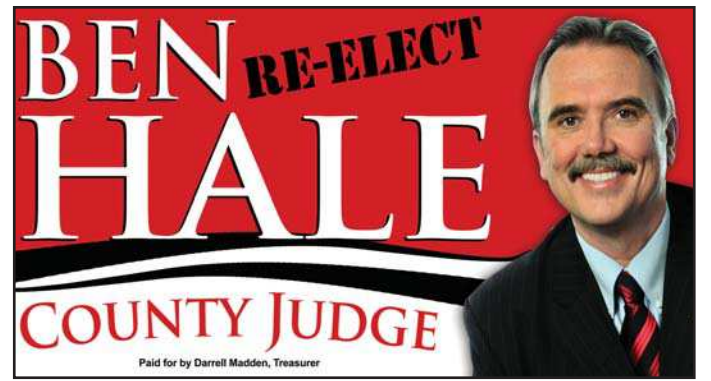




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Screening committee chooses six candidates for superintendent

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Superintendent Search Committee approved a list of six candidates who will be recommended for the school district's top job.

The committee held its second and final round of interviews on April 3 and, thereafter, approved six candidate recommendations to be presented to the Floyd County Board of Education later this month.

See CANDIDATES, Page 6A

Bartley: Payment plan secured with WV Gov.'s companies

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley reported recently that his office has secured a payment agreement for most of the delinquent tax debt owed

by a company belonging to West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice.

Kentucky Fuel, a company belonging to Justice, owes around \$577,000 for delinquent unmined mineral taxes in Floyd County — funds that will be

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Problems resurface on Ky. 404



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Workers with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 resurfaced this slip on Ky. 404 previously and returned to the area on April 4, after rainy weather caused it to slip again. Workers reported similar damage on other state roads throughout the county this week.

Veteran's homeless shelter still behind schedule

Edwards: \$150K
still needed

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Although progress has been made on the Walter K. Bowling Homeless Shelter for veterans, it is still lagging behind schedule and needs more funding and volunteers.

When the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5839 broke ground on the project in 2016, they expected it to be finished by last spring. There's still months of work left to

See SHELTER, Page 2A

Prestonsburg declares infrastructure emergency

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council declared an infrastructure emergency this week, with plans to spend \$120,000 to fix a failing drain at the Cedar Trace subdivision, located on the Big Branch of Abbott.

On April 2, the council unanimously approved a resolution declaring the emergency so that Mayor Les Stapleton can waive procedures that would otherwise be required by state laws related to public work, contracts and

bidding requirements.

The resolution explains that a tile has broken underneath the roadway at the entrance to the subdivision, causing water to wash out dirt from underneath the roadway and the asphalt to break and sink.

Stapleton said this resolution will be used to submit an application for state funding for this problem, but he also noted that the city will have to pay for these repairs even if that funding is not awarded.

He presented council

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Steel plates have been placed over a hole in the road at the entrance to Cedar Trace in Prestonsburg. The city council voted this week to declare an infrastructure emergency and plans to spend \$120,000 to fix the problem.

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do. When the 6,600 sq. ft. facility was planned, officials expected it to cost up to \$350,000. Post Commander Paul Edwards said this week that more than \$350,000 has already been spent, and more than \$100,000 is still needed.

The post has raised nearly all of the funds for this project from a portion of the revenue made at the Floyd County Bingo at Cliffside on Fridays and Saturdays. Edwards said the VFW also received about \$20,000 in donations from individuals and \$5,000 from the VFW's District 14.

Once completed, the shelter will offer 10 rooms for veterans. Eight of those rooms will be designated for homeless veterans, and two of them will be rental units that will also be open to veterans. The shelter will also feature a communal kitchen and community living area.

Edwards reported that

all of the work on the exterior of the building is complete, except for handicap-accessible ramps that need to be built on the back of the building. Inside, the electrical and heating and cooling work is completed, and the rough walls and floors, insulation and most of the plumbing have also been installed.

The sprinkler system still needs to be connected to an outdoor water main, Edwards said, walls and floors need to be finished, toilets, sinks and vanities are needed to be installed in the bathrooms, and painting and finishing work is still needed. He said they decided to remove stairs to an upper level of the building to save costs on the sprinkler system.

The VFW post is currently seeking donations and volunteers. Edwards said most of the members of the post are Vietnam veterans who are not physically able to volunteer on the project.

He invites members of the public to stop by and tour the facility when work-

ers are on site or to contact him to arrange a tour.

"If they see a truck out there and they want to stop by and look inside, I'd be more than glad to show them," he said. "This is something we all need to be proud of. It will be the only homeless shelter sponsored by a VFW anywhere."

The homeless shelter, and the VFW post, are named in honor of Floyd County native Walter K. Bowling, who died at the age of 17 on the USS Arizona during World War II. His remains are still on that ship, and his picture has graced the VFW Post's community room for years.

All donations are tax deductible. Checks should be mailed to the VFW Post #5839, with "Walter K. Bowling Homeless Shelter" in the memo line to 3106 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

For more information, to volunteer or schedule a tour of the work site, call Edwards at, (606) 297-5666, or, (606) 793-4507.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows Interior work is still underway at the Walter K. Bowling Homeless Shelter, which was expected to open last year. The opening has been delayed because of the lack of funding, VFW officials say.

Grand jury to consider case for mother accused of endangering her children

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A felony case against a mother accused of endangering the lives of her children was forwarded to the grand jury for consideration this week.

District Judge Eric D. Hall found probable cause to refer the case to the grand jury following an April 2 preliminary hearing in Floyd District Court.

Jessica McLeod was arrested by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department on March 27 and charged with four counts of endangering the welfare of a minor, four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, public intoxication, resisting arrest, first-degree disorderly conduct and third-degree assault of a police officer.

In the citation, Deputy Justin Szymchack, who testified in court this week, reported he was called to Martin to investigate a report of an impaired woman walking across the road with four small children at 11 p.m. on March 27. He reported McLeod admitted to drinking and appeared to be impaired. He reported that he placed her under arrest and contacted child services. Assistant County Attorney Beth Shortridge said the children were three, four, six and

seven years old.

Szymchack claims McLeod became "irate and started screaming" as she was calling people, trying to find someone to whom child services could take her children. When he asked her to put her phone down and place her hands behind her back, she allegedly cursed at him.

"At that time, I tried to place her hands behind her back when she kicked me in the inner thigh then tried to kick me in the (groin)," he wrote.

He reported McLeod tried to "bump" him in the shoulder in an attempt to flee when she was being taken to the police cruiser and he pepper sprayed her. She was transported to St. Joseph Martin, where she was treated and released before being taken to the Floyd County jail.

Judge Hall overruled a motion by Public Advocate Adam Gearheart to reduce McLeod's \$2,000 bond after the preliminary hearing, as Shortridge requested. Shortridge presented an oral motion to revoke McLeod's probation in another misdemeanor case that was filed last year. Hall scheduled a probation revocation hearing in that case for April 9.

Couple charged with possessing drugs, counterfeit bills

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

While serving a warrant Sunday, Floyd County Sheriff deputies arrested a couple for allegedly possessing drugs and counterfeit money at a local hotel.

Deputy Justin Szymchack arrested Landon Geoffrey Frazier, 37, of Hi Hat and Deputy Kevin Johnson arrested Rhonda Lynn Frazier, 38, of Prestonsburg, on April 1 at the Alpike Motel in Ivel.

Szymchack was serving a bench warrant against Landon Frazier, according to the citation, and discovered a clear plastic bag containing what appeared to be methamphetamine, a glass pipe and a "bag full of counterfeit dollar bills." He

stated in the citation that Martin Police Chief Mike Napier called him to report that he was working a counterfeiting case against him.

He was charged with several felony counts, including possession of drug paraphernalia, first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Johnson reported in his citation against Rhonda Frazier that he made contact with her while Szymchack was serving the warrant on Landon Frazier. He alleges that he found an envelope with her address that contained one \$100 bill, 40 \$20 bills and 40 \$10 bills.

"Landon had used the money at several stores,"

Johnson wrote.

She was charged with first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument.

Both appeared in District Court on April 2 for arraignment and District Judge Jimmy Marcum scheduled preliminary hearings for April 11. He set Landon Frazier's bond at \$1,000 and Rhonda Frazier's bond at \$5,000, surety.

Marcum also ordered Landon Frazier to return to Floyd District Court on April 12 for a court trial in 2016 case in which he is charged with driving under the influence, second-degree possession of a controlled substance and illegal possession of a legend drug.

KFTC discusses upcoming Unity Celebration

By Aaron K. Nelson
Appalachian Newspapers

Members of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth gathered in Prestonsburg on Tuesday to discuss not only the pension and budget issues in Frankfort over the past week, but also upcoming events and opportunities to engage with the public.

Jacob Mack-Boll, with KFTC's Big Sandy chapter, said they are looking strongly at events including Hillbilly Days and Progress Pike's upcoming Unity Celebration.

Mikaela Curry said her group,

Pikeville Poetry, is working with Progress Pike to select winning poems from Pike County students to be read at the Unity Celebration, which is scheduled for April 28 at 11 a.m. at the Pikeville City Park.

Curry said the celebration was organized to be a diverse, inclusive and healing experience, one year after demonstrations in Pikeville by groups of national socialists.

Progress Pike will host an open community planning session at Roasted Coffee and Café on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. before the Unity Celebration on April 28.

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Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Charges were filed against several recently in Floyd District Court. The charges included:

Felony cases filed

Jessica McLeod (McLeon), 27, of Auxier, four counts of endangering the welfare of a minor, four counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, public intoxication, resisting arrest, first-degree disorderly conduct and third-degree assault of a police officer.

Caleb Michael Tackett, 37, of Paintsville, first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree promoting contraband

Landon Geoffrey Frazier, 37, of Hi Hat, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, possession of drug paraphernalia

Rhonda Lynn Frazier, 37, of Prestonsburg, first-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument

Wiley Nelson, 53, of David, theft of identity

Zachary Hopson, 31, of Prestonsburg, flagrant nonsupport

Adrian Lee Smith, 50, of Wheelwright, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, improper use of blue lights, prescription not in proper container.

William D. Castle, 38, of Hunter, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Misdemeanor cases filed

Kayla B. Slone, 24, of Betsy Layne, theft under \$500

Brittany Johnson, 31, of Ligon, failure to send child to school

Tony Edward Mullins, 35, of Pikeville, harassment

Misty Lamartz, 32, of Tram, second-degree criminal trespassing

Tina Brewer, age unavailable, of Bypro, failure to send child to school

Caleb Michael Tackett, 37, of Paintsville, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

James J. Spurlock, 45, of Prestonsburg, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jimmy Boyd, 42, of Dana, theft under \$500.

Wesley G. Martin, 42, of Wayland, third-degree criminal trespassing, public intoxication, first-degree disorderly conduct

Autumn Bishop, 19, of Hazard, alcohol intoxication in a public place

Donovan Gage Helton, 19, of Salyersville, alcohol intoxication in public place

Cassandra Angelina Station, 32, of Pilgrim, theft under \$500

Curtis Mitchell Yates, 19, of Salyersville, alcohol intoxication in a public place

Amy O'Conner, 29, of Okeechobee, Fla., public intoxication

Gregory Collins, 38, of Wheelwright, failure to send child to school

Erin Withers, 19, of Paintsville, public intoxication

Terry Ramey, 38, of Garrett, possession of drug paraphernalia, third-degree criminal trespassing

Lawsuits filed

Stephanie Jarrell vs. James Jarrell Jr.; divorce

Discover Bank vs. Jerry M. Helton; complaint concerning contract

Brittanie Nicole Hall vs. Anthony Scott Hall; divorce

Robin Blackburn vs. Sarah Blackburn; divorce

Leanne Hale vs. James Hale Jr.; divorce

Kelly Stambaugh vs. Lori Reed, Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Bayview Loan Servicing vs. Sharon Kidd, unknown spouse of Millard Kidd; foreclosure

Citizens Bank of Kentucky vs. Flossie Slone; complaint concerning contract

UMB Bank, N.A., on behalf of Clearleaf Finance, LLC. Vs. Amanda Jo Whitt, unknown spouse, unknown occupants of 58 Auxier Heights, Floyd County; foreclosure

MTAG, as custodian for MGD-KY, LLC, vs. Kenny Greer, Janet R. Greer, unknown occupants of 215 School House Hollow, Printer, Household Finance Corporation, Floyd County; foreclosure

JP Morgan Chase Bank vs.

Martha Stacy, unknown spouse of Dencil Newsome, unknown spouse of Martha Stacy; foreclosure

Pioneer Credit Company vs. James Sexton; complaint concerning contract

Doris Craft vs. Johnny Lee Craft; divorce

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Brenda Anderson vs. Brandon Anderson; petition for healthcare insurance

Nicholas Ryan Slone vs. Johndra Paige Slone; divorce

Capital One Bank vs. Jerry A. Patton; complaint concerning contract

OneMain Financial Group LLC, as servicer for Wells Fargo Bank, as Issuer Loan Trustee for OneMain Financial Issuance Trust 2016-3; complaint concerning contract

Edgar Fletcher vs. Acuity Mutual Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

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.

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Marriages filed

Taylor Michelle Banks, 20, of Prestonsburg, to Justin Todd Trout, 26, of David

Pamela Brooke Bowling, 26, of Blue River, to Nathan Ryan Bentley, 30, of David

Lauren Taylor Mullins, 24, of Prestonsburg, to Seth Ryan Jarrell, 25, of Prestonsburg

Property transfers filed

Gordon Neeley to Charles R. Branham, Sharon N. Branham; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 745)

Ralph H. Allen, Carolyn S. Wayman to Spurlock Mining LLC; lease location unlisted (Deeds Book 635; pg. 749)

Margaret T. Yuhas to Alexandria M. Yuhas; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 1)

John Chester Goble to John Chester Goble II, Tina Meadows; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 7)

Glen Powers to Susie Powers; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 11)

James Vincnet Chitti, Kathy Prater Chitti to Chitti Family Irrevocable Trust, Mark V. Chitti, Robert Prater; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 14)

Daniel Branson, Patricia Brandon to Dan-

equ Branson; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pgs. 19, 23)

Dencil Dotson, Sandra Dotston to Derek Osborne; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 27)

Jesse Robinson to Housing Development Alliance Inc.; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 29)

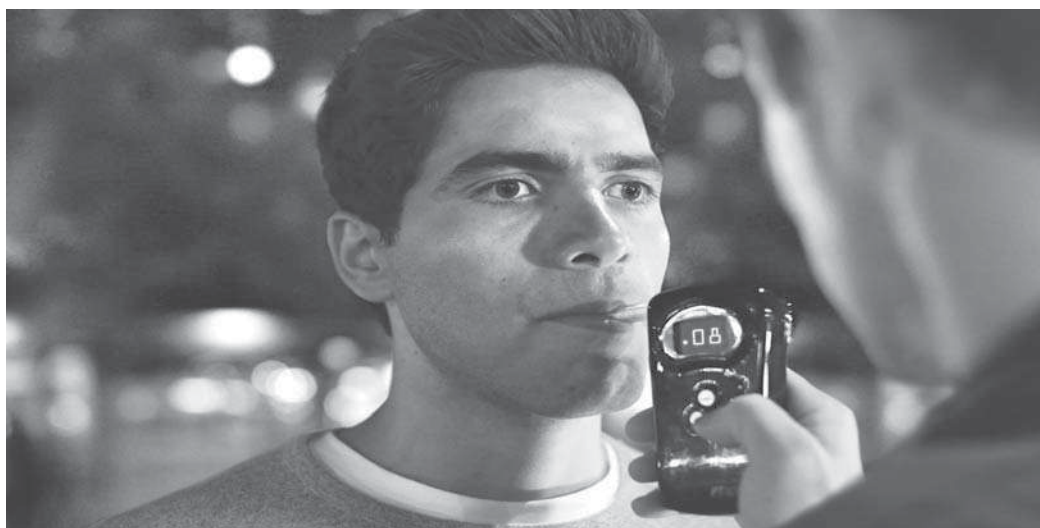
Della S. Crace to Michael S. Crace; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 33)

Dennis Hall to Austin Hall, Denise Ann Tackett; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 38)

Danny L. Adams to Mary E. Adams, Paul B. Adams; property on Rt. 114

JP Morgan Chase

Bank NA to Carria Jarrell, Woodrow Jarrell; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 47)



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State auditor asks for Allen's audit plan

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The state auditor's office wants to know how Allen will correct its financial filing delinquencies.

On April 2, Allen City Attorney Beth Shortridge told the commission that the state auditor's office sent a letter to Mayor Sharon Woods, seeking information about Allen's plan to get audits completed.

That letter, dated March 16, is signed by the state auditor's Deputy Executive Director Jason Johnson.

"Our office has received concerns related to the City of Allen's (City) lack of audits according to state law," Johnson wrote. "To assess this allegation, we contacted the Department for Local Government and discovered that the last audit submitted by the city was January 2010 for the fiscal year 2008."

It cites a state law that shows Allen is required to conduct financial audits every odd-numbered fiscal year, pointing out that audits must be completed by Feb. 1 immediately following the fiscal year to be audited.

"Due to the city's lack of compliance with this requirement, we are bringing this matter to your attention so that appropriate corrective actions can be taken," Johnson wrote. "Please provide us with the city's plan of correction to achieve compliance with this statute and the date at which the city will be up to date with their audits."

It requests the plan be sent to the state auditor's office by April 13.

"Because the city hasn't submitted one, they want a plan sent to them by April 13, which I'll draft the letter, but the commission needs to discuss the plan, so I know how to address it," Shortridge told the commission.

Commissioners discussed steps that have been undertaken to correct the city's filing deficiencies, stopping short of providing a date in which an audit is expected to be completed.

They mentioned hiring Bill Parsons as assistant clerk, who was hired on a verbal contract about one week before the letter was written. They also

mentioned getting training for Spurlock, who reported Monday that Parsons has helped her understand more about filing financial reports and that she is also being trained by the Kentucky Municipal Clerks Association.

"You could probably mention to them that we did attempt to hire (an accountant) ... but he shut it down," Commissioner Josh Kinzer said. "We plan to do one, but we can't get nobody to get it."

The city paid Certified Public Accountant David Garrett a down payment of \$5,000 in 2016 to conduct an audit and financial reports, but he quit last year, citing the lack of documentation.

They also mentioned Spurlock's report that she submitted uniform financial information reports to the Kentucky Department for Local Government for five fiscal years spanning from 2012 through 2017. Officials said Bill Parsons completed these reports about a week after he was hired.

Spurlock said she is working on the 2018 UFIR, which is due soon.

The DLG has withheld more than \$28,000 in municipal road aid funding from Allen for failure to file these reports since 2010. Officials believe they will now qualify to receive that funding.

Shortridge said she will draft the letter to the state auditor this week.

When Josh Kinzer asked for the guidelines requested for the letter, Shortridge said the auditor's office just wants to know the city's plan.

"No, they just want to know what the plan is," she said. "But, I mean, I think all the steps taken in the last two months have been substantial."

Woods said Parsons will help the city compile the records it needs to complete its audits, a reason he would stay on with the city through June.

The commission held the first reading of that budget amendment, taking \$10,000 from the city's "accounting" line-item and adding it to its personnel line-item to hire Parsons and move Spurlock to full time. Officials mentioned the need to draft a written contract for Parsons when he was hired, but that document was not discussed this week. He did not attend the meeting.

Allen's financial reports leave unanswered questions

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The financial documents given this week to Allen City Commission members by Assistant Clerk Bill Parsons and City Clerk Krystal Spurlock leave several unanswered questions.

The first question is exactly what type of financial documents they are. Parsons was hired help the city fill out Uniform Financial Information Reports because the state has withheld more than \$28,000 in funding for failure to file them since 2010.

These reports, titled "detailed budget," span five fiscal years (2012-13 through 2016-17), outlining "estimated revenues" and "estimated expenses." Mayor Sharon Woods said Parsons completed them in five days.

On April 2, Spurlock told commissioners that they are financial statements. She submitted them to the Kentucky Department for Local Government to correct the city's filing deficiencies.

On April 4, Parsons insisted, instead, that they are budgets.

He said, "It's called a City of Allen detailed budget for the fiscal year."

When Parsons was told the commission already approved budgets for at least three of the years covered in the reports, and that the city's budgets differ significantly from these reports, he said the city could not have created fiscal-year budgets because they were spending funds on a calendar year.

"Their budgets were for a calendar year and not a fiscal year. They've not been working on a fiscal year for years," he said. "As far as I can tell, they're just working on the check book. If you get a bill in, pay it."

The information for these reports was gathered "solely" from the city's bank accounts," Spurlock said. Parsons, however, said he also used "as many invoices as we could find." He said he did not use budgets because the city didn't have any.

He said, "They've

got the figures, but they didn't know where to put them. So, we just started back where I could find information to fill it out and we took the figures and the bank statements and invoices and all of that and we got these figures, we got them all to balance."

If these reports are "detailed budgets," they are not balanced. City revenues exceed expenditures every fiscal year. Each report, however, starts with the balance carried forward from the prior year. They shed light on Allen's revenues.

The city's insurance tax is its highest source of revenue, they show, with insurance revenues totaling about \$550,000 from 2012 to 2017. Another significant revenue source is listed as "base court revenue," which totaled \$192,700 for all five years.

Spurlock could not identify what "base court revenue" is, saying that Parsons told her it has something to do with court cases. She believes, however, it's state funding the city receives.

On April 4, Parsons said he might be wrong about that, but it is his understanding that "base court revenue" is "what the city gets back from the state for the arrests that the city makes and so forth."

While they shed light on city revenues, these reports differ significantly from city budgets.

In 2016-17, for example, the city budget listed \$267,844 in revenues and expenses, but the reports list revenues of \$142,000 and expenses of \$103,000.

Parsons said the differences occurred because the city operates on a calendar year instead of the fiscal year. He also pointed out that the city did not have some of the funds that it had budgeted.

He said he found no records of contingency funds in the years he reviewed, but the city has placed \$73,500 in contingency funds in its budgets for the past two years.

The carry-forward balances in city budgets exceed the actual carry-forward in the reports, and the city did not amend any budget to reflect the changes.

For example, the reports show that the city carried \$39,065 forward into the current fiscal year, but the budget approved last year reported the city had \$135,000 left from the prior year.

There were also differences in the amount of funds budgeted for

specific items and the amount of funds these reports show the city spent. That happened in 2015-16, when the budget allotted \$16,000 for insurance coverage, but the reports say the city spent \$1,728.

The 2016-17 budget allotted \$45,000 to the auditor. The city paid CPA David Garrett \$5,000 that fiscal year, but these reports show the city paid him nothing.

The reports also detail "miscellaneous" expenses totaling \$79,000 over five years, but no city budget has a "miscellaneous" category.

There are also significant differences between these reports and state documents.

The reports show Allen received no coal or mineral severance funding from 2012 to 2017. The Kentucky Department for Local Government's website, however, reports Allen has received about \$47,000 in severance funds from the DLG in that time. Parsons said he didn't know the city had received them.

Spurlock is awaiting a response from the DLG about whether the city will now qualify to receive its withheld funding. She and Woods praised Parsons for his work, talking about how he is training her.

At that April 2 meeting, commissioners Josh and Eilene Kinzer questioned the reports. Pointing out that they are "just summaries," Eilene Kinzer asked whether Parsons had ledgers of all expenses, and Josh Kinzer asked whether he meant to put "actual expenses" instead of "estimated expenses" in the reports.

Eilene Kinzer asked why the paperwork used for reports was not available to David Garrett, the CPA the city hired. He quit, reporting that missing invoices totaled 83 percent 2013, 42 percent in 2014 and 54 percent in 2015, and noting the lack of other documentation, including reconciled bank statements.

Woods told her, "I knew the paperwork was here. He just dug in there and found it. I knew it was here."

"It's always been here," Commissioner Elmer Parsons said.

That's when Spurlock reported, "It was all pulled from bank statements."

The mayor and city council earned \$8,740 in 2012-13; \$8,556 in 2013-14; \$13,978 in 2014-15; \$10,110 in 2015-16 and \$7,018 so far this fiscal year, the reports show.

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EDITORIAL:

Thank you, Floyd County Library!

When the Floyd County Library received a donation of old Floyd County Times newspapers, officials there decided to put them to good use, and we're so thankful they've done that.

Before Appalachian Newspapers purchased the Floyd County Times last year to establish the Floyd County Chronicle and Times, the company that owned the county's previous newspaper of record donated books of old Floyd

County Times editions to the library.

The library could have placed bulky, newspaper-sized books on the shelves or stored them away, and that would have been just fine. But knowing the age of some of these newspapers and seeing how damaged some pages were already, officials decided, instead, to preserve them by turning the books into a searchable, online database.

The library invested

\$10,000 into this community service project that is in itself beautiful and astounding.

The library hired inmates from an inmate rehabilitation program, allowing inmates to painstakingly scan 75 years' worth of Floyd County Times editions, capturing details on every page of every edition published between 1935 to 2010. They placed those files in an electronic database that is accessible online, and library staff created a system to more

easily upload those files.

A view of the 1935 editions of the newspaper shows the fragility of these pages. We are so thankful that people care enough about the county's history to take on a project like this. The wealth of history they've given this county is beyond measure, and we're sure that we aren't the only ones who are grateful to have it.

This amazing feat took effort and determination, and it is no doubt a job well done.

We couldn't be more happy to have such a thoughtful resource available to the residents who live here.

The public may access these files, free of charge, online at, history.fclib.org.

When you find some long-lost record of a family member or neighbor, be sure to reach out to the Floyd County Public Library officials and thank them for their dedication and service.

GUEST COLUMN:

Senate Week in Review

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

The last five days of this session were framed by the voices of citizens from around the commonwealth making their wishes known. Thousands came to the Capitol daily, chanting and marching from early in the morning to late in the evening. The protests culminated on Monday, the 58th day of the 60-day session, when teachers, fire fighters, law enforcement officers, public employees, and retirees descended on Frankfort in mass numbers to express their opposition to a pension bill and support the need to fully fund our schools.

With the chants reverberating from one chamber to the other, a pension bill, a revenue measure and a budget/two-year spending plan passed in both the Senate and the House.

Unfortunately, I could not vote for these three measures. All three bills were crafted behind closed doors without input from the Democrat legislators and without testimony

from the stakeholders. I support the democratic process and was disheartened that the voices of our main stakeholders — the taxpayers — were not heard. There was more than enough time for these bills to have been vetted in the open with all sides being given the opportunity for input.

But, that was not the scenario that played out in these final days. Instead, all three of these lengthy bills were called for a vote before legislators even had time to read them.

The pension bill, Senate Bill 151, was passed with no public hearing, no actuarial analysis, and no outside testimony. Sadly, it is a bad bill. It will hurt public education and make recruiting new teachers unnecessarily challenging. Teachers hired after January 2019 will be placed in a hybrid-cash balance plan, rather than in the current defined benefits plan, and will have to work until age 65 or thereabouts. SB 151 caps the use of sick days for future retirees, effective December 31 of this year, which will likely cause

some of our best teachers to retire before they would like to. SB 151 will not impact the unfunded mandate, nor does it add any new money to KTRS. It fails.

On Monday morning, we were surprised to find that the Free Conference Committee — or rather the Republicans from the two chambers — had not only agreed upon a biennial budget, but also tax reform. Again, there was no input from Democrats and no testimony from our taxpayers. The two bills were drafted, again, behind closed doors. The Democrats did not even have copies of the bills to review, but rather were given a summary and asked to vote on two monumental measures.

The tax measure, House Bill 366, passed the Senate 20-18 and the House 51-44.

This tax plan is a regressive tax plan that is not in the best interest of working Kentuckians. Lowering the corporate tax rate will not stimulate any investment in Kentucky. This bill shifts the burden

to working families and people on fixed incomes to cut corporate taxes. The bill puts a sales tax on certain services such as landscaping, janitorial, veterinarian for small animals, fitness and recreational sports centers, commercial laundries, golf courses and country clubs, pet grooming, weight loss centers, and campgrounds. It does not include barbers and cosmetologists. It does include service and repairs, such as car and air conditioning repairs.

I opposed this bill. This revenue measure is not tax reform as it was touted, but is a tax increase on our poor and most vulnerable citizens and a burden on Kentucky's small business owners.

Once HB 366 had been sent to the House, we took up the \$22 billion state spending plan, House Bill 200, which gained final approval in the Senate 25-13 and later in the House 59-36.

While the budget still includes 6.25 percent baseline cuts for most state agencies as recommended by the governor, a few

agencies — including the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Kentucky State Police, and local school-based Kentucky Family Resource and Youth Services Centers, or FRYSCs — will have their funding restored. However, many of the 70 programs that were cut in the Governor's budget proposal remain unfunded, including Commission on Women, Early Childhood Development scholarships, and other education scholarships many of which targeted coal country.

HB 200 will boost base per-pupil funding for K-12 education, or SEEK, to \$4,000 per student in each fiscal year. It will also provide school transportation funding.

HB 200 also adds more than \$60 million in new revenue to help implement proposed adoption and foster care reforms, including more funding for placement of foster children with relatives, to hire more social workers, to increase social worker salaries, and to expand kinship care.

Nevertheless, I still have grave concerns about reductions in higher edu-

cation funding and the lack of money for safety measures in secondary schools. While vastly improved over the Governor's proposal, this is still a bad budget that does not fund education as it should be and does not meet the overall needs of the state. It will do more to decimate public education than anything that has transpired in legislature in decades.

A two-year state Road Plan that would authorize over \$2.4 billion for bridges, repaving and other highway needs throughout Kentucky is on its way to the governor's desk after receiving passage in both chambers. House Bill 202 will invest nearly \$1 billion in bridge and road work while bolstering economic development.

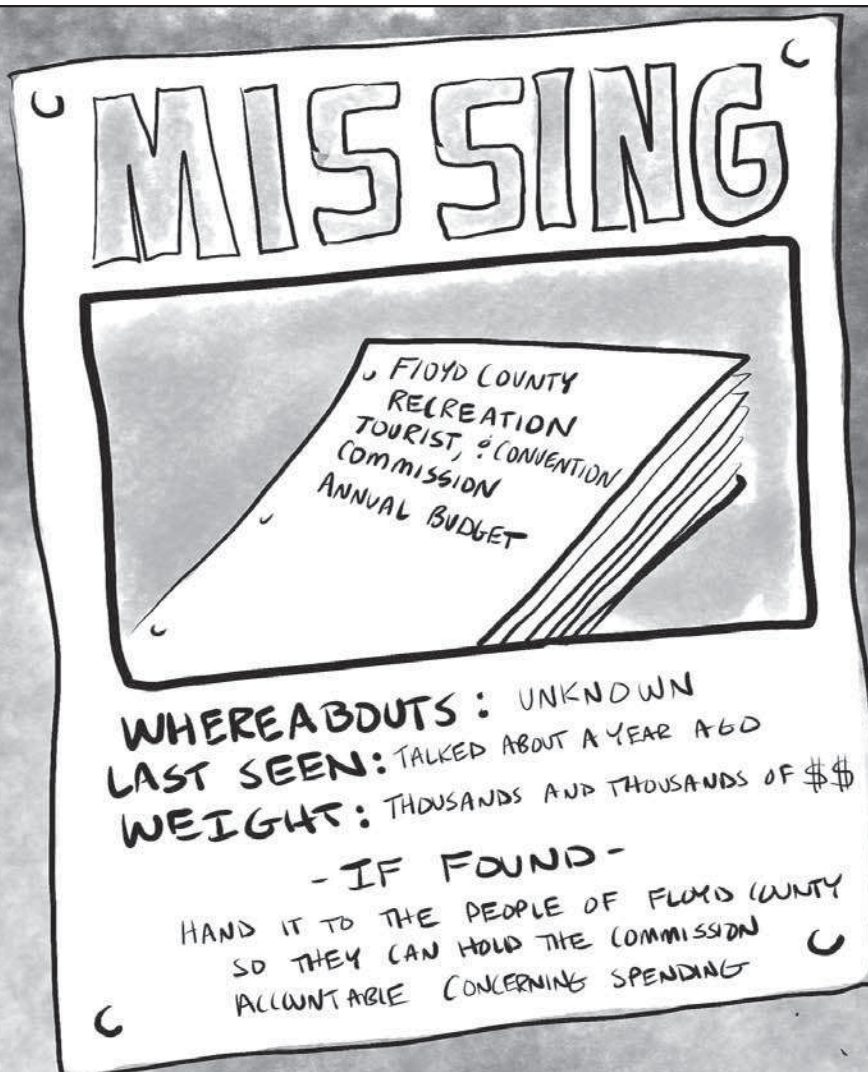
We will return to Frankfort for the final two days on April 13 and 14. Those days are important because it will give us the opportunity to override any vetoes by the Governor. Even though time in this session of the General Assembly is short, you can still share your input by calling the LRC message line at, (800) 372-7181, or by emailing me directly at, johnnyray.turner@lrc.ky.gov.

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Betty Holbrook

Betty Jane Holbrook, 75, of Bevinville, died Sunday, April 1, 2018.

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Daryl Newsome

Daryl Ray Newsome, 77, of Weeksbury, died Tuesday, Apr. 3, 2018.

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'Informational rally' set for pension, budget, tax reform bills

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County teachers are planning an informational rally next week to educate the public about the pension reform, tax reform and budget bills recently approved by the Kentucky General Assembly.

Prestonsburg High School teacher Greta Gilbert announced the event, reporting she is working with two other teachers to plan it. It will be held April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center.

"All teachers, parents, students, public employees and community members are invited to attend," she wrote in an email.

She reported that legislators and "representatives" of groups that are affected by Senate Bill 151, House Bill 200 and HB 366 will speak at this event.

"We want to educate our community of how this affects our schools, our students, our teachers and the voters and taxpayers," she wrote.

She said this event is open to all Eastern Kentucky counties.

"We're planning on opening it up to all Eastern Kentucky counties," she said. "We wanted to get some information to parents and community members about what has been going on."

Admission is free.



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members with a \$120,200 quote from Infrastructure Systems, Inc. of Indiana, a company recommended by Prestonsburg Utilities employee Brian Music, who lives at Cedar Trace.

Stapleton said the Indiana company can fix the problem by putting in a "slip line," or, a pipe that will be placed inside the existing pipe.

Council members approved the resolution, while also expressing concern about the project. The city fixed a similar problem in another location at Cedar Trace several years ago, and Council Member Harry Adams asked whether this repair would be permanent or if the city would have to fix it again in the future.

"How long is this

guaranteed for?" he asked.

Stapleton said, "Well, there is no guarantee on none of that, but it's guaranteed that once he gets through with that, from that area down, there won't be any more slippage there."

He suggested that the drain could fail above the area being fixed, but said this part of the drain should not fail again.

"Well, the reason I ask is that I hate to put a hundred-and-whatever-dollar slip line in and then it continue to fall and then still have to dig it all out and start over again," Adams said.

Stapleton replied, "We should never have to dig this part up again, period."

He explained that the city already fixed a portion of the failing drain just above where the current problem is.

"They thought they

had it completed and the system solved, and now this has come up," he said.

"Regardless, we have to fix it," he said, noting that Music reported "if we don't do something quick, the road's going to be laying in the bottom of that drain."

He said the drain is 15 feet under the roadway and the city would have to dig up that area to replace the drain if it tried to do the work in-house. He said the 42 inch slip line, however, would be installed from across the roadway near a creek, where a hole would be dug and the line would be fed up to the failing drain.

"The slip line, basically what it does, it goes inside the old line. It goes up to where it starts at, then they build a bulkhead on top of it and seal it off, so water won't be able to get out

of that system once it gets into it," Stapleton said.

Adams said the project "scares him to death."

"Why?" Stapleton asked him.

"I mean, it needs to be fixed, but I just, I don't want to do it twice," Adams said.

"We won't have to," Stapleton said. "Everything inside those lines is going to be sealed off."

Council Member Shag Branham also raised concerns, asking, "How do we ensure that we're not going to keep doing this?"

"For on up through there?" Stapleton asked. "We can't. We just got to fix what we can while we can."

He said if a problem arises at this location again, it would be caused by a failing part of the system above the current slip.

"Once we do this, it's done. This section's done," he said.

He said the city has no choice but to fix the problem.

"Now, we can sit up there and dig every day, but, now, we're going to have to cover it back up at lunch time. If people come and go, then we'll have to dig it back out, then we'll have to cover it back up at the end of the day, then we'll have to dig it back up," Stapleton said.

Adams said that's why he asked for a guarantee.

"You give me another idea," Stapleton told him.

Stapleton said the company has already inspected the drain and the city has a video of interior of the entire line.

The vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

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dispersed to all county taxing districts when it is paid, including the Floyd County Board of Education, the county's highest taxing district, as well as the fiscal court, extension office, health department, library, soil and water conservation and fire departments.

Bartley reported that he has secured a payment agreement for \$313,000 from Kentucky Fuel and is negotiating the rest of the company's delinquent taxes, which total about \$264,000, with the company's attorneys. He expects an agreement on that unpaid balance soon.

These negotiations have been ongoing since

before Christmas, and it isn't the first time Bartley has negotiated payment plans for Kentucky Fuel. Last year, Kentucky Fuel paid \$50,000 monthly to Floyd County to clear the debt for delinquent taxes owed in prior years, Bartley said.

He explained that, although the company owes the county a huge sum of money, he gives companies like Kentucky Fuel the same options he gives to residential taxpayers who have delinquent property tax bills.

He said he expects these companies to pay, but because of the downturn in the coal economy and the loss of coal jobs, he's willing to offer them payment plans, like he offers other delinquent tax payers.

He said he weighs several factors when determining how to approach large delinquent tax bills owed by coal companies.

"Hypothetically speaking, let's say they own a group of minerals that goes through Pike County and Floyd County and Knott and Letcher counties. They get a tax bill in every county. That's a lot of money," Bartley said, pointing out that Kentucky Fuel also owes taxes in other states.

"I know things have been tough in the coal industry, and that's why I'm willing to work with them," he said. "I do not want to be so callous that they have to close some coal company down and cause people to lose

their jobs. I'm willing to work with them as long as they repay."

He also pointed out that unmined mineral taxes aren't like property taxes, which can be sold to third-party buyers if they are delinquent. He said people are less willing to buy unmined coal because it's sitting underground and is not already mined.

Unmined mineral taxes for 2017 are not delinquent yet, but the amount of unmined mineral taxes will decline sharply from prior years, because the state changed the way unmined coal is assessed last year.

The county's total equalized assessment dropped by more than \$222 million, from more

than \$1.6 billion in 2016 to \$1.4 billion in 2017, and the majority of that decrease came with exemptions the state gave to unmined mineral holders.

In 2017, the Kentucky Department of Revenue changed the definitions for unmined coal owners who are required to pay taxes, allowing unmined coal reserves that have not been mined in six years to be exempt in Eastern Kentucky.

With that change, the state assessment of unmined coal in Floyd County dropped by \$126 million (from \$141.8 million to \$15.4 million), and the oil and gas assessment also dropped by \$57 million (from nearly \$120.5 million to \$63.3 million) last year.

CANDIDATES

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In the original schedule, interviews were set to be conducted April 2 and April 16, with the screening committee set to present its recommendations to the board on April 24, a date that was later changed to April 25.

Floyd County Board of Education Chairperson Sherry Robinson said, however, that the screening committee is planning to meet with the board sooner, reporting that a special joint meeting of the two groups is being planned.

She said the screening committee did not

want to wait that long between interview sessions, so that the answers candidates gave will be fresh when they started the second round of interviews.

"We didn't want there to be that much time between the interviews," said Robinson, who also chairs the search committee. "We wanted to be able to remember what the others had said so we could compare them."

The screening committee conducted interviews on April 2 and its final round on April 3, voting afterwards to recommend six candidates for the position. The April 3 meeting lasted more than four hours.

The timeline was changed after Board of Education members Linda Gearheart and Rhonda Meade requested a shorter search. Robinson said the schedule change "worked out" because candidates were available for interviews on those two days.

The screening committee identified its recommended candidates by numbers, and their names were not released. They were scored with a rubric devised by the Kentucky School Boards Association, and will be presented to the board in alphabetical order, Robinson said.

She would not comment on any details

about any candidate, nor confirm whether any of them are current Floyd County School District employees.

"We had a very excellent choice of candidates to go through and interview," she said. "It made it very difficult."

Robinson was a board member when former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb was hired, but this is her first time participating on the superintendent search committee.

"This is the single most important job that we have as a board to do," she said.

Attorney Ashley Tackett Laferty, a parent representative on the screening commit-

tee, also talked about the quality of candidates interviewed for the position.

"As the mother of children who are educated in Floyd County, I was grateful to see a number of highly qualified candidates who appear committed to the welfare of our children and dedicated to the success of our students both now and after graduation," she said in an email. "Their eagerness to be seated as superintendent is recognition of our success and a well-deserved compliment to our Floyd County teachers, board, and school staffers."

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Daughter of man charged in officer's death charged with assault of officer

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS
STAFF REPORT

The daughter of a Pikeville man charged with the murder of Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton last month was arrested Saturday on charges including that she assaulted a police officer.

According to court records, Kentucky State Police were called Saturday in reference to a woman, later identified as Santana Hall, 21, of Hurricane Creek Road, Pikeville, who was at the home of John Russell Hall, 55, the man alleged to have shot and killed Officer Hamilton on March 13.

Santana Hall, according to

the citation, was at John Hall's trailer "laying on the ground and screaming for him to let her in." KSP Trooper Mark Branham wrote in the citation that "family stated John Hall was currently incarcerated and not at the residence." Callers also reported that Santana Hall appeared to be intoxicated, the citation said.

Branham and Trooper Coleman made contact with Santana Hall at the residence and she "began cursing at (the troopers) as soon as we stepped out of our cruisers," Branham wrote in the citation. The troopers could "immediately" tell that Santana Hall was intoxicated, by her appear-

ing "very energetic and jittery with very rapid, but slurred speech," the citation said.

Branham wrote the troopers attempted to question Santana Hall about what substances she had taken and about why she was at the residence, but she was "hard to understand" and Branham "decided to detain (her) to wait for EMS to arrive so she could be treated." At this time, the citation said, she became erratic and attempted to leave and Branham attempted to grab her wrists when she pulled away.

Santana Hall pulled away from Branham and struck the officer "with her right fist ... in the back of (his) head on the

left side," the citation said. Branham placed Santana Hall under arrest when she "continued to swing with both hands attempting to strike (Branham) in the face multiple times," the citation said.

Branham wrote that he struck Santana Hall with an empty hand, but she continued resisting and Coleman had to intervene and Santana Hall attempted "to strike Trooper Coleman in the face," the citation said. She was able to be brought under arrest and was then transported to Pikeville Medical Center where she was treated for her level of intoxication, court records show.

Santana Hall, according to

the citation, did not need receive any treatable injuries during the confrontation.

She was arrested on charges of third-degree assault of a police or probation officer, first-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, public intoxication and menacing, court records show.

Santana Hall pleaded not guilty to her charges during arraignment in Pike District Court Monday and Pike District Judge Darrel Mullins ordered her held in the Pike County Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash bond, court records show.

She remained in the custody of the jail as of presstime Monday.

Wildcat Wearhouse raises more than \$37,000 for fallen Pike officer's family

BY CODY DAVIS
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Officials with Wildcat Wearhouse in Pikeville report that, as of this week, they have raised \$37,523 to contribute to the Brynlee Elizabeth Hamilton Scholarship Fund, the infant daughter of fallen Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton.

The store has raised the funds by selling memorial shirts, with 100 percent of the profit being contributed towards the scholarship fund.

"We're continuing to sell the shirts in store until we run out," said Store Manager Jared Ferguson.

Ferguson, who said he had known Officer Hamilton for approximately 11 years, told the News-Express previously that selling the shirts was the least that he do to help.

According to Ferguson, the store is also selling additional shirts that cost \$20, with \$10 of that going toward the scholarship fund.

"We wanted to raise as much money as possible so we included these other shirts as well," said Ferguson.

Ferguson said the store had sold approximately 3,000 shirts in store and approximately 2,000 so far online.

"As long as the response is there I think that we are going to continue to do what we can on our end to support the cause and help the family out," said Ferguson.

On the day that Ferguson had initially began selling the shirts, the store was nearly sold out within an hour of opening.

Ferguson said that

he was amazed by the amount of community support from people buying the shirts.

"I just want to offer my thanks and gratitude to the community for helping us achieve this for the family," said Ferguson. "Because without the customers and the community support this wouldn't have happened. It's very humbling and very satisfying to be able to help in whatever way we can."

According to Ferguson, his corporate office mailed the funds to Community Trust Bank this week to be deposited into the scholarship fund.

Man faces felony for fake Facebook account

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man was arrested last week for allegedly using a fake Facebook account to harass people.

Wiley Nelson, 53, of David, was arrested at the Floyd County Justice Center on March 30 following a complaint that had been filed against him at the Floyd County Sheriff Department. He is charged with theft of identity without consent, a felony.

In the complaint, Floyd County

Sheriff Deputy Oliver Little alleges that Nelson used Bo Dudley's identity and photograph to make a fake Facebook account to "harass people" whom he had been previously ordered not to contact.

He was given a \$2,000 surety bond and ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim in the case. His arraignment is set for April 13, the same day he is scheduled to appear in court for a motion hour in another misdemeanor case against him.

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April 9th – April 13th

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Contact **Floyd County Judge Executive, Ben Hale** for more information at **606-886-9193**.

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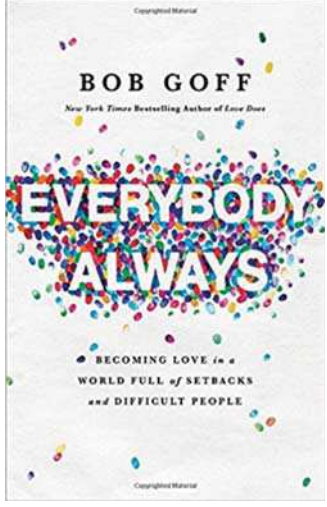
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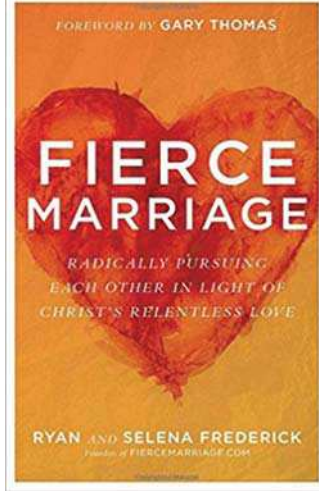
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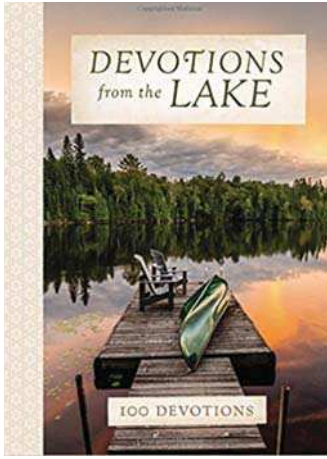
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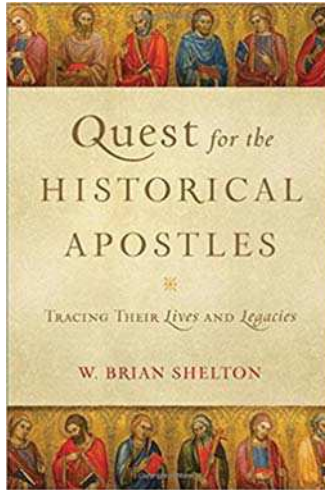
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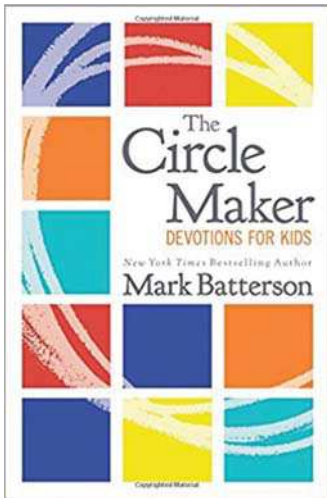
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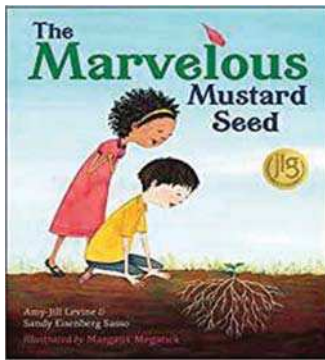
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You shall not pass this way again

The French-born Quaker Stephen Grellet came to the United States in 1795 after escaping execution during the French Revolution, since he was a member of the King's guard. Though he was raised Catholic, he was deeply moved by the writings of William Penn, George Fox and other Quakers, and in 1796 he joined the Society of Friends, the official name of the Quakers. The Society of Friends believe that every human being has experiential access to "the small light within" them, i.e., that God is within every human being. They also place emphasis on the "priesthood of all believers," a doctrine found in the first epistle of Peter (1 Peter 2:9). After joining the Society of Friends, Grellet devoted himself to missionary and charitable work and was granted meetings with many rulers and dignitaries. By all accounts he led an exemplary life, encouraging charitable work and reforms in education, prisons and hospitals. He spoke out against what he saw as the evils of his age, such as slavery, and was a man of faith who put his faith into constructive action. Reflect on how you might do more to serve your fellow man and then put your plan into action.



"I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
—Stephen Grellet

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1430 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg
(606) 886-2214
Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Sanders
firstpresky@gmail.com
SUNDAYS
Sunday School for Children and Adults: 10:00 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

HAROLD CHURCH OF CHRIST
Beside Harold Primary Care, Harold
Phone: 606-438-2251 • 606-477-1407
Minister Willie Meade
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Youth Group – 5 p.m.

PLEASANT HOME BAPTIST CHURCH
55 Wrights Lane, Prestonsburg
Pastor Mark Tackett
Assistant Pastor Randy Polk
SUNDAYS
Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Bible Study – 7 p.m.

PRESTONSBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST
88 Ky Hwy 1428, Prestonsburg
Phone: 606-886-6223
Minister Shawn Slone
SUNDAYS
Worship – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS
Service – 7 p.m.

PRESTONSBURG SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
421 Jack Arnette Branch, Prestonsburg
Phone: 606-886-3459
Pastor Tony Kelley
SATURDAYS
Sabbath School – 9:30 a.m.
Worship – 11 a.m.
TUESDAYS
Evening Prayer Meeting – 7 p.m.

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137 Bryan Street, Pikeville, Ky.
Phone: 606-437-6117
Father Richard Watson
SATURDAYS
Mass - 5 p.m.
SUNDAYS
Mass – 10 a.m.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Rev. Sr. Judy Yunker, Vicar
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By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Christ – an innocent man, both human and divine, the Son of the Living God – died upon the cross. At the moment of His death, the curtain within the temple was torn from top to bottom (Matthew 27:41).

The curtain provided a division within the temple. The temple was made up of three parts: the courts (court of the Gentiles, the outer court or court of women and the inner court), the Holy Place (where only priests could go), and the Most Holy Place (where only the high priest could go once a year). Priests were allowed in the Holy Place, which contained a lampstand, an incense altar and sacred loaves of bread (shewbread). Inside the Most Holy Place was the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark contained a jar of manna, Aaron's staff and the stones which God had inscribed the Ten Commandments upon.

The Most High Place was also God's earthly dwelling place. Long be-

fore the temple was built, while the Israelites lived in the wilderness, God's presence was in the tabernacle. Once the temple was completed and dedicated, God's presence filled it. "When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple (2 Chronicles 7:1)." God gave specific instructions on building the temple, as well as the sacrifices to be made. The high priest was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies once a year in order to atone for his sins and the sins of the nation (Hebrews 9:7). Blood would be sprinkled on the Ark on the Day of Atonement. Even though God's presence dwelt in the temple, the high priest was the only access the Jewish people had to God.

The curtain, or veil, separated the Holy Place from the Most Holy Place (God's dwelling place), also called the Holy of Holies. According to Biblical and historical records, the curtain separating the two areas was approximately 60 feet in height. Records indicate it was four inches thick. It was a large and heavy veil. As Matthew states, it was torn from top to bottom. This indicates the tear was the result of God – not man. But this was about more than just the power of

God. This was to show who Jesus was.

Upon Jesus' death, people no longer needed a high priest to go before the Lord on their behalf. The system of animal sacrifice was finished. Jesus was now the high priest. "Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess (Hebrews 4:14)." No longer is there a separation between God and His people. Jesus' sacrificial death allows us to have direct access to the Father.

"In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven (Hebrews 1:1-3)." There, Jesus intercedes for us (Romans 8:34).

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

– 1 Corinthians 3:16

Today, the temple that once stood in Jerusalem no longer remains. Instead, we have a new temple – ourselves. When Jesus appeared on earth after His resurrection, He spoke with his disciples. He told them He would send the Comforter (John 16:7). The Comforter is the Holy Spirit. Upon our baptism into Christ, we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). The Holy Spirit dwells within the Christian. Therefore, we are the temple of God. Paul reminds the Corinthian church of this, "Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)." The curtain being torn signified two things: Jesus' death on the cross was sufficient atonement for our sins and, because of that, we are now privileged to have direct access to our Lord God.

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Our Yesterdays

80 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 7, 1938:

Floyd Funny

An unheralded, honest-to-goodness Coon Chase was held at Salisbury, Saturday, after Bob Rowe's coon escaped from its cage and five coon dogs were put on the scent — and what a chase — up Fisher branch, back down the Jake Akers branch, back down Beaver to find the coon “holed” in a rock cliff just above Salisbury Station, four miles from the starting point in distance and more than an hour in fun.

Crime

Faced with a docket of 407 criminal cases, 19 of them for willful murder and five for voluntary manslaughter, Circuit Judge John W. Caudill convened the April term of court with the aid of a minister and a song-leader. Jurymen, lawyers and spectators joined in singing three hymns, including the “Old-Time Religion,” prior to a sermon by the Rev. C.T. Ammerman ... Charging that Floyd County's 37 liquor stores grossed \$18,000 last April, “sufficient to keep many children from starving,” Caudill attacked illegal liquor dealers in his address to the grand jury.

Coal

With 500 miners in Garrett and Wayland out of work, union officials from the two mine camps Monday called upon county officials to help procure immediate WPA employment for the men.

Government

A resolution to grade, drain, and concrete paving of practically every street in Allen was approved by the Allen Board of Trustees Monday ... H.D. Fitzpatrick, Democrat, Prestonsburg; Will A. Stewart, Republican, Langley; and W.A. Malone, Democrat, Allen, were appointed to the Floyd Board of Registration and Purgation. They

will purge registration books for the elections.

Business

Central Wholesale Grocery announces it is open for business in Prestonsburg, offering groceries, feed, meats, Barrett's roofing, nails, fencing and other items. ...With one well already drilled, two drilling, two more rigs under construction and several locations made, Tram is Floyd County's oil boom town... following the 25-barrel strike made on the Layne lease a few weeks ago by B.L. Sturgill and associates.

Lackey Furniture Store: \$4.50 mattresses; \$4.50 bed springs and 9x12 “First Grade Rugs” for \$4.90.

In Memory

Beverly Burchett, 58, of Emma; Dr. J.T. Cottrell, Prestonsburg physician; Anna Stumbo, 54; Mary Tackett, 57, of Weeksbury; Ben Phares, 46, formerly of Prestonsburg; Osie Coburn, 47, of Prestonsburg.

60 YEARS AGO

Thursday, April 3, 1958:

Tragedy

Graham Burchett, director of the civilian operations for the Schoolchildren Recovery Committee, issued an appeal for volunteers to man river bridges as night watchmen. Gov. A.B. Chandler assured the committee that he has no intention of withdrawing the Kentucky National Guard from the search for the bodies of seven children in the river after the Feb. 28 bus tragedy.

Floyd Folks

There aren't many women who can tear down a car or truck and put it together again. Mrs. Arville Tackett, 44, of East McDowell, can. She has many more talents besides the distinction of having mastered the intricacies of the “mechanical beast.” She's supportig her

family as a coal mine operator and is said to be the only woman in Kentucky actively engaged in coal mining.

Government

Floyd County had a total income of more than \$38 million in 1956 with a per capita distribution of \$683, according to a study, ranking it 95th in the state in per capita income ... “There is no reason why Eastern Kentucky couldn't be the mountain resort area of Middle America,” said Laban Jackson, commissioner of Conservation, Saturday while visiting Dewey Lake State Park. “To become this you need good forests, clean streams and better roads,” he added.

Crime

Yeggmen made off with \$3,000 in silver which they found in the vault of the Bank of Hindman Sunday night. They cut through an apartment floor and about eight inches of concrete in the vault ceiling.

Business

F.S. VanHoose, Paintsville, head of the F.S. VanHoose Lumber Company, and his brother Bryon VanHoose, last Thursday met their brother Clyde for the first time in 60 years. Clyde, 76, retired California restaurant operator, was back in Paintsville. He visited places he had not seen since 1898, when he “left home” to join the Army in the Spanish-American War.

Kroger: ham, 53 cents per lb.; turkey, 55 cents per lb.; eggs, 53 cents; pinto beans, 45 cents; jelly beans, 25 cents; and garden hoses, \$1.99.

In Memory

Jeff Crider, 80, of Bonanza; Ethel Brown Burns, 69, of Chloe Creek, Pikeville

40 YEARS AGO

Wednesday, April 5, 1978

Floyd Funny

Ribbons, trophies and cash prizes were awarded to the top dogs in four categories Saturday at Prestonsburg's first official display of local canine integrity. Fourteen canines, from Afghan hound to several entrants of uncertain ancestry, were paraded (and, in more than one case, dragged) before the judge's bench. Dogs owned by Lynon Frasure, Laura Herford, Diana Johnson, Brent Akers, Billy Sizemore, Rachael Allen and David Herford won awards.

Government

Floyd County will begin on May 1 what its fiscal court hopes will be the greatest cleanup effort in history. The month has been declared as Cleanup and Beautification Month by the court, and every agency, including federally-funded programs, will be involved. ...A report that the water supply to homes at Allen is “pure mud” was refuted Tuesday by both Oliver Allen, principal of the Allen school, and Bill Parsons, manager of Allen's water system. The Prestonsburg water system was extended last year to serve the New Allen-Dwale section.

Mishaps

A gasoline spill at the Marvin Music Gulf Distributors and the threat of explosion and fire, forced the evacuation, Saturday, of 300 to 400 West Prestonsburg residents.

Construction

Although completion of the new \$1.8 million River-view Manor, owned by P&P Investment Inc. of Prestonsburg, is not expected before fall, the 116-bed extended care facility was under roof this week and some inside finishing work had begun. ...The Kentucky Bureau of Highways, in order to assist people displaced by highway construction, desires to obtain listings of available housing and building lots which

are for sale, rent, or lease in the Betsy Layne, Harold, Mud Creek area.

Crime

Sheriff Doug Lewis and deputies Randall Lewis and Kenneth Hughes arrested Randall Mullins on a charge of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages Saturday following a raid at Ligon. They confiscated his beer.

Coal

As a result of the 15.5-week coal strike, more than \$316 million has been lost to Kentucky's economy, according to state Commerce Commissioner W. Terry McBrayer. With the settlement of the 110-day coal strike and resumption of coal production, Kentucky Power is lifting its request that customers voluntarily curtail their usage of electricity.

Business

Thompson's IGA Foodliner of Prestonsburg and Martin, and other IGA stores, recently placed an order for more than 600,000 lbs. of flour with Martha White Flour Mills, of Nashville, Tenn. This is the largest single flour order in the history of Martha White, and it required 17 trailers to deliver.

Pic-Pac in Prestonsburg and Martin: Fresh fryers, 29 cents per lb.; canned corn, 5 for \$1; 25 lbs. of flour, \$2.99; eggs, 59 cents; cake mix, 5 for \$1; saltines, 59 cents; and cantaloupes, 79 cents.

In Memory

Hattie Porter, 94, of Martin; Ruth Hager DeRossett, 57, of Jeffersonville; Martin Hall, 52, of Martin; Joseph Wade Spears, 88, of Galveston; Alta Green, 67, of Jenny's Creek; David A. Nairn, 39, of Seneca, Pa.; Robert Lee Boyd, 89, of Banner; and Julia B. Stephens, 87, of Mayfield.

Spring Cleanup will be held next week

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

Local officials are encouraging residents to pitch in and clean up this month.

The annual PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) Spring Cleanup will be observed from April 9-13 in Floyd County and in Prestonsburg.

City and county government officials are allowing residents to dispose of trash free of charge during this cleanup.

Prestonsburg residents may schedule pickups for their items beginning Friday, April 6, by calling city hall at (606) 886-2335. City officials ask that residents have their items on the curb ready for pickup prior to calling.

Prestonsburg will not pick up tires, paint that is not in solid form, construction debris or brush

during this spring cleanup.

In other areas of the county, residents are asked to take their garbage to Waste Connections, located at 200 Garth Hollow Road in Martin.

All items except tires, batteries, oil, construction debris or items containing Freon will be accepted at the Garth transfer station.

Floyd County officials ask residents to call Randy Bryant from April 9-13 to coordinate the disposal of all appliances and other “white items.”

For more information, call, (606) 886-9193.

Other communities are also planning cleanup events. The Allen City Commission discussed its annual city-wide cleanup during an April 2 meeting. Those interested in volunteering there should call, (606) 874-2953.

Gospel concert benefits Betsy Layne seniors

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Several bands will perform at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center this weekend to raise funds for the organization.

The spring benefit concert, coordinated by CJ the DJ (Carl Jarrell), will begin at 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 7, at the center, located on the Pike/Floyd Hollow in Betsy Layne.

Jarrell, who works at WMDJ in Martin, will serve as emcee at the fundraising concert. He will also perform along with several other musicians, including Darrell Stephens and Unashamed, Ronnie Boyd, Jimmy Rogers, Charles and Cindy Hughes and Adrain Ray Jarrell.

Admission is \$5, with all proceeds going to the senior citizens center. Concessions will also be sold to raise money for the center.

Jarrell has coordinated this concert for four years now, and, for the past two years, he's also hosted a fall benefit concert to raise money to help this senior citizen center and its meal delivery program.

“I mostly do it, too, to raise awareness about how good a program it is for the elderly people,” he said. “It's hard for elderly people to get out and socialize, and this gives them a place where they can go and hang out and socialize.”

He said they usually raise around \$500 during these events.

The center delivers meals to homebound senior citizens and serves congregate meals to seniors who come to the center. It also offers several programs and provides transportation for seniors.

For more information about the concert or activities provided by the center, call, (606) 478-9583.

Community calendar

- April 6; 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Leading Ladies Regional Women's Leadership Conference, features Lt. Gov. Jeanne Hampton, others, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Johnson Building, room 102
- Middle Creek National Battlefield Park Day cleanup has been rescheduled to 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 14. Please bring your own lawn/farm equipment and supplies.
- The Floyd County Fire Association reported Thursday that the regional fire school set to be held April 6-8 has been postponed due to inclement weather forecasts. It will be held, instead, on June 1-3
- April 7; 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: Open Skate Night, Archer Park, fundraiser for the Jenny Wiley Festival. Concessions available.
- April 7; 7 p.m.: Spring Gospel Benefit, featuring Darrell Stephens and Unashamed, CJ the DJ, Ronnie Boyd, Jimmy Rogers, Charles and Cindy Hughes and Adrain Ray Jarrell at Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center. Admission \$5. Concessions available. All proceeds benefit the senior citizens center.
- April 9-13: PRIDE Spring Cleanup in Prestonsburg and Floyd County.
- April 9, 9 a.m.: Big Sandy Regional Industrial Authority meets at Big Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374
- 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 9; 5 p.m.: VIP meet and greet with Coach Phillip Haywood, Mountain Arts Center. Speech begins at 7:30 p.m. VIP tickets are \$50; general admission to speech \$15. (606) 886-9125
- April 9; 3:30 p.m.: Mommy and Me Sewing Class, Prestonsburg Library. (606) 886-2981
- April 9; 6 p.m.: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Eastern Library. (606) 377-2860
- 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 10, 12 p.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism meets at Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-1341
- April 10; 5 p.m.: Game night, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- April 10; 5:30 p.m.: The public is invited to attend an informational session about the pension reform, budget and tax reform bills recently approved by the state legislature, Mountain Arts Center. Legislators, others, will speak.
- April 10, 6 p.m.: Wayland City Commission to meet.
- April 11; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Wool Club meets, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668
- April 11; 1 p.m.: Story Time, Eastern Library. (606) 377-2860
- April 11, 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meets, city hall. (606) 452-4202
- April 11-12; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host underground mine retraining. (606) 218-1228

BSCTC partnering with private college

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Big Sandy Community and Technical College announced a new partnership this week with Bellevue University, a private, accredited, nonprofit university based in Nebraska.

The partnership, the first in the state of Kentucky, will offer BSCTC students the opportunity to continue their education beyond an associate's degree, BSCTC reported in a press release.

"As a result of the partnership, students will be able to transfer all of their college credits, including their full associate's degree, toward an accelerated, online bachelor's degree in a career-relevant field," the press release said.

Bellevue University's local BSCTC Relationship Manager, Savannah Castle will offer an information session about this partnership during the grand opening at the local Bellevue University office. That event is scheduled to be held April 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the student center at the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus. Two \$1,000 grants will be given away to students at the grand opening, which also features free refreshments.

Castle is available to support students Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and can be reached at, (606) 369-7198, or, savannah.castle@bellevue.edu. More information about Bellevue is available online at bellevue.edu.

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HEALTH NEWS @

PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



"IPR gives people their life back!"



By Melinda Goodson

Coman Gibson, 74, of Letcher County, was admitted to Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) on February 6, 2018 after being referred for a foot issue.

"He got to where he couldn't walk," said Gibson's son, Coman Ray Gibson. "We took him to several places, but nowhere could figure it out, so they recommended PMC. We brought him here and found that he had a blocked artery in his leg."

Before the PMC heart team could proceed with treatment on Coman's leg issue, they wanted to ensure his heart was strong enough.

"When they checked his heart, they found it was in bad shape," added Coman Ray. "He had an infection on his heart valve, so they began to focus on his heart. They performed open heart surgery, did a bypass, and once they figured out his heart, his leg had gotten worse. They had to amputate his leg from above his knee."

During Coman's stay, he was a patient in many PMC departments including our Heart Institute, intensive care unit, an inpatient unit and our Inpatient Rehabilitation (IPR) hospital.

When asked how the PMC staff treated Coman and his family, Coman Ray replied, "We can't go wrong bragging on any of them." Both, Coman and Coman Ray, stated PMC saved Coman's life. "They don't know if the heart caused the infection or the leg, but if they hadn't done the operation, he would have died," said Coman Ray. "They saved my life," Coman added.

There was one unit in particular that Coman wanted to praise. "They (IPR) bend over backwards to help me," he said. "If you need anything, they're right there for you. My stay here (IPR hospital) has been great and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else; everything is good around this place."

During Coman's IPR stay, PMC Occupational Therapist Rachelle Glass cared for him and commented on his condition when he was admitted to the unit in late February.

"On Coman's first day in IPR, he had to be totally assisted with all functional skills including dressing, bathing and feeding himself due to weakness, bilateral hand incoordination, decreased arm strength and poor trunk control," she said. "He was unable to sit on the edge of the mat in the gym without falling to the side or falling backwards. In bed, he could not roll side-to-side and was on sternal precautions due to a heart procedure that prevented him from pulling on the side rails of the bed to assist with turning or pushing himself on the wheelchair armrests to stand."

But as time progressed, so did Coman's health. "After two and a half weeks of occupational and physical therapy, three hours a day, Coman headed home with his family," Glass added. "He is dressing, bathing and feeding himself again. In a few short months, he'll return for prosthetic training and, both, his occupational and physical therapists have no doubt he will succeed with walking once he gets his prosthesis and is off sternal precautions."

The Gibson's wanted to say thank you to Glass. "She pushes me," said Coman. "She gets all she can and more out of me. There's nothing to say about her, but good and she's a wonderful woman."

Glass states that Coman's attitude was a big contribution to his amazing progress. "Coman is one of the hardest working, self-driven individuals we have had the pleasure to work with," she said. "IPR gives people their life back!" Coman also wanted to add that his wife of 54 years, Mary, has helped him through this medical scare.

"When I first saw her, I said I was going to marry her and I did," he said. "She has helped me, and I wouldn't be here without her." Coman stated his family was an inspiration to his improvement.

"My goal is to get better and take my family to Walt Disney World," said Coman. "If you want to get better, you have to be determined to get well and do your part too." Coman and Mary have two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In conclusion, Coman repeatedly stated, "If you want to get well, this (PMC) is the place to come." For more information on the rehabilitation services at PMC, call 606-218-3500.



What do you have to lose?

By Carol Casebolt

Ashleigh Dotson of Prestonsburg struggled with obesity, high cholesterol and joint pain. She was borderline hyperglycemic and searching for relief. Her health issues were constant reminders that this energetic, high-spirited hairdresser was not living the life she knew she wanted.

After extensive research she decided to reclaim her life through gastric sleeve surgery at Pikeville Medical (PMC) Wellness and Weight Loss Center. She lost 85 pounds and her health changed for the better.

Dotson said, "I struggled with my weight my entire life. I was a yo-yo dieter, watching my weight go up and down from a size three to four, to a size 18. I had to get off the weight rollercoaster."

"I remember meeting Ashleigh the first time. She was so friendly, full of life and smiling. I could not wait to see what would happen to her after a life-changing sleeve," said PMC Bariatric Surgeon Amy Johnson, M.D. "She is a new improved and healthier version of herself. Amazing!"

"Before surgery, I thought about weight loss surgery but decided to give weight loss on my own, one final try," she said. "I gave myself a year to see if I could lose the weight. During that time I lost and found the same 35 pounds."

Dotson says she had no reservations when she decided to have surgery. As a hairdresser, she had lots of people sit in her chair. Those customers voiced their opinions, regarding her decision, and they were not always supportive.

She said, "Regardless of their motives, I think most of those negative opinions were simply uneducated comments."

In the beginning she had countless questions.

"I actually got on YouTube and researched vertical sleeve gastrectomy and watched video blogs of other patients and their journeys," she said. "I got to analyze the pros and cons they shared and I realized there are many common denominators."

She says a lot of people had very similar stories and that helped her make her decision.

"It helps you keep everything in check and allows you to see their wins and their losses," she said. "That helped ease my mind."

Dotson says she would have surgery again with no reservations because her life is different now. "There are things I can do now that I could not do before. Simple things like putting shoes on, buckling a sandal and crossing my legs are now easy tasks."

As for Dr. Johnson and her staff, Dotson says she was extremely pleased. "I love all the people on staff. I was already well acquainted with Sherry Blair, the dietician. I had done her hair for a very long time and knew her well," said Dotson. "When I walked in the door she said, 'you are the perfect candidate.' I had been picking her brain for a decade about nutrition."

Dotson said Dr. Johnson was very straight forward and no nonsense and she felt comfortable in her hands.

For more information about the PMC Wellness and Weight Loss Center or to schedule an appointment call 606-218-2205 or visit www.pikevillehospital.org.

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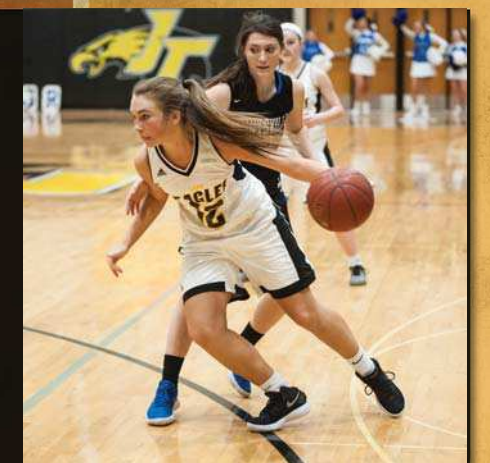
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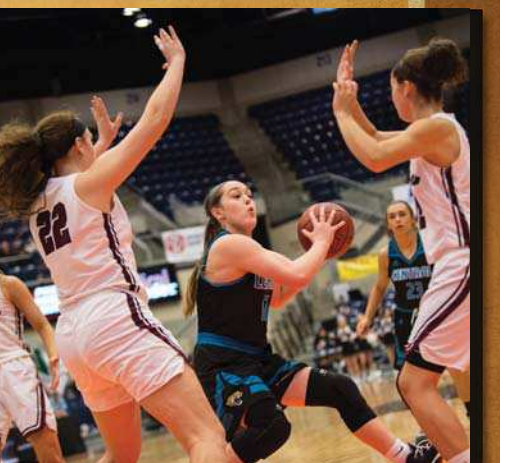
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Jaguars get ousted 3-1 by Pike Central

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK — After opening its debut campaign with back-to-back wins, Floyd Central slipped into the loss column on the road at Pike Central earlier in the week. Host Pike Central held on to defeat the Jaguars 3-1 in an early-season high school baseball matchup on Tuesday.

Off to one of the best starts of any baseball team in the 15th Region, Pike County claimed its fifth straight victory.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 2-1.

Pike Central improved to 7-1 with the win.

The Hawks outhit the Jaguars 8-5. But Floyd Central started strong, scoring the game's first run.

The Jaguars pushed one run across in the top half of the first inning when Cameron Nelson singled.

Following a scoreless at bat, Pike Central knotted the game up at 1-1 in the bottom of the second inning when Bryce Adkins grounded out to plate one run.

Pike Central moved ahead for the final time with one run in the fourth inning. Jon Potter fielder's choice allowed Pike Central to push another run across. D'Sean Prinkleton

earned the win for the Hawks. Prinkleton went four and 1/3 innings, allowing one run on five hits and striking out eight. Potter and Brice Elkins pitched out of relief roles for the Hawks. Elkins recorded the last three outs to earn the save.

Chase Conley took the loss for the Jaguars. Conley worked three and 1/3 innings, allowing five hits and two runs while striking out five.

Floyd Central, which features several former players from the Allen Central and South Floyd baseball programs, collected five hits. Nelson and Caleb Hager led the Jaguars' offensive effort with two hits apiece.

Pike Central banged out eight hits. Potter, Prinkleton and Seth Conn delivered multiple hits for the Hawks. The versatile Prinkleton finished three for three at the plate.

Pike Central was perfect in the field, exiting the early-season contest without an error.

Floyd Central didn't fare nearly as well in the field during its first-ever trip to neighboring Pike County. The Jaguars committed three errors in the setback.

Floyd Central is slated to host Pike Central for a late-season game on May 11.



Floyd Central's Cameron Nelson tags out Pike Central's Evan Coleman Tuesday afternoon at Pike Central.



Floyd Central's Brayden Hamilton makes the a throw to first for an out Tuesday evening against Pike Central.



Floyd Central's Chase Conley throws out a pitch Tuesday evening against Pike Central. The Jaguars fell to the Hawks, 3-1.

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Lady Blackcats can't limit Paintsville

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg fell behind early and couldn't battle its way back as Paintsville pulled away to win 14-1 in five innings in the 15th Region All "A" Classic softball tournament at StoneCrest Park on Tuesday.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 1-4 and was eliminated from the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Paintsville improved to 7-3 and advanced in the small-school region tournament with the win.

The Lady Tigers scored in the opening inning and never faltered. Paintsville moved ahead in the first inning when Elizabeth Williams doubled on a 2-2 count to plate one run.

Adding to its lead, Paintsville pushed across

five runs in the second inning. The Lady Tigers led 11-0 before Prestonsburg scored its first and only run in the top half of the fourth frame.

Paintsville connected for 11 hits. Morgan Williams, Elizabeth Williams and Abigail Williams each provided multiple hits for hot-hitting Paintsville. In a highly productive and successful outing, Elizabeth Williams drove in three of the Lady Tigers' 14 runs.

Anna Keeton was the winning pitcher for the Lady Tigers. Keeton, one of the key members of the Paintsville girls' basketball team and a leader on the hardwood for the Lady Tigers, allowed six hits and one run over five innings, striking out eight and walking none.

McKenzie Wireman took the loss for the Lady Blackcats. Wireman, who pitched Prestonsburg to

its first win in the 2018 season over the weekend, surrendered 13 runs on nine hits over three innings, striking out two.

Katelyn Bingham went two for two at the plate to lead the Lady Blackcats' offensive effort. Alexis Beatty, Haylee Niece, Haley Ratliff and Shae Robinson provided one hit apiece for Prestonsburg in the setback. Niece delivered the Lady Blackcats' lone RBI.

Prestonsburg struggled defensively, committing seven errors.

Longtime 15th Region softball rivals, Prestonsburg and Paintsville met for the first time in the 2018 season. The two region rivals took the field at StoneCrest Park one day after being slated to meet for the opening round matchup in Paintsville.

Blackcats fall to Tigers in 15th Region All 'A' Classic



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mike Muncy

Prestonsburg's Blake Sizemore waits on the ball to make a tag against Paintsville runner Ben Daniels.

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Fresh off its first win under new head coach Trey Stapleton, Prestonsburg couldn't carry any momentum over into the 15th Region All "A" Classic. In a battle of former state champions, visiting Paintsville pulled away to beat Prestonsburg 14-2 in five innings in the opening round of the 15th Region All "A" Classic at StoneCrest Park on Tuesday.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 1-5 on the season and was eliminated from the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

Paintsville advanced in the region small-school tournament with the win.

The Blackcats fell behind early and couldn't overcome their slow start. Prestonsburg was forced to play from behind throughout the tournament game.

Paintsville jumped ahead during its initial plate appearance, plating six runs in the top half of the first inning.

Prestonsburg struggled both offensively and defensively. Offensive-heavy Paintsville pushed across eight runs in the top half of the third inning to take a commanding 14-0 lead.

Host Prestonsburg plated its only two runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning. Mason Moore started on the mound

for the Tigers. Moore tossed two innings, allowing no hits and no runs while striking out three and walking none.

Paintsville, under the direction of head coach Walt Crace, outit the Blackcats 12-2. As part of a balanced offensive attack, Tanner Smith, John Walker Phelps, Seth Williams and Ben Daniels all managed multiple hits for the Tigers in the triumph.

Andrew Hale started the game on the hill for the Blackcats. Hale worked two and 1/3 innings, allowing eight hits and 11 runs while striking out one.

In all, Prestonsburg threw three pitchers are former perennial state powerhouse Paintsville. Payton Burke and Cameron Blackburn pitched out of relief roles for the Blackcats, throwing one and 2/3 innings and one inning, respectively.

Prestonsburg hitters found themselves behind in the count on numerous occasions the contest. Burke and Blackburn each collected one hit to lead the Blackcats' limited offensive effort.

Prestonsburg is two years removed from winning a 15th Region All "A" Classic championship. Under the direction of then-head coach Shawn Hager, Prestonsburg topped Pikeville 12-2 in five innings in the 2016 15th Region All "A" Classic title game. Pikeville is the reigning 15th Region All "A" Classic champion.



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Prestonsburg's McKenzie Wireman winds up for a pitch Tuesday evening against Paintsville during the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) – An untimely decision will leave you at a loss. Someone you are close to will offer insight into what you should do. Protect your position, reputation and future.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Participation will do you good. Listen to what's being said, as it will spark an idea that will encourage you to take on a project that could alter how or where you live.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Be careful how you spend and handle your cash. Get your financials in order and plan a new strategy that will help you save money. Don't let anyone take advantage of your generosity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Partnerships will need a little tender, loving care. Don't reject something out of hand before you hear and understand what's being offered. Being accommodating will allow you to make the changes you desire, too.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Listen to the voice of reason. You will have plenty of ideas, but not all of them will be feasible. Someone with more experience will offer suggestions that you should consider.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Family, friends, children and loved ones will all play important roles in what you decide to do. Visit people who bring you comfort and joy. Romance will improve your life.

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Changes at home will not go smoothly. An open dialogue must not be allowed to end up being one-sided. Don't hesitate to speak up or to listen to others' suggestions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Get involved in events that will give you the chance to mingle with people who can share information about your ancestry. You could learn something!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – You'll hit a snag if the changes you want to make at home or to your lifestyle don't fit into your current budget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – It's good to listen, but at some point you must make your views clear to those trying to coax you into something you don't want to do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – A donation will end up costing you too much. Before you commit to invest time in something, make sure you know what will be required from you physically, financially and emotionally.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – You'll be torn between what's right and what you want to do. Listen to all the facts and make a choice that won't jeopardize your reputation.

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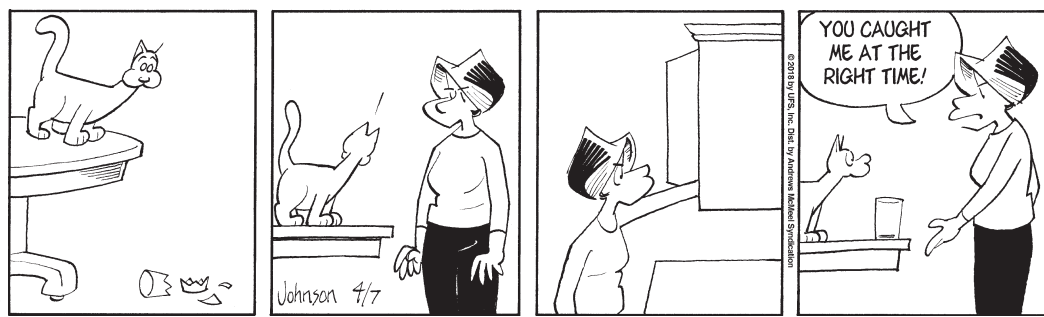
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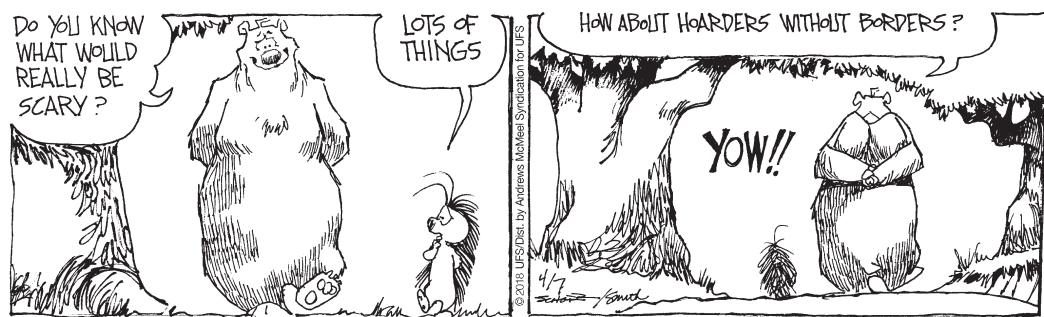
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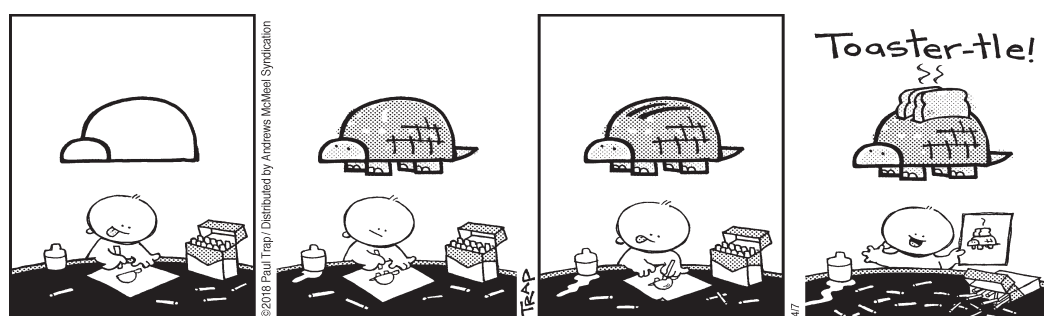
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Birth Announcements

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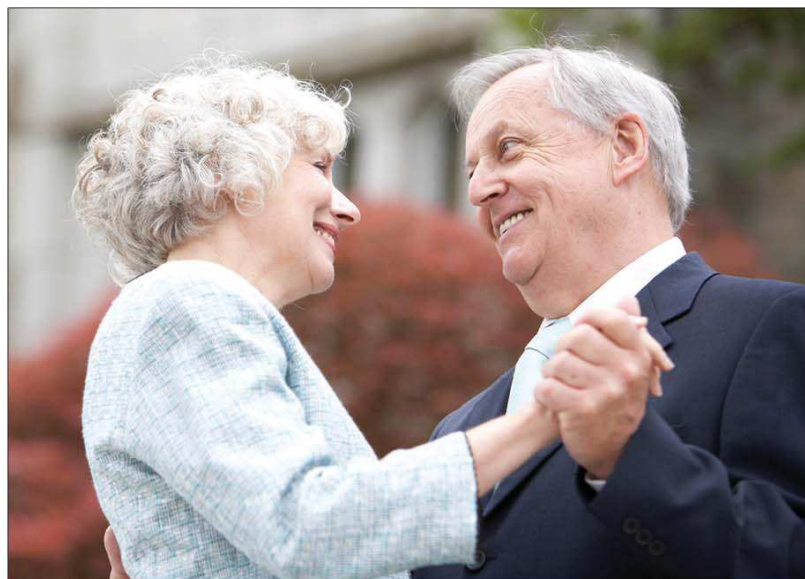
Celebrating Birthdays



The Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center recently celebrated December birthdays. The guest of honor was Leslie Belcher. Belcher was celebrating her 88th birthday.

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

All Senior Citizen Centers may announce their birthdays for **FREE**.



Celebrating 55 years

Larry and Jane Marcum of Martin celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on December 30, 2017 with a surprise party thrown by family and friends. The couple was married on June 23, 1962. Larry is a retired banker and Jane is retired from the Floyd County Board of Education. Mr. and Mrs. Marcum belong to the Martin Church of Christ where they are active members. They have four children, two sons and two daughters: Joe (Diane) Marcum of Martin, Frank (Judith) Marcum of Lexington, Anna (James) Richland of Archdale, NC, and Margaret (Joseph) Andrews of Lynchburg, Va. They have 10 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

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Dotson-Simpkins



Mike and Cathy Layne Dotson of Prestonsburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Renae, to Scott Michael Simpkins, son of Marvin and Lynn Robinette Simpkins of Williamson. The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Kentucky in 2015. Simpkins is a 2011 graduate of Pikeville High School and a 2015 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. A June wedding is planned in Prestonsburg.

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Hatfield-McDaniel



Amy Michelle Hatfield and Chad McDaniel of Fort Bragg, NC, were united in marriage at six o'clock in the evening, Saturday, December 9, 2017 at the Maple Lane Farm, Fayetteville, NC. The bride is a graduate of Allen Central High School and attended Morehead State University. McDaniel is a graduate of Rowan County Senior High School. He serves as a Sergeant in the US Army. Following the ceremony, the couple left for a honeymoon in the Bahamas. They are residing in Fort Bragg.

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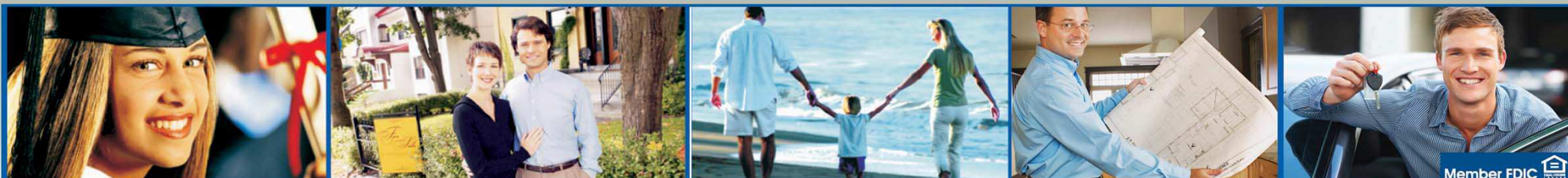


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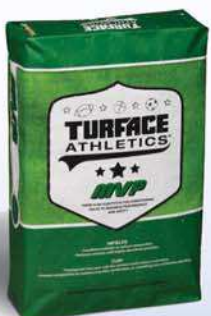
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