District baseball double-header to the Lawrence County Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Perennial 15th Region title contender Lawrence County topped Prestonsburg 11-1 in six innings in the opening game of the double-header.

Lawrence County was even more in control during the final game of the twin bill, rolling past Prestonsburg 19-0 in five innings.

Prestonsburg exited the double-header 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the 58th District.

Following the sweep, Lawrence County moved to 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the district.

Tradition-rich Lawrence County swept its second 58th District opponent in as many outings. The Bulldogs, under the direction of veteran head coach Travis Feltner, swept Betsy Layne in a double-header on the road in Allen on Friday, March 23.

More on the Prestonsburg-Lawrence County double-header follows.

Lawrence County 11,

Prestonsburg 1
Visiting Prestonsburg pushed across one run in the top half of the first inning, but couldn't keep a lead over Lawrence County. The Bulldogs answered with four runs in the bottom half of the first inning and never trailed again pulling away to beat the Blackcats 11-1 in the first game of a 58th District baseball double-header.

Lawrence County erupted for six runs in the third inning, taking advantage of multiple offensive opportunities.

Productive Lawrence County out hit the Blackcats 7-2.

Dakota Shortridge led Lawrence County at the plate, finishing two for two.

Lawrence County pitcher Tyler Blackburn claimed the win.

Prestonsburg hurler Ben Welch suffered the loss.

Offensively for Trey Stapleton-coached Prestonsburg, Ben Welch and Owen Greene provided one hit apiece and Blake Sizemore drove in the Blackcats' lone run.

Defensively, each 58th District baseball team committed four errors.

Lawrence County 19, Prestonsburg 0

Five Lawrence County pitchers — Kade Sword, Lucas Maynard, Tyler Maynard, Jackson Feltner and Peyton Cyrus — combined to throw a one-hitter as the Bulldogs blanked Prestonsburg 19-0 in five innings in the second game of a 58th District baseball double-header on Tuesday evening.

Lawrence County needed only seven hits to score 19 runs.

Struggling defensively, Prestonsburg committed nine errors in the loss.

Feltner led Lawrence

County at the plate, finishing three for three with four RBIs.

Both Tyler Maynard and Cyrus belted a home run for the Bulldogs. Cyrus added provided two hits and the one RBI while Maynard drove in four runs.

Following realignment, Lawrence County is a newcomer to the 58th District.

Ben Welch accounted for Prestonsburg's lone hit in the lopsided loss to 58th District newcomer Lawrence County.

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JAGUARS

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Sheldon Clark failed to pull even with the Jaguars.

Hager went two for four at the plate to lead Jaguars offensively. Conley and Dawson Stephens added one hit apiece for the Jaguars in the winning effort.

Stephens collected two RBIs while Hager drove in one run. Hager, Conley and Stephens each doubled in the Jaguars' victory.

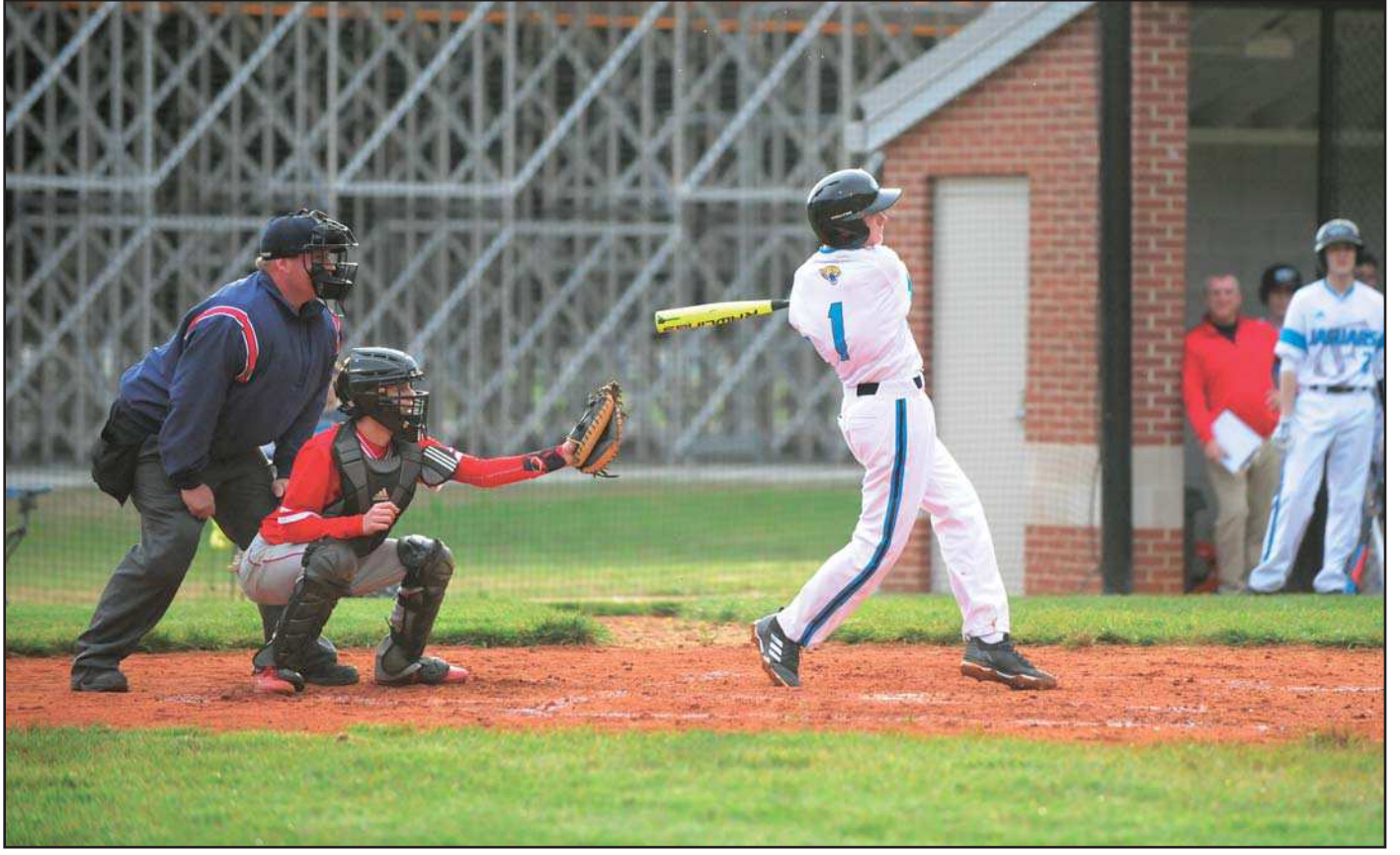
Sheldon Clark connected for nine hits in the early-season game. Stafford, Collyn Borders and Parker Jarrell delivered two hits apiece for

the Cardinals. Borders drilled a double while Jarrell legged out a triple.

Faring well in the field, Sheldon Clark committed only one error.

The Cardinals slipped into the loss column after posting early-season wins over Tug Valley (W.Va.), Ambassador Christian (W.Va.) and Belfry.

Shawn Hager is guiding Floyd Central in his first season after making the move from Prestonsburg. He guided the Blackcats to the 2016 15th Region All "A" Classic championship and the 2017 58th District title.



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Shortstop Caleb Hager led Floyd Central offensively in a victory over Sheldon Clark.

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Floyd Central senior Cameron Nelson is manning third base for the Jaguars.

Class 2A championships to be played in Owensboro

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

OWENSBORO — The Kentucky 2A Championships has announced a partnership with the Owensboro-Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau to host the Kentucky 2A championship events.

Locally, Floyd Central is among the schools set to compete in the Class 2A events in 2019.

This agreement will extend through June 30, 2021, encompassing

three basketball state championships, two baseball state championships, two softball state championships, one volleyball state championship and one boys and girls soccer state championship.

The official kickoff will be January 2019 with the boys' and girls' basketball state championship at the Owensboro Sportscenter. The Sportscenter is a 5,000 seat arena in the heart of Owensboro and home to the Kentucky Wesleyan

College Panthers.

The 2020-21 school year will bring the addition of the baseball and softball state championships; volleyball, boys soccer and girls soccer will follow in the 2021-22 school year. The selected facilities for all events other than basketball will be released prior to the inaugural basketball state championship in January 2019.

In all sports, the state will be divided into four sections, with the sectional winner and runner-up advancing to the state championship. Each section will include four KHSAA regions. Section I is comprised of regions 1-4, Section II is Regions 5-8, Section III is Regions 9-12, and Section IV is Regions 13-16.

"We are excited about these developments and looking forward to a tremendous partnership with Owensboro and Daviess County," said Kentucky 2A Championships Chairman Jeremy Tackett. "This agreement will give the schools in the Kentucky 2A Championships an opportunity to play in terrific facilities, with fantastic atmospheres, while keeping the expenses minimal to the participating schools."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don't sit back when you should be moving forward. Take care of personal papers and don't leave anything to chance. A personal improvement will boost your morale.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Take a closer look at your personal affairs, but don't disclose your findings. Dealing with institutions will turn into an emotional problem that is best not displayed for all to see.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Your ability to put a unique spin on an old plan will be praised, but don't let compliments go to your head, or someone will take you for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Emotional discussions will not end well if you aren't willing to compromise and don't show interest in the needs of others. Take a step back and look for solutions rather than argue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Make plans with a friend or relative. Reconnecting with someone via social media will be endearing but also costly if you end up overspending on long-distance communication or travel.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Don't let the past hold you back. Distance yourself from anyone trying to put a label on you or drag you into something you haven't cared to do in a long time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Make an effort to get along with someone you love, and be willing to offer something for whatever you want in return. Equality will make a differ-

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



ence.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - A personal change may not be welcomed by others, but you must follow your heart and do what's best for you. Put yourself first, make your move and don't look back.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - You'll be tempted to make a change based on emotion instead of practicality and common sense. Question your motives before you jump into something sketchy. Physical activity will ease stress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Emotions can cause you to do funny things. Don't get so deep into something that you cannot retract an offer you made. Anger and frustration are apparent.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - An unusual situation concerning a friend or relative will put you in a position that requires intelligence, common sense and compassion. You stand to gain if you do what's right.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - An emotional situation will develop if you are dealing with an elderly relative or someone who is trying to control your actions. Don't put up with manipulative, demanding people.

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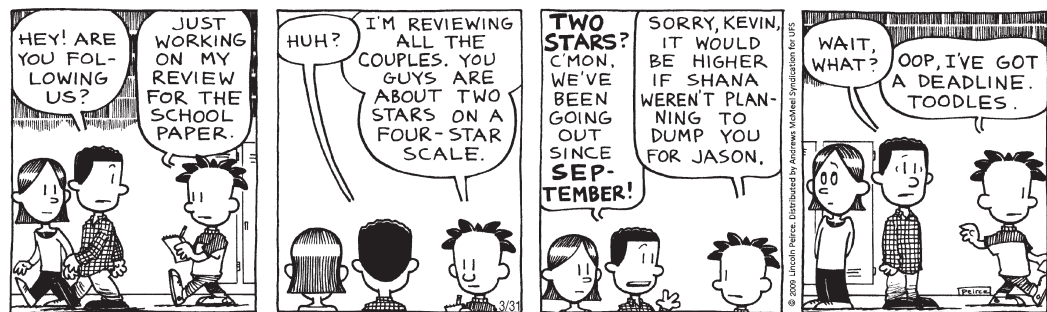
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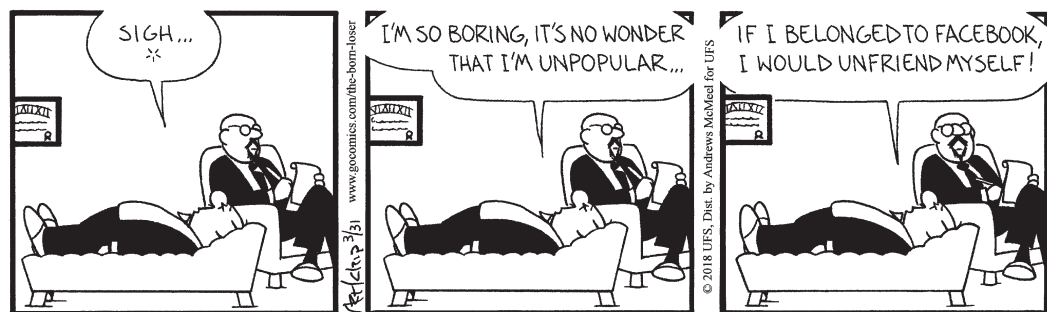
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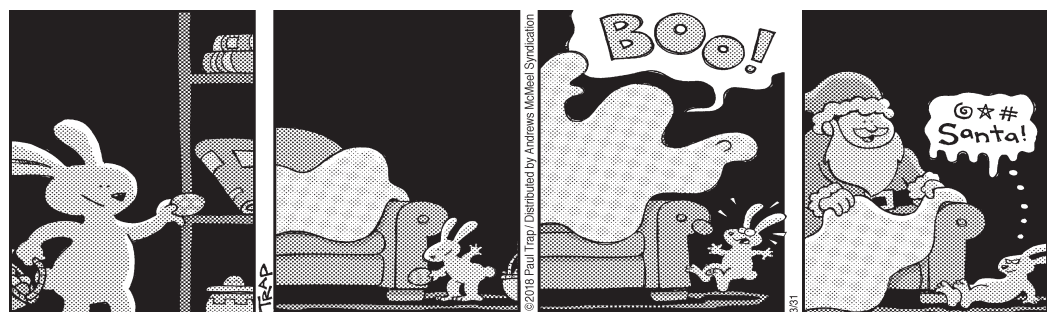
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By Melinda Goodson

When Christy Russell found out she was expecting her second child, she was excited, but surprised. "I wasn't supposed to be able to have any more children," said Russell. Russell has a 16 year old daughter, Keisha, and a two year old son, (Christian) Tate.

"When I was pregnant with Tate, I had a test done to check for Down syndrome, which came back with high-risk results," said Russell. According to Mayo Clinic, Down syndrome is a genetic disorder caused when abnormal cell division results in an extra full or partial copy of chromosome 21 and is the most common genetic chromosomal disorder and cause of learning disabilities in children.

"After Tate was born, they did a blood test to confirm his diagnosis, and the results were that he had a form of Down syndrome known as trisomy 21," Russell explained. Russell, a registered nurse at Pikeville Medical Center (PMC), knew early intervention was the best thing for Tate.

"I wanted him to start therapy immediately to ensure he had the best possible outcome," she states. "In this region, there aren't many pediatric therapy resources, so we were looking to relocate to ensure Tate had the best opportunity to learn and grow."

Russell says she was finalizing the plans to relocate when she discovered PMC offered pediatric speech, physical and occupational therapies. "Not only do they offer the therapies Tate requires, but his speech and physical therapists have been working with children who have Down syndrome for over 20 years," Russell said. "When Tate was six months old he began therapy at PMC."

Tate is seen for hypotonia, which is a condition that causes low muscle tone. "Tate has made quite a bit of progress with gross motor skills and is a very sweet child who is a privilege to work with," said PMC Physical Therapist Sandy Morris. "His family is extremely supportive, are consistent with appointments and willing to practice his physical therapy activities at home. It takes a team approach to achieve learning of gross motor skills."

"It always makes my heart smile to see a family so involved in a child's care," said PMC Speech Therapist Gina Stanley. "Tate doesn't make progress just because of speech therapy, but because his family continues to do what I ask of them on a daily basis. The love they show him is showing in his progress and that's what it takes; one person cannot make a difference, it takes a family."

"Tate is so fun and sweet to work with," said PMC Occupational Therapist Emily Weakley. "He has a great family who works with him at home on whatever I recommend and because of their hard work, he is making great progress in more age appropriate self-care and fine motor skills." Russell praises the therapy staff for the clear expectations they set for Tate's development.

"All of Tate's therapists are very knowledgeable in their fields," Russell commended. "Sandy is with him through the sweat and tears, and from a physical standpoint, his mobility is improving every day because of the equipment she uses. Gina has improved his communication with me and, by teaching him sign language, he is able to use his communication capabilities to his full potential. Emily does a great job encouraging him to improve his every day activities in a creative way."

Russell also talks about the fun Tate has with his therapists.

"He is very intelligent, and with that, he uses love to manipulate everyone to get out of doing his therapy," she laughs. "But, they make him work to ensure he gets the best treatment and outcome possible and I appreciate that more than they know."

This past Wednesday, March 21, was World Down Syndrome Day. Russell wants people to understand that Down syndrome is not a disability, but just an extra chromosome. "I want people to know Tate is not a burden, he is the biggest blessing to me and my family," she said. "He is my angel on earth, he has changed us all for the better. I couldn't imagine him or our lives any other way."

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"If I wouldn't have met Dr. Ahmed... I wouldn't be here today"

By: Amy Charles

A little over a year ago, Lawrence Gibson led the typical life of a retired underground miner. He was enjoying his family and free time. One day he was struck with severe pain in his head that left him barely able to walk on his own, drive or even enjoy food.

"The pain was paralyzing," explained Gibson. "No medicine helped me at all. I couldn't even tolerate my own hand touching my face and head."

Gibson was in constant pain, 24 hours a day, for months. He had lost his taste for food and ended up losing over 50 pounds.

"I wanted food, but I couldn't eat it," said Gibson. It didn't matter what restaurant I went to or what food my wife made, I couldn't eat."

Nighttime was especially rough on Gibson. His wife, Connie, worked as a nurse during the day and needed her rest at night, so he tried his best to stay quiet through the pain. He was lucky if he got two hours of sleep.

"At night, the pain bothered me so bad that I couldn't sleep at all. I gave up on myself and thought I was going to die," said Gibson. "All I could do was go to bed."

Connie knew of a neurologist at Pikeville Medical Center. She made an appointment for him with Dr. Naveed Ahmed to hopefully get some help.

Dr. Ahmed ordered diagnostic tests that included CT scans and an MRI. He determined that Gibson had a rare form of headaches called SUNCT, most common in men over 50. This disorder is marked by severe burning, throbbing or piercing pain on one side of the head or around the eye or temple. SUNCT is a category of a group of primary headaches called trigeminal autonomic cephalalgia.

In the months following his initial visit, Gibson underwent two procedures to try and ease his pain. The first was gamma radiation to attempt to deaden the nerves in the affected area. The second was a nerve blocker, which was repeated a few months later.

"Over the past 20 years practicing as a board certified headache specialist, I have been privileged to help many patients, but we do get some patients who are unique and difficult to treat," said Dr. Ahmed. "It is always challenging to take care of these patients. With God's grace, we at Pikeville Medical Center are pleased we could help Mr. Lawrence Gibson with his chronic debilitating headaches."

"I was totally paralyzed by headaches before Dr. Ahmed started treating me," said Gibson. "My quality of life is so much better. I can go back to church now with his help." Gibson still has some pain and probably always will. But the debilitating pain has been replaced with a burning



feeling in his forehead, eye and jaw. He has regained 16 pounds along with his independence. He is back to working around the yard and driving.

"The pain dominated our lives for an entire year," said Connie. "With Dr. Ahmed and the medical treatment he has given Lawrence, his life has changed dramatically. With the grace of God and Dr. Ahmed, he has been healed."

"If I wouldn't have met Dr. Ahmed I wouldn't be here today," said Gibson. "I would recommend him to anyone."

Dr. Ahmed is located on the 8th floor of the Pam May Clinic Building. Please call 606-218-2208 to make an appointment.

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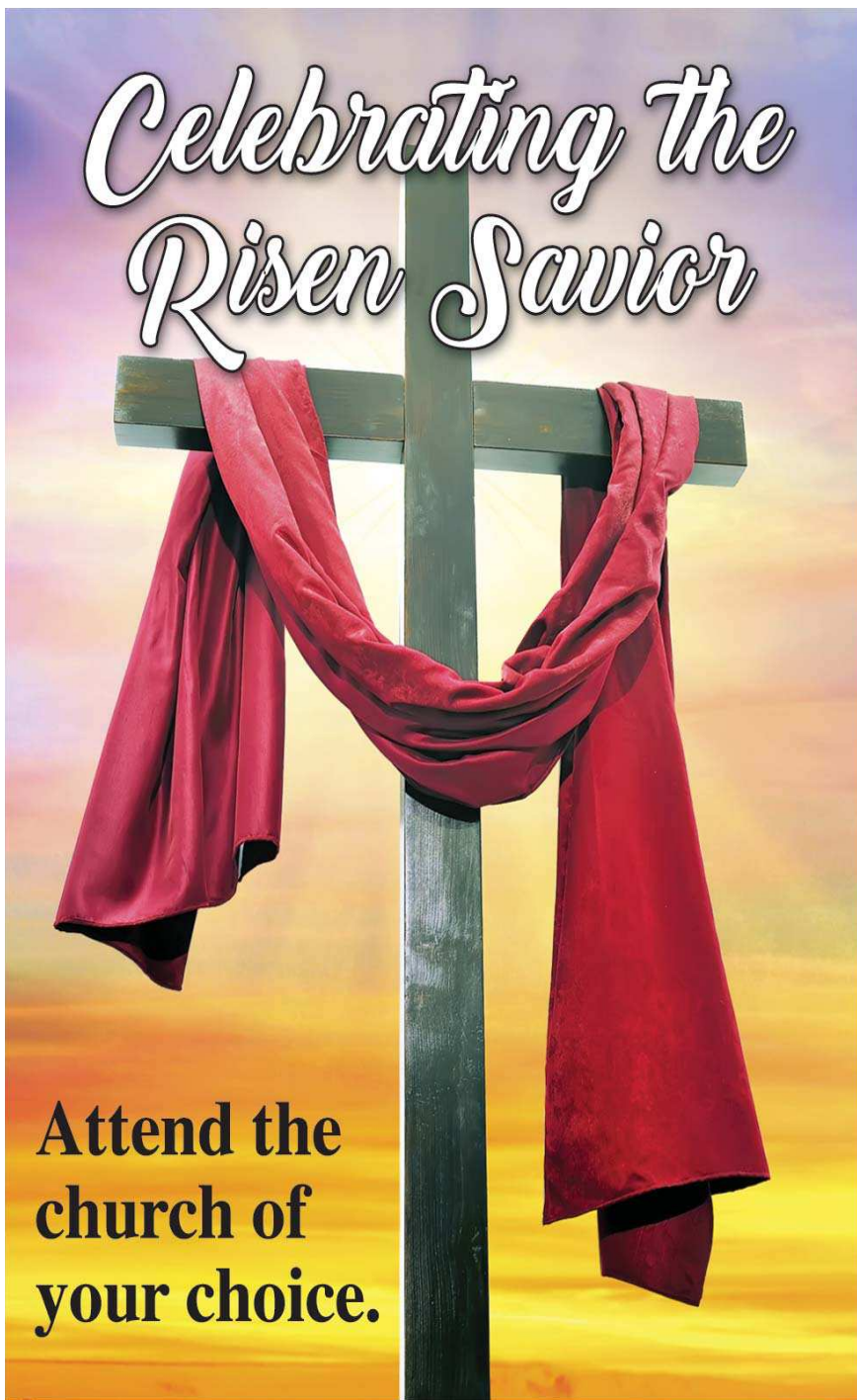
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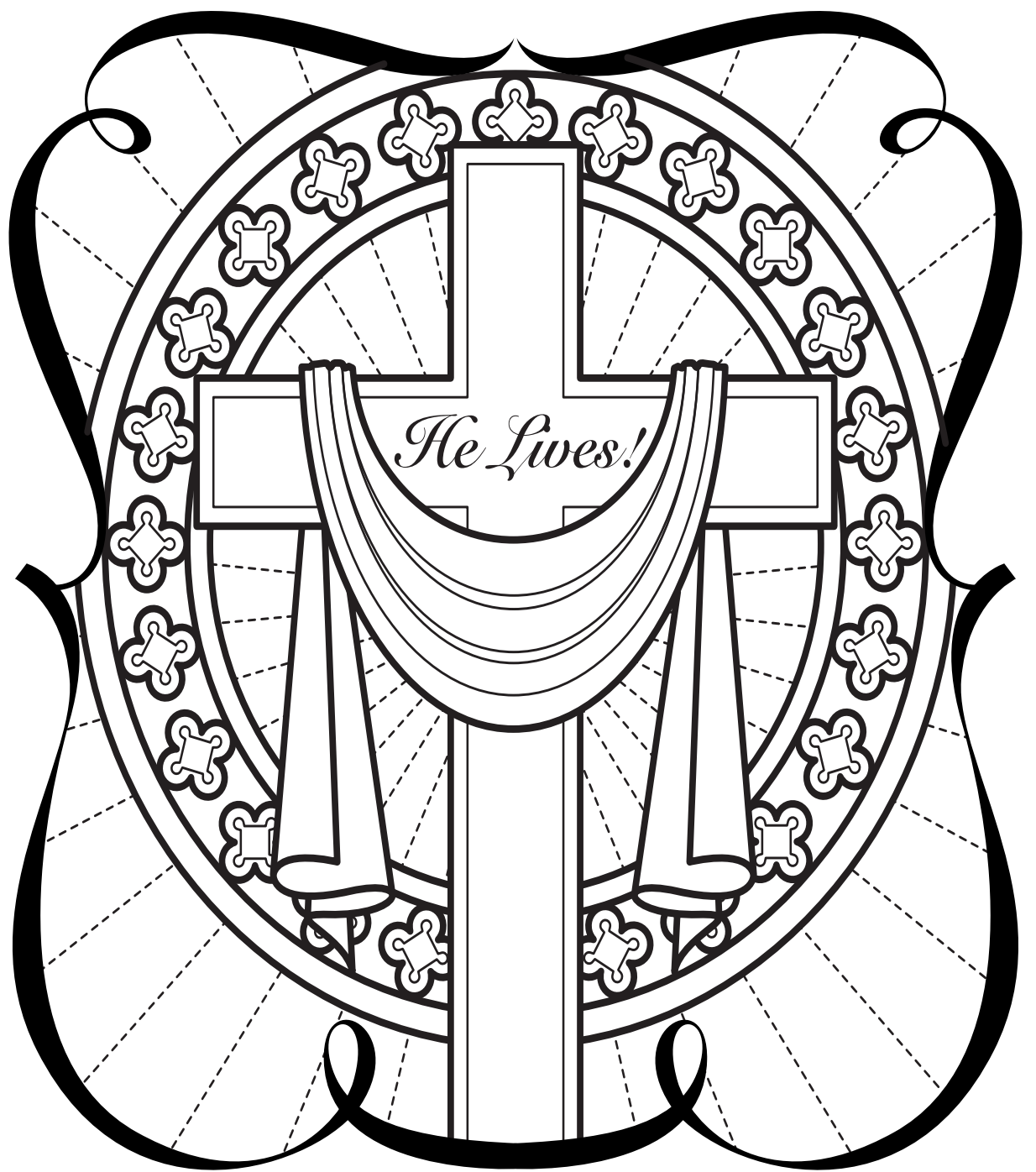
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By virtue of the Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, dated January 8, 2018, the undersigned was appointed to serve as Warning Order to notify Cola Vance of the pendency of a Complaint which involves the collection of a debt where certain property was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

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2018 CHEVY SILVERADO
#160898 WAS \$52,030
NOW \$40,720
SAVE \$11,310!



2018 BUICK ENVISION
#17987 WAS \$38,715
NOW \$32,521
SAVE \$6,194!



2018 BUICK ENCORE
#24190 WAS \$32,225
NOW \$27,069
SAVE \$5,156



2017 CHEVY CRUZE
#124983
\$229/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$15,995 financed WAC



2016 BUICK VERANO
#174059
\$259/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$17,995 financed WAC



2016 TOYOTA CAMRY
#194485
\$249/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$15,995 financed WAC



2017 FORD FUSION
#238677
\$269/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$18,995 financed WAC



2016 CHEVY MALIBU
#303588
\$229/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$15,995 financed WAC



2014 HYUNDAI SONATA
#878254
\$159/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$10,995 financed WAC



2016 HONDA CR-V
#709928
\$319/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$21,995 financed WAC



2016 TOYOTA COROLLA
#667843
\$209/Mo.*
*Pyt. based on 4.5% for 84 mos. with \$13,995 financed WAC



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