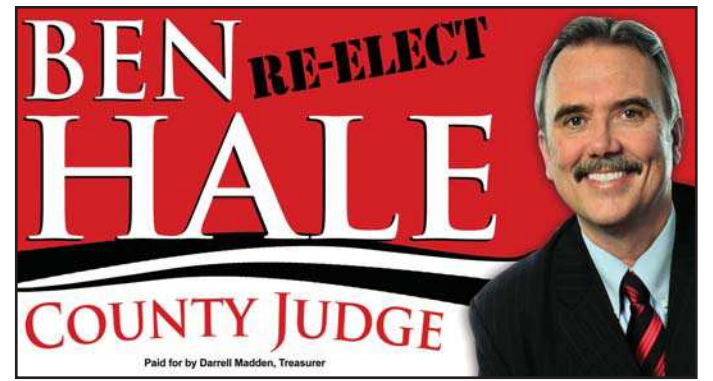


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## Floyd schools closed for rally

### Last day of school now pushed to June 7

BY MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County School District canceled classes on Friday, April 13, to give teachers a chance to protest in Frankfort.

Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble, who reported

that he has attended two rallies in Frankfort with teachers, said he will be there again on Friday if he can reschedule meetings he is expected to attend that day.

He announced the closure on April 12, the day after he attended an informational rally

with legislators talking about pension reform, tax reform and the budget bill at the Mountain Arts Center.

Trimble said in a press release, "All schools will be closed on Friday to allow teachers the opportunity to attend a rally in Frankfort. The board

team and I appreciate your understanding and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We hope that this will be the last day we will have a need to cancel school for the rest of this school year."

With this closure, Floyd

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## Frustration voiced at legislative rally

BY MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The crowd that turned out at the Mountain Arts Center for a legislative "informational rally" Tuesday had plenty to say about decisions Gov. Matt Bevin has made lately.

The event, coordinated by Floyd County teachers and supported by the Kentucky Education Association, was marketed as the place that public employees could receive answers to questions they have about the pension reform, tax reform and budget bills that recently

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Teachers, public employees and community members from throughout the region packed the Mountain Arts Center on Tuesday for an informational rally featuring a panel of legislators who spoke about pensions, the state budget and tax reform.

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Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear visited Valley Elementary School in Pike County Tuesday to speak with retired area teachers about the recently-signed and highly controversial Senate Bill 151. Beshear warned that, once approved into law, he would be filing a lawsuit to have the legislation thrown out. He filed that lawsuit Wednesday.

Appalachian Newspapers photo by Buddy Forbes

Brad Allen, left, Patricia Collins, middle, and Brian Hundley welcomed attendees to Tuesday's "Pike County Strong" event. The event served as a forum for Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear and local legislators to speak to retired teachers about the controversial pension plan which they said was "hidden" in the wastewater bill, Senate Bill 151.

Appalachian Newspapers photo by Buddy Forbes

## Beshear, legislators join 'Pike County Strong'

BY BUDDY FORBES  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

ROBINSON CREEK — "Pike County Strong" welcomed attendees during an event at Valley Elementary School Tuesday, during which Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear spoke to local retired teachers about the controversial Senate Bill 151, which was signed into law by Gov. Matt Bevin Tuesday afternoon.

Patricia Collins, Brad

Allen and Brian Hundley, local educators and founding members of the group, welcomed the crowd before Beshear, joined by Dist. 93 state Rep. Chris Harris, Dist. 94 state Rep. Angie Hatton and Senate Minority Floor Leader Ray S. Jones II, discussed the ongoing "fight" between legislators and public employees regarding the recently-passed bill, saying he "will file a lawsuit."

Beshear said he is a

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"proud product of Kentucky's public schools," adding that the current legislative session shows that Frankfort "is broken."

"It's absolutely broken. These people don't seem to care — that are in charge — about public education — at all," Beshear said. "Who would have ever thought we'd have a governor in Kentucky who calls teachers 'disgusting,' 'uninformed,' 'thugs'? I don't think he knew what he was doing when he called our teachers thugs."

Beshear said Bevin is "hostile" to public education and school teachers. He also said the leadership in the commonwealth is not only "willing to do wrong" by not funding public education to its best ability, but also by "breaking its promises."

"While teachers have been present and you have been loud and it's incredible, it's also about our law enforcement and our social workers. It's a whole lot of public servants that are too scared to rally with you in Frankfort because they think they'll be fired — and they're probably right," Beshear said. "That's how bad it's gotten. I don't know about you, but I'm fed up."

Beshear said what the lawmakers did with the pension bill was "one of the worst examples of government."

"It means they don't think any rules apply to them," Beshear said. "Why? Because, decades ago, the General Assembly made a promise to our teachers, our public servants, our police officers, our fire fighters. They said, 'If you dedicate decades of your life — because it takes decades —

to teaching our children, to protecting our families, to serving the neglected in our community, then, sadly, we won't pay you enough ... but, if you dedicate your life to that public service, while we won't pay you enough, we will guarantee you a good retirement that you can count on."

Beshear said anyone who suggests that Kentucky's teachers are overpaid is "simply lying and misinformed," adding the "guarantee" made by those lawmakers decades ago was then placed into a contract and made law, which was declared inviolable.

"They are breaking their promise, they are breaching their contract and they are breaking the law," Beshear said. "I'll promise you right here and now, I'm either filing lawsuit this afternoon or tomorrow morning. It's not only what you deserve, it's what you're legally entitled to. And it's my job."

He said he would fight to have the entire bill thrown out because, under the new bill, new teachers would not fall under the inviolable contract.

"Meaning, if they get their way, we're going to have fewer and fewer of our best and brightest who want to be teachers," Beshear said. "The thought that we wouldn't want to encourage the absolute best ... it's crazy. It's bad policy and it will set our state back."

Beshear said the bill violates the inviolable contract in 15 ways and was passed in an "unconscionable" manner. He also said the commonwealth will see itself fighting this battle "every two years" under the recently-approved plan.

Bevin signed SB 151 into law Tuesday, at which point Beshear sent out a statement

reiterating his plan to file lawsuit. The lawsuit, listing the commonwealth, Beshear, the Kentucky Education Association and the Kentucky State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police as plaintiffs, was filed Wednesday. The lawsuit listed its defendants as Gov. Bevin, Senate President Robert Stivers and Speaker of the House Pro Tempore David Osborne, the Board of trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System and the board of trustees of the Kentucky Retirement System.

According to Beshear, the recently-vetoed state budget is also an issue in Frankfort.

"I've got to tell you: These folks cannot get their act together," Beshear said. "They don't even know how to agree on policy with each other and they refuse to work with anyone else."

Beshear said the budget did not "sufficiently fund education," did not "meet obligations" and attempted to pass taxes on 95 percent of Kentuckians to benefit the 5 percent of wealthy Kentuckians.

"The fact is, they are two days away from the session ending, with one constitutional obligation — and that's to have a budget," Beshear said. "And (Bevin) has vetoed the entire thing ... If the legislature overrides the veto, that's it. The whole thing becomes law."

Beshear said if that doesn't happen, the commonwealth will enter into a special session, which he said would mean a waste of more "tax dollars, when they have been there forever ... not being able to get their constitutional obligation done."

Though Beshear said he is "disgusted by the legislature, he also said he is "inspired" by Pike County,

adding that Pike County's legislators have "fought hard." He introduced Rep. Hatton, calling her "fierce," before she thanked him for the ways in which he "serves" the region.

"Rest assured that every single time our governor has stepped out of line, our general has been there to step in and file suit," Hatton said.

She then said Gov. Bevin's "problem" comes from his education and experience.

"I think his trouble is that he did not go to public school, he's not sending his children to public school and he didn't grow up in Kentucky. So, he doesn't know. He doesn't know what he's attacking," Hatton said. "If you're going to be our governor, though, ignorance is no excuse."

According to Hatton, Bevin doesn't know "a thing about public schools," or about "what Kentucky public school teachers are capable of" and should not be attempting to tell them what they're "worth." She said the legislators who are pushing for these changes in the General Assembly are doing so against the best interest of their constituents.

"They have forgotten that they serve you guys. They have forgotten that they serve those who elected them. They have forgotten that they are sent here to represent a very specific population of people, whose best interest they're supposed to have at heart," Hatton said. "Instead, they're voting to help that top 5 percent — or that top 1 percent ... and what they don't realize, and what they are going to come to realize from watching you guys, like I have, is: If you serve the 1 percent, they only have 1 percent of the votes."

She said the other 99 percent, thanks to "good public education," is not "stupid" and knows "who to send home" when it comes to the ballot.

Rep. Harris agreed with Hatton and reassured the retired teachers in attendance that he has focused on the teachers, saying his mother is a retired teacher.

"I don't think your retirement is in jeopardy. I don't think the votes are there," Harris said. "You guys earned every single benefit that you were promised, and those promises have to be kept — no matter what."

Harris said the "situation" in Frankfort is "almost chaos." He said bills and budgets were dumped in the laps of legislators, which is "not how government should be run."

"This administration has been one chaotic mistake after another. They can't even get along among themselves— within their own party," Harris said. "They have super majorities in the House and Senate and the governor's office. But, we still are not able to get anything accomplished. And that's wrong."

Harris said the educators and public workers who have actively been sharing their voices in Frankfort have "made the difference," regardless of the outcome from the majority.

Harris said only by continuing to speak out will the "future of teachers" be saved.

Sen. Jones said the problem is not coming from the existing pension system.

"The system worked for decades just fine," Jones said. "Nationally, when people like Matt Bevin came to they tried to dismantle the pension system. This is not

the first effort that they have made in the state Senate."

Jones said a previous attempt was made when David Williams was president of the Senate, but the attempt "died in the House." He said it's all an attempt at "destroying public education." According to Jones, the KEA is "happy" because the budget includes a lot of items which were a part of the discussion during the session, such as SEEK funding and retiree health insurance. For that reason, he said, the KEA is pushing for legislators to override Bevin's veto of the budget. However, he said, those are things which should be expected and do not make up for what lacks in the budget.

"I don't think we should give them an 'attaboy,' or a pat on the back, for giving them something that they were morally obligated to do," Jones said.

Jones said the "bad" budget, as proposed, would still be detrimental to Eastern Kentucky and rural areas. He said it provides no money for increased school safety or early childhood development.

"This budget guts higher education," Jones said. "We have been forced, as a state, to continue to cut postsecondary education funding."

Jones added that the commonwealth cannot afford to "go back," but should be putting more money into education.

Beshear closed the event with a Q&A, during which he encouraged those in attendance to keep pushing for change and keep their eyes on the future.

"You all have gained a lot of ground," Beshear said. "Keep fighting; keep gaining ground, and both in the lawsuit and in the long-run, I promise you, we will win."



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# Bevin takes aim at Kentucky Education Association for 'unleashing mayhem'

By TOM LATEK  
KENTUCKY TODAY

With teachers and other public employees expected in Frankfort on Friday to protest the vetoes of the budget and tax bills and signing of the pension reform legislation, Gov. Matt Bevin went on the offensive Thursday morning.

Bevin took the Kentucky Education Association to task, calling the union a "fraud" during an interview on WHAS Radio's Leland Conway Show. He took his disdain for the KEA, the union that represents teachers, to a new level.

"The KEA is a fraud," Bevin said. "It's unleashed this mayhem for the sake of unleashing mayhem. You look at the last time they were here, the people from the Socialist Party of American had a table where they were signing up people.

This wasn't about teachers, it wasn't about students."

"The KEA has spent millions of dollars of teachers' dues to elect the previous governor, who never fully funded their pension, took money that should have gone into that, and spent it on other wasted political projects."

Bevin spoke to Conway about the reaction after he put more money in the budget for pensions than his predecessor, Democrat Steve Beshear, did in eight years.

"They booed, they hissed, they came and marched and booed and swore at and hissed at everybody that voted for those bills. Then I vetoed the (budget and revenue) bills, and they say they need to leave school and come here and ask for them to be overturned," he said. "They

got exactly what they say they wanted. They don't know what they want, they want mayhem. They are wasting the teachers' hard-earned money. They are not representing what's best for the teachers, and they're sure not representing what's best for our students."

He also wondered how the school cancellations, due to teachers coming to Frankfort for a protest, will disrupt the plans of students' families for such things as gradu-

ations and vacations. "I think the KEA has overplayed their hand," he said.

Lawmakers return Friday for the last two days of the 2018 regular session and Bevin indicated the budget and tax reform may or may not need to call a special session later.

"There's still time in two days to get things done that could be at least a step in the right direction, better than the one we took," he said. "The question is, have we

done enough in this first step? There will need to be multiple steps. Can we do it in the regular session or will there have to be a special session? These things will be determined."

He said he has had many meetings with House and Senate leadership, as have many on his team. "I was working on it early this morning with folks."

Bevin described what he'd like to see in a tax bill. "When you do tax reform, if you're going to

raise taxes on X, Y and Z, have as many offsets for the very same people as you can. It isn't to say that it will all be tax or revenue neutral, but at least have the extenuating impact be as neutral as possible."

As for why he vetoed the tax and budget bills, Bevin said: "They weren't looking out for the people that are paying for everything to the degree that I think they should have and could have. I think when we're done, we'll have something better."

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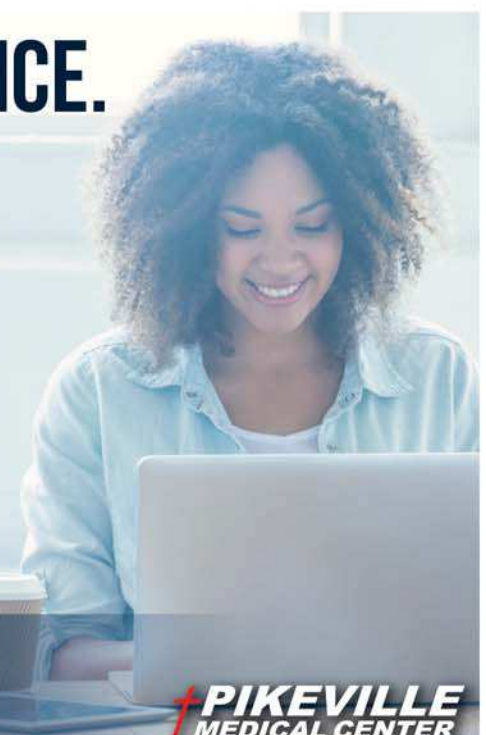
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## The Importance of Vaccinations for Children

By Melinda Goodson

National Infant Immunization Week is April 21 through 28. Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Women's and Children's practice manager, Jennifer Raines, wants to explain in a quick Q & A session to parents and the public about the importance of vaccinations for children.

**Q: Vaccinating children can be a controversial topic, but that's why we're here; we want parents to understand the importance of vaccinating and to dismiss the myths that are out there. What are some of those myths?**

A: There's a lot of myths that talk about vaccinations causing other diseases, it does make us, as a parent, scared. We have reviewed Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) guidelines and all of the guidelines say that these vaccinations are safe for our children.

**Q: Why should parents choose to vaccinate their children?**

A: Parents should vaccinate their children because, as a parent, we want to do everything we can to make sure our child is healthy. In order to make sure we can prevent our children from having these diseases, we can vaccinate for almost anything. We have a wide arrange of vaccinations we can talk to you about, you can schedule a meeting with our physicians if you have questions or if you're unsure about what we offer.

**Q: The vaccination schedule can be a little confusing; can you tell us how the PMC pediatric clinic keeps up with all the patients' schedules?**

A: We're very up-to-date on what is needed for each child. The state of Kentucky has a registry and all of the immunizations are put into this registry of what dose was given, the date and when the next one is due, so we are automated to go in to find out exactly what is due for your child or what your child has had done if you've had immunizations at other facilities. We always make sure if we have a paper record or an electronic record that we verify what was given and when it is due.

**Q: How often should children be vaccinated?**

A: With vaccinations, we start as early as birth and then they are given at different intervals. Some of our vaccines are one to two doses, some are three to four and one is only one. You have the majority of immunizations from birth through the first six years and after that, there are certain boosters that we can give up to the age of 18.

**Q: What diseases do these vaccines prevent?**

A: There's a wide range of things that we can prevent our children from getting. We can prevent anything from mumps to measles, chicken pox, hepatitis, whooping cough and polio.

**Q: Are there any changes in the vaccination requirements this year?**

A: Hepatitis A has become mandatory for every child. If you're child hasn't had the hepatitis A vaccine, they will have to have it before the 2018-19 school year begins.

**Q: If a parent decides not to go by the recommended vaccination schedule, but they plan for their children to attend school; what happens?**

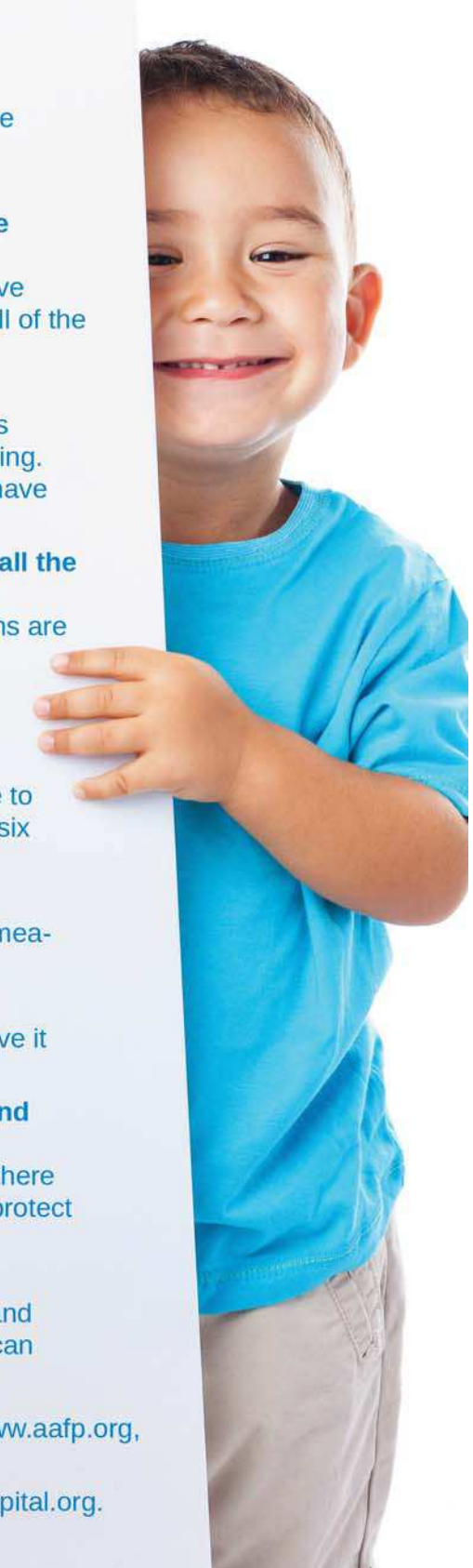
A: We try to make the parents comfortable with what we are doing. We can have an altered scheduled, but before school there are recommended vaccinations and we have to have those completed before they can enter school. The main thing is to protect our children and get vaccinated.

**Q: Why is it important that PMC educate the public on vaccinations?**

A: We have a very knowledgeable and caring pediatric staff here and we want to make sure all of our children are happy and healthy. We want to inform the public how important it is to protect your children and knowing that with immunizations we can know what schedule they're on and that will make our community safer.

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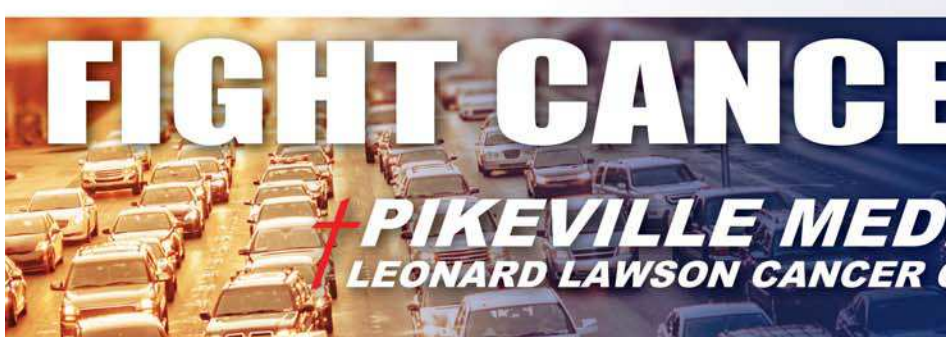
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## EDITORIAL:

# Congrats, One East Kentucky

## Now, keep your eye on the ball

When all bases are loaded, you want your best pitcher out front, which is why One East Kentucky nominated the industrial sites with the most potential in its Opportunity Zone application in February.

And it's also why the state and federal government agreed.

When the announcement designating 19 sites in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Perry, Martin, Letcher, Magoffin and Knott counties as Opportunity Zones came, One East Kentucky officials were doing what they do best, attending a convention with hopes of recruiting industries to bring jobs to Eastern Kentucky.

We commend One East

Kentucky for its efforts and for this Opportunity Zone designation, which could help improve the economy in this region.

We also encourage One East Kentucky, its partners and local governments to keep their eye on the ball when all of this private investment pours in.

The federal designation, part of the Tax Cut and Jobs act, gives investors "significant federal tax advantages" if they put their unrealized capital gains — money from investments that they have on paper, but they have yet to receive as cash — into projects and programs that bring industry into these Opportunity Zones.

These areas retain this designation for 10 years and

investors can "defer tax on any prior gains" through 2026, "so long as the gain is reinvested in a Qualified Opportunity Fund, an investment vehicle organized to make investments in Qualified Opportunity Zones."

If investors hold their investment in an Opportunity Fund for 10 years, they would "be eligible for an increase in its basis equal to the fair market value of investment on the date that it is sold," the US Treasury website reported.

Available only to qualifying, low-income or undeveloped areas in the U.S., these Opportunity Zones, Gov. Matt Bevin said, offer "a golden chance to attract economic development projects" into both rural and

urban areas.

The problem is, though, is that there's so many of them. There are 144 of them in Kentucky, the maximum which was allowed for the state. There were Opportunity Zones approved in 18 states in this round of designations.

Only one in four low-income or undeveloped areas in a given state can be designated as an Opportunity Zone.

That means that the competition to get investors will be stiff. Rural parts of this state will not only be competing against other areas that are closer to interstates or larger metropolitan areas, but also against areas that could be a like-for-like comparison to their

area.

Investors are going to want to invest in areas where they can make the most money. That's what investors do.

So that need could leave our local officials struggling with decisions in the future about other tax incentives and economic benefits that would make companies want to build here. When those decisions are made, we hope they keep their eye on the ball and remember that the ultimate goal is helping our communities and its people, as well as paying good dividends for investors. We encourage them to be transparent and open and to seek public input on future possibilities.

## GUEST EDITORIAL:

# We can all work to stop child abuse before it starts

At least one in four children will be the victims of some form of neglect or child abuse in their lifetimes. One in seven children were victims of some form of abuse or neglect in the last year.

In a society where we're talking more and more about school violence and safety, it's easy to talk less about child abuse, malnourishment and neglect. But those issues didn't stop or disappear when the current ones took the spotlight.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The goal is to recognize the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and

do all we can to promote healthy home environments and healthy families, to stop child abuse before it starts.

Preventing child abuse doesn't just mean physically stopping an abuser or reporting something you notice. It actually has a lot to do with encouraging and promoting positive behaviors to reduce risk factors and avoid the situations ever arising that lead to abuse.

This means that, as a community, we should offer resources and support to parents that will help them cope and care for their children, especially in times of great stress. It means reach-

ing out to those among us who need help, providing buffers to parents who are at risk of abusing their children and saving the youngest among us from unimaginable trauma from circumstances they have no control over.

Preventing child abuse could mean saving a life. Children die every day from injuries inflicted during abuse. More than 1,500 children died from child abuse and neglect in the United States in 2014.

And even if a child lives through abuse, he or she may suffer life-altering physical injuries. The impact doesn't stop at the initial trauma. It can have

lasting effects on families and children. Research has proven that individuals who experience adverse childhood experiences have had issues with risky health behaviors, chronic health conditions and even earlier deaths.

Children who are abused can suffer from improper brain development, impaired cognitive and social skills, lower language development, anxiety, addiction, and they're at higher risk for heart, liver and lung disease, obesity, cancer, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. They're more likely to use drugs, struggle in school, end up involved in crime and develop psychological disorders.

It's likely that kids who are abused or neglected will never be able to handle normal relationships. In some instances, the cycle continues and past abuse leads to the creation of a brand new abuser.

If you're still not convinced this has any impact on you, child abuse is also taxing on our medical system, our judicial system, law enforcement, public social services and our nonprofit organizations. Services that exist in these sectors to deal with this issue cost each of us every day. The estimated cost of child abuse and its related consequences is \$93 billion per year. That being the case, there is not one of us who has not been

impacted by child abuse in some way.

Recently, NelCASA and volunteers planted blue pinwheels in various locations around the area. When you see them, let them be a reminder of the children and families who need our help. Take a moment to think seriously about how you can make a difference in the life of a child.

We owe it to our children to keep them safe — safe at school, safe in their homes, safe from neglect, safe from strangers, safe from harm of any kind. It's up to us to do what we can to foster growing families, report when things seem wrong, offer a helping hand to parents who are struggling.

Prevention is priceless when it comes to the lives of our children and much cheaper than the cost of the alternative.

— The Kentucky Standard

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**Leanna Briggs**

Leanna Briggs, 34, of Sitka, died Monday, April 9, 2018.

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

**David Keathley**

David Keathley, 80, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

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

## Volunteers sought for Park Day cleanup

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Middle Creek National Battlefield is seeking volunteers for Park Day this weekend.

The event, part of a national day of service held more than 100 national parks and historic sites in the U.S., was postponed last week due to inclement weather and will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 14, at the battlefield.

Volunteers are sought to help with landscaping, trail maintenance, trash removal and brush clearing at the event. Volunteers are asked to bring their own weedeaters, chainsaws, rakes, wheelbarrows, trash bags, lawn mowers, tractors and bush hogs.

The friends of Middle Creek will provide refreshments to volunteers and lunch will also be provided. A local historian will share information about the battlefield's significance at the event. T-shirts will be given away to volunteers, as supplies last.

For details, call Linda Layne at, (606) 388-5466, or email, fitzprop@gmail.com.



## Local communities part of 'Opportunity Zones'

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

One East Kentucky's attempt to lure investors into eight Eastern Kentucky counties worked, as the federal government approved 19 areas as part of a national list of Opportunity Zones.

Chuck Sexton, CEO of One East Kentucky, confirmed Wednesday that 19 of 34 Opportunity Zone areas sought for this region are on the national list released this week by the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS.

"All of our priorities ended up in there," Sexton said. "The way the submission was laid out, we had to submit what we felt was our priority in this tract, and then we could submit what we'd like to see ... The state only got 144 of them and we ended up with 19 of them in our eight-county region."

Sexton, working with other agencies on this effort, submitted the regional Opportunity Zone application in February with backing of local gov-

ernment leaders in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Perry, Knott, Letcher, Magoffin and Martin counties. Each of those counties now have at least one Opportunity Zone.

There's only one Floyd County community on the list — Prestonsburg, where One East Kentucky is based — but other designated community zones aren't far away. They include the cities of Inez, Warfield, Paintsville, Pikeville, Elkhorn City, Jenkins, Hazard and Salyersville.

Approval was also given to every industrial park in the region, including the East Kentucky Business Park in Martin County, the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park in Pike County, the Gateway Regional Industrial Park in Letcher County and the Coalfield Regional Industrial Park in Perry County.

Other sites designated as Opportunity Zones include the Big Sandy Regional Airport in Martin County, and the following sites that could be developed in the future: the Chestnut Mountain

Property in Knott County, the Mountain Parkway property in Magoffin County, the Ky. 645 property in Martin County, the US 460 property in Pike County and the US 23 property in that county, located south of Pikeville.

Colby Kirk, project manager with One East Kentucky, said in an email, "Within these 19 census tracts are even more communities and small businesses who may take advantage of the opportunity to come."

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

Prior to the application process, the federal government nominated 573 low-income communities that could qualify as Opportunity Zones in Kentucky, and Governor Matt Bevin had the authority to nominate 25 percent, or 144 of them.

That's how many Opportunity Zones, Bevin announced this week, were approved by the federal government for Kentucky. These zones cover 84 counties. In a press release, he called these designations "a golden chance to attract economic development projects to communities most in need across the commonwealth, and the Kentucky Opportunity Zone Initiative will strengthen and rebuild both rural and urban areas."

"Whether along the Mississippi River in West Kentucky, throughout West Louisville's neighborhoods, or in the heart of Appalachia, these zones will spur investment, growth and community development," his statement said, in part.

In the meantime, One East Kentucky is continuing its efforts to bring industries to the region. Sexton and Kirk traveled to Florida this week on a "recruitment mission" at an aerospace trade show.

"We have been speaking with aerospace companies who may be

interested in expanding or relocating part of their business operations and explaining to them what Eastern Kentucky has to offer," Kirk reported.

Federal officials reported this is the first round of Opportunity Zone designations, noting that other communities may earn the designation in the future.

These areas retain this designation for 10 years and investors can "defer tax on any prior gains" through 2026, "so long as the gain is reinvested in a Qualified Opportunity Fund, an investment vehicle organized to make investments in Qualified Opportunity Zones."

If investors hold their investment in an Opportunity Fund for 10 years, they would "be eligible for an increase in its basis equal to the fair market value of investment on the date that it is sold," the US Treasury website reported.

Maps of all Opportunity Zones are available at, KYOZ.org, and additional information is available at, treasury.gov.

## Wheelwright is 'Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador'

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Wheelwright Fire Department recently obtained designation as a "Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador."

Commissioner Sam Little, a member of the fire department, announced the achievement during an April 11 city commission meeting.

"We are now, the city of Wheelwright is now a weather ambassador department," Little said.

The Weather-Ready Nation Ambassador program, hosted by the National Weather Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, is geared to "recognize partners who are improving the nation's readiness, responsiveness, and overall resilience against extreme weather, water and climate events."

As a WRN ambassador, the department pledges to work with the agency and other ambassadors to make the nation "more ready, responsive, and resilient" against "extreme environmental hazards."

Fire Chief Daniel P. Gullett said the department's training officer Will Parker started the initiative. Wheelwright fire officials were planning to attend a weather-spotter class that was set to be hosted at the Floyd County Regional Fire School, which was canceled because of

inclement weather this month.

Parker learned about the program while talking with officials at the National Weather Service, Gullett said, and Wheelwright fire department officials believe it would be a good program to participate in. To qualify, he said the department designated storm shelters and he told commissioners Wednesday that he will develop or update the city's emergency plan.

He said the department will use social media to alert the public about weather-related emergencies, and, if needed, it will also alert the public about weather emergencies with its siren at the department.

During the meeting, commissioners approved paying Betsy Layne resident Joe Reynolds \$500 to service the fire truck the city bought last year and allowing Gullett to get quotes on a tank replacement for another fire truck.

The city previously funded a patch for that tank, and it needs repaired again, said Gullett, who also noted fire hydrants are still in need of attention in Wheelwright and the city's fire department is still in need of structural repairs.

Last year, a culvert under the department failed, causing the walls and floors in the building to crack. The city sought an insurance coverage, but the claim was denied.

"I'm fully aware of that," Mayor Don Hall told Gullett about the department repairs needed.

Two of three Wheelwright City Utilities Commission members held a meeting after the city commission met on Wednesday. They voted to spend around \$2,000 to place a fence around a water tower at the prison in Wheelwright, following reports of ATV tracks in the area, and mentioned the need to fix another area near the water plant.

Chairperson Paul Hunt Thompson reported that commission is still working to obtain state approval to use another underground mine as a secondary water source in the city. The city's current mine went dry suddenly this winter, but has since filled back up with water and is in use.

Thompson said that project will take some time, reporting that it is "not going to be a short deal."

The secondary water source will help the city continue to serve its water customers if the underground mine goes dry again.

In other news, the city commission also:

- Approved \$43,000 in bills and the financial report, showing the city carried about \$19,000 from February into March and had \$27,400 as carry-forward funding, \$157,000

in its prison fund and \$22,400 in road aid.

- Approved spending around \$100 for security cameras at the fire department, following a report last month that the flag pole had been vandalized there.

- Hired Ryan Hall, who reportedly is not related to the mayor, to help the city pick up and transport garbage to the Garth transfer station this week as part of the PRIDE cleanup week.

Voicing concerns that the city won't get all of the items to the transfer station before the free tipping fees provided by the county end on April 13, Hall inquired about hiring his brother-in-law for \$50 a day to use his truck to help with that effort. City Attorney Tyler Green, however, pointed out that Hall would have to abstain from the vote, and with two of four commissioners absent, there would not be enough votes to approve the hiring. Commissioners Bobby Akers and Andy Akers were not at the meeting.

- Asked Aflac representatives who inquired about the city allowing employees to sign up for their supplemental insurance plans to bring specific details about policies available and their costs for further discussion.

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County students have missed 20 days of school this year, and since school started two weeks late because of the delayed construction of Floyd Central High School, the district's calendar now ends on June 7.

"Let's hope and pray it doesn't," Trimble said Thursday, when asked about the possibility of other future school closures. He pointed out the district can't control weather-related closures and it can't control if teachers plan additional protests in Frankfort if a special session is called.

To date, Floyd County schools have been in session for 133 days, leaving a 37-day requirement to fulfill the school year. The school district usually misses around 19 days every year, and when that has happened in the past, legislators have passed bills allowing school districts to make up that time by extending the school days or with other means. Kristina Springer, who oversees attendance matters for the district, does not expect that to happen this year. "We can't do that this year," she said, when asked whether the district can extend school days. Talking about the educational days requirement and ways legislators have helped districts make up days in the past, she said, "They're not going to waive that requirement this year."

The pension reform bill, signed by Bevin on April 11, is also a sticking point at these rallies, with school officials expressing concern that it will keep people from seeking educational careers and replace public schools with privately-back charter schools.

Counting Friday's closure, the last four Floyd County School District closures happened because of protests and rallies, with three of them on March 21, April

2 and April 13, occurring in Frankfort and another one on March 30 occurring in Prestonsburg. That day, teachers said they called in sick because they had the "sewer flu," mocking the legislature's decision to approve pension reform as a 291-page amendment on a sewage-related bill.

Kentucky school districts are required to have 177 days of education for students each year, and Floyd County officials "bank" seven days, to make up for time missed, leaving 170 days that students must attend.

When the Floyd County Board of Education approved its final calendar for this school year, the last day for students was set at May 17. They also penciled in make-up days through June 29 that could be used if schools are closed.

The district's fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30, and Springer said that is the last day that teachers and students may be required to attend schools.

Trimble said, "I hate to call off school, especially when the weather's good."

He talked about how Floyd County teachers have "been wonderful" through all of these protests.

"Our teachers have been wonderful, I have to say," he said. "On that Tuesday and Wednesday, after that Monday (April 2), when everybody was in Frankfort, a lot of them planned not to come back on Tuesday and Wednesday. I sent out an email and told them we are going to be in school and we wanted them to work, and most of them did come in."

He said "no more than usual" missed April 3-4.

He worries about how changes in the pension reform bill will impact the district, because of changes it made in retirement plans for new teachers.

"A lot of people will have second thoughts about becoming a teacher," he said, "because teacher's pay is not really great, but the retirement has always been good and that was something you could work for."

When he came on board with the district last year, he was surprised by the retirement of around 50 certified staff. He said he's not seen a "huge influx" of retirees recently.

"They're trying to wait to see what developments," he said.

Long said that Morgan and the law firms are approaching cities and municipalities throughout the areas most affected by the opioid epidemic and offering to represent them in a lawsuit against the companies that produce the drugs on several premises.

"First, that opioid addiction has created a public nuisance — that these communities can claim a damage to their standing and economy. It has been a tactic successfully used against the tobacco industry," said Long. "Second, on the basis of fraud. We can contest that the companies lied about how addictive these drugs are and what the long-term effect of the drug are on those to who they were prescribed. Finally, that these companies did not comply with the FDA records act which required companies to report prescription numbers and locations to the DEA by law. They kept track of the numbers, however, they reported them to their marketing departments instead for where to target their campaigns."

"How many other communities are your clients," asked Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz.

Long said that, as he was not the Kentucky point of contact for the case and Attorney John Hunt Morgan was, that he was uncertain enough not to reply.

"Unfortunately, Mr. Morgan is at another meeting tonight in Cumberland and was

unable to make it. He asked me to step in tonight to speak with you," said Long. "What is it that you are asking of us?" asked Fultz. "Are you looking for numbers? Specific clients?"

"It is up to the city to decide whether to move forward with a suit. The state is taking action against these manufacturers and distributors, some of the counties are as well. Some of the cities are joining in on a class-action suit, and in that case, any settlements would also be divided by each of the parties in the suit," said Long.

Long said that it would be of benefit to the city because the law firms would accept no payment from any of their clients. Any money for the legal teams would come only if the suit was decided in their favor, at which time, according to a copy of the attorney's retainer contact provided by Green, they would receive up to 25 percent of any settlements up to \$10 million and as low as five percent of any settlement over \$25 million.

Fultz and the commissioners thanked Long for his time and voted to table discussions for the next meeting while they took the time to review the provided materials.

The next Wayland City Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at 6 p.m. in the Wayland Community Center meeting room.

# Dallas law firm offers Wayland assistance with possible Opioid suit

By ELAINE BELCHER  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

An attorney from the firm of Fears Nacawati Law Firm in Dallas, Texas, approached the Wayland City Commission on Tuesday, with a proposal for joining in with other Kentucky cities and municipalities into a lawsuit against Opioid manufacturers.

Jason Long, an attorney representing Texas law firms Fears-Nacawati and Ferrer-Poirit-Wansbrough are working with Kentucky attorney John Hunt Morgan to represent cities and municipalities in Kentucky that have been affected by the Opioid epidemic.

A letter submitted to Wayland City Attorney Tyler Green on March 24 requested the opportunity to address the commission, saying, "Our legal team firmly believes that civil litigation can help deter this rapidly growing Opioid crisis by economically forcing these manufacturers and distributors to change their behavior, as well as make restitution for the tremendous damage they caused to our cities and communities."

According to a presentation given to the commission, Long cited Center for Disease Control statistics concerning overdose deaths, showing that in 2016 there were 64,000 overdose deaths in the United States, 33.5 percent of every 100,000 deaths in Kentucky that year and charts from the National Institute of Health showing the number of accidental overdoses increase dramatically in 1996, the year that Purdue Pharma introduced OxyContin.

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# FAITH

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## Have courage in the face of opposition

Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny...  
— C.S. Lewis

There has never been a time when God didn't direct, protect, or correct me. There may have been times where I was less faithful to Him, but He had faith in me. — Denzel Washington

God doesn't give us what we can handle; God helps us handle what we are given. — Unknown

If you have God's presence, you have favor. One minute of God's presence can accomplish more than 20 years of your striving.  
— Heidi Baker

Keep your head up. God gives his hardest battles to his strongest soldiers.  
— Unknown

Experience: that most brutal of teachers. But you learn, my God do you learn.  
— C.S. Lewis

A true disciple does not consider Christianity a part-time commitment. He has become a Christian in all parts of his life. He has reached the point where there is no turning back.  
— A.W. Tozer

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he



who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.  
— Isaiah 46:4

It's not the strength of your faith that save you, but the strength of Him upon whom you rely.  
— Charles Spurgeon

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.  
— Psalm 62:6

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze. — Isaiah 43:1-2

The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?  
— Psalm 118:6

God's way is much better than ours. So hold on tight, hand in there, strengthen your faith and everything will fall into place with God.  
— Unknown

Trials teach us what we are: They dig up the soil, and let us see what we are made of.  
— Charles Spurgeon

Remember that even in the midst of suffering, God's will is being done.

— Paul Chappell

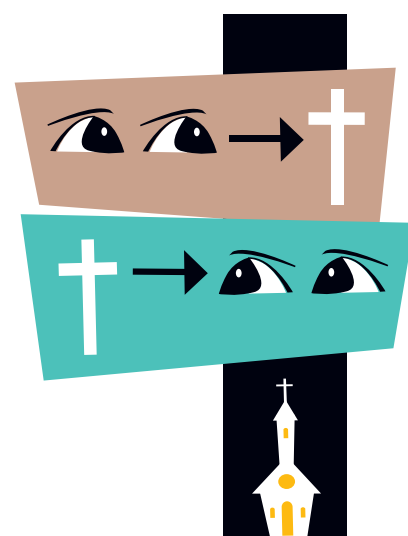
It's not always in your successes, but sometimes in your struggle, that God will show you who you really are. — Steven Furtick

Trusting God without seeing solutions is hard. But that's the fertile soil where faith grows.  
— Lysa Terkeurst

Life has a way of testing our anchors and tempting us to drift. Nevertheless, if our anchors are correctly placed in the rock of our Redeemer, they will hold no matter the force of the wind, the strength of the tide, or the height of the waves. — Dieter F. Uchtdorf

## Believing is seeing

We all know the old saying "seeing is believing," which makes perfect sense, since it is hard to doubt something that is right in front of you. But the equation of seeing and believing works both ways. That is, we often believe only because we have directed our eyes, or our mental gaze, in the direction of something. Many of us believe in God because we have seen His work in our lives or have experienced him in a way that is hard to doubt. Many view the natural world around them as the handiwork of God and this strengthens their faith. The eleventh chapter of Hebrews gives a working definition of faith as "confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1 NIV) Those who believe without seeing are sometimes commended for their faith, but sometimes, in the effort to strengthen our faith, we really need to look harder. If you aren't looking for God in the world then you probably won't see Him there, whereas if you make a determined effort to see God, both in the guise of your fellow human beings, and in the natural world all around you, you are sure to see Him everywhere. — Christopher Simon



"For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."  
—Romans 1:20 NIV

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## Play to honor Him



BY JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I scroll through my Facebook feed and see the frozen frame of a video. A batter has hit the ball, dropped his bat, and is getting ready to turn toward first base. You can see it in the slant of his stand. The video was posted by a church, informing people about weekly activities happening. But the frozen frame catches my attention. Despite the fact it's a church league, the players are dressed in complete uniform, head to toe. They match. From their white caps with blue bills down to the white batting gloves they wear. They must be serious players. Perhaps.

I recall my church softball days. It was a co-ed league. We were in it for fun — and fun we had. Some of us on the team had previous experience playing baseball, while others (including myself) had none. I was scared of the ball. You can't play, if you're scared of the ball. But what aggravated me the most, was the fact I wasn't making contact with the ball. During practice, one of the coaches pulled me aside and starting throwing soft

tosses to me. After a few swings, I had contact. Once I made contact, I was a little more confident in myself. I knew I wasn't going to be able to bat any runs in or hit a homer. But to me, just making contact with the ball was a big deal. It was exciting. (That shows you how much skill I had.)

Our team showed up to the field in our bright green neon shirts. (I didn't pick the color.) Other than our shirts, we were completely mismatched. I wore shorts and old sneakers. Former baseball players actually donned baseball pants and cleats. Some wore caps. I had my pink visor. Fans gathered on our side. We had a bleacher full of members from our church. They talked, they laughed, they cheered for us. And we lost. Horribly. And yet they continued to cheer and laugh with us.

It may have been a co-ed league, but it didn't come with the fun, laid-back attitude we carried. Some teams only had one girl playing. One team was serious in their playing, as they were loaded with college ballplayers. They played hard. They threw hard. Therefore, I didn't always get a chance to play in the game. Someone like me was apt to get hurt. (Which did happen, as someone usually ended up at the ER after almost every game. Our neon green shirts became familiar at the local hospital.) Despite

the aggravations we sometimes felt — Where are the rest of the girls? Why are they taking this so serious? — we kept slugging away. Defeated or not, we still had fun and enjoyed ourselves. Our fan club still followed us. They still backed us. They still cheered wildly whenever something good happened.

I recall a game against one of the best teams in the league. Again, they were former ballplayers. I wasn't going to have a shot at getting a chance at bat. However, they lightened up. They knew we weren't good. They leveled their game to something we could at least handle. I actually made it up to bat. And somehow, I ended up on base. Then second base! I actually ran past second. The shortstop could have easily tagged me, but he didn't. Instead, he took a brief moment before the next batter was up and explained the mistake I made.

The opposing team's actions said a lot about their character. They shined the light of Christ while playing the game. They were humble, helpful and kind. They weren't trying to use their ability on the field to slaughter us. They kept their physical strength in check. It was an easy game

for them and an enjoyable one for us. And for me, it was the game of the season that I remembered. Christ's love was displayed that evening on the diamond. It was loving, kind and caring. It was joyful and spirited. It was full of laughs. It was also full of errors. And of course there was a losing team — us. But it didn't feel like we lost. We enjoyed the game. That was what we signed up for when joined

the league. And as the last inning closed, we were nothing more than a group of Christians,

gathered around and praying to God. Honoring and exhorting Him.

In the end, that's what everything in life is about. We're going to win and we're going to lose. We're going to make errors. We're going to have good days where we score the run. But there's also going to be bad days when we strike out. But just as our fan club was always there supporting us through our ups and downs, so is Christ and our church family. They are always there for us to lean on, help guide us through difficult situations, support us and lift us up when we need it. And in the end, it is still God who deserves the holy and glory.

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passed through the Kentucky General Assembly.

But answers were not available for all questions asked, as legislators complained about the process by which the bills were passed "behind closed doors," without transparency or input. When asked how tax changes impact teachers, responding legislators complained that they didn't have enough time to read the bill, with some of them correcting others in their response about what was or was not part of the bill.

Senators Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, Ray Jones, D-Pikeville and Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, as well as representatives Larry Brown, R-Prestonsburg, Chris Harris, D-Forest Hills, Angie Hatton, D-Whitesburg and Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, participated in this rally.

They thanked educators for protesting during the legislative process, encouraging them to continue that "fight" as only two days are left in the legislative session.

Gov. Matt Bevin signed Senate Bill 151, the "sewage bill" that was amended to add the 291-page pension reform bill, a few minutes after the rally started, Adkins told attendees, but the chides against the governor started well before his announcement.

It started with Jones, when he commended Smith for "standing up to bad news Bevin," during his opening remarks, and it continued throughout the evening, as audience members applauded, and, at times, shared their agreement with standing ovations and cheers.

In her opening remarks, Hatton talked about being a member of a school's site-based council and having to hire unqualified teachers because there're weren't enough applicants, saying "there's already a shortage" of teachers in the state.

Saying she'll never vote against teachers or public employees, she declared that she has "figured out what's wrong with our governor."

The audience laughed, applauded and cheered.

"Do you want to know?" Hatton asked. "He didn't go to public school."

The crowd roared. "He doesn't send his kids to public school. And what's worse, he ain't from Kentucky," Hatton said.

She went on to say there are "good people in Frankfort" and that, "regardless of party,

some of us were raised right."

Brown, one of several who reported being "proud product" of public education, said he "hates discord" and likes resolving disputes, and he, too, took a few shots at the governor.

"But, folks, I don't want to be part of a problem, I want to be part of a solution," he said in his opening remarks. "Because we're, right now, needing solutions in Frankfort. And I'm not for what the governor's done here, okay. I want to make sure you all understand that right now."

One of the harshest remarks came from Harris at the end of the event, who blamed Bevin for changing unmined mineral and pension returns and emphasized a need for fairness.

"I've certainly been accused of not being a very good politician. I agree with that. I'm not," he said. "But I don't prescribe to the theory that when somebody bends you over and puts it to you that you should just sit back and let them do it, and that's what's happening. That's what's happening in Kentucky."

Hatton summed up the contempt in the room when she answered a question about whether these bills are part of a push for charter schools and whether that push will financially benefit someone. The General Assembly approved a charter schools during the last legislative session and Turner reported that he has been approached by lobbyists seeking to use public funds to start "virtual" charter schools. To find that answer, Hatton said, "you have to look at the overall picture of the sorts of bills that we've been passing over the past two years."

She said Kentucky has "raised taxes for the poor, cut taxes for the rich," "moved to privatize" pensions and schools, and that she's heard talk of privatizing prisons. She said all of this is part of a "national agenda."

"In other states we've been seeing it, and under the leadership of people like Betsy Devos ... And that these are the people who stand to gain," she said.

After the boos subsided following the mention of Devos, Hatton went on to complain that Bevin still has not released his tax returns and that residents don't know "how he may personally be profiting or what interests he may hold in some other companies that stand to profit."

She mentioned legislative changes that weakened worker's compensation laws in Kentucky and black lung qual-

ifications.

"And when you look at those things as a whole, we are being led by the one percent," she said. "The dark money that's come in from out of state is trying to take over Kentucky."

She said she hopes that politicians realize that "when you listen to the one percent, they may have more money, but they only have one percent of the votes."

Reiterating Hatton's comments and comments from Turner about there being a "national agenda," Harris suggested people take their anger to the polls.

"I definitely agree that it is an agenda that we're seeing across the country ... and the only way that we're going to stop this agenda from being enacted is if we replace every single legislator that is not voting in favor of public education," Harris said.

Noting that he voted against charter schools last year, Brown said "something else has raised its ugly head" in Frankfort because Bevin vetoed the budget and tax reform bills.

"Now, if we don't do something about that veto, those vetoes, then he's got control of the checkbook," Brown said. "I don't care if it's Bevin or Beshear, whoever it was, no governor should be in control of the checkbook without being in check, without having a budget."

When Brown made his remarks, and audience member screamed out, "If you override that measure, it means we agree with him. No way."

And that was one of the sticking points at this event. For the last question, legislators were asked if they would vote to override those vetoes. There answers showed just how difficult that decision is going to be.

Harris said, "This conversation that we're having right now is a consequence of the way that the budget process worked this year. This budget was crafted behind closed doors, without any input from any minority party in the senate or in the house, and it was presented at the last minute and we were asked to vote on a bill that nobody in the chamber had read, and there was plenty enough votes there to pass it, and I suspect there will be plenty of votes there to override it. Mine won't be one of them."

He said the bill didn't represent a "fair and accurate dispensing of our state funds" and said a special session will be called if there aren't enough votes to override the veto.

"I can't in good conscience vote to override a budget, a veto of budget that I didn't vote for to begin with," Harris said.

Smith, who said in his opening remarks that this session has left him "mad" and "aggravated," said he has "mixed emotions" on the override and that "a lot of us are still kind of on the fence."

He said funding for things the state needs are "stuck inside this budget with everything else we hate."

"My gut instinct was to burn the house down," Smith

said. "If you want to know the slipper slope we're on folks right now," he said. "You're darned if you do, and you're darned if you don't."

An audience member screamed, "If they don't override this veto. He's got it. He's got it all."

Prompted by a question from Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale, Adkins explained a special session would be called to create a budget if the override does not pass. He, too, said it'd be a hard decision.

He said, "As hard as we fought to try to keep these things from passing and happening and, you know, be hard for us to make an about-face on something that we don't think is right."

Even the audience seemed divided, as some applauded when comments about supporting the override was made, while others preferred the other option. "I'm still behind those who say, 'No,'" one audience member shouted.

Attorney General Andy Beshear, the KEA and the Fraternal Order of Police filed a lawsuit against Bevin, leaders of the Senate and House on the teacher's retirement system and the board of trustees of the state retirement system on Wednesday, seeking an injunction to stop the pension reform bill that Bevin signed into law. Bevin's spokesperson issued a response shortly afterward, saying it comes as "no surprise."

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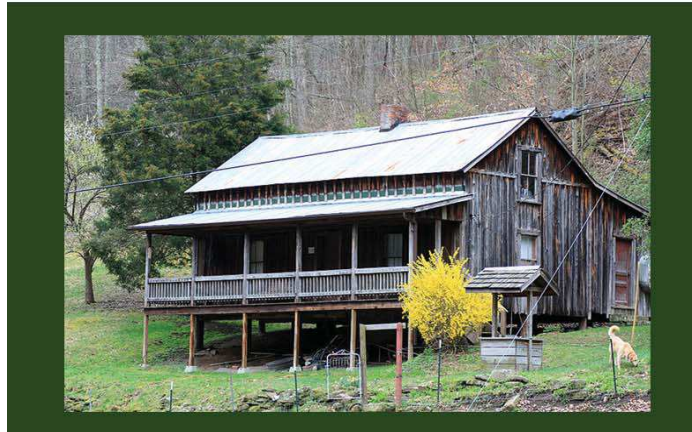
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## 2018 Easter Coloring Contest winners announced by BSCTC



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Caroline Wakeland, 3, of Allen Elementary, was one of the winners of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Easter Coloring Contest.



Submitted photo  
Kadence Ashley, 4, of Allen Elementary, was one of the winners of the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Easter Coloring Contest.

## Bek and the Starlight Revue release first album

By ELAINE BELCHER  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — Bek and the Starlight Revue, a Pikeville-based rock and roll band with 15 years of playing together under their belt, marks a new phase in the band's experience this Sunday, as they host an album launch party celebrating the release of their first album at the Jenny Wiley Theatre Mainstage in Pikeville starting at 6 p.m.

The band, composed of vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Bek Smallwood, bassist Tim Smallwood, guitarist and songwriter Kevin Harmon and a ro-

tating group of drummers, play a rock and roll mixed with soul and a classic Appalachian sound that is starting to become more mainstream.

"There is a particular sound in our area, and while it is hard to define, you definitely know it when you hear it," said Harmon. "There's been a different climate in the local music scene and it's building and starting to spread. We call it the Appalachian bubble."

Bek and Harmon said that they take their inspiration from many sources.

"Lyrically, I love by Bob Dylan," said Bek. "His music is like

poetry. I can be inspired forever by Bob."

"I think musically I'm influenced by some Etta James and Stevie Nicks from Fleetwood Mac," said Harmon. "We first started recording last July. Bek and I both wrote music for the album and we took our inspiration from what was going around us."

Bek said that she finds that what makes great music is ultimately strife.

"No matter what, there is a level of struggle. You have you write what you know and you can only know what you live and sometimes that is raw and sad or happy and upbeat," she said.

"I am proud of what we've done, all that hardship and change, but that is where the best music comes from is that struggle."

Bek and the Starlight Revue's 11 track album has such songs as "Wasteland" and "Orphan Hearts" and others, arranged with elegant simplicity to highlight the beautiful clear vocals and warm instrumentals with an almost spiritual reverence.

"The album is about our town, the downturn of the coal economy, and how things had to adapt and change," said Bek. "To everything there is a season, and while coal provided for a while, things all around us are changing

and evolving, including families to get by. Eastern Kentucky is by no means on the way downhill, we're just evolving to fit what's going on."

Harmon and the Smallwoods are long-time friends and that has transferred well to life in a band with each other.

"I met Tim and Kevin when we were all in elementary school together," said Smallwood, "Kevin used to bug Tim and say, 'We need a singer and Bek can really sing! You should marry her.'"

When Harmon laughed, she poked at him.

"You laugh," she said. "But

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Submitted photo  
Bek Smallwood of Bek and the Starlight Revue provides vocals, guitar and songwriting for the band's self-titled album. An Album release party is scheduled for Sunday starting at 6 p.m. at the Jenny Wiley Theatre Mainstage on Second Street in Pikeville.



Submitted photo  
Bek and the Starlight Revue, composed of vocalist, guitarist and songwriter Bek Smallwood, bassist Tim Smallwood, guitarist and songwriter Kevin Harmon and a rotating Bek of drum players, play a rock and roll mixed with soul and a classic Appalachian sound that is starting to become more mainstream.

# Our yesterdays

## 80 YEARS AGO APRIL 14, 1938

**Floyd Funny:** The mountains usually do their bit to uphold Kentucky's reputation as the state where politics are the damdest. It has broken out along the Mayo Trail between Louisa and Paintsville in a parody of signs to be seen on the state's public improvement proclaiming the fact that they are being accomplished under the administration of Gov. A.B. Chandler. This particular sign notifies the passerby that "this road is under the supervision of Happy Chandler. Not a damn bit of work has been done on it." (from Harry Bloom in Louisville Times)

**Mishaps:** Circuit Judge John W. Caudill, survivor of two car wrecks, this week is again suffering injuries inflicted in what he terms as a "horse wreck." Returning from his father's funeral on Hollybush, in Knott County, by way of a mountain trail last Thursday, the horse on which he was riding wallowed in deep mud, lost its balance and tumbled down a 100-ft. precipice to the creek. Caudill had cuts on his head, strains and bruises. The horse suffered with a broken back.

**Future Plans:** A plan for the future, designed to restore Eastern Kentucky's forests and wildlife and conserve its soil against the day when this section must depend upon some source of revenue other than coal mining, was outlined by Dr. O.W. Thompson, Pikeville... he told of the possibility of the state establishing a state game farm on a 3,000-acre tract in the "flatwoods" section between Marrowbone and Elkhorn creeks, Pike County, where game would be reared for later distribution throughout Eastern Kentucky.

**Achievement:** For the first time in the memory of the oldest Masons of this section, a father raised his three sons to the degrees of Master Mason, at Wayland Saturday night when members of James W. Alley Lodge No. 869, F&A.M., celebrated the silver anniversary of the founding of their organization. The three

young men raised to the degree of Master were Evra Turner, H.N. Turner and Tramble Turner, sons of J.M. Turner, who officiated at the initiation.

**Education:** Building programs for three Floyd County high schools, Martin, Maytown, and Wayland, were outlined by School Superintendent Town Hall Monday...School Superintendent Town Hall announced this week that the hiring of teachers for Floyd county schools had been postponed due to the post-season basketball tournament.

**Government:** With the receipt at County Agent S.L. Isbell's office Saturday of a number of Agricultural Conservation Program checks, approximately \$10,000 had been received for distribution among 500 Floyd farmers and tenant of the county who had co-operated in the 1937 program... The 1938 ACP program will give \$35,000 to 1,340 farmers on contracts covering 123,000 acres of land... Prestonsburg Mayor Edythe L. Carter proclaimed the week of April 18 to 24 as the city's annual time for "Clean-Up and Paint-Up"...Maternal cases added to health department service by a new nurse, Ms. Genevieve Woodard, from St. Albans, W.Va. ...Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways at its office in Frankfort until 10 a.m. on the 22nd day of April 1938 for the Martin-Wheelwright Junction Road...Establishment of a vocational training school in the Mayo College property at Paintsville is provided for in a bill passed by both houses of the Kentucky General Assembly during the past week and now ready for the governor's signature. The bill appropriates \$25,000 for purchase of the Mayo property and \$44,000 to operate it as a vocational school for the next two years. ...Under supervision of the WPA Recreation Division, an attempt will be made in Floyd county within the next two weeks to organize a baseball league composed of teams from Prestonsburg, Drift, Wayland, Garrett and, possibly, Auxier.

**Coal:** The Labor Relations Board ordered the Inland Steel

Corporation last Thursday to deal with the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee (C.I.O) and to sign a wage and hour contract if they reach an agreement. If the company complies with the order, the John L. Lewis union will have won by labor board action what it lost in a long and bitterly fought strike last summer.

**Business:** "The Floyd County Mud Splitters," native Floyd musicians, were named winners at the Martin theater's amateur contest last Thursday night and will be eligible to compete with other winners in the grand finals May 17.

**Advertisement from Electric Refrigerator Dealers:** "Mere Pennies for all these advantages of an Electric Refrigerator...Dependable as a telephone. Portable as a radio. Clean as electric light. Economical as a Scotsman."

**In Memory:** Alamander Caudill, 75, of Hollybush; Kinley "Pete" Burton, World War veteran from Auxier, who was "gassed during his services overseas" but was able to work up until a few months ago and died in a government hospital Friday.

## 60 YEARS AGO April 10, 1958

**Tragedy:** The first heartening break in the long and fruitless search for the bodies of seven schoolchildren missing in the Big Sandy River since the Feb. 28 school bus tragedy near Lancer came shortly before noon Tuesday when the body of nine-year-old Anna Laura Goble was recovered here. Here was the first body found in the 34 days of searching since the finding on March 5 of Joyce McPeck. Quest for five victims yet missing continues.

**Government:** The Floyd Fiscal Court last Thursday voted the county's four magistrates salaries of \$2,400 a year for services in the trial of criminal cases but at the same time it failed to take any action on County Judge Henry Stumbo's request for a trial commissioner...Pres-

tonsburg will make every effort to qualify for whatever financial aid that is available for municipal improvements, Mayor Bill Napier said this week...Bert T. Combs, of Prestonsburg, who by many observers is considered the almost certain candidate for Governor of the anti-administration forces, spoke at Hazard Friday evening and at Sandy Hook Monday. Both speeches were fighting attacks on the Chandler administration...A public hearing will be held April 22 in the Floyd County Fiscal Court House, Prestonsburg...to afford all interested persons affected by the proposed construction of the Prestonsburg-Auxier-Paintsville Road from Prestonsburg to Paintsville, a distance of 13.8 miles, an opportunity to express their views.

**Trees:** The Kentucky Division of Forestry delivered 509,400 tree seedlings here Friday for planting by Floyd County landowner.

**Crime:** "The biggest job we have to do is to stop this liquor traffic," Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill told the grand jury as the April term of the Floyd Circuit Court convened Monday...the lone gunman who held up and robbed Clarence Nunemaker at the Reynolds Fruit Market, Allen, last Thursday night, has not been captured.

**Good deeds:** The Easter Seal drive in Floyd County has raised \$731.75 to date, George E. Evans Jr., chairman of the local drive announced. The campaign...provides funds for care and treatment of crippled children by the Kentucky Society for Crippled Children...The 1958 Cancer Crusade will be highlighted locally by a house-to-house canvass for contributions...it was announced this week.

**Sports:** The Mountain Valley Baseball League, which is composed of six teams from Eastern Kentucky towns, will officially open its 1958 schedule on April 27...The Inter-Church League basketball tournament will be held in the Martin school gym on April 10-12.

**Business:** April 1 marked the 28th anniversary of the op-

eration of mines at Wheelwright under Inland Steel Company ownership...On Stage, In Person at the Strand Theatre: Lloyd Arnold and his Rockin Drifters, plus a great motion picture program, Sunday...Wheelwright Theatre presents "Gun Duel in Durango," "Baby Face Nelson," and the "Fuzzy Pink Nightgown." There are also listings for the Abigail Theatre, Prestonsburg, Price Theatre, Hi Hat, Blackburn Theatre, Wheelwright Junction, Martin Theater, Martin, and Prestonsburg's Drive-In Theatre.

**Notices:** On and after April 7, 1958, a Learner's Permit to drive a car will be \$1.00; 50 cents for the permit and 50 cents for the application therefor. Signed, Henry Stephens, Clerk...Notice to Dog Owners: All stray dogs found on the streets of Allen after April 15 will be destroyed. Signed, Board of Trustees, Allen City Corporation...Reward: I will pay a reward of \$50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole spare tire and wheel from my truck. Any person trespassing on my premises after dark except to come to the front door and knock will be shot. Signed, Eugene Hager

**Education:** Students of Prestonsburg, McDowell, Martin, Maytown, Wayland and Wheelwright high schools are among 900 from 17 Eastern Kentucky high schools now entered in the annual Regional Music Festival, which opened Wednesday night at Pikeville College.

**Sale at Cox's in Prestonsburg:** Sleeveless blouses \$1; Buster Brown shoes \$2.98; panties 4 for \$1; men's knit briefs, t-shirts, shorts: 2 for \$1; house dresses \$2.98; sheets \$1.79; overalls \$2.98

**In Memory:** Betty Lou Prater, 5, of Estill; Henry Jennings, 45, of West Van Lear; Carl James, 68, of McCombs in Pike County; World War I veteran Jeff Montgomery, 57, of Auxier, Martha Collins, 100, of McDowell; Eva G. Roberts, 58, of Osborne; Margaret Alice, three-month-old daughter of Oliver and Oeda Lafferty Music; Ellen Endicott, 68, of Beaver; Albert (Boot) Hicks, 53, of Lackey

## ALBUM Continued From Page 10A

that's pretty much how it was."

Harmon's prodding must have worked since Bek married Tim Smallwood and they now have three children together.

"Sometimes it's a real

challenge to get off work and get the kids dropped off at the sitters before heading out for a gig," said Bek. "But it's the sheer enjoyment and love for the music that keeps us all going."

"For Love of the Music" is what we call our web series as well," said Harmon.

"Right now there are seven short episodes on our webpage. but we we'll be making more as we tour and play this summer."

The band has a full summer ahead of them with appearances all over Eastern Kentucky, Huntington and Charleston, West Virginia; Johnson City, Ten-

nessee, and more throughout the summer months.

"As long as we can drive there, play and be back within a weekend, we'll be there," said Bek. "Things are going pretty well, and we're going to keep riding the wave as far as it'll take us."

Bek and the Starlight

Revue will be appearing at Summit City on Main in Whitesburg at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 14; hosting the album release party at the Jenny Wiley Theatre Mainstage in Pikeville starting at 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15 and appearing Friday, April 21 at 7 p.m. at the 42nd Annual Hillbilly

Days Festival on the Billy Johnson Stage.

Their album is available for sale at Mountain Music Exchange in Pikeville, at <http://bekandthestarlightrevue.com/>, and will be available at the album launch party Sunday at the Jenny Wiley Theatre Mainstage in Pikeville for \$10.

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## Appalachian Newspapers All-Mountain First- and Second-Teams

By RANDY WHITE  
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Appalachian Newspapers recently named its All-Mountain Teams.

The All-Mountain teams will consist of Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, First-Team, Second-Team, Third-Team and Honorable Mentions.

The All-Mountain Teams consist of Players from Mingo County, Pike County, Floyd

County, Johnson County and Perry County and entire 15th Region coverage areas.

The All-Mountain Teams were voted on by Appalachian Newspapers sports writers: Randy White, Cory Vance, Steve LeMaster, Trevor Thacker and Mike Muncy.

### All-Mountain First-Team

Jeremy Dillon  
Mingo Central  
Cade Byers

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Floyd Central's Brady Conn

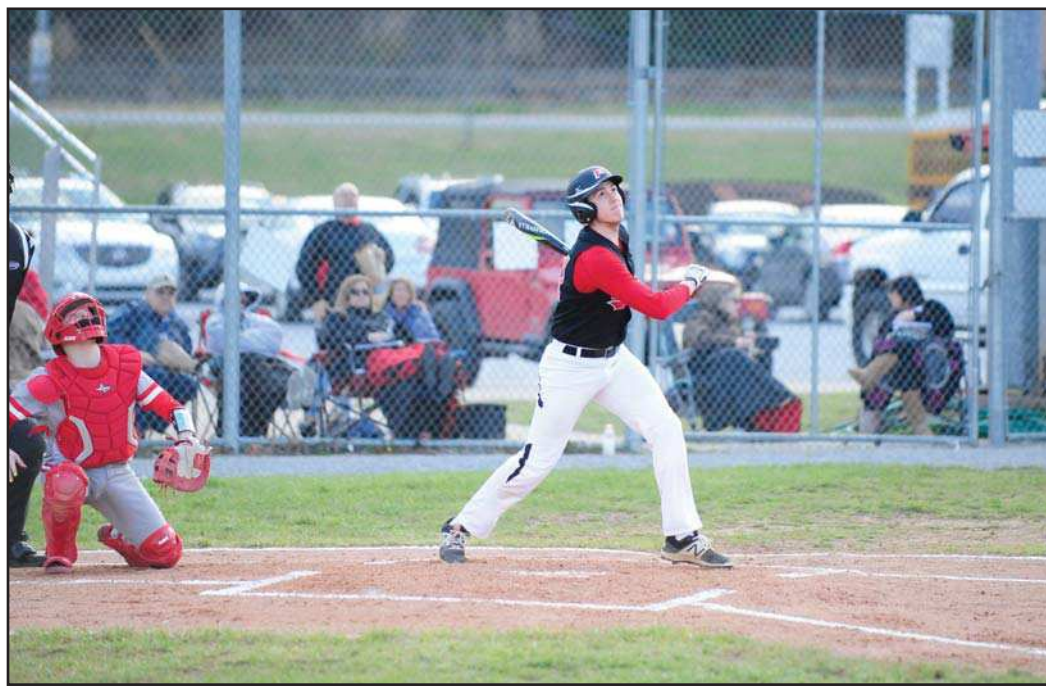
Floyd Central's  
JR Tackett

# Blackcats outlast Belfry, 3-2



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

In addition to leading Prestonsburg on the mound, pitcher Ben Welch helped to pace the Blackcats at the plate to a 3-2 win over Belfry.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg batter Graham Burchett eye's a popup during the Blackcats' home game against Belfry on Tuesday.

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Host Prestonsburg wouldn't be denied a win in its latest home game. The Blackcats, under the direction of first-year head coach Trey Stapleton, outlasted visiting 15th Region rival Belfry 3-2 in eight innings at StoneCrest Park on Tuesday.

Prestonsburg claimed its second straight victory after opening the season 1-7.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 3-7. Belfry dropped to 4-6 with the loss.

Prestonsburg prevailed thanks to a walkoff. The game was tied 2-2 with Prestonsburg batting in the bottom half of the eighth inning when an error scored the

game-winning run for the Blackcats.

The Blackcats scored first, pushing across one run in the bottom half of the third inning. Prestonsburg owned a one-run lead until the top half of the sixth inning when Belfry scored to pull even.

The seventh inning ended with the two 15th Region baseball teams tied 1-1.

Belfry plated one run in the top half of the eighth inning to take a 2-1 lead.

Prestonsburg, even more productive during the following at-bat in the bottom half of the eighth inning, delivered two runs to win 3-2.

Each team finished with three hits. Defensively, Belfry and Prestonsburg combined to commit seven errors.

Belfry committed five errors in the setback.

Prestonsburg pitcher Ben Welch tossed a complete game and earned the win. Welch allowed one run on two hits and recorded nine strikeouts.

Kevin Browning started on the mound for the Pirates. Browning, who pitched well, allowed three hits and three runs over seven and a third innings, registering six strikeouts.

Welch, Cameron Blackburn and Blake Sizemore banded out one hit apiece for the Blackcats.

Accounting for all of Belfry's hits, Colton Cross went three for four at the plate for the Pirates.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to visit Belfry for a late-season game on May 8.

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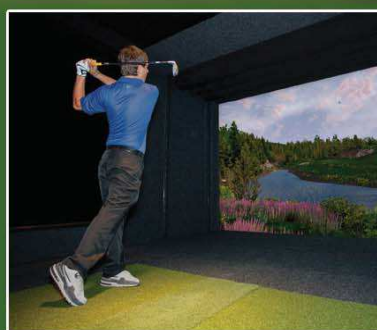
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# Tackett to attend tryouts for Kentucky All-Stars

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**EASTERN** — Floyd Central High School senior JR Tackett is set to attend tryouts for the Kentucky All-Stars in Lexington on Saturday.

During his senior season, Tackett averaged a team-high 18.5 points per game for the Jaguars.

Tackett was a standout throughout his high school basketball career, which started at South Floyd and ended on the court for upstart Floyd Central. He led Floyd Central to a 58th District championship in its debut season.

During an outstanding prep career, Tackett helped his teams win four straight district titles. He was named district player of the year in each of the

last two seasons.

Tackett scored over 1,900 points, grabbed over 500 rebounds and dished out over 500 assists during his high school career. He was named both a McDonald's All-American nominee and an Esmark Basketball All-American earlier in the school year.

Tackett, who was also a Wendy's High School Heisman honoree, remains undecided on his college choice.

Seniors boys' basketball players from throughout the state will be attending tryouts for the Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches (KABC) regional players of the year and runners-up, along with several other worthy players, have been invited to the upcoming tryouts.

# Betsy Layne drops high-scoring game to Shelby Valley

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**ALLEN** — Betsy Layne fell short in its bid to notch a third straight win as visiting Shelby Valley prevailed 18-12 in a high-scoring high school baseball game at Stumbo Park on Wednesday.

Host Betsy Layne let the game slip away late. The game was tied 9-9 with Shelby Valley batting in the top of the sixth inning when Cameron Hughes's wild pitch allowed one run to score for the Wildcats.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 2-8.

Shelby Valley improved to 6-5 with the win.

Despite the loss, Betsy Layne collected 14 hits in the high-scoring affair. Shelby Valley needed only six hits to secure the win. Nearly a dozen Betsy Layne defensive miscues helped to lift Shelby Valley to the victory.

The Wildcats scored first, pushing across two runs in the top half of the first inning. Then, following the early outburst, Shelby Valley plated five runs in the top half of the second inning to take a 7-0 lead.

But the Bobcats answered.

Betsy Layne scored seven runs in the bottom half of the second inning to even up the score. Batters contributing to the big inning for the Bobcats included Paul Hall, Jordan Frazier, Zach Bentley, Tyler Sanders and Kolby McGuire, each of whom

delivered RBIs during the frame.

The Bobcats could pull even with Shelby Valley but could never take control of the contest.

Betsy Layne knotted the game up at 9-9 in the bottom of the fifth inning when Frazier singled on a 1-0 count to score one run.

Thriving late, Shelby Valley scored five runs in the seventh inning. Jackson Wierwille, Grant Joyce, Austin Rhodes and Samuel Brown powered the Wildcats' offensive-heavy inning with RBIs.

Hunter Mullins started on the mound for the Wildcats. Mullins allowed eight hits and nine runs over five innings, striking out three.

Byron Tackett started on the mound for the Bobcats. Tackett allowed four hits and nine runs over five innings, striking out four.

Hughes, Sanders and Andrew Kidd each contributed in relief for the Bobcats.

At the plate, Bentley, Frazier and Chase Hamilton each managed multiple hits for the Bobcats. Bentley went 4-for-5 at the plate to lead Betsy Layne's offensive effort.

Samuel Brown and Gabriel Brown led the Shelby Valley offensive effort with two hits apiece. Shelby Valley stole 11 bases during the game.

Struggling defensively, Betsy Layne committed 11 errors.

Shelby Valley overcame five errors to earn the win.

Betsy Layne is sched-

uled to visit Shelby Valley for a late-season game on May 11.

The Betsy Layne baseball team notched back-to-back wins at home earlier in the week, defeating both East Ridge and Jenkins.

**Betsy Layne 14, Jenkins 3**

Tyler Sanders was clutch at the plate with runners on base, driving in four runs on two hits to lead Betsy Layne past 15th Region newcomer Jenkins 14-3 in five innings at Stumbo Park in Allen on Tuesday. Sanders drove in runs on doubles in two different innings for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne claimed its second straight win.

Host Betsy Layne moved ahead in the opening inning. Connor Newsome grounded out to score the Bobcats' first run.

Betsy Layne claimed the lead for good with five runs in the second inning. Newsome doubled on a 1-1 count to score three runs during Betsy Layne's second plate appearance.

Kolby McGuire started on the mound for the Bobcats. McGuire pitched one and one-third innings, allowing one hit and two runs while striking out one.

John Fleming was on the mound for the Cavaliers. Fleming allowed two hits and seven runs over two innings, striking out seven. Another pitcher, Ethan Cummings, threw two innings in relief for the Cavaliers.

Betsy Layne banged

out nine hits. Sanders, Newsome and Jordan Frazier led the Betsy Layne offensive attack with two hits apiece.

Thriving defensively, Betsy Layne turned in an error-free performance in the field.

John Fleming went 1-for-3 at the plate to lead Jenkins.

**Betsy Layne 16, East Ridge 6**

Betsy Layne notched its first win in the 2018 season on Monday, beating visiting East Ridge 16-6 in six innings at Stumbo Park in Allen.

Homestanding Betsy Layne plated 16 runs on nine hits. The Bobcats pushed across eight runs in the sixth inning.

Connor Newsome started on the mound for the Bobcats. Newsome allowed one hit and four runs over three and a third innings, striking out eight.

Noah Rose started on the mound for the Warriors. Rose worked five and a third innings, allowing eight hits and 14 runs while striking out four.

Newsome and Kolby McGuire led the Betsy Layne offensive effort with two hits apiece.

Mickey Thompson went 2-for-4 at the plate to pace East Ridge offensively.

Betsy Layne overcame four errors to notch the win.

Struggling in the field, East Ridge committed seven errors.

# Cottongame, Commodores clobber Prestonsburg, 14-3

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Six runs batted in from Braxton Cottongame helped to lead Perry Central past host Prestonsburg 14-3 in five innings in an early-season high school baseball game at StoneCrest Park on Thursday (April 5).

Cottongame, who is headed to the University of Kentucky, smacked two home runs for the Commodores.

Perry Central scored first and never trailed. The Commodores plated two runs in the top half of the first inning.

Prestonsburg answered with one run in the bottom half of the second inning, but couldn't get any closer.

Perry Central secured the victory thanks to producing nine runs in the third inning. Cottongame, Ryan Couch, Zack Gayheart, Trevor Spurlock and Dylan Fields powered Perry Central's big inning with RBIs.

Brody Dixon was the winning pitcher for the Commodores. Dixon went four innings, allowing two runs on six

hits, striking out five and walking none.

Fields threw one inning in relief for visiting Perry Central. The Perry Central reliever recorded the last three outs to earn the save.

Payton Burke took the loss for home standing Prestonsburg. Burke allowed nine hits and 11 runs over three innings, striking out one.

Perry Central scored 14 runs on 12 hits. Cottongame, Gayheart, Spurlock, Fields and Dixon each managed multiple hits for the Commodores. Cottongame and Gayheart delivered three hits apiece to lead Perry Central in the offensive category.

Nearly perfect in the field, Perry Central committed only one error.

Prestonsburg collected eight hits in the loss. Two different Prestonsburg players connected for two hits apiece.

The Blackcats committed four errors in the lopsided loss.

Perry Central and Prestonsburg met for a battle of former region baseball champions.

## TEAMS

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Pikeville  
**Brady Conn**  
Floyd Central  
**Isiah Roblee**  
Belfry  
**Jacob Rice**  
Johnson Central  
**Christian Mounts**

Pike Central  
**Mason Layne**  
Tug Valley  
**Tyler May**  
Tug Valley

**All-Mountain**  
**Second-Team**  
**Mason Moore**  
Paintsville  
**Seth Williams**  
Paintsville

**JR Tackett**  
Floyd Central  
**Trey Francis**  
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Work behind the scenes and take care of your responsibilities without complaining. Structure and discipline will help you create a stable environment that will encourage you to excel.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Socialize with peers, reconnect with old friends or relatives, or take up an unusual hobby that will stimulate your imagination. An opportunity to make new friends should not be ignored.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - A proposal should be looked at carefully. Make sure you fully understand what's expected of you before you sign up for something that may restrict or jeopardize your progress.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - If you put everything you've got into whatever task or project you take on, your effort will not go unnoticed. Expand your friendships and interests. A promising partnership is in the stars.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Learn from an expert. How you go about your business and relate and react to others will be the deciding factor when it comes to getting ahead or being given a unique opportunity.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - An open discussion with a friend or relative will help resolve an issue you've been struggling with for some time. If someone is being excessive, an intervention will help.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Look over

**DAILY  
ASTROGRAPH**  
by Eugenia Last



your personal papers, pending settlements or any health issues that interfere with physical activities you enjoy doing. Taking care of personal business will make you feel optimistic about the future.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - A chance to spend more time with a loved one is encouraged. Take a short trip, engage in unusual activities and expand and explore your creative ideas and talents.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Open your doors and host a get-together. Sharing your ideas is fine, but the information you gather will put you in a better position when it comes time to make a decision.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Share your feelings and discuss plans to make your home a place of comfort. Love and romance should be high on your list, along with entertaining and self-improvement projects.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Helping others can be fun, until someone takes advantage of you. Only offer what's warranted, and make suggestions to people who could put them to good use.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - If you use your charm, good things will come to you. Reconnecting with an old crush will give you a different perspective on the past, present and future.

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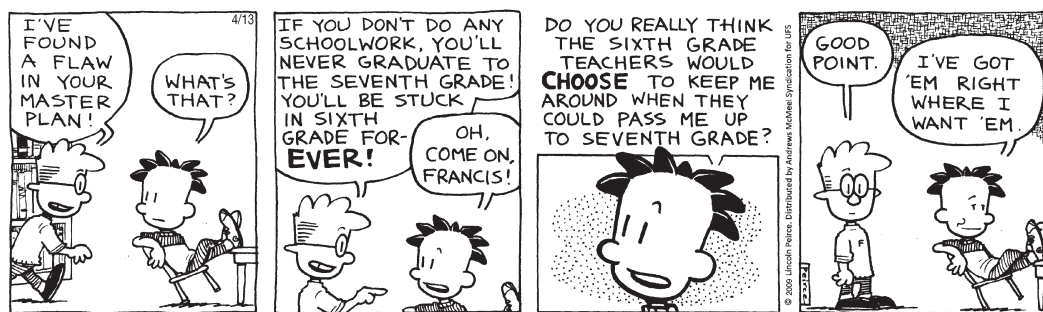
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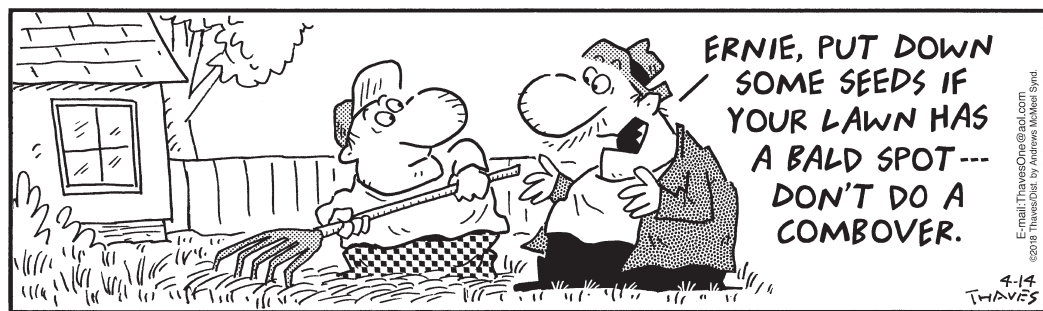
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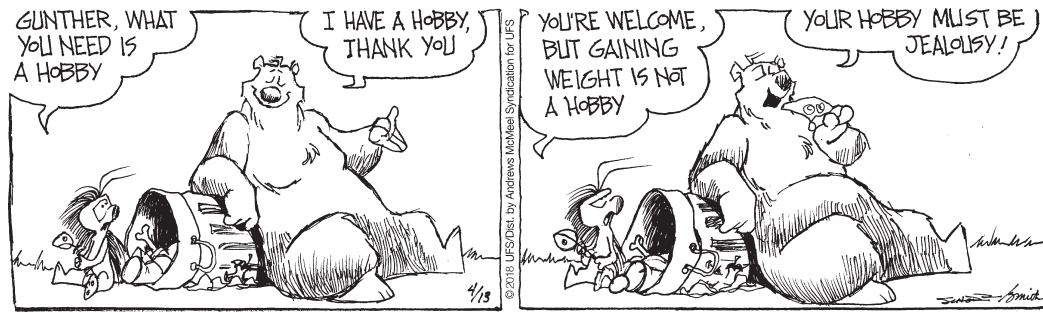
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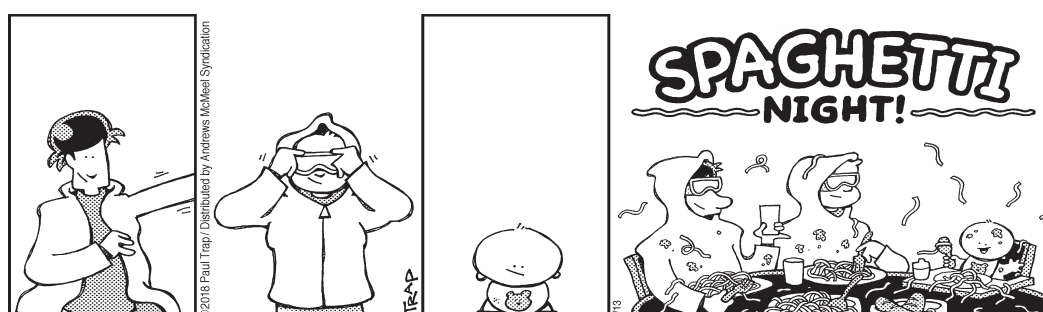
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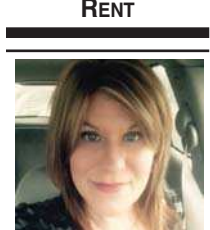
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tion is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the contour, area, auger and deep mine methods of mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by Nicholas Cooley, Kennel Dye, Billy McCoy & Delphine Prater, Melvin R. Hall, Mary Jane Anderson, Nellie Caudill, Kelly & Alma Dye, Rex & Ada Lynn Gayheart, Anita Stumbo, Curtis Sword, Rengie Dye, Basel Moore, Edd Ray Moore Estate c/o Mable Moore, Dee or Polly Howell Estate (Olvin Howell, Donald R. Howell, Estill Howell, Olive Rose Howell, Dallas Howell, Abe Howell, Eugene Howell, Julie Elliot, Homer Howell, Junior Howell, Claude Howell, Hetty Hall, James Howell), Olvin & Drucilla Howell, Abe & Christine Howell, Progress Land Co., Enerpro, Inc., The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC., German Stumbo, Day Gayheart, Ivan & Shirley Moore, Diane Moore, Prophet Moore Estate c/o Wallace Moore, Jessica Moore, Willard Moore Estate c/o Freda Goines, Jake Cooley, Bertha Short, Donald & Brenda Howell, Interstate Natural Gas, Tracy & Linda Frasure, Green & Hellen Gayheart and Bert Newman. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.



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