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## Business in Martin to benefit from Big Sandy ADD Revolving Loan Fund

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

There was an audible sigh of relief and even applause when Big Sandy Area Development District Director Sandy Runyon announced Tuesday that the agency's Revolving Loan Fund

has a new client.

The BSADD Board of Directors approved a \$40,000, seven-year loan for Willie T. Crase and his brother Ivan Crase, to open a new business, Wet Willie's Car Wash, in Martin.

BSADD officials reported this new business will be located in

the area known as the "Triangle" in Martin, and Crase received most of the funding for the new business through another program offered by the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development, an organization that partners with the BSADD on the Revolving Loan

Fund program.

The total project cost is around \$475,000, and the majority of that cost includes acquiring an auto repair shop currently located in the area and buying equipment needed for the car wash.

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ABOVE: Prestonsburg City Clerk Sharon Setser, center, joins community members in planting a tree for Down syndrome awareness. She wanted to be part of this Arbor Day event in Prestonsburg in honor of her son, Ryan Setser, 7, who has Down syndrome. BELOW: Mayor Les Stapleton and landscaping department employee David Crisp unveil the sign designating the city's newest park as, "Star City

## 'Star City Park' named

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The "Star City of Eastern Kentucky" now has its very own Star City Park.

The City of Prestonsburg continued its 15-year service as a "Tree City," a special designation

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## Betsy Layne teacher earns state honor

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

A Betsy Layne High School teacher is among 24 teachers across the state who were honored for their achievements this week.

Betsy Layne High School social studies teacher Kelli Akers is the only teacher from the region to earn this honor.

She was selected as one of 24 "outstanding Kentucky educators" who earned the 2019 Valvoline Teacher Achievement Award. She is now eligible to compete for the 2019 Kentucky Teacher of the Year award, which will be announced during a May 15 ceremony in Frankfort.

Interim Kentucky Department of Education Commissioner Wayne Lewis congratulated winners in a

press release on Wednesday, calling them "nothing short of heroes."

"These are men and women who work tirelessly every day to ensure that our kids have high quality learning experiences," his statement said, in part.

A graduate of Morehead State University and the University of the Cumberlands, Akers is an alumni of Betsy Layne High School. She's

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# Floyd student earns state honor

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County student who launched a donation drive to help hundreds of kids was honored this year by the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education.

Floyd County Education Association President Angela Coleman announced this week that the organization honored Duff-Allen Central Elementary student Todd Prater with the KAGE Distinguished Student Award at a conference held Feb. 25-26 in Lexington.

Prater, the son of Ceci and Jeff Prater, is a sixth grade student at DACE. In her nomination for Prater, his former teacher Alyssa Preece called him "an accomplished and distinguished student," and DACE Assistant Principal Kimberly Potter reported that he "excels in and out of the classroom."

"He is an exceptional young man with a kind, caring spirit, addressing the needs of his community and friends," she

wrote.

Prater, who wants to become a biomedical engineer, was recognized for his efforts to help local children. He was working with the animal rescue group Dumas Rescue, which also collects donations for people in need.

"I knew that there were children out there that didn't have as much as I have but I never realized that there are children in Eastern Kentucky that have to share beds and often pillows and blankets," Prater told KAGE officials. "This really hit me because I have several pillows and a closet full of blankets that I don't have to share with anyone. I believe that every child should have their own pillow and blanket."

He launched "Essentials for Santa," a donation drive to collect socks, pillows, blankets and personal care items for the Dumas Rescue Christmas giveaway. In 2016, that effort provided 406 pairs of socks, 27 pillows, 70 blankets and 212 personal care items

for people in need. Last year, donations increased and a church in Pikeville donated Bibles for each family.

Todd said in the KAGE press release, "Essentials for Santa has been a true blessing to me and has had a major impact on my life. Distributing the gifts last year made me feel better than anytime I ever received a gift in my life. Seeing the smiling faces of the children and their parents made it worth all of the time that I put into the project. I feel that I helped make people's lives a little better and I feel I have inspired other children and adults to want to give back to their community."

He plans to continue Essentials for Santa.

The KAGE Distinguished Student Award recognizes one student annually in grades 3-6 who has distinguished achievement in academics, leaderships or the arts and who has also made a contribution to the community "beyond what is expected of a child" in his or her age



Submitted photo

**Duff-Allen Central Elementary Student Todd Prater, son of Ceci and Jeff Prater, earned the Distinguished Student Award at the Kentucky Association for Gifted Education's annual conference this year. He is one of only two local Eastern Kentucky students to earn this honor since 1999.**

group. Prater is one of only two Floyd County students to have earned this honor since 2002, when Rossi Katherine Clark received the award.

Prater and Clark are

the only two local Eastern Kentucky students to be recognized with this award in the KAGE Hall of Fame since the awards were launched in 1999.

Prater earned a Col-

lege Entity Account from the Kentucky Education Savings Plan Trust and a Certificate of Excellence from KAGE.

# KDE seeks input on grad requirements

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Kentucky Department of Education is

seeking input from residents about high school graduation requirements.

Stephen Pruitt, who recently resigned as KDE commissioner, had planned town hall meetings across the state, including a session in Magoffin County, to gather input on the graduation requirement changes. Now, however, Interim Commissioner Wayne Lewis implemented plans to collect the input online instead of at town hall forums.

The change is expected to save funds and streamline the input gathering process.

"This will cut down on staff time and expense, and expedite the development process so that schools have ample time to implement the new requirements for the incoming class of freshmen in the fall of 2019," a press release from the KDE said.

"It is still critical to get input from parents, educators and others,"

Lewis said in the statement. "But we want to be more aggressive with the timeline for developing and implementing more rigorous, meaningful, and flexible requirements for graduation. We intend to present the Kentucky Board of Education with a framework for consideration and feedback in June, and have a draft regulation prepared for a first reading in August. Kentucky's students, colleges and the business community cannot wait

another year."

Despite changes in the economy and the expectations of employers and postsecondary institutions, Kentucky's minimum high school graduation requirements have not changed in more than six years.

The KDE and others have begun to develop the "Profile of a Kentucky High School Graduate." The profile is intended to identify the competencies needed for high school graduates to suc-

cessfully transition to the next step in life, whether that be a two-year or four-year college, apprenticeship, and/or the workforce.

Lewis is encouraging parents, educators, students, business and industry partners, and community members to provide feedback to some basic survey questions around high school graduation requirements.

The survey will be open through May 15 at, [research.net/r/gradreqs](http://research.net/r/gradreqs).

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# Volunteers build beds for children in need

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The MSUCorps AmeriCorps program and its partners participated in the eighth annual Morehead Build-A-Bed Project recently.

Volunteers built 256

beds and distributed them to children who are living in homes with not enough beds or none at all. The goal is to give beds to children PK-12, who are forced to sleep on floors, couches, or in beds with multiple other children or family mem-

bers. Each child received a bed and mattress along with a bedtime bag containing sheets, pillow, blanket, stuffed animal, book, alarm clock or nightlight and a hygiene kit.

Residents of Floyd, Johnson, Letcher, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Pike and other counties received beds as part of this program, which has provided more than 1,000 beds in Eastern Kentucky since it started at MSU in 2010.

"This is a very important project that provides a much needed resource to children in our region. We help fam-

ilies who are devastated by house fires, tornados, floods, and families that cannot provide beds for their children due to difficult financial or personal circumstances. The joy we get to see on the faces of the children when they pick up their brand new bed is priceless," said Mary Claire Williams, program director.

"We will never know the true impact this project has on these children, but we know that research shows the importance of a good night's sleep to overall well-being and school performance. We appreciate all of our volunteers,

partners, and sponsors. This project would not be possible with the help of communities all over eastern Kentucky and our sponsors."

MSUCorps partnered with the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Regional Education and Outreach, Gateway House Homeless Shelter, Frenchburg Job Corps CCC, Educational Talent Search (ETS) and Kentucky AmeriCorps programs for the Build-a-Bed project. For more information, visit the link at [moreheadstate.edu](http://moreheadstate.edu) or call, (606) 783-2719.

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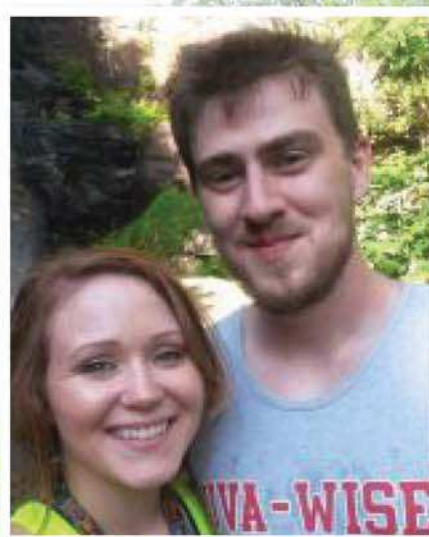
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"I had my faith, a great support system, lots of prayers and a wonderful team at PMC taking care of me and never giving up on my recovery."

— Kara Kennedy

By Amanda Jo Lawson

The summer of 2016 started out as a fun and exciting time for Kara Kennedy. She had just completed her first year of nursing school and had several activities planned with her new boyfriend, Dalton Parker.

"I was truly the happiest I had been in an extensive amount of time," Kennedy said. "Our summer break was spent working out in the gym, hiking, swimming and squeezing in trips to visit friends."

Kennedy and Parker planned for a fun day of hiking and adventure to a local tourist attraction, Bad Branch Falls located in Whitesburg, Ky.

The two enjoyed the day and hiked approximately 1.5 miles. Kennedy recalls how beautiful the waterfalls were.

"I was amazed by how beautiful everything was. I was taking it all in and admiring the

hike and the view. It was the perfect day and hike with my boyfriend."

Enjoying the view, Kennedy eased closer to the waterfall. As she stepped forward, her foot slipped directly into the current, causing Kennedy to fall approximately 70 feet.

Parker rushed for help by running, the once hiked, 1.5 miles to a house where he called for help. First responders came to rescue Kennedy, who was taken by ambulance to a landing site atop Pine Mountain. There, she was airlifted to Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Level II Trauma Center where she was unresponsive.

Kennedy suffered from an open right femur fracture, hemorrhagic shock, right pneumothorax, bilateral rib fractures, dental fractures, acute renal insufficiency and right lower extremity compartment syndrome.

Kennedy had 21 surgeries and procedures performed and survived cardiopulmonary

arrest. She spent 35 days at PMC, with 21 of those in the critical care unit.

"I had my faith, a great support system, lots of prayers and a wonderful team at Pikeville Medical Center taking care of me and never giving up on my recovery," Kennedy said.

Since her accident, Kennedy is adjusting to life with a prosthetic leg, but grateful for her opportunity. Having a prosthetic leg isn't slowing her down; she is running, walking, teaching gymnastics and is planning to graduate nursing school.

Kennedy's mother, Rose, commends PMC on the care they provided her daughter.

"Looking back on this, I am forever grateful for the care and compassion shown to Kara from Pikeville Medical Center," said Rose. "The care she received was the best we could have wanted; we still have our Kara and are forever grateful to PMC for having a hand in that."

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# South Floyd student wins essay contest

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County student is advancing to state after winning the county title in the annual AARP Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest.

Floyd County School District officials recognized South Floyd Elementary student Taylor Stumbo during an April 23 board of education meeting.

Stumbo, 10, the daughter of Jessica Kiser and Jeremy Lafferty of McDowell and Jason Stumbo of McDowell, wrote about her grandmother, Rhonda Hall, who

also lives in McDowell.

"My grandma has ears that truly listen, arms that always hold, love that's never ending and a heart that's made of gold," the fifth-grader wrote. "This quote describes her perfectly because she always listens to me when I have a situation going on. She's always there for me, even if I just need a simple hug and she is one of the nicest people you will ever meet."

Board of Education member Linda Gearheart presented Stumbo with \$50 from the Floyd County Retired Teachers Association and the Big Sandy Retired Teachers Association,

as well as a gift. She now qualifies to compete in the state competition, in which winning essays from throughout the state will be judged.

Stumbo was among seven school essay contest winners who qualified to compete for the county award. The other school winners are Katelyn Moon of Allen Elementary, Alexandria Hamilton of Betsy Layne, Megan Bentley of Duff-Allen Central, Brooklyn Rogers of John M. Stumbo, Lucas Howard of May Valley, Alexis Osborne of Prestonsburg.

One of the competition organizers, Carolyn Ford, said this marks the

first year that students from all Floyd County schools participated in the contest. She hopes it continues to grow with more students participating next year.

Stumbo also earned second place in the region in composition during the elementary-level Governor's Cup competition. She and other students who excelled in that academic competition were also honored at the board meeting. The school's Future Problem Solving team earned second place in the region.



Floyd Chronicle photo by Mary Meadows  
South Floyd Elementary student Taylor Stumbo, right, shows her excitement after learning she won \$50 from the Floyd County Retired Teachers Association and the Big Sandy Retired Teachers Association in the AARP Grandparent of the Year Essay Contest. Floyd County Board of Education member Linda Gearheart presented her with the cash awards and a gift she also won as part of the competition.

# Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

### Marriages

Morgan Shae Haywood, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Michael Dalton Taylor, 27, of Prestonsburg

Michelle Ann Hall, 19, of Drift, to Kenneth Ryan Spears, 18, of Printer

Sam Dacoma Parton, 36, of Langley, to Jamie N. Lafferty, 28, of Langley

Angelica Frasure, 27,

of Martin, to Oran Blanton, 31, of Martin

### Property Transfers

John Michael Hunt to Elizabeth M. Hunt, Mary Faye Hunt, Onda Hunt Jr., Onda Shae Hunt; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 344)

Judy C. Slone to Deborah M. Bentley, Jordan Shane Bentley; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 347)

Robert D. Vanderpool, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Elizabeth Turner, Unknown spouse of Cheryl Hunter to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance; property

location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 350)

L&B Hall Real Estate LLC to Samantha Boyd, Taylor Boyd; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 358)

Garry Kilburn, Melissa Kilburn to Barbara L. Scarberry, Gary M. Scarberry; property at Arkansas Creek

Green B. Hall, Marie Hall to Clayton Hall; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 375)

Marie Hall to Clayton Hall; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 371, 383)

Savannah 605 LLC to Lloyd L. Robert Shep-

herd; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 378)

Nicole Owens, Nicole Reynolds, Steven Reynolds to Nicole Owens; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 387)

Chandra N. Porter, Patrick A. Porter to Stephanie Prater; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 391)

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance to Caitlyn Brown, Kevin Jarvis; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 397)

Shannon Johnson to Tommy Johnson; prop-

erty location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 402)

Castle 2016 LLC to Castle CFD Group LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 406)

JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association to Rodney D. Martin, property at Stone Coal, Right Beaver

Chelsi Hamilton to Dorothy E. Brown; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 415)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Jerry Hardy, Judy Hardy to JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association;

property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 419)

Jeremia Sue Luxmore Johnson, Donna J. Luxmore, Dorothy B. Luxmore, Fred Kimball Luxmore, John Paul Luxmore, Larry Oliver Luxmore to Shirley Couch, Shannon Oliver; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 425)

Evelyn D. May Adams to Lance Adams, Les Adams; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 433)

US Bank National Association to Denzil R. Turner; property at Garrett

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# Community calendar

- April 27; 7:30 p.m.: Hammertowne performs, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-9125
- April 27-28: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosts agriculture weekend, with Keith Moore of Savage Farm speaking from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on April 27 and several presenters and activities from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 28 at the convention center. Vendors. (606) 889-1790
- April 28; 6:45 p.m.: Spring Gospel Concert, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-9125
- April 28; 10 a.m.: Pirate Adventure Mystery, age 12 to adult, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- April 30; 3:30 p.m.: Mommy and Me Sewing Class, Prestonsburg Library. (606) 886-2981
- April 30; 6 p.m.: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University,

- Eastern Library. (606) 377-2860
- May 2; 1 p.m.: Story Time, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860
- May 5; 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.: 9th Annual James D. Adams Memorial Bass Tournament, Dewey Lake. Registration begins at 5:30 a.m. (606) 886-2378
- May 5: Sugar-camp Mountain Run features a 5K/10K trail run at Sugarcamp Mountain Trails, Prestonsburg. Race begins at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's former swimming pool area. www.361adventures.com/sugarcamp
- May 5: The Bluff Adventure Race, an 8-hour race that's part of the Unbridled AR Series, features biking, trekking and paddling for individuals and teams. An adventure race preview clinic will be held at 6 p.m. on May 4 in the Goldenrod Room, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Race begins on May 5 with check in at 8 a.m. 361adventures.com/bluff
- May 5; 4 p.m.: Friends of Jenny Wiley to host "Talk Derby to Me," Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, featuring food, a cash bar, prizes for best hat, raffles, live music and other activities. (606) 889-1790
- May 5; 7:30 p.m.: Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers to perform at Quality Inn, Prestonsburg.
- May 6; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Art Gallery in Langley, 297 Johns Branch Road in Langley, presents its third annual Spring Art Exhibit, featuring the work of Jeff Chapman Crane and gallery director Duna V. Combs. The artist reception will begin at 3 p.m. (606) 478-3325
- May 7; 3:30 p.m.:

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- ny Wiley State Resort Park. Race begins on May 5 with check in at 8 a.m. 361adventures.com/bluff
- May 7; 6 p.m.: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Eastern Library. (606) 377-2860
- May 7; 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets.
- May 8; 6 p.m.: North Carolina story teller Randall Jones to talk about Daniel Boone's visit to Floyd and other counties at Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- May 8; 6 p.m.: Wesley Christian School presents "O Chicken of Little Faith, Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
- May 15; 6 p.m.: Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services plans to hold a town hall forum to 5 p.m. review and discuss proposed changes" to the 1915 C waivers for individuals with disabilities at Floyd Central High School. Public input sought
- Through May 23: Floyd County Extension Office accepting applications for summer camp scholarships. (606) 886-2668

## EDITORIAL:

### \$25K challenge a step in the right direction

One East Kentucky, Shaping Our Appalachian Region and AEP Kentucky Power created a unique program this year that challenged officials from throughout the region to come together to find ways to improve their communities, and the results were spectacular.

These three organizations offered \$25,000 to one of nine counties that came up with the best community improvement strategy, and they also offered \$1,000 to these groups just for trying.

It's an interesting way to bridge the gap between county lines — an underlying goal with this competition — and it appears to have worked. When

six groups got together last week to present their proposals, participants talked about exchanging contact information so they can reach out to each other in the future and One East Kentucky President Chuck Sexton asked them to meet again in three months.

Eastern Kentucky faces numerous challenges, and one of them lies on its county lines. For decades, counties have competed against each other in sports, for grants and other types of funding and even for economic development projects because, as we all know, there's only so much funding to go around. Competition is a natural part of life, and it's particularly important in this neck

of the woods where the sports team mentality is so vibrant.

When SOAR was created, it came with leaders talking about the need to develop regional strategies — something that's good for Eastern Kentucky as a whole, not just for Floyd or Pike or Perry or any other neighboring county.

And that's a good focus to have, especially these days, when all Eastern Kentucky counties must compete with large metropolitan areas for investors and businesses. Creating plans with a regional focus bridges the gaps between these counties and makes them collectively stronger and more enticing to any industry looking for a new home.

Breaking down those county lines has proven difficult over the past several decades, but, slowly, community members are realizing that the Eastern Kentucky of old is much different than the Eastern Kentucky today. The world is different, and, now, so must we be.

Our counties cannot succeed by walling themselves up in their own little coves. Our roads flow back and forth and through each other. We're all neighbors. Floyd County succeeds as Johnson County grows and Pike County grows and so on and so forth. That's because people who live here, work there, and improvements in the quality of life here brings people from those counties

into our small businesses. Every community has something unique to share with its neighbors and by working together and learning more about the region around us, everyone can benefit.

By getting community leaders thinking on the same page, One East Kentucky, SOAR and AEP Kentucky Power have started building a new type of framework — one that, if constructed well, can lift up this entire region. We all could use a few ladders. It's nice to see groups of people working together to build them.

## GUEST COLUMN:

### Growing Kentucky's economy with hemp

By **MITCH McCONNELL**  
U.S. SENATE  
MAJORITY LEADER

For far too long, the federal government has prevented most farmers from growing hemp. Although it was a foundational part of Kentucky's heritage and today you can buy products made with hemp at stores across the country, most farmers have been barred from planting it in their fields. I have heard from many Kentucky farmers who agree it's time to remove the federal hurdles in place and give our state the opportunity to seize its full potential and once again become the national leader for hemp production.

That's why I was proud to introduce legislation in the Senate to finally and fully legalize industrial hemp.

In collaboration with

agriculture leaders in Kentucky and throughout the nation, I utilized my position as Senate Majority Leader and as a senior member of the Senate Agriculture Committee to secure language in the 2014 Farm Bill to authorize hemp research pilot programs. I followed up with federal legislation to ensure that hemp produced from the pilot program could be transported, processed, and sold. Under the guidance of Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Ryan Quarles and his predecessor, U.S. Rep. James Comer (KY-1), these programs have allowed Kentucky farmers to both research the plant and to demonstrate its potential.

Kentucky's experience with the hemp pilot programs has produced strong results. Last year alone, the hemp pilot

program yielded more than \$16 million for Kentucky farmers. We've already seen remarkable innovation in everything from home insulation to concrete and from health products to beer. These hemp products are just the beginning.

The time is right to take the next step with this new bipartisan legislation. My bill, which is cosponsored by Senator Rand Paul and the companion of which was introduced in the House by Congressman Comer, will benefit hemp farmers and manufacturers in four important ways.

First, it will legalize industrial hemp as an agricultural commodity and remove it from the federal list of controlled substances. Although the 2014 Farm Bill allowed for hemp pilot programs, some farmers have still faced substantial dis-

putes with some federal agencies. This bill will remove roadblocks and encourage the domestic growth and production of hemp.

Next, the bill will allow the states to be the primary regulators of hemp farmers and manufacturers, if states can develop a proper plan. Under Commissioner Quarles' oversight, Kentucky's hemp industry can flourish.

Third, this legislation will give hemp researchers the opportunity to apply for competitive federal grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Those critical research dollars can help spur further innovation and growth in this field.

And finally, our plan will make hemp farmers eligible to apply for crop insurance, enabling them to build a steady business model on a level playing

field with other crops.

With these features, Kentucky can be at the forefront of hemp's return to American agriculture, sparking opportunity for farmers and manufacturers in the process. In my time in the Senate, I've watched the evolution of the Commonwealth's farm communities, and we are optimistic that industrial hemp can enhance the versatility and economic viability of Kentucky's crops.

In the past, the similarities in appearance between hemp and its illicit cousin have caused confusion. But because hemp only has negligible levels of THC, which is the compound which produces the 'high' associated with marijuana, the two plants are actually quite different. Because of recent research and education, this distinction has become clearer.

This legislation only legalizes hemp with a THC concentration of 0.3 percent or less, far below the THC concentration in marijuana.

A bipartisan coalition supports the expansion of industrial hemp, and I look forward to continuing to work with my partners in Washington and with Kentucky's farmers to grow hemp's bright future.

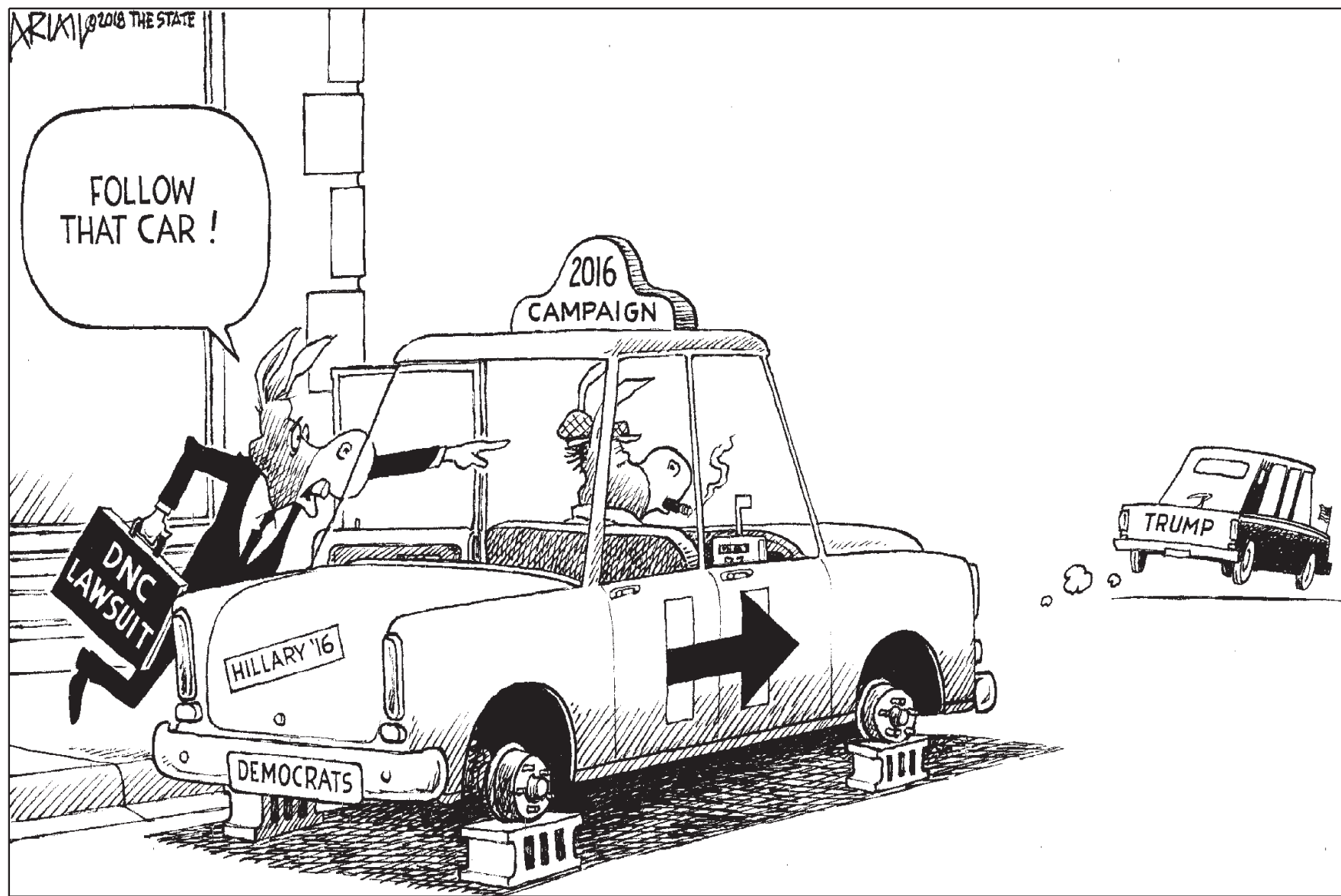
By legalizing hemp and helping farmers, we can continue to see growth in new and innovative products made with Kentucky-grown hemp across our state and the nation. This is our chance to continue to help our agricultural economy and put more Kentucky-made products on the market. Kentucky's farmers are some of the best in the world, and this legislation will give them the option to enjoy the full benefits of this versatile crop with a long and rich history in our Commonwealth.

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**Joyce Adkins**

Joyce Ann Bryant Adkins, was born April 11, 1942, at Price, the daughter of the late Leonard "Dock" and Haley Bryant.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Forrest Bryant; and two sisters, Clotting Norris and Fern Clark.

She owned and managed an assisted living home in Amelia, Ohio. Throughout the years, she cared for many people, giving them a good home in their final years.

In 2006, she retired and came back to Hi Hat to be near her family.

She wanted to watch her grandchildren grow up.

During her battle with cancer and other illnesses, she would say that sometimes she liked being alone because that was when she talked to God. Her favorite song was "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling" and we believe He called her home on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

She is survived by one son, Shannon Thomas

(Sherry); one daughter, Alina Norris; three grandchildren, Daniel Thomas, Kelli Thomas and Ashley Schroader (John); five brothers, Curt Bryant (Carolyn), Danny Bryant, Bobby Bryant (Ruth), Gene Bryant (Pam) and Ronnie Bryant (Sheila); two sisters, Dixie Bryant and Phyllis Gail Hall; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were under the direction of

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

This is a paid obituary.

**Edna Johnson**

Edna Lea Slone Johnson, 72, of Kite, died Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

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

Raymond Parsons  
Raymond Parsons,

85, of Grethel, died Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

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

**Tommy Woods**

Tommy Woods, 73, of Germantown, Tenn., formerly of Allen, died Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

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

**TEACHER**

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been teaching for 13 years, and has spent all of two of them at her alma mater.

"I come from a family of teachers," the 35-year-old said. "My in-laws are both retired teachers and I have several aunts, uncles and cousins who are teachers, so I grew up with it."

When she was a child, she turned her bedroom into a classroom, complete with a chalk board and her own record book so she could jot down the grades of all of her teddy bears and dolls.

"I've always known that I wanted to be a teacher," she said. "Honestly, I can't imagine do-

ing anything else. School is my life. I feel like I live here."

She is "excited, honored, but yet humble" to have earned the award.

"This is really the first thing I've ever been awarded," she said. "I'm excited to get to go to Frankfort."

She said to be a good teacher, she has to be a "good listener." She talked about how doing home visits with BLHS students has helped her become a better teacher.

"I've been on countless home visits and it's really, really opened my eyes," she said. "When you really see where these kids are coming from, it really helps you understand them."

She described the home visits as some of

the best experiences she's had as a teacher.

"You have to listen and you have to know where these kids are coming from, and you definitely have to understand what their life is like outside of school...A lot of kids come from broken homes, a lot of them don't have the basic necessities, so that's undoubtedly going to affect how they act and what they take away from school every day," she said.

To reach students living in difficult situations, she said, "You have to do whatever it takes."

Kentucky Department of Education officials would not disclose the name of the person or persons who nominated Akers. BLHS officials

wrote letters of recommendation on her behalf.

In her recommendation letter, BLHS Assistant Principal Terri Hall described Akers as a "very talented and very dedicated" teacher who is passionate about her job.

"I have evaluated and done walk-throughs in her room numerous times over the past 11 years, and she inspires her students with passion and enthusiasm for her chosen profession," Hall said. "She has a lot of positive energy and she has a joyous outlook and that is so contagious."

She said Akers uses creative methods to make social studies and history interesting for students, describing her class as energetic and fun.

"In my personal opinion, she's an excellent representative across the state," Hall said. "She loves teaching social studies and history, and that was a very boring subject for me, and I told her this, in high school, all I got to do was read the chapter and answer questions and I hated it. In her classroom, you don't get that. These kids are engaged and they're learning and you can see on their faces."

She said Akers "flies under the radar," heading numerous roles for the school and the district without asking for recognition.

She's been the school's social studies department chair for eight years, its after-school ESS coordinator for six years

and she also serves as a member of the Positive Behavior Intervention System Committee and as a resource teacher for new teachers in the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program. Hall said Akers was a "vital member" of the school district's social studies curriculum map group and serves as the Floyd County literacy and social studies curriculum lead.

For this honor, Akers will earn a certificate and a cash award and a chance to win the Kentucky Teacher of the Year Award.

She lives at Betsy Layne with her husband, Justin, who also teaches at BLHS, and their three-year-old son Rylan.

**NAMED**

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offered by the Arbor Day Foundation, in a unique way this year.

On April 26, a day prior to the national observance of Arbor Day, city officials, community leaders and residents gathered at park in downtown Prestonsburg that was previously known by many names, including Trimble Branch, to watch the official unveiling of its new official name, Star City Park.

The city partnered with the Prestonsburg Woman's Club to host a "Name that Park" contest on Facebook, allowing visitors to choose between three names presented.

Mayor Les Stapleton read a proclamation

declaring Arbor Day in Prestonsburg and encouraging residents to plant trees. He commended the city's landscaping department, headed by David Crisp and Malcolm Slone, for their work. Bridget Abernathy, a representative of Tree City USA, presented the city with a flag, reporting that the Arbor Day Foundation is recertifying Prestonsburg as a Tree City member.

"We want to congratulate the mayor, the citizens, the volunteers and everybody who makes this community what it is, and adds a little bit of green through the commitment to the community forestry here," she said.

Abernathy said Prestonsburg is among 38 Kentucky communi-

ties that are designed as part of Tree City USA, a national program hosted by the Arbor Day Foundation and supported by the National Association of State Foresters.

Local residents planted four spruce trees, provided by the Floyd County Soil & Water Conservation District. They were designated with plaques to honor the Floyd County Drug Court and drug abuse awareness, the Floyd County Health Department and its diabetes education program, cerebral palsy awareness and down syndrome awareness. An autism awareness tree will also be planted there.

The Floyd County Extension Office hosted a tree grafting workshop for attendees, and the city offered food and refreshments.

The park features picnic tables, swings and playground equipment, a basketball court, a pond and surrounded by oak trees and other amenities. Admission is free and it is open to the public.

## Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

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Tony Edward Mullins, 35, of Pikeville; harassment.

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

Jessica Harvey, 31, of Martin; harassing communications  
Joseph Boyd, 38, of Dana; fourth-degree assault (domestic violence, minor injury), possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Felony charges filed**

Tiffany Heldenesch, 47, of Outtoville OH; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (meth), possession of marijuana.

Henry C. Johnson, 39, of Winchester; disorderly conduct, menacing, resisting arrest.

Charles Steven Goodman, 40, of Eastern; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (meth), first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Agon Aldo Short, 59, of Mousie; public intoxication of a controlled substance (excluding alcohol).

Joseph C. Johnson, 25, of Morehead; giving an officer false identifying information, theft of identity of another without consent.

Jonathan David Endicott, 30, of Auxier; second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot), resisting arrest.

Bronson Bishop, 27, of Beaver; first-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot).

**Lawsuits filed**

Kyle Chaffin vs Ashley Nicole Chaffin; divorce.

Paul Mullins, 23, of Pikeville; distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

Ky. Foster Care vs Felicia A. Christian; petition for child support and health insurance.

Jonathan May, 22, of Langley; first-degree rape.

*Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.*

**Misdemeanor charges filed**

Timothy Lew Williams, 65, of Wayland; two counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

**A Note of Thanks**  
from the family of **Joyce Bryant Adkins**

We want to express our deep appreciation to all our friends, neighbors and relatives who helped us get through our time of sorrow. A special thank you to the staff at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Chuck Hall and the other Regular Baptist Preachers, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Also to all individuals who sent flowers, brought food, sang special songs or spoke kind words of love and encouragement.

*God Bless you all!*

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# Floyd partners with Berea College for seven-year GEAR UP program

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education approved a partnership with Berea College this week to ensure students are prepared for life after high school.

On April 23, the board approved an agreement with Berea College for the GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) partnership grant, which will begin assisting students in the seventh grade and follow them into high school.

The college received a federally-funded grant to implement early college preparation and awareness activities for low-income students in Floyd, Magoffin, Menifee, Pike and Wolfe counties, and during the seven years of this grant, Floyd County schools will receive numerous services to help students.

Courtney DeRossett, the district's chief information officer and technology innovation coordinator, said this will be the first time the GEAR UP program has been available to Floyd County students since the 2012.

"The overall purpose of the grant is to prepare kids for the future by equipping them with

skills in reading and math so they will be able to excel in either a college or a career after graduation," she said, talking about how support will start in middle school and follow students through high school.

She said Berea College will obtain "some really important data" from this grant, because they'll be able to compare improvements in individual students, not just student groups, as they progress, year after year.

As part of the partnership, the college and the school district agree to provide personnel to carry out the mission of the grant, which will reimburse the school district up to \$105,210 for the direct services portion of the grant, up to \$399,000 for staffing, and additional regional funding, while the district agrees to provide in-kind donations of office space for GEAR UP staff, hire six "academic interventionists" who will work with students through GEAR UP and pay \$800,000 in matching funds.

The school board approved creating six academic interventionist positions for this program, with Berea funding their salaries and fringe benefits.

These staff members

will devote their time to the implementation of the GEAR UP program and provide direct services to students that include counseling, tutoring and other services and activities. These staff members will be working to ensure that students are college and career ready.

DeRossett said activities, field trips and other programs will be offered.

"They encourage a lot of field trips for our students," she said. "They want them to be on university campuses. They want them to go to the Toyota plant, to see what college and career opportunities are available to them"

She called it a "full support system" that will benefit the students, the college and the school district.

In other news, the school board also:

- Renewed membership with the Kentucky Education Development Corporation, paying \$2,335.

- Approved several school trips, including Floyd Central's JROTC Robotics Team to travel to Clarksville, Tenn. for a competition on May 5-6.

- Approved the second reading of the 2018-2019 school calendar, with students starting school on Aug. 8, 2018,

and ending school on May 13, 2019. The calendar banks seven days to use to make up for school closures and sets testing for the last two weeks of school.

- Approved the use of Floyd Central High School by the Kentucky Education Association for a conference that will be held June 9. At the meeting, Floyd County Education Chairman Angela Coleman thanked board members, parents and others for their understanding and support of teachers during recent protests about the state pension. Board member Linda Gearheart, instead, praised Coleman. "Angela, you have been a wonderful president this year with FCEA," Gearheart said. "Instead of you coming here and thanking us, I think you're the one that needs to be thanked for your leadership." Coleman was honored with a standing ovation.

- Renewed a \$22,500 contract with White & Association, CPA for audit services. The firm, based in Lexington, was the only firm to respond to a bid the district published in 2014, and that contract has been renewed annually each year since that time.

- Approved the civics

test that will be required to obtain a high school diploma. This requirement begins on July 1, following the passage of a state law. To qualify for graduation, students will be required to take a test composed of 100 questions drawn from those that used by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services for people seeking to become American citizens.

- Approved a memorandum of understanding Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, at no cost to the district, allowing MCCC to provide on-site counselors as needed for therapy services in all schools.

- Received a construction report on the Betsy Layne High School renovation from Matt Mills of Codell Construction, who said the gym will be ready once floors are finished next week and the rest of the work is still "on track."

- Received a report from Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble on the construction of the new Renaissance Learning Center, which is being undertaken and funded, for the most part, by the US Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Martin reconstruction project. Trimble said construction is expected to

be finished in June and a committee of school personnel is working on the layout of the interior of the building. Equipment and furniture from the closed Allen Central High School will be used in the new building, he said. He reported the district also has some funding available for interior building needs.

- Spent about 1.5 hours in executive session to discuss the hiring of a new superintendent, without officially disclosing the reason for the closed session during the meeting. No action was reported. Afterwards, Board Chairman Sherry Robinson said the board will call special meetings to complete the interview process. She reported all interviews will be conducted in one day, and suggested that board members will not interview all six candidates recommended by the screening committee.

- Approved the use of the Floyd Central High School gym by the Department of Medicaid Services, for a town hall on May 16 to review and discuss proposed changes to 1915 C waivers for individuals with disabilities. The changes that will be discussed include work requirements.

# Daniel Boone landmark in David to be discussed at library event

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The Daniel Boone monument in David, built of river stone, has stood for 70 years along Rt. 404 since it was dedicated on May 1, 1948, by Daniel Boone Troop 143, Boy Scouts of America.

That monument and the history it commemorates will be part of the story told on Tuesday, May 8, by North Carolina storyteller Randell Jones, author of the award-winning book, "In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone." The presentation will start at 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg.

"Daniel Boone is America's pioneer hero,"

said Jones, "and his legacy and heritage are a part of Kentucky history in which every Kentuckian can take due pride."

That public pride will swell even more across the state next year when Kentucky commemorates the 250th anniversary of Daniel Boone's first excursion through the Cumberland Gap into Kentucky in May/June 1769.

"That passage through the barrier mountains is what made Kentucky accessible to hundreds of thousands of settlers who came here during and after the American Revolution," said Jones. "Indeed, Cumberland Gap is America's first 'gateway

to the West."

But, Floyd County has an earlier claim to that Boone heritage, by a full year, says Jones.

After the fall harvest of 1767, Daniel Boone and a hunting companion crossed into Kentucky along the Russell Fork of the Big Sandy River at today's Breaks Interstate Park on the Kentucky/Virginia line. They were trapped by an early snow storm in the hills of Eastern Kentucky. They had to winter-over at a salt springs with dwindling supplies and scant ammunition. Their campsite was in today's David.

"And, that's the history those Boy Scouts were so proud to hon-

or with their monument and marker in 1948," said Jones. "I am an Eagle Scout, so when I first saw that marker while researching for my book some 85 sites spread across 11 states where Daniel Boone's life is commemorated, I knew I wanted to come back to Floyd County and to share this story here on this anniversary."

Jones will share more stories about Boone, especially his adventures east of the Appalachian Mountains which prepared him for his life in Kentucky. Boone lived in North Carolina for 21 years, Pennsylvania for 16, and Virginia for two before he came to Kentucky in 1775 to live

while marking the 200-mile Boone Trace for others to follow.

Jones will have copies of his several books available for autographs, including the new release, "Bearing Up," which includes 45 four-page, personal stories by Kentucky and North Carolina writers about overcoming challenging

circumstances with grit, determination, and humor in the spirit of Daniel Boone wintering-over 250 years ago. Two of the stories are written by Floyd County natives.

For more information, visit DanielBoone-Footsteps.com or call the library at, (606) 886-2981. Admission is free to the May 8 event.

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in place right now to buy any property from someone who has already received an appraisal from the corps.

Porter said that, ideally, real estate officials with the Corps of Engineers would be able to set up time in the near future to station themselves at city hall to be able to answer question like the ones Greer had.

"We're looking at

trying to get all the real estate wrapped up in the next three years," said Porter.

Greer also expressed concerns, asking if residential property was still the priority for the corps, and was reassured it was by Porter.

Some other issues that the corps is currently facing in the project, according to Porter, is that there are issues with some of the shelf lives of appraisals and titles being bought by the Corps of Engineers, which usu-

ally only last six months.

Porter said that is because in areas such as California, a property value can fluctuate greatly over the course of six months, but, that is not the case in Martin, so the corps may be able to file for extensions.

According to Porter there is currently \$12.9 million dollars laid aside for the project, but he said that will not be enough if the corps is going to buy all of the property.

"We will need more

money to buy everything. We don't have enough based on our estimates," said Porter.

The Martin City Council then took action and set aside dates and times for any concerned property owners to be able to come to city hall and have questions answered.

The current dates and times include: 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on May 9 and May 23, and 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. May 30.

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# ANNOUNCE YOUR NEWS

## Welcome Baby Smith



John Caleb Smith, the son of Aaron and Christy Smith of Allen was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Thelma Ratliff of Allen and John and Dorothy Smith of Wheelwright, Ky.

## Birth Announcements

All birth announcements for babies under 3 months are **FREE**.

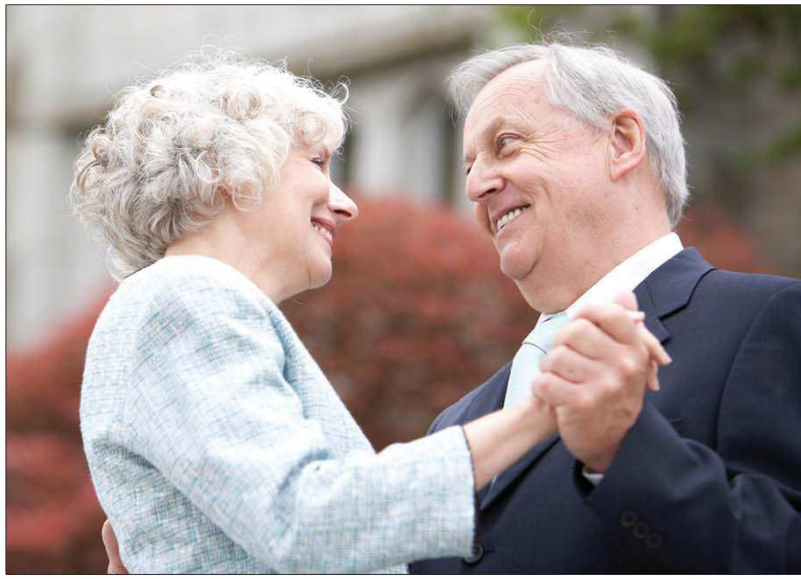
## Celebrating Birthdays



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

## Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



## Celebrating 55 years

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

## Wedding Anniversaries

All wedding anniversaries over 40 years, in addition to 10th and 25th anniversaries, are **FREE**.

## Dotson-Simpkins



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

## Engagement

Announce your engagement in the Floyd County Chronicle for **FREE**.

## Wedding

Announce your recent marriage. Weddings within 3 months are **FREE**.

## Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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## SFES students show coding skills to board members



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

South Floyd Elementary students show off projects they've completed in a computer coding program to Floyd County Board of Education members Linda Gearheart and Rhonda Meade prior to the board's April 23 meeting. Board members praised South Floyd students for numerous projects they exhibited prior to the meeting. Gearheart joked that the coding program was so interesting, it made her late for the meeting.

## MAC prepares for gospel concert

By CODY DAVIS  
STAFF WRITER

Officials with the Mountain Arts Center are preparing once again for the annual Spring Gospel Concert, being held this Saturday.

According to MAC Programming and Marketing Director Joe Campbell, the event will once again feature popular gospel bands The Primitives and the McKameys.

"They sell out every year. Every spring it's The Primitives and The McKameys and they sell out every year," said Campbell.

The Primitives are a gospel quartet who are best known for albums such as "Who Rolled the

Stone Away," and "Reason to Sing." While The McKameys are known for songs such as "Right on Time," and "Do You Know How it Feels."

According to Campbell, the show will begin at 6:45 p.m. and ticket prices for lower level seats begin at \$27, with upper level seats costing \$22.

"We've got less than 75 tickets left at this point, so we're getting close," said Campbell. "They always put on a good show for the local crowd and they keep coming back."

For more information about the event, contact the Mountain Arts Center, at, (606) 886-2623.

## Pike supports proposed local mine expansion

By BUDDY FORBES  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — The Pike County Fiscal Court approved a resolution Tuesday which showed the county's support for an expansion of an existing coal mine in Johns Creek.

Representatives from Alliance Coal, the umbrella group for MC and Excel Mining, approached the PCFC last week to request a resolution of support for the company's proposed efforts to expand its current operation. During last week's meeting, the court tabled the discussion until its members could further research the proposal. The discussion was brought back to the table during Tuesday's special PCFC meeting, after a lengthy executive session.

"The assistant county attorney and I have had two sessions

with representatives from (Alliance Coal) and they're making an application, under the Kentucky Industrial Revitalization Act," said Deputy Judge-Executive Herbie Deskins. "This is an act that is meant for companies that are showing that their operation is going to end and that their reserves are going to end at a specific time."

He said Alliance is asking for a county contribution of 1 percent of the occupational tax. According to Assistant County Attorney Kyle Deskins, the "tax break" from the county will be factored in through the employees.

"The 1 percent of the occupational tax will be refunded or rebated to the company from what the employees would pay," Kyle Deskins said. "The 1 percent that the company would pay on their net profit, that's still in place."

Kyle Deskins said the company will "still pay" its occupational tax.

Herbie Deskins said the project will be a \$958 billion investment into the county by Alliance and will employ 220 people. He said the reserves from the new mine, according to the company, will last until at least 2032.

"The reserves will be tapped into by a six-mile overhead tram, going from Johns Creek over to Brushy," Herbie Deskins said. "And the cost of it, for Pike County, will be ... \$166,000 a year, but we will get a rebate back of \$76,000. So, it's going to cost around \$80,000."

Herbie Deskins said that money from the county will be placed into a reserve, where it will gain interest, and will be diverted back to the county in the event of the mine closing prematurely.

"This is a company that's one of the few companies that's lasted through this coal cycle," Herbie Deskins said. "I feel that ... it is a good job — a good investment of the company."

Manager of Environmental Affairs and Permitting Rusty Ashcraft thanked the court for its consideration and took the podium to provide more concrete figures to the magistrates.

"By our calculations, the actual occupational tax collected by the county was \$159,040.09. At the end, we would be paying back to the county. We agreed by a separate agreement that we would pay back. We talked about volunteer fire departments and helping subsidize that; I'll leave that up to you all," said Ashcraft. "So, by my count, the total commitment by the county, in firm terms of cost, would be approximately \$85,540.09. In exchange, we'll

continue to operate and provide those jobs."

Ashcraft said the project will generate "approximately \$3.5 million a year in severance tax." He also said the company would generate \$367,000 in property taxes. Both of those taxes, he said, along with the salaries of its employees, would be a "direct impact" contribution from the company to the county. He said the "indirect impacts" from the company's suppliers and contractors would be another contribution to the county.

A resolution of support for the company was approved by the court. According to Ashcraft, the company is expected to meet with Kentucky's Economic Development Cabinet this week to discuss the state's approval and possible state incentives before beginning the proposed expansion.

## LOAN

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Cruse, who also owns Solid Rock Development & Construction in Martin and an online screen printing business, Region Warehouse, said he will remodel the auto repair shop, and keep two upstairs apartments and a tenant space that will be available for lease and/or rent. He said construction should start within a couple of months and the car wash should be open by the fall.

He's been working on the business plan and application for this project for seven or eight months, and that work included a study on the number of potential customers in that area, as well as a determination of the available infrastructure there.

"We've kept it hush-hush for quite a while," he said. "We just wanted to make sure the funding was available and that the city could handle the water and sewer and all of that."

It will be the only operating car wash in Martin. Another car wash located on Rt. 80 was closed, which is why Cruse said he and his brother wanted to open this new business. He described it as a

"state-of-the-art, fully-automated car wash" with two additional self-service bays. Two employees are expected to work there alongside Cruse and his brother.

BSADD members voiced optimism for this project. BSADD Board of Directors Chairperson Ben Hale, the county judge-executive, said the agency has been working to utilize its Revolving Loan Fund program for quite some time.

This fund is available to new and expanding businesses in Floyd, Pike, Martin, Magoffin and Johnson counties, offering flexible financing to bridge funding gaps or help businesses obtain other types of loans.

In January, the BSADD board approved asking the federal government to expand it into counties served by the Kentucky River Area Development District. That action came with officials reporting the fund is not being utilized well in the Big Sandy region, causing the federal government to sequester unspent funds.

BSADD cooperates with local banks for the program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. That federal agency

sequesters, or puts aside, excess funds when the amount of cash available in the Revolving Loan Fund account exceeds 25 percent of the program's capital base for more than a year.

BSADD received \$457,500 in federal funds for the program during the last fiscal year and that amount was matched with \$152,500 in funding from partnering banks. The amount required to be sequestered by the EDA on June 30, 2017, was more than \$267,000, according to a recent audit report.

The federal government has not yet approved BSADD's request to expand into other counties, Denise Thomas of the BSADD said.

"We think it may be. We hope so, but it's not been granted yet," she said.

She encourages businesses to apply for the program.

"We are really encouraging applicants to utilize the fund," she said, explaining that the amounts of funds available for these loans increases as loans are approved and customers start repaying them.

Loans of up to \$100,000 are available through this program,

and requirements include job creation, job retention and a "strong business plan" that demonstrates a company's ability to repay the loan, Thomas said.

During the meeting, the board also amended its budget to account for revenue decreases and the transfer of meeting costs from a local expenses account into another count, following notification that meeting expenses cannot be claimed for reimbursement through the Department for Aging and Independent Living and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Runyon said it's been difficult to "get numbers" out of Frankfort regarding the amount of funds the agency will receive for some programs, stating that it's been a "very contentious budget process."

"Although we don't expect that we will have huge cuts in most of our programs, we still do not know exactly what those amounts will be," she said. "We have billed per our contract, and in some cases, that invoice has been paid at a lesser amount, so I'm still hopeful that we will receive what the original contract amount was, minus about six percent in some cases, but I really

don't know that for sure. I think we have a contract with them. They did not modify the contract, so I think, legally, they have to pay us. I'm going to stick with that and see how far it goes."

In other news, the BSADD Board of Directors:

- Approved an application for a \$3.4 million Abandoned Mine Land grant sought by the Martin County Water District to repair its system.

- Approved an application for a \$23,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency grant sought by Prestonsburg to install a flood gate.

- Approved a \$100,000 US Department of Agriculture grant sought by Pikeville to expand and weatherize the city's Farmer's Market.

- Approve distributing \$3,750 in Area Development Funds to Pike County for the purchase of a drone for the 911 program there. This \$23,000 drone can be shared with first responders in Pikeville, Coal Run and other agencies in Floyd and surrounding counties.

- Coal Run Mayor Andrew Scott, a BSADD board member, said participating agencies are dividing the costs of the drone. He said it will include infrared

technology and camera capabilities, allowing first responders to easily locate people in search and rescue missions.

- Announced the reimbursement of \$79,000 in Area Development Funds reimbursement for a park and walking trail project in Magoffin County.

- Learned from Runyon that the state legislature did not end the Area Development Fund program, but did not fund in the upcoming state budget. "They left the program, so it's not gone, it's just that you'll need to work with them to get money put back in during the next budget cycle, but there is zero dollars in that program," she said.

- Learned from Runyon that changes in the requirements in the Joint Funding Administration program could impact local counties in the future. She said Kentucky River Area Development District in Perry County and two other are development district lost between \$20,000 and \$40,000 with this change.

- Cancelled the board's May 22 meeting for Election Day, agreeing to meet in June instead.

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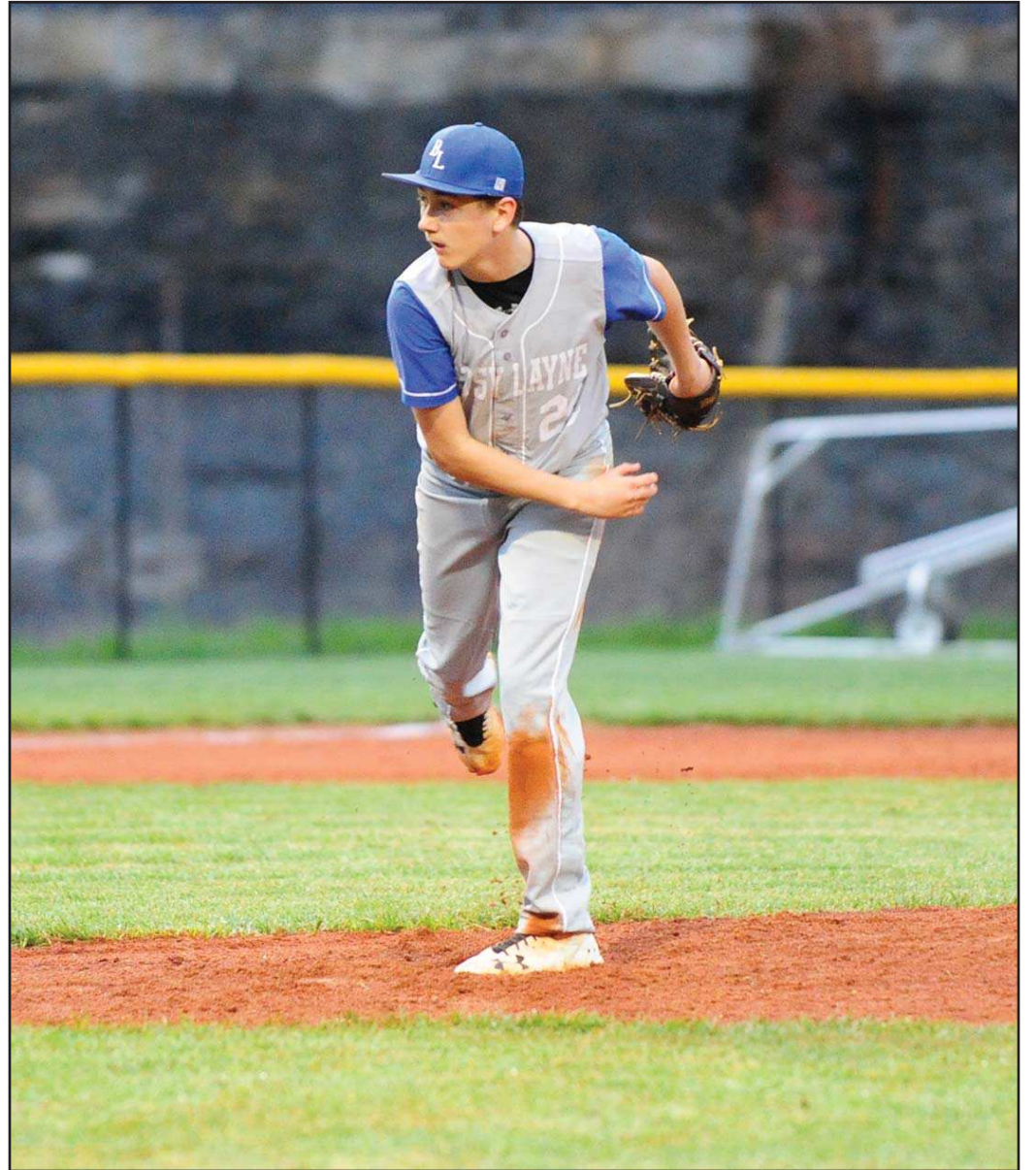
  
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## Bobcats, Jaguars split district double-header



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Starting pitcher Caleb Hager helps Floyd Central blank Betsy Layne 11-0 in five innings in the second game of a 58th District baseball double-header on Wednesday night.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne pitcher Evan Newsome sends a pitch to the plate during the opening game of a 58th District baseball double-header at Floyd Central on Wednesday.

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**EASTERN** — Floyd Central and Betsy Layne split a 58th District baseball double-header on Wednesday.

In the opening game of the double-header, visiting Betsy Layne held on to defeat Floyd Central 7-5.

Avoiding a sweep, Floyd Central blanked Betsy Layne 11-0 in five innings in the nightcap.

**Betsy Layne 7,  
Floyd Central 5**  
Visiting Betsy Layne

managed to outlast Floyd Central 7-5 in the opening game of a 58th District baseball double-header on Wednesday.

Floyd Central lost despite out hitting Betsy Layne 10-6.

The Jaguars scored first, plating one run in the bottom half of the first inning. However, Floyd Central's advantage proved to be short-lived as Betsy Layne erupted for six runs in the top half of the sixth inning to take a commanding 6-1 lead.

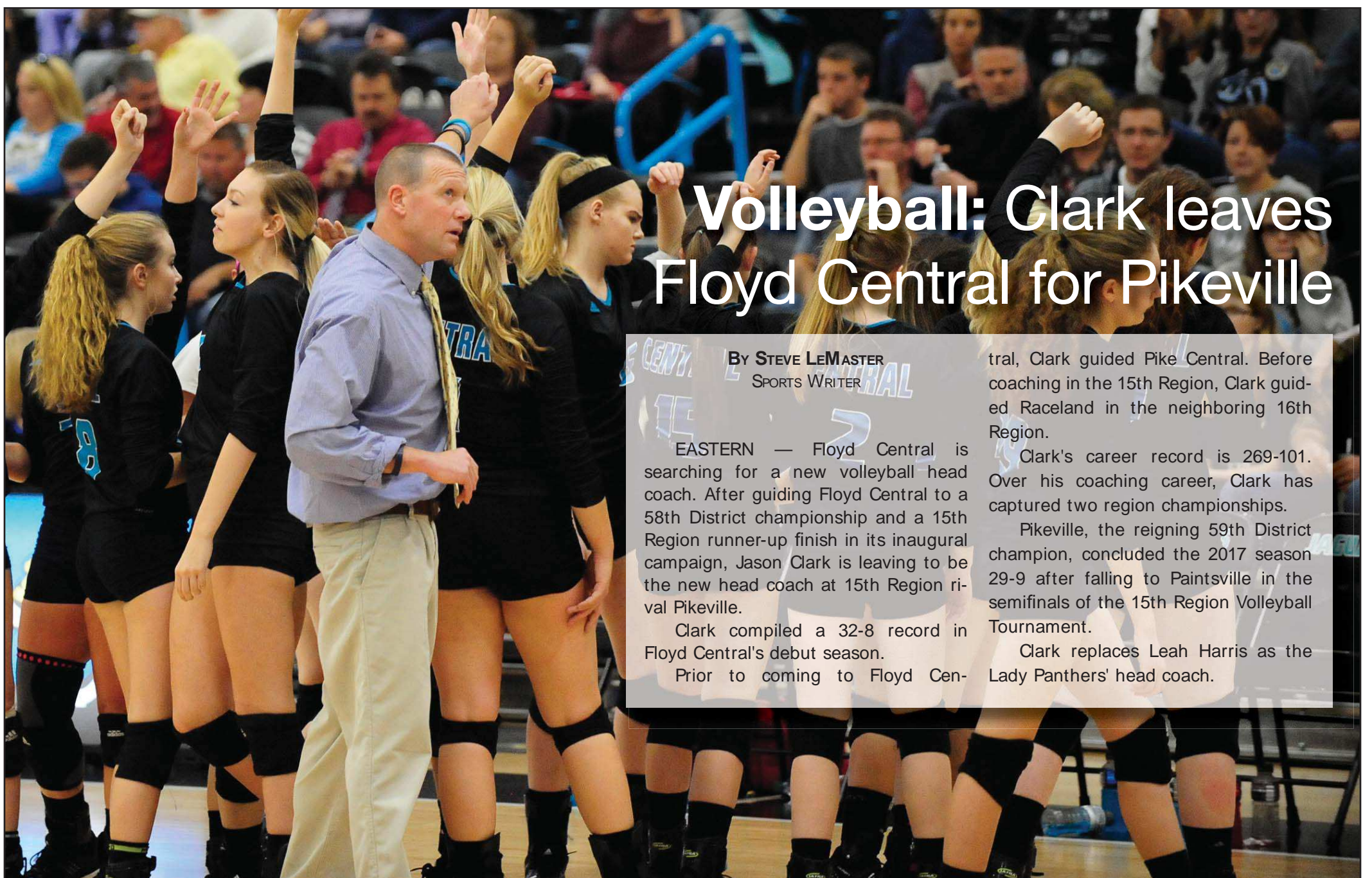
Betsy Layne moved out in front and never trailed again. Still, host

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Betsy Layne first baseman Kolby McGuire makes a play on a Floyd Central groundball during the first game of a 58th District baseball double-header on Wednesday.



## Volleyball: Clark leaves Floyd Central for Pikeville

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**EASTERN** — Floyd Central is searching for a new volleyball head coach. After guiding Floyd Central to a 58th District championship and a 15th Region runner-up finish in its inaugural campaign, Jason Clark is leaving to be the new head coach at 15th Region rival Pikeville.

Clark compiled a 32-8 record in Floyd Central's debut season.

Prior to coming to Floyd Cen-

tral, Clark guided Pike Central. Before coaching in the 15th Region, Clark guided Raceland in the neighboring 16th Region.

Clark's career record is 269-101. Over his coaching career, Clark has captured two region championships.

Pikeville, the reigning 59th District champion, concluded the 2017 season 29-9 after falling to Paintsville in the semifinals of the 15th Region Volleyball Tournament.

Clark replaces Leah Harris as the Lady Panthers' head coach.

# Tackett signs with Alice Lloyd College



photo courtesy of Floyd Central High School

Floyd Central senior JR Tackett signs with the Alice Lloyd College men's basketball program during a ceremony on Tuesday.

By **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central senior JR Tackett will be able to continue his education and basketball career close to home. On Tuesday, Tackett signed with nearby Alice Lloyd College.

Tackett was a long-

time leader for the South Floyd Raiders. He continued to lead the Floyd Central boys' basketball team during its debut season.

"JR had a solid career, scoring 1,989 points and having more than 500 rebounds and 500 assists," said Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock. "He was

also a five-year varsity starter and if not for an injury during his sophomore year he would have easily surpassed the 2,000 point mark. He played hard and wasn't afraid of competition. He worked hard in the off-season to get better. He has earned and deserves this opportunity to play

at the next level. I think ALC was a great choice for him."

As a senior, Tackett led Floyd Central to the 58th District championship and an appearance in the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. Tackett averaged 18.5 points per game and shot 51.1 percent from the

field for the Jaguars. In 31 games for Floyd Central, Tackett scored 572 points.

Tackett is the second Floyd Central boys' basketball player to sign with Alice Lloyd College. Earlier in the month, fellow senior Kyle Isaac signed with the Eagles.

Alice Lloyd competes

in the River States Conference. The Eagles, under the direction of veteran head coach JR Hammond, ended the 20172018 season 15-12 overall and 8-10 in the conference.



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Floyd Central pushed the Bobcats. Clinging to a 6-5 lead, Betsy Layne added an insurance run in the top half of the fifth inning.

Betsy Layne pitcher Conner Newsome earned the win. Newsome pitched three and two-thirds innings, allowing seven hits and five runs while striking out one. Byron Tackett threw three and a third innings in relief for the Bobcats. Tackett recorded the last 10 outs to earn the save.

Floyd Central pitcher Chase Conley took the loss. Conley worked six innings, allowing six hits and seven runs while striking out 10.

Chase Hamilton paced Betsy Layne at the plate, finishing three for four.

Brayden Hamilton, Brady Jones and Blake Slone led the Floyd Central offensive attack with two hits apiece.

Betsy Layne excelled in the field, turning in an error-free performance.

Floyd Central committed three errors in the short effort.

**Floyd Central 11,  
Betsy Layne 0  
(Five innings)**

Floyd Central pitchers Caleb Hager and Dawson Stephens combined to shut out Betsy Layne 11-0 in five innings in the nightcap of a 58th District baseball double-header on Tuesday night.

Hager and Stephens teamed up to throw a

one-hitter. Floyd Central out-hit district rival Betsy Layne 15-1 in a dominant performance.

Floyd Central set the tone early, scoring six runs in the top half of the opening inning. Hager, Stephens, Noah Marcum, Logan Conley and Chris Brown each recorded an RBI for Floyd Central during the first frame.

Working out of a starting role, Hager earned the win. Hager allowed no hits and no runs over two innings, striking out six and walking one. Stephens threw three innings in relief for the Jaguars. In a strong outing, Stephens recorded the last nine outs to earn the save.

Betsy Layne starter Zack Bentley took the loss. Bentley pitched one and one-third innings, allowing eight runs on nine hits and walking one.

Marcum, Brown, Cameron Nelson and Blake Slone each managed multiple hits for the Jaguars. Leading the Jaguars' offensive attack, Marcum, Nelson and Slone delivered three hits apiece. Marcum, Conley and Stephens notched two RBIs apiece for Floyd Central in the convincing victory.

Tyler Sanders collected Betsy Layne's lone hit. Sanders doubled for the Bobcats during the fourth inning.

Each 58th District baseball team committed one error.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 5-10 overall and 1-5 in the 58th District.

Betsy Layne dropped to 5-10 overall and 1-3 in the district with the loss.

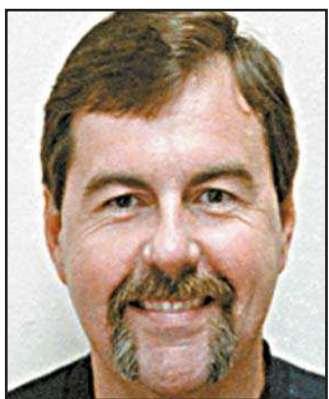


Floyd Central's Dawson Stephens slides back safely to first base during a 58th District game against Betsy Layne.



Betsy Layne third baseman Cameron Hughes delivers a throw to first base during the opening game of a 58th District baseball double-header at Floyd Central on Wednesday.

**Talladega's right place, wrong time**



**Racin'  
Steve Mickey**

After two consecutive weeks of short track racing at Bristol and Richmond, the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series will now roll into Talladega Speedway which just happens to be the longest track on the schedule. Talladega's giant 2.66 mile tri-oval with its huge banked corners is the recipe for not only speed but unfortunately large multi-car crashes that are so common they have their own name in "the big one".

Daytona International Speedway joins Talladega as the only tracks on the MENCs schedule that with its high banks and long straight-aways promotes speeds so high that NASCAR mandates the use of the horsepower robbing restrictor plates. The plates are intended to keep the lap speeds below the magical 200 mph mark.

The plates have done such a good job of keeping the speeds in the 190's mph, it has created its own set of problems. The better funded teams can go to many of the other tracks on the schedule

and have an advantage simply because they have more money and resources than the other teams but at Talladega and Daytona that is not the case.

It's all about the aero package that teams have with their cars because the restrictor plates under the hoods have made the teams very close to being equal as there is only so much speed that engineers and crew members can milk out of an engine. That is the reason why we see drivers that you just wouldn't expect to see in victory lane make a surprise appearance.

When the season opened up at Daytona in February with the Daytona 500 in the days leading up to the race there was no mention of race winner Austin Dillon as one of the favorites but like every other winner at either Daytona or Talladega this weekend it will be the driver that is in the right place at the right time that will take the checkered flag. All a driver wants to be is in contention for the win in the last couple of laps as things can change so quickly because of the draft that a driver can actually be in the right place but the wrong time because of the cars either in front of him or behind him in the closing laps.

That is why Kyle Busch who is coming off his third consecutive win last Saturday night at Richmond said, "It's easier to win the Power Ball than to win at Talladega." Busch has been the hottest driver on the circuit as his last three wins has

come from a combination of great pit stops, pit strategy and a skill level behind the wheel that can be argued as being one of if not the best in the sport. He will need all three this week to make it four wins in a row which is something that hasn't been done since Jimmie Johnson was able to string together four wins in 2007. Johnson's streak came during the play-off portion of the schedule when he took checkered flags at Martinsville, Atlanta, Texas and Phoenix.

Busch knows that Dillon's win was unexpected at Daytona and that the win was made possible because Dillon had his car in the right place at the right time in the closing laps and just to accomplish that he had to miss a couple of "big ones" earlier in the race. Busch also knows that Ricky Stenhouse Jr. won two of the restrictor plate races last season because he was also able to miss the "big ones" and be in the hunt as the final laps when off the board.

What Busch and every other driver that takes the green flag on Sunday doesn't know is just when will the "big one" take place. It's one of those deals where you might be in the right place at the wrong time or wrong place at the right time, but the truth is the huge multi-car wrecks happens to the lead cars as well as back in the pack. Four in a row would be in nice but just winning at Talladega stands by itself as one of the biggest accomplishments in the sport.



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**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Be honest about the way you feel and what you want to do. If you give in to someone with questionable motives, you will end up regretting it.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - Socialize, network and share your feelings and intentions. Going out with people you are close to will give you an opportunity to gather support to achieve a personal goal.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - Less talk, more action will be the way to go. Don't get into a scuffle with someone because he or she doesn't want to do things your way. Do your own thing and allow others the same leeway.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Express your thoughts to gain approval and pique someone's interest in you. Love is on the rise and romance in the stars.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Emotions will surface over matters concerning debt or health. Proceed with caution and don't leave yourself open to theft, disease or foolish financial decisions.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Domestic issues will lead to fraught encounters. Keep the peace by doing your best to get along with everyone. Compromise will be necessary if you want to avoid a tiff.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - It isn't likely that you will agree with everyone you deal with today. Diplomacy, charm and keeping

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by Eugenia Last



your opinions hidden for the time being will help you avoid discord.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Don't let the past come back to haunt you. Use your intelligence and keep your distance from people who have caused you grief or tend to argue with you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Sharing your emotions will not help you get ahead. Don't offer insight into what you are planning to do next. Listen and observe, but don't divulge information.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Talk contracts, negotiate deals and take care of personal finances and outstanding debts. Knowing where you stand will help you find a solution and ease stress.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Someone will take advantage of you if you can't say no. Don't let your emotions take control. Use your intellect and make suggestions that will result in greater equality.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Don't let anyone restrict you. Use your intelligence to outwit anyone trying to take credit for something you did. Fair is fair, and keeping things that way will require diplomacy.

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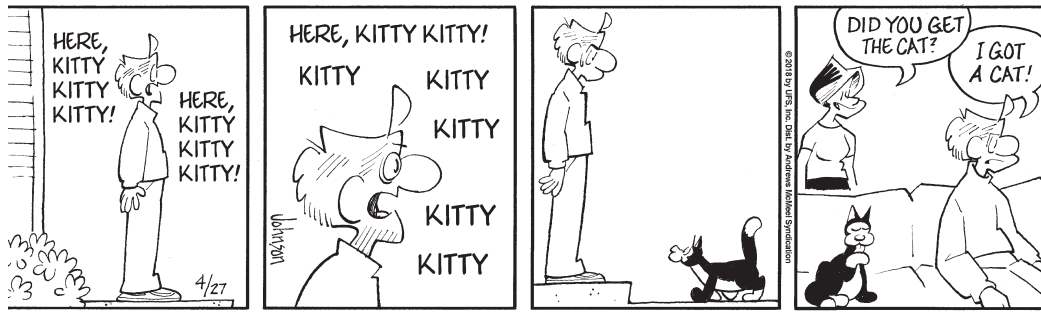
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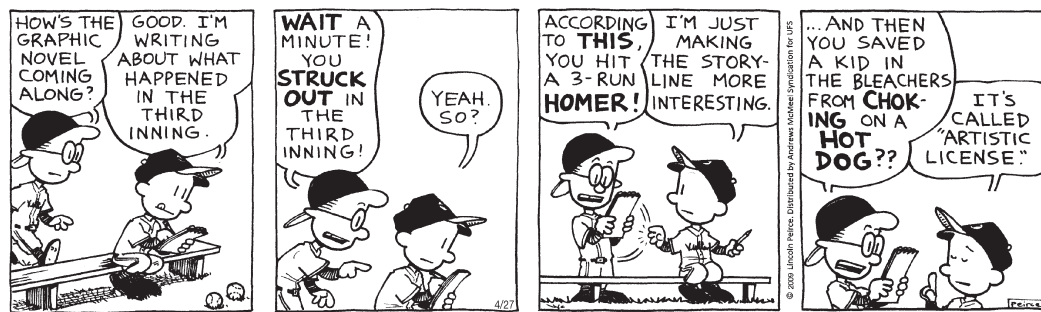
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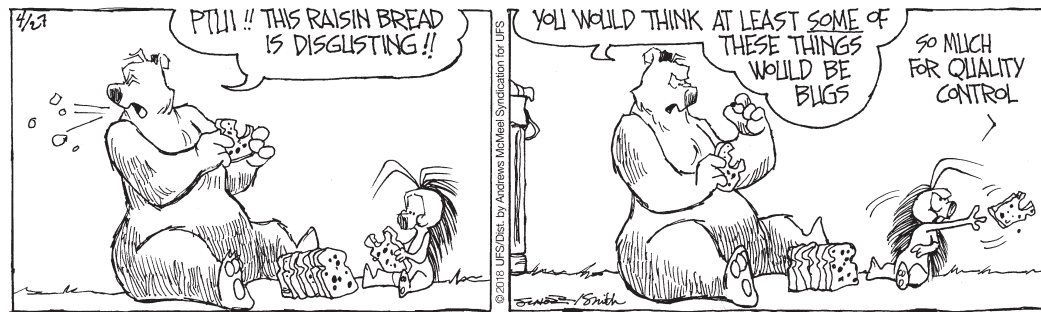
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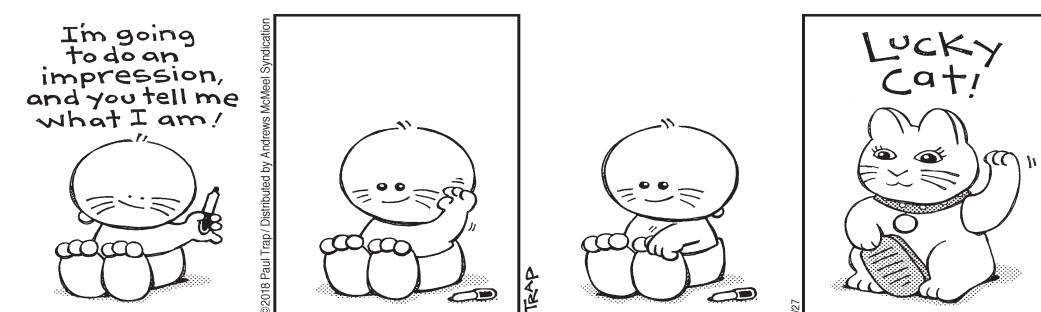
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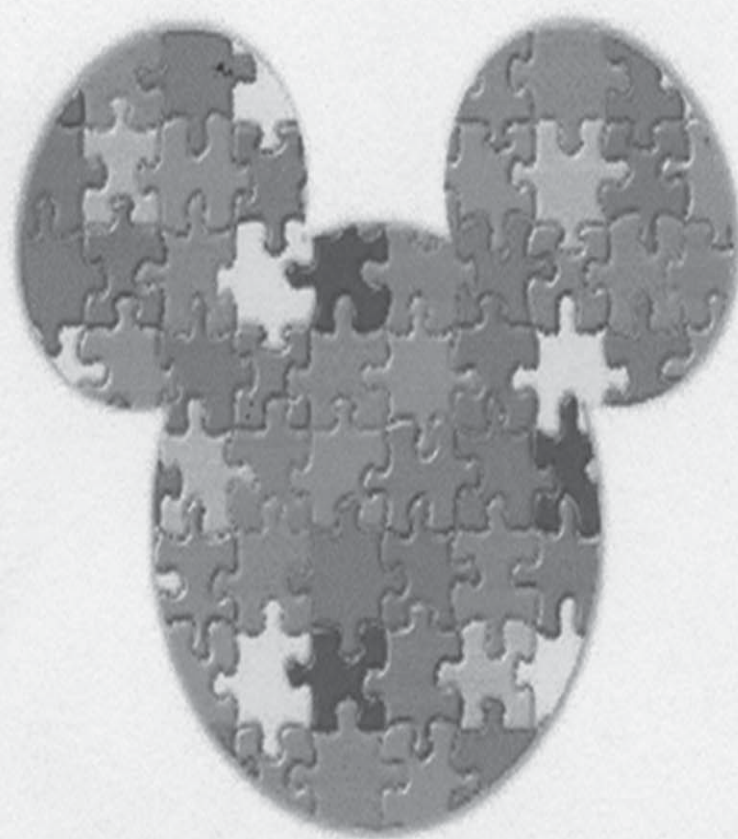
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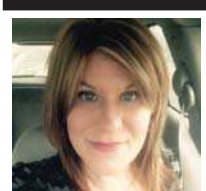
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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 1, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 15 of permit number 836-0444 which was last issued on December 14, 2017. Increment 1 covers an area of approximately 27.89 acres, Increment 4 covers an area of approximately 34.48 acres, Increment 7 covers an

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area of approximately 23.86 acres, Increment 8 covers an area of approximately 23.04 acres, Increment 9 covers an area of approximately 22.30 acres, Increment 10 covers an area of approximately 26.51 acres and Increment 15 covers an area of approximately 19.91 acres located 0.76 miles south of Printer in Floyd County, KY. The permit area is approximately 0.06 miles west from the junction of KY Rt. 122 and Akers Branch Road and located in the 0.85 miles northwest of Akers Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$114,400. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$114,400 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 4 is a surety bond in the amount of \$139,700. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$139,700 is included in this application for release. The bond now in effect for Increment 7 is a surety bond in the amount of \$111,400. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$111,400 is included in this application for release.

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment 3 of permit number 836-0446 which was last issued on May 1, 2017. Increment 3 covers an area of approximately 42.64 acres located 3.0 miles Southeast of Printer in Floyd County, KY. The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles Southeast from State Route 2030's junction with State Route 122 and located 0.1 miles west of the Spurlock Creek. The bond now in effect for Increment 3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$165,200. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$165,200 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 3 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Summer of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas.



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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment 8 of permit number **836-0448** which was last issued on December 12, 2017. Increment 8 covers an area of approximately 20.82 acres located 2.0 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County, KY. The permit area is approximately 0.45 miles east from KY Route 2030's junction with County Road 1142 and located 0.01 miles east of the Gunstock Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment 8 is a surety bond in the amount of \$86,400. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$86,400 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 8 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Summer of 2017. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by June 18, 2018. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by June 18, 2018.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5341-Renewal No. 5**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, 81 Enterprise Drive, Deborn, Kentucky 41214 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.7 miles south of Odds in Johnson, Floyd and Martin Counties. The operation will disturb 42.50 surface acres and will underlie an additional 123.00 acres for a total of 165.50 acres. The operation is approximately 2.70 miles southwest from Daniel's Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 3 and located 0.1 miles south of Dick's Creek. The nearest stream is Dick's Creek. The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. 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, Suite 6, 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.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5634-Renewal No. 2**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Southeastern Land, LLC, Box 190, Route 292, Lovely, Kentucky 41231 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.0 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.75 surface acres and will underlie 935.0 acres and the total within the permit boundary will be 943.70 acres. The operation is located 2.0 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The operation is located 0.5 mile west of KY 1929's junction with Neds Fork Road and located just west of Frasure Creek. The operation 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

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**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment 1 of permit number **836-5658** which was last issued on March 2, 2017. Increment 1 covers an area of approximately 14.97 acres located 2.0 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County, Kentucky. The permit area is approximately 1.36 miles southwest from KY Route 122's junction with KY Route 2030 and located 0.57 miles southwest of Left Beaver Creek. The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$75,000. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount

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\$75,000 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 1 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall of 2016. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by June 18, 2018. A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the

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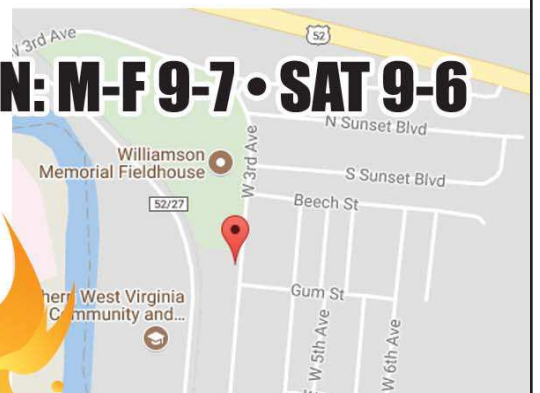
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