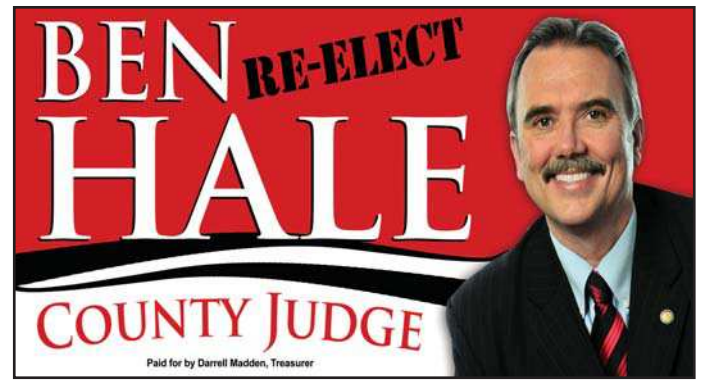




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## Economy is 'booming,' Rogers says

Congressman praises tax reform, cites need to cut entitlements, complains about Mountain Parkway, broadband progress in Prestonsburg

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers discussed a myriad of topics during a visit to the Big Sandy Area Development District in Prestonsburg this week.

It was part of a regional tour, during which Rogers made stops in Magoffin, Floyd and Johnson counties on Monday.

City mayors from Prestonsburg, Wayland, Pikeville, Coal Run, Elkhorn City and Paintsville, Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale, Sen. Johnny Ray Turner and representatives Larry Brown, John Blanton and Angie Hatton joined other community leaders in welcoming Rogers with a stand-

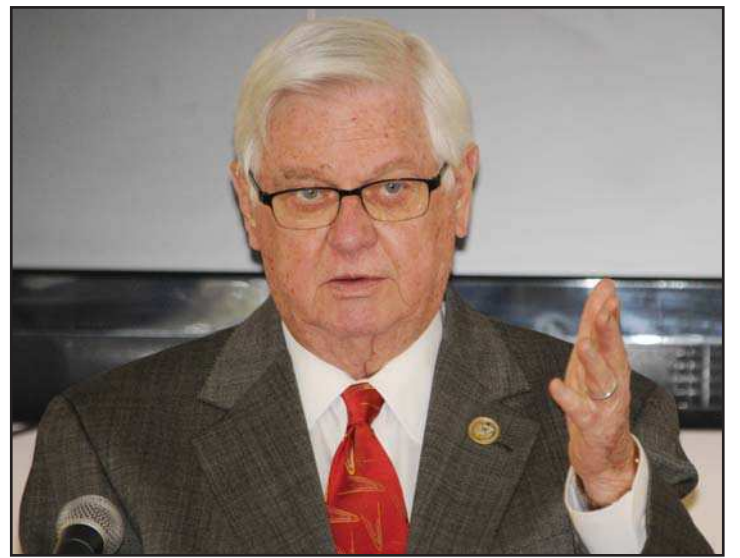
ing ovation.

He talked for about 30 minutes, covering numerous topics, including the presentation of a Bronze Star to 99-year-old World War II veteran Albert Patrick in Magoffin County and appearances planned in Paintsville later that day.

Talking about work which has been undertaken recently in congress, he joked about Kentucky's most recent legislative session.

"I also want to give you a little update about what we're doing across the region, and what's going on, somewhat, in Washington," he said. "You may not want to hear a lot of this, but John (Blanton) I think, maybe Frankfort sort of beat us out of

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
US Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers speaks to local officials and legislators during a visit to the Big Sandy Area Development District in Prestonsburg on April 30.

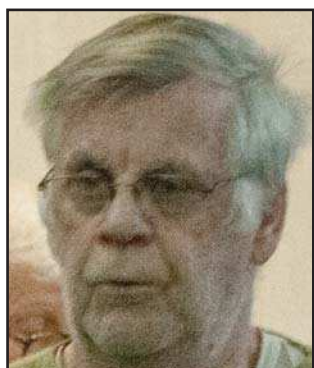
## Elderly man sentenced to 10 years for meth

Hunt: Shepherd's drug activity was 'pure thorn' to community

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES  
STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith sentenced an elderly Floyd County man to 10 years last week for meth manufacturing and drug possession charges.

Martin Shepherd, 72, of David, pleaded guilty in March to one count of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine and one count of possession of a controlled substance — a charge that was amended from a



Martin Shepherd

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## Jordan's light is still glowing

Foundation has expanded over the past eight years

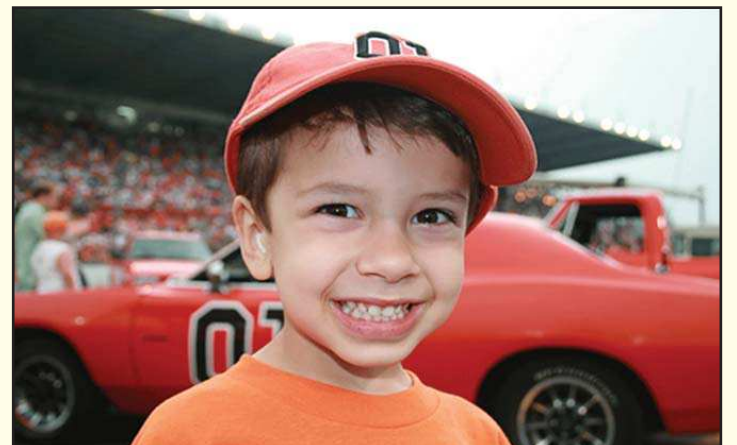
By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

When Tina and Sam Hughes launched the Jordan Light Foundation with donations given during their son's funeral in 2010, they had no idea that it would become what it is today.

Their son, Samuel Jordan Hughes, 7, was "excited" about their ideas for this foundation while he battled a rare form of brain cancer.

"I guess I really thought that it would probably go for just a few years and then

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Submitted photo

Samuel Jordan Hughes, 7, died in 2010. He was diagnosed with an ependymoma, a type of brain tumor, when he was 19 months old, and he and his family traveled all over the country for medical care. His parents started the Jordan Light Foundation to help other families struggling with medical crises.

## BOE interviews candidates behind locked doors

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education interviewed three people for the district's top job behind locked doors at Floyd Central High School on April 28.

The rare, special-called Saturday meeting was announced, as Kentucky open meeting laws requires, with a 24-hour ad-

vanced notice, but it was conducted in the office of Floyd Central Principal Greta Thornsberry, with only two chairs available for the public. One of those chairs was used by Board Attorney Jonathan Shaw, who sat in on the interviews.

No community members attended the special-called meeting, and board members suggested that the board secretary

and members of the media leave the building and return several hours later after the closed session interviews ended.

If members of the public did wish to attend the meeting, however, three locked doors stood between their entry and the entry to a corridor that leads to the principal's office, where the meeting took place. The front doors of the building

were locked, and the door to the school's front office was locked, as well as a door to the corridor that leads to Thornsberry's office.

Board Chair Sherry Robinson said an alarm would sound if any door was propped open for more than 30 seconds — which did happen when one

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## Hammertowne plays at Gearheart Auditorium



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Cody Davis  
Hammertowne, an award-winning Bluegrass group, performed at Gearheart Auditorium on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg Friday. The event, which was co-sponsored by Prestonsburg Tourism, featured attendees from the season's first motor-coach pool.

## Marshall Tucker Band to perform at MAC

By **CODY DAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Marshall Tucker Band is scheduled to perform at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg shortly before being scheduled to go on tour with Lynard Skynard.

"I think it's been 10 to 12 years since they've been here. This is their 45th anniversary tour so we're really excited to be a part of that tour," said MAC Programming Director Joe Campbell.

The Marshall Tucker band is known for songs such as "Can't You See?" and "Take The Highway," according to a statement released by the MAC.

Campbell said tickets for the event

are currently selling well, and he expects the show to sell out.

"The cool thing is the opening act is a band called Little Feather, and the lead singer, she's originally from Pike County," said Campbell.

Campbell said the lead singer of Little Feather, Liz Sharp, has been traveling around the world and is currently working out of Nashville.

According to Campbell, Sharp is also the cousin of renowned singer Patty Loveless.

Tickets for the event start at \$34.

According to Campbell, to purchase tickets, visit, [www.macarts.com](http://www.macarts.com).

The concert is currently scheduled to take place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 19.

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it would die down, and it's not been that at all," Tina Hughes said. "The community, it's just been overwhelming, the support of the community really has been. And here we are, eight years later, still growing strong and branching. It's just been a wonderful blessing."

The Jordan Light Foundation is based in Martin, but it helps children and families all over the country. These kids are battling significant health problems and are getting treatment at children's hospitals in at least 12 states.

Tina and Sam Hughes talked about creating this foundation because they traveled all over the country while Jordan battled cancer, and they realized how difficult that travel is for families.

After its launch in 2010, the foundation helped about seven to 10 families each month. That number has grown to at least 25 kids each month, Tina Hughes said.

"We're nationwide,

our mission is, but we're covering about 12 state consistently," she said.

Clients seek support directly from the foundation's website, and social workers from children's hospitals also refer children and their families for help.

"We help primarily with travel, food and lodging," Hughes said. "Travel, meaning if they need to fly. We have flown people to Washington, to Texas, to Boston. We do assist with things like rent, mortgage, utilities and other things. We've fixed cars, just whatever we need to do to help them."

She said 80 to 85 percent of the families helped by the foundation are two-person, working families and one of the parents can no longer work because of a child's illness. Last month, the foundation paid rent and car insurance for a family whose son has been diagnosed, for the second time, with a type of lymphoma.

The foundation has also branched out to offer a bereavement program for families that have lost children, it offers a puppet ministry and it partners with Judi's Place for Kids, which offers a Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program for abused children.

"It is bittersweet," Hughes said. "Emotionally, it can get hard, at times, just because you're dealing with people's journeys with sick children all of the time. But, we all have a journey and I think through

the journey that we travel, then we all are commissioned to do good through that."

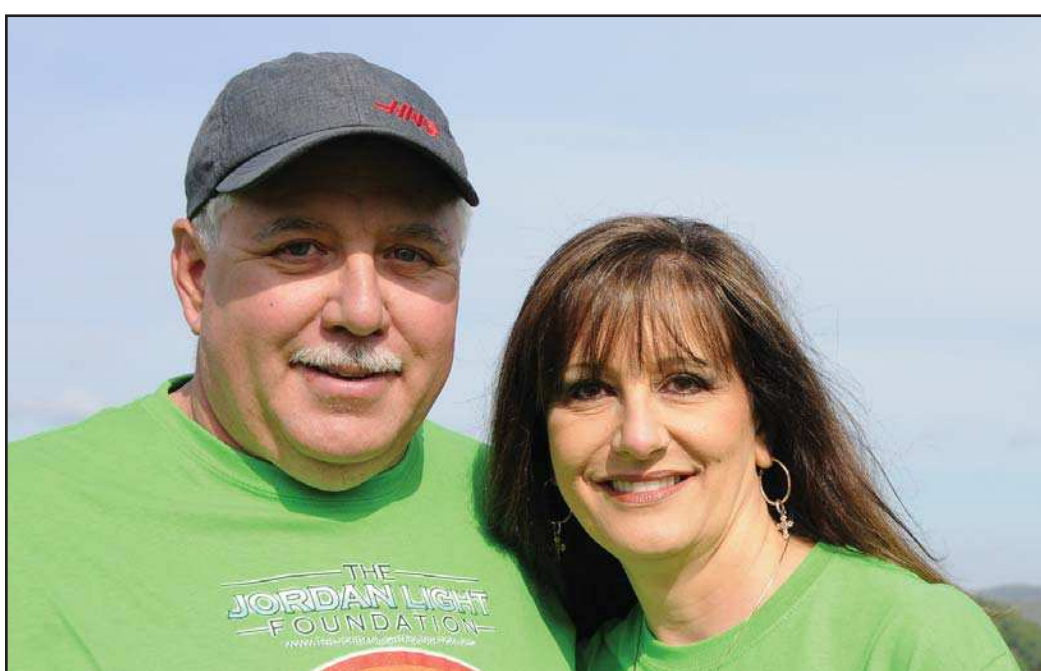
She also said, "This didn't start because of Jordan's death. We started it because of what we saw through the journey, staying the Ronald McDonald Houses and the hardship that brought the families. And that's why we started it, because of the hardships of the families and what we experienced and what we saw. That's where the passion, the drive, is, and that's why we do what we do."

She said Jordan would be happy to see how it all turned out.

"I think he's shining down," she said. "I think he sends love letters. I think at every event, they'll be some special love letter that I'll get. I know he knew that we were going to start this, because we talked about it. We didn't know he wouldn't be here, but we talked about it two years before his passing. So, I know that it made him smile. I know he was excited that we were going to be able to help other children."

She said there's nothing like helping these families in their time of need.

She talked about several families the foundation has helped, including one mother who wrote to thank them because the foundation helped her spend evenings at home with one child and allowed her to drop that child off at school and travel daily for two hours to be with her other child



Submitted photo

Sam and Tina Hughes founded the Jordan Light Foundation in honor of their son, Samuel Jordan Hughes, who died at the age of 7 in 2010. The foundation helps families and children all over the country who are facing a medical crisis.

in the hospital.

"That was powerful," Hughes said. "That's why we do what we do. It's just an awesome thing."

Tina Hughes volunteers full-time as president of the Jordan Light Foundation. Her husband, president of JStrong Industries, named after Jordan, ATV Direct and Ride Direct, also volunteers as vice president. Every person involved is a volunteer, and all donations go to helping the families served by the foundation.

About 25 Jordan Light Foundation volunteers helped with the organization's fourth annual golf classic, held at Stonecrest Golf Course on April 27, and 22 teams from throughout the region participated, representing numerous businesses, including event sponsor Mann Toyota. The course was lined with photos of Jordan and children who have been helped by the foundation.

This event, which featured music by Johnson County resident Marlane Vanhooze, and the presentation of colors by Floyd Central High School JROTC members Casey Tussey, Christian Sparkman, Kameron Ritchie, Whitney Hancock and Josh Mullins and JROTC

1st. Sgt. Brendon Ritchie, raised funds and offered prizes for winners. Photographer Allen Bolling volunteered to take photos, Morehead House of Prayer brought homemade desserts for lunch and there were 89 hole sponsors.

Hughes told them about the foundation and its mission, telling them that she and her husband traveled from the east coast to the west coast for Jordan's medical care.

"So, about the fifth year into that journey, we kind of looked at each other and said, you know, I think there is something we can do," Hughes told guests at the tournament. "Because what we saw, guys, was, we were fortunate because we were able to stay together with our child. But that is not the norm. The norm is a two-person working family, and one person can't work anymore because of the illness of that child, and bills have to be paid."

She said the foundation's goals is to "get that family to wherever the best healthcare is for that child."

Emerald Energy of Prestonsburg won first place at the at the Jordan Light Foundation golf classic. The award for "Most Honest Team"

went to Morehead House of Prayer and awards were also given for longest putt and longest drive.

Emerald Energy of Prestonsburg won first place at the at the Jordan Light Foundation golf classic. The award for "Most Honest Team" went to Morehead House of Prayer. Steve Trivette earned the longest putt award. Ralph Scott earned the longest drive award. Senator Johnny Ray Turner earned the award for closest to the pin.

Prizes included plaques, a television provided by a donation from Walmart, a putter, a University of Kentucky golf bag, a wellness certificate from Highlands Physical Therapy and rounds of golf and certificates from Stonecrest.

The foundation will host its annual Rainbow Run in September and its charity dinner in October. It offers several partnership programs for businesses and individuals that would like to donate, as well as a text to give program at, (606) 226-2221. For more information, visit the foundation's Facebook page or, [thejordanlightfoundation.org](http://thejordanlightfoundation.org).

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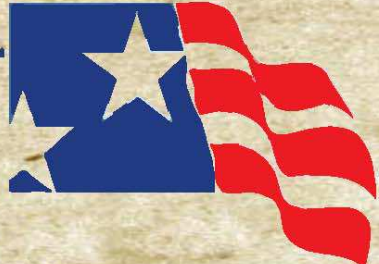
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# Floyd man killed in bulldozer incident

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES  
STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man died in a bulldozer incident over the weekend.

Clyde Boyd, 61, of Banner, was killed when the bulldozer he was operating overturned while he was operating it on an embankment, Kentucky State Police reported in a press release. The incident was reported at 1:07 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, on Little Mud Creek.

Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department Chief Eddie Clark said Boyd's death has devastated the community. He worked with Rising Sun and owned Boyd Construction and was well-known in that area of Floyd County.

"He was a real fine gentleman," Clark said. "It surprised me when I heard about it, as much as he did that kind of work. He's done it all of his life. Everybody in this area, the Betsy Layne area, knew him. It just devastated everybody when they found out who it was."

The Betsy Layne VFD, Trans-Star Ambulance and the Floyd Coun-

ty Emergency & Rescue Squad were called to the scene, along with the KSP.

Clark said the only access to the area where the bulldozer overturned was a small road that went up a steep hillside. Only the rescue squad could access the area, he said.

Rescue Squad Co-Captain John Hunt said the dozer overturned on hillside located off a former coal haul road approximately two miles up Morgan Fork on Little Mud Creek. The rescue squad brought ATVs and its technical vehicle to the scene, he said, and it took about an hour to bring Boyd's body up the embankment, then back down the hillside to the main road.

"We went up to assist the coroner with bringing the body back up over the embankment to the top of the hill to the coroner, and then we brought him down off the haul road with the coroner to the coroner's vehicle," Hunt said.

Floyd County Deputy Coroner Emery Chuck Hall pronounced Boyd dead at the scene.

KSP Trooper Blake Frasure is overseeing the investigation.

## DACE student will travel to Washington, D.C. this summer

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CHRONICLE AND TIMES

A Duff-Allen Central Middle School student is traveling to Washington, D.C. to take part in a competitive leadership development program.

DACE middle school student Emily R. Johnson was nominated by a seventh-grade teacher to attend the Envision Jr. National Young Leadership Conference this summer in Washington, D.C.

In addition to participating in the Kentucky Youth Assembly and the Student Technology Leadership Program, Emily is also a member of band, peer tutoring and Beta Club. She also plays basketball and softball.

"With dreams of

becoming a cardiologist, Emily is looking forward to the opportunity of participating in a program that will develop her as a stronger leader," a press release announcing her nomination said.

The conference allows students to "explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom."

"Envision Jr. National Young Leadership Conference is a great opportunity for high-achieving scholars to get outside the classroom and see, through hands-on interactive learning, how to innovate and think creatively," said Envision Chief Academic Officer Andrew Potter said in the press release. "These students,

who have already prov-



Emily R. Johnson

en themselves academically, will be challenged to work on real-world, student-created projects to bring their studies and career interests to life."

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# Turner recommends 10 year sentence for drug trafficker connected to federal case

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

A man who is already serving time in federal prison for drug-related crimes pleaded guilty to similar charges in Floyd Circuit Court last week.

Scott D. Tackett, 41, of Melvin, pleaded guilty on April 26 to three enhanced drug trafficking charges in the first-, second- and third-degree, and for possessing a handgun as a convicted felon.

His plea came alongside a recommendation from the Commonwealth's Attorney's office that he be sentenced to 10 years. Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith scheduled Tackett's sentencing for May 24 at 1 p.m.

He was arrested by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in July 2016, after deputies discovered 2,000 pills, cocaine, 80 Subzone strips and more than \$10,000 in cash in his vehicle, parked near Hall's Community Market at the Wheelwright Junction.

The sheriff's department and Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner cooperated with federal authorities in this case.

Tackett pleaded guilty in the federal court last August, and was sentenced to five years and six months in federal prison, with six years of supervised probation after his released. In that case, he and his girlfriend Alyssa Isaac, her mother, Karen Isaac, and father, Jeffrey Isaac, faced numerous charges for drug

trafficking that occurred at their residence.

Appalachian Newspapers previously reported that controlled drug purchases were made from both Karen and Alyssa Isaac before US Marshals sought and executed a search warrant at their residence. Law enforcement officials recovered more than 1,500 prescription pills at the residence, including Neurontin, Xanax, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, methadone, morphine, Suboxone and Subutex, the newspaper reported.

In pleading guilty in federal court to his role in that case, Tackett also admitted that he possessed more than 2,000 pills during the Floyd County Sheriff Department's search in Wheelwright on July 21, 2016.

Turner said Tackett claimed that the items found in his vehicle at the Wheelwright intersection belonged to Jeffrey Isaac.

"The feds had already searched his home and thought they found it all," Turner said. "After he was arrested, he told Scotty Tackett where to get it."

He said Tackett claimed to have retrieved the drugs and cash from underneath Isaac's home.

Tackett was scheduled to plead guilty in Floyd County in March, but the hearing was postponed because of the federal case against him.

If the 10-year sentence recommendation is finalized, Tackett likely won't spend any additional time in jail. Turner said he is required to serve at

least 20 percent, or two years, of his 10-year-sentence before he is eligible for parole, and he will not be eligible for parole on the federal charges, for which he is serving five years and six months.

Turner, however, is satisfied with the outcome of this case because it will help local authorities continue drug investigations.

"We're glad he got federal time, too, because he'll have to serve more time with that than what we're able to get under Kentucky law," Turner said. "And it's a big help to the sheriff's office here to be able to get that amount of cash that was seized. That's the money that's used to fund our drug investigations."

Sheriff John Hunt

said he often uses his own money to fund undercover drug purchases. His office is not permitted to use taxpayer funds for illegal drug purchases required for investigations. When cash and other items are seized, the proceeds provides funds the sheriff's department can use to purchase illegal drugs from suspected criminals.

In this case, \$10,000 cash, a pistol and two shotguns and Tackett's car, a Jaguar, was seized.

Turner said one of Tackett's family members reached out to his office recently, claiming that car was not owned by Tackett, so it's possible that car will be returned to that owner.

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# Porter leaves Martin as project manager, gives update on Martin project

By **CODY DAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

During the most recent meeting of the Martin City Council, Steven Porter, project manager with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, updated the council on water testing performed by the corps while also informing the council of his last day working on the project.

According to Porter, his last day working with the City of Martin as a project manager will be May 11.

"But, I'll still provide support through the end of next month," said Porter.

Porter said he will be on site to help with site visits with contractors regarding the road construction, but after that he will be replaced by Capt. Eric McKinney.

"We had our monthly meeting at the Corps yesterday, and he sat in on that. So, he's getting up to speed on everything going on," said Porter.

Porter also informed the council during the meeting of recent testing performed by the corps on Martin's water.

"We did another test, two

weeks ago now, and it was better," said Porter. "We did something a little bit different this time, we tested the first hydrant this side of Bucks Branch, and then we tested up here."

Porter said that the Corps of Engineers needed the city to have readings of 48 PSI, 580 gallons per minute and a residual pressure reading of 23.3.

But, according to Porter, the city only was able to show a 64 PSI, 444 gallons per minute and a residual pressure reading of 12.

Porter said that the corps would like to find maps or schematics of the water system, because officials believe there may be a restriction or unopened valve.

According to Martin Mayor Samuel Howell, he had once possessed the maps that Porter wants, but over time and with staffing changes he said they were lost.

"We know we're still going to have to work with Prestonsburg to upgrade the valves," said Porter.

Howell said, "I can't sit and tell you that might not be possible, I mean."

Porter said that the city is running out of options regarding things they could do to improve the water readings, and the corps may have to look at performing an isolation test which would cut water off from parts of town for a few hours.

Although, according to some members of the council, the low water readings may be the result of a hydrant that leaked throughout the winter.

"We had a hydrant leaking down in Craigford Bottom," said Howell. "It's been leaking for awhile. It got winter time and we didn't get down there to mess with it."

Howell said during the meeting that the hydrant had only been fixed a week prior.

"I don't know how much it'll up that, but it may help," Howell said.

Pending good results from water tests, Porter also said that the school is nearing completion.

According to Porter, the contract for the building is approximately 80 percent complete, with an expected completion date for construction in June.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 2; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- May 2; 1 p.m.: Story Time, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860
- May 3; 4:30 p.m.: Appalachian Hospice Care hosts free grief support group meetings, 1520 Ky. Rt. 1428 in Hager Hill and 1414 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville. (606) 789-3841
- May 4; 6 p.m.: Floyd CEC Annual Recognition Banquet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- 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: Sugarcamp 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](http://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](http://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.

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superintendent candidate wanted to read a meeting agenda posted on another interior door. Robinson said officials forgot to have the school's alarm system turned off for the meeting.

When asked how the locked doors and the absence of a special meeting notice on the front of the building were not in violation of open meetings laws, Shaw pointed to an agenda taped to an interior door near the front office. Other documents were also hanging there.

"I guess they just put it in the wrong place," he said.

He and board members had to leave the principal's office, walk down the corridor, through the front office and to the school entrance to let candidates inside the school for their interviews. They used keys to open each of these doors as they guided applicants back into the principal's office.

The meeting started at 9 a.m. and closed-session interviews began within a few minutes. At 10:16 a.m., the lights in the corridor and reception area turned off—part of the school's energy efficiency system. As interviews were being conducted, those lights automatically turned off every 30 minutes or so, and turned back on when board members and candidates walked through.

Each interview lasted between 1.5 and two hours, and board members ended the meeting after seven hours, decid-

ing to take no action. A special meeting was set for after presstime Tuesday.

Answering questions about having the meeting in a locked facility, Robinson said, "Well, we apologize for the locked door, but I stood out there to make sure that nobody else was coming in. During the executive session, nobody could come in any way. So, when we came out of executive session, I went out and made sure that nobody else was out there, and so, therefore, it was just convenient. We thought it'd be a nice place to have it. The fact that we permanently could not unlock the door did not factor into that. So, the next special-called meeting that we have like this, will be somewhere where we can put a rock in the door without an alarm going off."

The board secretary left shortly after the closed session began at 9 a.m. on Saturday. She returned, as instructed, around 2 p.m. and sat in her car outside the school until 2:30 p.m. She left and returned again, at around 3 p.m., and sat in her car until about 4 p.m. so she could be let back into the building.

Answer questions about why the board called the meeting for a Saturday, Robinson said the board preferred doing all interviews in the same day instead of spreading them out over several meetings.

Robinson said, "Having it on a Saturday was just for the fact that none of us work on Saturdays and that it wouldn't be so late. If we started at



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
**Floyd County Board of Education members William "Junior" Newsome, Dr. Chandra Varia, Sherry Robinson, Linda Gearheart and Rhonda Meade open a special-called meeting on Saturday, April 28, in the principal's office at Floyd Central High School. Two seats were available for the public in this room, and one of them was occupied by the board attorney Jonathan Shaw. All doors to the facility were locked.**

6 o'clock at night, we'd possibly be doing it until midnight, trying to get three interviewed in. It's just on a Saturday, it's wham, bam, done."

### The candidates

Tonya Williams, chief academic officer for the district, was the first candidate to be interviewed.

She served as principal of May Valley Elementary for years before transferring to the central office as lead director of district-wide services in 2012.

She has worked in Floyd County for 26 years, starting out as the guidance counselor at May Valley in 1997, and becoming the assistant principal there that year. She maintained that role until 2006 when she became principal of the school, and soon thereafter, May Valley rose to the top, statewide, on its assessment scores. May Valley became the highest-scoring school in Kentucky under her tenure as principal, and it has kept its status as a top 10 school ever since.

Williams said she is excited to have been chosen from 12 candidates for an interview, saying that "being considered for the position, that's an honor in itself."

She said she wanted to seek the superintendent's position because she is "passionate" about the school district and this community.

"This is my home," she said, pointing out she's a life-long Floyd County resident. "It's in my heart and I'm very passionate about our district and our community ... I'm very passionate about seeing the kids in our community succeed."

Danny Adkins, the director of personnel for the Pike County Schools District, was the second candidate to be interviewed. Adkins has a 24-year-career in education and said he's excited for the opportunity to work in Floyd County. He worked his way up the ladder in that school district, teaching students and driving a school bus for 17 years, coaching and fulfilling other roles.

"I'm just excited for this opportunity," he said. "Floyd County is a great school district. It's a great opportunity."

The final candidate to be interviewed was Anna Shepherd, who has served as the school district's early childhood development program director for the past seven years. Shepherd has worked in education for 26 years, and has spent all but three of them working directly in Floyd County.

She taught for 12 years at Prestonsburg and May Valley elementary school and, from there, worked three years as a curriculum coordinator at the former Allen Central High School. After that, Shepherd signed an agreement with the school district to work for three years as a highly skilled educator with the Kentucky Department for Education, and she served students in Martin, Lawrence, Knott, and Elliott counties during that program. She then returned to Floyd County and worked temporarily

as an achievement gap coach at Betsy Layne and the former South Floyd high schools before being hired seven years ago as the early childhood development program director.

Shepherd obtained certification to become a superintendent in 2008, but she said she did not want to apply for that role outside of Floyd County.

"This is my county," she said. "My daughter was raised here and she was educated here, K through 12th grade. I just want the same thing for every child in this county that I want for my own child ... The kids I taught, they mean something to me, they're in my heart. I never applied anywhere else because I want to work here."

Robinson said all three candidates are "very qualified" to be Floyd County's new superintendent.

"All three are very qualified candidates, that's what makes the decision so hard," she said.



## EDITORIAL:

### Locked-door meeting shameful, inconvenient

We regretfully had to report this week that the Floyd County Board of Education interviewed three candidates for its top job behind not one, not two, but three locked doors at Floyd Central on Saturday, and that is an absolute shame.

It's a shame because the public is supposed to feel welcome to attend public meetings, and locked doors certainly are not welcoming.

We understand that the board is acting properly in conducting the interviews and discussing the personnel matter behind closed doors but have grave concerns about the process of choosing Floyd's next superintendent.

In open meeting decisions that have been issued over the years, the Kentucky Attorney General's Office has given local governments and school boards great latitude in setting the times for public meetings. That's because, all said and done, there really is no perfect time to hold any meeting. Meetings will always coincide with

something else that members of the public have going on in their lives.

That office, however, has repeatedly issued opinions about the need for public agencies to host public meetings in areas that are convenient to the public.

In a 2002 decision, the office cited one court opinion to address the need for conveniently-located meetings, stating, "Well before the Open Meetings Act was enacted, Kentucky's courts recognized that the proper place for a public meeting 'must not only be one to which the public is generally invited and may freely attend, but it must also be a place from which no part of the citizens are expressly excluded or who may be excluded by reason of not feeling they may freely attend.' City of Lexington et al. v. Davis et al., 310 Ky. 751, 754, 221 S.W.2d 659 (1949)."

There's nothing about a locked door that would make the public feel as though they could freely attend this very important meeting of the Floyd

County Board of Education.

Other than the media, no community members came to the school board's special-called meeting on Saturday. If members of the public did attend, however, three locked doors stood between their entry and the entry to a corridor that leads to the principal's office, where the meeting/interviews took place. The front doors of the building were locked, and the door to the school's front office was locked, as well as a door to the corridor that leads to principal's office.

Board officials had to physically unlock three doors every time they went outside to get a candidate and bring them into the principal's office for interviews.

What does it say about the school district when one of its candidates for superintendent arrives for an interview and has to walk around the building to get somebody's attention so he can get into the building?

What does it say about the school district when a candidate accidentally

sets off a school alarm because he held open a door for more than 30 seconds to read a meeting agenda that was taped to an adjacent door?

BOE Chair Sherry Robinson said officials forgot to have the school's alarm system turned off for the meeting, but they were there for seven hours and the alarm wasn't turned off.

She has repeatedly talked about how this decision to hire a new superintendent is the toughest job school board members have to do. We have no doubt she is correct, as questions asked and information exchanged behind those locked doors on Saturday will lead to the hiring of an educator who will oversee the Floyd County School District, supposedly, for years to come.

It's a shame that a public meeting of such importance was so unwelcoming and inconvenient.

## GUEST EDITORIAL:

### United we stand ... Divided, our state is falling victim to a lack of unity, lack of willingness to compromise

Uncertainty is never a good thing. And that's especially true when it comes to essential services provided by government bodies such as schools.

Reliability is not just expected, but necessary, to ensure the proper operation of these kinds of agencies.

However, what we've seen in the days and weeks since legislative actions led to teacher walkouts and protests is a level of distrust and unease which is neither healthy nor conducive to the operations of our schools.

But, we're reaping what's been sewn.

After all, as we've pointed out, the legislation which has raised the ire of teachers and

other public employees was passed under less-than-transparent circumstances, without the benefit of legislators listening to the voices of those most heavily-impacted.

And, while arguments can, and will, continue over whether the action the legislature took was proper, especially considering the litigation which will likely tie this matter up for some time, there's a pressing matter at hand that must be resolved — the need for a change in the way the government and public employees are dealing with each other.

Whether it was the correct method of fixing the state's pension problems aside, the way the state went about passing the measure — at the

last minute of a budget session, with little to no discussion or time to review the plan — was not right.

Then, Gov. Matt Bevin's inflammatory, and highly unnecessary comments about the possibility of children being harmed or sexually assaulted because of the closure of schools set a definite highlight on the dysfunctional nature of the relationship between government and public workers, particularly teachers.

These issues must be ironed out, because there is no winner when two bodies such as this set themselves at odds. Regardless of the outcome of the legal challenges against the pension plan, either it or an alternative

will be implemented at some point in the near future.

That process of implementation, or even resolution, can either result in a wedge being further driven in, dividing the two sides, or it can be the first (or next) step in a healing process which ultimately results in a stronger Kentucky, a Kentucky more ready to lead into the future.

And the inspiration, the call to arms on this is emblazoned on the state seal — "United we stand, divided we fall." The secret to a union, especially one which is intended to tie together millions of people with different beliefs, backgrounds and visions, is not that it requires all the people to agree on every matter.

What it does require, however, is that the members of that body come to a consensus that civility will rule their dealings with each other, that they remain able to sit down and talk as reasonable adults about the issues, even if they don't get their way.

Over the past few months in Kentucky, there has been a lot of talk of people and agencies getting their way, but a lot less talk about people sitting down together and searching for common ground.

One Kentuckian who has been admired for nearly as long as "United we stand, divided we fall" has graced the state seal of Kentucky is Henry Clay, known as "The Great Compromiser."

Even though Clay rose to the heights of political accomplishment, he didn't lose sight of the importance of compromise and civility in the public discourse.

"All legislation, all government, all society is founded upon the principle of mutual concession, politeness, comity, courtesy; upon these everything is based ...," Clay wrote.

Let's hope that we've not fallen too far from the conviction Clay had in those words and the reliance upon which the founders of this state had on the idea of "unity," because we're going to need all the unity we can get to get through the coming days.

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BY CHRISTOPHER EPUNG ©2018 FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE & TIMES 05/02/18



**Michael Adney**

Michael Gerald Adney, 37, of Wheelwright, died Friday, April 27, 2018, at Weeksbury.

He was born in Floyd County, Sept. 1, 1980, the son of Brenda Hall Lozon of Wheelwright and the late Michael Adney.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by two infant sons, Jordan and Jonathon Adney; his paternal grandparents, Michael Wayne and Eunice Adney; and his maternal grandfather, Verlan Hall.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three sons, Kristopher Decanbra of Wheelwright, Logan Adney and Kaiden Adney, both of Michigan; four daughters, Elizabeth Adney of Michigan, Kylee Adney and Mikka Adney, both of Salyersville and Alexiz Adney of Cleves, Ohio; one sister, Kelly Coleman of Feds Creek; his maternal grandmother, Doris Bates of Indian Creek; and his stepfather, Michael Lozon of Michigan.

Funeral services were held at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 29, 2018, at the Hall & Jones Funeral Home Chapel with Brian Tackett officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Hall & Jones Funeral Home of Virgie.

The guestbook may be signed at [www.hallandjones.com](http://www.hallandjones.com).

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested.

*This is a paid obituary.*

**Alex Adkins**

Alex Russell Adkins, 37, of Martin, died Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

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

**Clyde Boyd**

Clyde Boyd, 61, of Banner, died Sunday, April 29, 2018.

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

**Jerry Elliott**

Jerry Thomas Elliott, 48, of McDowell, died Sunday, April 29, 2018.

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

**Christine Goble**

Christine Hale Goble, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 28, 2018.

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

**Otis McClanahan**

Otis Edgar McClanahan, 86, of Teaberry, died Saturday, April 28, 2018.

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



**Sonja Ramey**

Sonja Marie Ramey (nee Martin), 71, died Wednesday, April 25, 2018, at her residence.

She was an employee of Meijer, Cold Spring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clem and Marie Fraley Martin.

She is survived by her son, Tim Ramey; her siblings, Yvette McGuire (Mark) and Jerry Martin (Joan); her granddaughters, Allison and Allyssa.

Funeral services were held at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, 2018, at the Alexandria Funeral Home, 325 Washington St, Alexandria, KY 41001. Arrangements were under the direction of the Alexandria Funeral Home of Alexandria.

Memorials are suggested to the Epilepsy Foundation, 895 Central Ave # 550, Cincinnati, OH 45202.

The guestbook may be signed at [www.alexandriafh.com](http://www.alexandriafh.com).

*This is a paid obituary.*

**Connie Slone**

Connie Lynn Sisco Slone, 55, of Eastern, died Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

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

## Relief for coal counties comes without Bevin's signature

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Gov. Matt Bevin allowed the deadline to pass on Thursday for House Bill 265, which means more coal severance funding will be available to Floyd and other coal-producing counties.

The bill, approved by legislators on the final day of the legislative session, was filed as a way to "fix" issues in other legislation approved this session. Officials said it will provide around \$30 million in coal and mineral severance funding for coal producing counties. Without the bill, the state budget would have "zeroed us out of our severance and our min-

eral tax," Floyd County Judge Executive Ben Hale told the fiscal court recently.

Bevin had until Thursday, April 26, at midnight to either sign the bill or veto it. He did neither. He became law without his signature.

Hale publicly shared his concern about the need for this bill to become law, telling members of the fiscal court recently, "We're waiting, hopefully and prayerfully, for a signature from the governor so that we are not hit with another hard lick here in our county, in the coal counties."

He also mentioned the bill at an April 24 Big Sandy Area Development District meet-

ing, asking state officials in attendance whether Bevin would sign it.

Hale joined more than a dozen other judge executives and magistrates from coal-producing counties in trips to Frankfort last month to speak to state officials about the importance of this bill.

Without the passage of this bill, changes in the state budget would have reduced coal severance for 34 coal-producing counties. Hale said that reduction "would really have killed" coal-producing counties.

The county's coal and mineral severance has dwindled significantly over the past several years.

The county received

more than \$1.5 million in coal severance in the 2010 fiscal year. Last fiscal year, that amount dropped to more than \$500,000.

Mineral severance funding decreased from nearly \$3.3 million in the 2012 fiscal year to only \$350,500 last fiscal year.

The county's Local Government Economic Development Fund allotments, made available through coal severance, also decreased from \$1.9 million in the 2011 fiscal year to around \$475,000 last fiscal year.

Hale said this week that Floyd County could have lost around \$900,000 in coal and mineral severance funding if the bill was not passed.

## Two races planned for JWSRP, Sugarcamp this weekend

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and the Sugarcamp Mountain Trail System will host two competitive races this weekend, and one of them will require competitors to run, bike and kayak their way to the finish line.

361 Adventures is hosting that race, an eight-hour race called The Bluff, which will begin at 9 a.m. at the park's Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. This race is part of the Unbridled Adventure Race Series, and it's expected to bring 100 or more competitors.

"Basically, it's more about

strategy than speed," said Josh Turner, a Sugarcamp Mountain Trails volunteer. "They give you a map when you get there, and nobody has any knowledge of the map until that morning."

Competitors will work in teams, he said, to visit 30 to 35 "check points" located throughout Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and the Sugarcamp Trails, he said, and some of them are located across the lake, so kayaking is required. Racers will check-in at those locations by scanning a code with their cell phone and return for the win after located all of them.

"It's pretty interesting, really. It's a different kind of thing,"

Turner said.

At noon, the trail committee and the City of Prestonsburg will host the inaugural Sugarcamp Mountain Trail Run, which will feature both a 5K and 10K. This race will begin in the park's old swimming pool area, and competitors will race on both park and Sugarcamp Mountain Trails.

A portion of the proceeds from the adventure race and all proceeds from the Sugarcamp races will be used for future trail development on the Sugarcamp Mountain Trails.

For more information, visit, [361adventures.com](http://361adventures.com) or Sugarcamp Mountain Trails on Facebook.

## Friends hosting 'Talk Derby to Me' fundraiser

**By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER**

The Friends of Jenny Wiley, a nonprofit group geared to improve and promote Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, got a bit creative with its Derby Day fundraiser.

The group invites the public to its "Talk Derby to Me" event, which will begin at 4 p.m. on Derby Day, March 5, at the park's Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center.

No, they won't be betting on horses there, but the Friends of Jenny Wiley is providing food, refreshments, live music

by Jason Goble and Susan Scott, and several Derby-themed activities and games, as well as a raffle and a contest for the most unique, or "giant" Derby hat.

Friends of Jenny Wiley President Brittainy Branham said the group

wanted to host an event like this last year, but it didn't have enough funds at that time. She said member Charley Sholty suggested calling it "Talk Derby to Me," and the committee "ran with it."

"We wanted to do something special for the Derby," Branham said. "We wanted to try to find something different, something that people can kind of dress up a little bit for and come out and have some fun."

All proceeds will go toward helping the park with special projects and improving awareness about what the park has to offer — something the all-volunteer, nonprofit Friends of Jenny Wiley

group has been doing since it was founded in 2015.

"We're basically a group of local volunteers who go out and try to help engage the community in all the activities going on at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park," Branham said. "We provide financial support to Jenny Wiley State Report Park for any of their special projects, we help with that and we volunteer our time and efforts."

Friends of Jenny Wiley volunteers have built and maintained trails, sought and obtained grant funding, promoted park events and activities, hosted lake clean-up events, helped with landscaping and flowers and coordinated an annual trail run to help the park. That race is sched-

uled to be held this year on June 2.

Branham said the group is "hoping to bring people back to the park, to see how pretty it is and how nice everyone is, so they'll want to return again."

The group also partnered with a local trail committee to establish the Sugarcamp Mountain Trails for hiking, biking and horse-riding. Those trails link to the park's trails.

Admission to "Talk Derby to Me" is \$25 and tickets are available at the door. Branham said on Monday that 55 people have already purchased tickets.

For more information, visit the Friends of Jenny Wiley on Facebook.

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# Art Gallery at Langley to host exhibit this weekend

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Art Gallery of Langley is hosting its fourth art exhibit this weekend, featuring a Letcher County artist who is known for his naturalistic portraits and landscapes.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit, featuring works of Jeff Chapman-Crane and art gallery Director Duna V. Combs, whose aquarelle and oil paintings will also be exhibited.

Combs, has taught art in Appalachia since the 1950s, opened the art gallery in 2016 at 297 Johns Brown Branch Road, in the former Combs

Engineering Office, which was operated as a civil engineering office by her late husband, Townsel Allen Combs and his brother, Thomas Spence Combs, before it was converted into a family home.

The gallery is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Sunday, or by appointment, and Combs also hosts arts classes and activities there.

Chapman-Crane operates the Valley of the Winds Art Gallery out of his home in Eolia in Letcher County. His work highlights the Appalachian culture and its people and follows the tenants of the American Society of Classical Realism. Not a member adhere to the tenants

of their organization.

He's been painting as long as he can remember.

"I've always been an artist," he said. "I believe art is an essential form of expression and it builds the urge to be creative, which is inherent in all of us, really. I think everybody has an inherent urge to create, whether that be with arts, or writing, or cooking or gardening. There are all sorts of ways to create."

Born in Tennessee, Chapman-Crane has lived in Appalachia for 36 years. He paints from photographs that he takes and he seeks the stories the landscapes and people he paints share.

"One of the things I've learned is that in the Appalachian culture, we place a high value on place, not just our town or our county, but a specific plot of land," he said. "Family is very important to people in Appalachia."

He said he's learned a lot about the "common stories" of Appalachia.

"My parents lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the first few years of their married life ... My oldest sister was born in Cincinnati, and eventually, they came back to East Tennessee, after a couple of years," he said. "That's my personal story. It wasn't until many years later that I began to hear sto-

ries and learn that's pretty common to a lot of people in Appalachia. Lots of people left, but they always came back home."

Chapman-Crane has exhibited his work throughout the region over the years. It will be his first exhibit at the Art Gallery in Langley.

"I'd love for people to come out," he said. "I always like to meet people and talk about my work, answer questions and share stories about the work."

For more information about Chapman-Crane, visit [jeffchapmancraneart.com](http://jeffchapmancraneart.com).

For more information about the Art Gallery in Langley, visit, [artgalleryinlangley.org](http://artgalleryinlangley.org).

## ECONOMY

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Washington, with all the fun and games that went on there. I watched from afar."

He touted recent congressional actions, highlighting an increase in military spending. Congress passed a \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill in March, allotting it highest-ever military budget at \$700 billion.

"We've got almost half of the Marines' planes can't fly. We've got ships that can't be sailed, planes that can't fly, and so on, so we beefed up the military spending substantially," he said. "We're borrowing to do it, and I don't like that, but there's no other way."

Rogers also praised the federal tax reform bill, calling it "the most comprehensive, meaningful tax reform bill" since President Ronald Reagan and saying that "Americans will never file their taxes the same way

again."

"Beginning next year, we'll have a simpler, fairer system with bigger tax breaks for 90 percent of Americans, giving you more money to take home in your paychecks," he said. "In fact, by the end of the year, I'm told most Kentucky families will bring home \$2,000 more in their paychecks than last year."

That Tax Cut and Jobs Act has been highly praised by Republicans like Rogers. It increased the standard deduction for married couples from \$12,000 to \$24,000 and, among other things, cut corporate tax rates.

Rogers said tax reform is already enhancing business growth across the country.

"Over 500 companies, and counting, have already announced pay increases, bonuses, or extended benefit packages for their employees as a direct result of the tax bill that's been passed," Rogers said. "And that's going to continue, and

the economy is booming country-wide. We're feeling some of the effects here, and I hope and pray that, that growth continues in a big-time way."

He also mentioned the need to cut entitlement spending in America, talking about how those programs have grown since he started in congress in 1981.

"So, we just passed, late, the omnibus spending bill that funds the government for the balance of this fiscal year, through October 30, and I want to remind you, we only appropriate one-third of federal spending," he said. "That is to say, the congress does not have its hands on two-thirds, now, of federal spending, the entitlements: interest on the debt, Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, food stamps, and on and on and on and on. That now makes up two-thirds of federal spending. When I went to congress in 1981, we appropriated two-thirds of the federal

spending. Now, we appropriate only one-third."

He said that's "not smart."

"So of the total federal spending of \$4.1 trillion, we only appropriate a small part of that, and that's not smart, but the country has not mastered the challenge to trim back entitlement spending," he said. "And, this being an election year, I don't expect anything in that regards. Nevertheless, it is a problem that continues to grow."

He talked about the "important investments" in the military, to fight the opioid epidemic and fund infrastructure and economic development projects.

He talked about the creation of Opportunity Zones designated in 24 counties, including Floyd, Pike and other local counties, saying it should encourages business to expand in Eastern Kentucky.

Rogers also talked about a pilot Abandoned Mine Land program,

which has provided more than \$80 million for projects in Kentucky over the past three years, including the Prestonsburg-to-David rails-to-trails funding announced last year.

He said coal companies paid in \$4 billion to restore old, abandoned mine lands, but it wasn't getting used, so he "dipped into" that and "earmarked" it for abandoned mine lands that could be converted into "something useful, economically, to create jobs."

He said AML funding was recently awarded to Martin County to fix its water infrastructure problems.

"I'm thankful the war on coal has abated, that's the good news," he said. "The bad news is it left us devastated. So, the war on coal is real, and despite the downturn in the economy, you come together under this umbrella group called SOAR, Shaping Our Appalachian Region, and we decided that we're not going to

stand for it. We're going to fight for it. We're going to pull together."

Praising SOAR — an organization he co-founded years ago — and innovations at the Morehead State University's Space Science Center, Rogers said the region is imagining new ways to build its economy.

He complained about the progress of his Super iWay proposal which would bring high-speed cable and internet services to Eastern Kentucky and about the progress of the Mountain Parkway project.

"In Magoffin County, the Mountain Parkway is making the region more accessible," he said. "I'm really teed off that it's going so slow. That project over there is so important, it's so critical, not just to them, but to all of Eastern Kentucky. So, I hope we can kick them in the rump somehow to get it done quicker."

## METH

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first-degree drug trafficking charge he faced in a separate, but related, case.

Smith followed the recommendation of Commonwealth's Attorney Arnold Brent Turner, sentencing Shepherd on April 26 to 10 years for manufacturing meth and to 12 months for the drug possession charge, to run concurrently, or at the same time.

Shepherd was among five people arrested in December 2015, following a Floyd County Sheriff Department investigation that stemmed from calls to the department's anonymous tip line.

Turner said Shepherd approached an informant working with Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt because he wanted to buy pseudoephedrine, a medicine used to make meth. That informant sold Shepherd the medicine for \$50, Turner said, and that evidence was enough to secure a search warrant

for Shepherd's home.

Deputies found two active meth labs — one inside a washing machine and another underneath the residence — crystal meth and meth-making precursors on Shepherd's property.

After his arrest, Shepherd posted bond and was released from custody, and Turner said he started making and selling meth again. An informant purchased meth from him, Turner said, and his office got his bond revoked.

In that second case, Shepherd was charged with first degree drug trafficking, but Turner agreed to downgrade the charge to a misdemeanor because the informant died recently of a suspected drug overdose.

"We're very satisfied with the outcome, and more importantly, we feel like the people in the community there in David will rest easier knowing he's gone for a while," Turner said, "because it's not just his presence that was an issue. Because he

was so active in the drug trade, that resulted in a lot of other undesirable characters being in and around his home on a regular basis, which was a concern to the community because of theft and drunk driving and other offenses.

"He's pretty much a career criminal," Turner said, "and the fact he got released on bond on meth-related charges and then went right back to doing what he was under indictment for tells you all you need to know about him."

Floyd County Sheriff John Hunt described Shepherd's drug activities as a "thorn."

"We feel good, not for ourselves, but for the residents in Open Fork and David," Hunt said. "These people were just a pure thorn to that area. We are relieved for those people who lived there."

He praised Turner and his staff, the deputies in his office and residents who provided "a flood" of anonymous tips about drug problems at Shep-

herd's residence back in 2015.

He said the 10-year sentence for Shepherd "says a lot" about Turner and his team, as well as his deputies and their evidence-gathering skills.

The department spent several months on this investigation — doing undercover work and gathering evidence.

Shepherd is the last of all five defendants to be sentenced in the meth manufacturing case. Collectively, this group of men and women were sentenced to more than 30 years — with some sentences that were probated after a length of service behind bars.

Brent Hale, 42, of Blue River, charged with complicity to manufacture meth, was sentenced in Nov. 2017 to 10 years, suspended after the service of five years, agreeing to serve the remaining five years on probation.

Heather Miller, 46, of David, pleaded guilty in September 2017 to an amended charged of facilitation to manufacture

meth, and received a two-year sentence that was probated for two years.

Courtney N. Jordan, 31, of Gunlock, pleaded guilty to facilitation to manufacture meth and was sentenced to five years in September 2017. That month, she also pleaded guilty to additional charges filed against her for escaping custody and received another 12-month sentence.

Bill Tom Shepherd, 66, of Davis, who was arrested alongside this group on a separate warrant, was charged with possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and trafficking marijuana. He was sentenced in September 2016 to three years, sus-

pended and probated for three years.

Ned Pillersdorf, who represented Martin Shepherd in court, previously reported that he will be eligible for parole soon after his sentencing. He previously reported that Shepherd is a Vietnam veteran with significant health problems and hopes that he is granted parole.

Turner said Shepherd is required to serve 20 percent of his sentence, or two years, before he is eligible for parole. The state parole board will determine whether Shepherd should be released on parole.

"That's unfortunately out of our hands," Turner said.

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### Best Business\*

- After Hours Clinic .....
- ATV Sales .....
- Automobile Dealership .....
- Auto Repair .....
- Bank .....
- Barber Shop .....
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- Bridal/Prom Shop .....
- Cable Provider .....
- Cellular Phone Service .....
- Construction Company .....
- Daycare .....
- Department Store .....
- Dental Office.....
- Drug Store.....
- Electronics Store .....
- Eyeglasses .....
- Fitness Center .....
- Floor Coverings .....
- Florist .....
- Funeral Home .....
- Furniture .....
- Gas Station .....
- Hardware .....
- Heating & Cooling .....
- Hospital .....
- Insurance Agency .....
- Internet Provider .....
- Jewelry Store .....
- Kitchen & Bath Design .....
- Law Firm .....
- Lawn Care Services ...
- Loan Company .....
- Metal Roofing .....
- Mobile Home Sales ...
- Nail Salon .....
- Pest Control .....
- Radio Station .....
- Realty Office .....
- Security .....
- Shoe Store .....
- Storage .....
- Supermarket .....
- Telephone Company ..
- Tires .....
- Vapor Shop .....
- Weight Loss .....

### Best Food

- Atmosphere .....
- Bakery .....
- Best Food for the \$ .....
- Biscuits .....
- Breakfast .....
- Chicken .....
- Chicken Nuggets .....
- Chili .....
- Chinese .....
- Coffee .....
- Delivery .....
- Dessert .....
- Drive-Thru .....
- Hamburgers .....
- Home Cooking .....
- Hot Dogs .....
- Mexican .....
- Milkshake .....
- Pizza .....
- Sandwiches .....
- Seafood .....
- Service .....
- Steaks .....
- Soft Drink (Brand).....

### Best People\*\*

- Attorney.....
- Firm.....
- Bank Teller.....
- Bank.....
- Beautician .....
- Salon.....
- Boss.....
- Company.....
- Car Salesperson .....
- Company .....
- Cashier.....
- Store.....
- Chiropractor.....
- Company .....
- Coach.....
- Team.....
- Coal Miner .....
- Company .....
- Dentist.....
- Company .....
- Doctor .....
- Company .....

- Firefighter.....
- Department.....
- Funeral Director.....
- Company .....
- Greeter/Hostess.....
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- Insurance Agent.....
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- Jeweler.....
- Store.....
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- Company .....
- Mechanic.....
- Company .....
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- Hospital/Office.....
- Optometrist .....
- Hospital/Office.....
- Pediatric Dentist.....
- Company .....
- Pharmacist .....
- Company .....
- Photographer.....
- Company .....
- Police Officer.....
- Agency.....
- Politican.....
- Real Estate Agent.....
- Agency.....
- School Teacher.....
- School.....
- School Teacher Aide..
- School.....
- Secretary .....
- Company .....
- Waiter .....
- Restaurant .....
- Waitress .....
- Restaurant .....

### Best Places

- College .....
- Musical Theater .....
- To fish .....
- To go on a Saturday night .....
- To work .....

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Notice is hereby given that Glenis Slone-Little, of 5191 Caney Fork Road, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to build wing walls on the bridge crossing the creek at Caney Fork to her property. This property is approximately 5 miles North of Martin, Ky. and approximately 2.5 miles South of State Hwy. 404. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Flood Plain Management, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frank-

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fort, Ky. 40601. Phone: (502)564-3410.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Prestonsburg will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Prestonsburg City Hall located at 200 North Lake Drive. The public hearing is for the purpose of considering the following zoning amendment as proposed by the Prestonsburg Planning and Zoning Commission. Property owners located at 2569 South Lake Drive have applied for a zone change, the property is currently an R1 and proposed change is to a C1. All parties in interest and citizens, either in support of or in opposition to the proposed amendment shall have the opportunity to be heard at said time and place.

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**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-CI-01263 OCWEN LOAN SERVICING, LLC PLAINTIFF V. LOLA BANKS; MICHAEL BANKS; TARGET NATIONAL BANK; MIDLAND FUNDING LLC; FIA CARD SERVICE, N.A. and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$258,079.82, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for

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sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 4th day of May, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit: **PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 1237 Kentucky Route 3188, Langley, Kentucky 41645 **MAP NUMBER:** 049-00-00-004.00 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** Elis-Rose Bowling Tract Beginning on an iron pipe at the corner of garden, thence running east 200ft to another iron pipe; thence NW 143ft to iron pipe to the off state highway rightway; thence running S. with the highway rightway 234 ft to an iron pipe at

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lower side of garden; thence running N. 143ft to the beginning. And: Rose Bowling Tract Beginning at an iron stake at the corner of track No. 1 (being the Edith H. McGlothen Tract) and extending down the point with the fence on the Vernis Isaac line for approx. 300 feet to another iron stake, thence a straight line down the hill with tract No. 3 (being the T.J. Hagans and Virginia Hagans Tract) to the present T.J. Hagans line, thence with the T.J. Hagans line through the old Garden to an X on a Culvert head at State Highway 80 right of way to the Rose and Elie Bowling line back to the State Highway 80 right of way, thence with State Highway 80 right of way to the Wayne Hagans

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Line, thence with the Wayne Hagans line to colored stake at upper end of the Wayne Hagans Garden, thence a straight line with Tract No. 1 to the beginning. There is excepted from the above described property a 10' easement that is presently along the state right of way entering from Old U.S. 80 and running parallel with new U.S. 80 for purposes of ingress and egress to the Hagans Family Cemetery. This easement shall become a covenant running with the land to remain open indefinitely and can never be revoked by any future owners of the property, however, the Grantees shall have the right to relocate the easement as long as it remains a 10' easement and as long as it's accessible by two

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**INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL**

The FLOYD County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 7 through May 23, 2018. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2018, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2018 will be due about September 15, 2018.

The current tax roll is located in the office of the PVA and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period.

After the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The taxpayer can appeal his assessment by filing in person or sending a letter or other written petition stating the reasons for appeal, identifying the property and stating the taxpayer's opinion of the fair cash value of the property.

The appeal must be received in the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period.

A taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) He must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) He must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

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212, Floyd County Clerk's Records, and being known as 1237 Ky Route 3188, Langley, KY 41645.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay

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the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 12% per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the

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above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years

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shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improve-

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ment; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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ments, objections, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

**NOTICE OF SALE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO.:**

**16-CI-00158**  
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE  
FOR CIM TRUST  
2015-4AG MORTGAGE-BACKED NOTES, SERIES 2015-4AG PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
ANNA LEE JUSTICE-MURPHY aka ANNA LEE JUSTICE MURPHY THACKER; JEFFERY MURPHY; GMAC MORTGAGE, LLC;  
UNITED STATE OF AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
DEFENDANTS

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**SCRIPTION:**  
A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on Prater Creek, Floyd County, Kentucky, being more particularly described as follows:  
Beginning at Sol Sammons Line at the edge of the State Highway No. 1426; thence running with said highway, a distance of 184 feet to an iron stake; thence across the bottom to an iron stake, a distance of 110 feet; thence back down the bottom to Sol Sammons Line and an iron stake a distance of 184 feet; thence running with Sol Sammons Line a distance of 112 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to any and all easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

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Pursuant to Application Number **836-5688** Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 intends to transfer permit 836-5682 to Dying Ember Coal, LLC, 165 Cornelia Avenue, Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858. The new permit number will be 836-5688. The operation disturbs 8.9 surface acres and underlies 696.0 acres for a total of 704.90 permitted acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.06 miles southeast of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.03 miles southeast of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with KY Route 2030 and is 0.1 miles east of Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the M c D o w e l l U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

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, KY 41653-1410. Written com-

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In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, 544 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 intends to transfer permit 836-5682 to Dying Ember Coal, LLC, 165 Cornelia Avenue, Whitesburg, Kentucky 41858. The new permit number will be 836-5688. The operation disturbs 8.9 surface acres and underlies 696.0 acres for a total of 704.90 permitted acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.06 miles southeast of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.03 miles southeast of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with KY Route 2030 and is 0.1 miles east of Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the M c D o w e l l U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map.

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, KY 41653-1410. Written com-

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**APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED for 1-Bedroom Apartments for Persons 62 and older**

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**INVITATION TO BID/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Pursuant to KRS 45A.365 and Board Policy 04.32, the Floyd County Board of Education is hereby providing notice that the Board will receive sealed bids for the following items, supplies, and/or services listed below.

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Bid Specifications and Bid Forms may be obtained by contacting Michael Long via phone at 606-886-4528, via e-mail at Michael.long@floyd.kyschools.us, or via mail at 106 North Front Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653.

Bids will be accepted until 1:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, May 21, 2018 and will be opened on this date at 1:05 p.m. EDT. All envelopes must be clearly marked **SEALED BID** on the outside of the envelope, with the items or services you wish to bid on. All proposals must be received by the time design-

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nated and none will be considered thereafter. The Board of Education cannot assume the responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mails to deliver the bids on time. Faxed bids cannot be accepted. Proposals will be publically opened and recorded at the time and location stated above. The contract(s) may be awarded to the lowest and/or best evaluated qualified proposal meeting all specifications and conditions, subject to all other provisions of the item's/service's request for proposal and be in the best interest of The Board of Education. A one year contract with the option to renew annually for each item/service listed above is planned to be awarded at the board meeting to be held on Monday, May 21, 2018, 6:30 PM, at Betsy Layne High School, 554 Bobcat Blvd., Stanville, KY 41659. The Floyd County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT, DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO.:**

**16-CI-00256 VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC.**

**PLAINTIFF**

**vs.**

**MICHAEL J. HICKS** (in rem); **ALVA HICKS** (in rem); and **COUNTY OF FLOYD, KENTUCKY**

**DEFENDANTS**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$86,101.47, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 4TH day of May, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), a 2009 Southern Mobile Home, VIN DSDAL54150AB and the property described to wit:

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 467 Johnson Fork Road, Martin, KY 41649  
**MAP NUMBER:** 025-00-00-007.02  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

BEING a certain tract of land lying on Caney Fork of Middle Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, further described as fol-

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lows: BEGINNING at a branch 20 feet below a rock (marked); thence up the center of point with John Ed Johnson line to the top of the knob to the Jim Hale line; thence running right 400 feet with the center of the ridge; thence turning right and running straight downhill to (a) big sycamore tree; thence following the fence to a metal stake at beginning of the driveway; thence running (in a) straight line down the driveway to County road; thence running down the County road back to the point of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT a 7.14 acre tract further described as follows: Being a portion of a tract or parcel of land D.B. 576 PG. 416 Alva and Michael Hicks being located on the north side of Johnson Fork Road 0.7 miles east of junction with Caney Fork Road. Being and lying on Caney Fork of Middle Creek Floyd County Kentucky more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a roof bolt found common corner to parent tract. Thence with a new divisional line (for five courses and distances) NORTH 40 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST a distance of 51.62' feet to a 5/8" x 18" rebar with plastic cap stamped D JOHNSON PLS #3591 set (typical) near the Robinson Family Cemetery. Thence with said cemetery (for two courses and distances) SOUTH 78 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST a distance of 48.69' feet to a rebar set. Thence NORTH 02 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 39 SECONDS WEST a distance of 30.98' feet to a rebar set. Thence SOUTH 73 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST a distance of 137.21' feet to a rebar set. Thence NORTH 01 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST a distance of 1331.68' feet to a rebar set on top of ridge in fence and in the line of Jim Hale (now or formerly) no deed found. Thence with Hale and center of ridge and fence NORTH 68 DEGREES 55 MINUTES 47 SECONDS EAST a distance of 200.22' feet to a rebar set. Thence leaving said Hale and ridge down drain SOUTH 05 DEGREES 59 MINUTES 03 SECONDS EAST a distance of 515.23' feet to a point in drain. Thence SOUTH

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07 DEGREES 21 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST a distance of 336.30' feet to a pt. branch steel post. Thence SOUTH 06 DEGREES 50 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST a distance of 409.74' feet to a point in branch. Thence SOUTH 02 DEGREES 19 MINUTES 24 SECONDS WEST a distance of 95.17' feet to a point branch. Thence SOUTH 06 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 49 SECONDS EAST a distance of 79.01' feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to covenants, easements, conveyances and restrictions of record. D & S Surveying LLC Daniel Stacy Johnson Professional Land Surveyor, #3591 performed survey on November 9, 2017. Said Property contains 7.14 acres more or less. Magnetic North was observed on November 9, 2017. BEING a portion of the same property conveyed from Alva Hicks, married, to Alva Hicks and Michael J. Hicks, wife and husband, by Quitclaim Deed dated February 4, 2011, of record in Deed Book 576, Page 416, in the Office of the Floyd County Court Clerk. Map #025-00-00-007.02 (Current Map Number prior to recent division of property and applies only to the approximate 7.11 acre tract of land and mobile home being sold). Also included in the sale is a 2009 Southern mobile home, Vehicle Identification Number DSDAL54150AB. A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above. B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be re-

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tained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above. C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser. D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property. E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser. F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THIS NOTICE IS DIRECTED TO: (a) Juanita Boatwright; (b) Joe Wheeler Hatfield; (c) Arthur Campbell, Jr.; (d) Shirley Nelson; (e) Ronald Hall; (f) Alvin Ramey; (g) Kermit Ramey; (h) Keith Dwayne Campbell; (i) Joseph Wesley Campbell; (j) Christina Clark; (k) Kimberly Kidd; (l) John Richard Campbell; (m) Sheila Howell; (n) Linville Campbell; (o) Lee Campbell; (p) Bill Campbell; (q) Mary Ramey; (r) Julie Lynn Stumbo; (s) All unknown spouses and heirs of the previously named persons; and (t) All unknown heirs and devisees of Will Campbell and Susan Campbell. THIS IS TO NOTIFY ALL PERSONS NAMED

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OR DESCRIBED ABOVE that Paul and Pluma Branham filed civil suit against them in Floyd Circuit Court on October 4, 2016, and that said suit has been assigned Case No. 16-CI-655, and is styled, Paul Branham and Pluma Branham vs. Juanita Boatwright and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Curtis Hatfield and Joanna Hatfield; Joe Wheeler Hatfield and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Zeburn S. Campbell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Minnie Sue Hale and Charles Hale; Bill E. Campbell and Joyce Campbell; Arthur Campbell, Jr. and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Shirley Nelson and unknown Spouse and Heirs; Vervie Ellis and Tilden Ellis; Ronald Hall and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Alvin Ramey and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Kermit Ramey and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Wess Campbell, Jr. and Polly Campbell; Keith Dwayne Campbell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Joseph Wesley Campbell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Kristina Clark and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Kimberly Kidd and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; John Richard Campbell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Julie Lynn Stumbo and Brooks Stumbo; Sheila Howell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Linville Campbell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Elzie Campbell and Jeri Campbell; Lee Campbell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Bill Campbell and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Mary Ramey and Unknown Spouse and Heirs; Floyd County, Kentucky; and MTAG as Custodian for MGD KY, LLC. This civil action is titled Petition for Sale of Jointly Owned Property For Indivisibility and it alleges that all of the parties to this action are owners of varying undivided interests in and to a certain tract of land conveyed to Will and Susan Campbell, now deceased, by deed from Bill and Elzie Calhoun in November, 1922, and that the parties have acquired varying undivided interests in, by way of inheritance or otherwise, since the intestate deaths of Will Campbell in November, 1958, and Susan Campbell sometime thereafter. It is alleged that they had ten (10) children at the time of their deaths, namely: Martha Hatfield, Mary Ramey, Arthur Campbell, Allie Hall, Anna Mae Ramey, Wess Campbell, Earl Campbell, Bill Campbell, Lee Campbell and Elzie Campbell. The Petition alleges that the property in ques-

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tion is located on Bull Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky, that it contains 30 acres more or less, and is bounded and described as follows: "Commencing at the road; thence to the corner of Will Campbells garden; thence around the garden to the upper end; thence to the branch; thence down the branch to a marked rock on the lower side of the garden; thence up the hill to the coal bank; thence up the hill a marked line to F.A. Hopkins line; thence up the ridge with F.A. Hopkins line to Bill Calhounes line; thence down the hill with Bill Calhounes line to a small poplar; thence down the hill to a marked elm near the branch; thence down the branch with Bill Calhounes line to Robert Calhounes line; thence down the branch to Will Campbells yard fence; thence around the yard fence on the lower side of the yard to the road; thence to the garden fence to the beginning. A 12 foot road is excepted out over this land where the road now is." The Petition further alleges that the Plaintiffs own at least 3.33% of the property, that they have purchased property taxes on the property totaling \$2,127.70, for which they are owed, that the Defendants, Floyd County, Kentucky, MTAG, and Wess Campbell may also be claiming an interest in the subject property for *ad valorem* taxes, and that physical division of the property is impractical and therefore requests entry of an Order directing the Master Commissioner to sale the property, as a whole, and for the proceeds of sale be used to pay the costs of the action, including Master Commissioner's fees and costs of sale; all liens against the property; reasonable attorney's fees incurred by plaintiffs in bringing suit; with the balance of net proceeds to be pro-rated among the parties according to their respective interests. If you are one of the persons to whom this notice is addressed, you may obtain a complete copy of the Petition with all allegations and attachments thereto from the Floyd Circuit Clerk's Office, which more particularly describes the allegations made and relief requested. BE FURTHER ADVISED THAT YOUR TIME TO RESPOND IS LIMITED. Unless you request and obtain an extension of time from the Floyd Circuit Court, your deadline to file a written Answer to the Peti-

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tion in the Floyd Circuit Clerk's Office is currently May 31, 2018. If you fail to assert or defend any right or interest that you might claim in the property by filing an Answer on or before the deadline, then the Court may proceed to enter judgment granting Plaintiffs the relief they have requested and/or barring you from asserting any further interest in the subject property. **Clyde Combs, Jr., Esq. Warning Order Attorney 112 West Court Street, Suite 201 Prestonsburg, KY 41653**

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**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION I CASE NO. 17-CI-00471 COMMON-WEALTH CD FUND, LLC PLAINTIFF VS. BAY ACQUISITION, LLC; MTAG AS CUSTODIAN FOR MGD-KY, LLC; BLUESHINE, LLC AS AD-DIGNEE OF TAX EASE LIEN SERVICING, LLC; INDEPENDENT CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC; ADAIR ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC/BMO HARRIS; COUNTY OF FLOYD, KENTUCKY DEFENDANT**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$4,104.62, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 4th day of May, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit: **PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 11561 Main Street, Martin, Kentucky 41649  
**MAP NUMBER:** 048-30-10-002.00  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Martin, County of Floyd, and State of Kentucky, being further known and described as: A certain tract or parcel of land lying and being on the waters of Beaver Creek, Main





## Lady Jags knock off Prestonsburg

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central claimed a key 58th District softball win at home on Friday, defeating visiting Prestonsburg 9-4.

The Lady Jaguars scored first and never trailed. Floyd Central broke open a scoreless

contest in the second inning, erupting for five runs.

Prestonsburg, which was forced to play from behind throughout the district matchup, lost despite out hitting Floyd Central 6-4. The Lady Jaguars led 9-3 at the conclusion of the fifth inning.

Floyd Central pitch-

er Katie Conley threw a complete game and claimed the win. Over seven innings, Conley allowed six hits and four runs while striking out nine.

Pacing Floyd Central at the plate, Rheannah Spurlock led Floyd Central with two hits in three at-bats. Two Floyd Central batters, Grace Mar-

tin and Dezirae Caudill, drove in one run apiece.

Floyd Central stole nine bases. Leading the Lady Jaguars on the basepaths, Kayci Stumbo recorded two stolen bases.

Faring well in the field, Floyd Central committed only one error.

Prestonsburg pitcher McKenzie Wireman suf-

fered the loss. Over six innings, Wireman allowed four hits and nine runs while striking out seven.

Helping her pitching cause at the plate, Wireman went two for three. Wireman, Ashlea Little, Katelyn Bingham and Haylee Niece drove in one run apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Struggling defensive-

ly, Prestonsburg committed seven errors in the setback.

In another game on Friday, Floyd Central rolled past Jenkins 18-3 in four innings.

Floyd Central is scheduled to visit Prestonsburg for another 58th District softball game on Thursday.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

**ABOVE:** Floyd Central pitcher Katie Moore fields a Shelby Valley grounder as the Lady Jaguars hosted the Lady Wildcats Monday evening. Shelby Valley pulled away to defeat Floyd Central 9-2. Prior to suffering the loss, Floyd Central had notched back-to-back wins.

**LEFT:** Floyd Central catcher Grace Martin throws to second base.

## Floyd Central wins two in Pikeville Panther Classic

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

Floyd Central won two of three games in the Pikeville Panther Classic over the weekend. The Jaguars claimed blowout victories over Shelby Valley and Morgan County. But in between the convincing victories, Floyd Central dropped a game to host Pikeville.

More on Floyd Central's three-game stint in the Pikeville Panther Classic follows.

### Floyd Central 19, Shelby Valley 3 (Five innings)

Floyd Central erupted for 10 runs in the top half of the second inning and never faltered on its way to defeating 15th Region counterpart Shelby Valley 19-3 in five innings in the Pikeville Panther Classic

on Friday.

The Jaguars out hit Shelby Valley 18-5 and committed only one error.

Floyd Central pitcher Caleb Hager picked up the win. Hager worked one inning, allowing no runs on one hit, while walking one. Cameron Nelson and Dawson Stephens worked out of relief roles on the mound for the Jaguars. Nelson recorded the last six outs to earn the save.

Shelby Valley pitcher Grant Joyce absorbed the loss. Joyce lasted three innings, allowing 13 hits and 17 runs.

Nelson, Stephens, Chris Brown, Braydon Hamilton and Brady Jones each managed multiple hits for the Jaguars. Nelson and Brown paced Floyd Central with



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

**Floyd Central pitcher Braydon Hamilton delivers a pitch to home plate against Pikeville Saturday afternoon during the Pikeville Panther Classic. The Jaguars fell to the Panthers 10-3.**

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# Lady Blackcats knock off Lady Bobcats

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Host Prestonsburg turned back Betsy Layne in a 58th District softball game at StoneCrest on Thursday, winning 13-7.

Host Prestonsburg scored first and never trailed. Setting the tone early, Prestonsburg pushed across six runs in the bottom half of the opening inning.

Prestonsburg pitcher Megan Music picked up the win. Music pitched a complete game, allowing seven runs on eight hits, while striking out 12 over seven innings.

Betsy Layne pitcher

Nicole Castle took the loss. Over six innings, Castle allowed seven hits and 13 runs while striking out two.

Prestonsburg connected for seven hits in the district win. McKenzie Wireman and Haylee Niece paced the Lady Blackcats with two hits apiece. Providing another lift at the plate, Katelyn Bingham, one of the most underrated players in the 58th District, delivered three RBIs for the Lady Blackcats.

Niece and Campbell drove in two runs apiece for Prestonsburg in the victory.

The Lady Blackcats overcame two errors in

the field to earn the district win.

Outhitting host Prestonsburg, Betsy Layne collected eight hits. Megan Frazier and Kaitlin Swain provided multiple hits for visiting Prestonsburg. Frazier went three for three with four RBIs to lead the Betsy Layne offensive effort.

Visiting Betsy Layne committed three errors in the setback.

Prestonsburg completed a 58th District sweep. In a previous meeting earlier in the season, Prestonsburg pulled away to beat then-host Betsy Layne 22-7 in six innings on April 17.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Prestonsburg's Emily Salisbury slides in ahead of a Betsy Layne tag during a 58th District softball game on Thursday.

## Blackcats win three in a row

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**PRESTONSBURG** — Prestonsburg started a win streak at home on Thursday, edging visiting Phelps 2-1 in nine innings.

Remaining in the win column in neighboring Martin County over the weekend, Prestonsburg posted back-to-back wins over Tug Valley (W.Va.) and host Sheldon Clark.

More on Prestonsburg's recent wins follows.

### Prestonsburg 2, Phelps 1 (Nine innings)

Host Prestonsburg played small ball to defeat Phelps 2-1 in nine innings at StoneCrest on Thursday.

Graham Burchett delivered a sacrifice bunt to score the game-winning run for the Blackcats in the bottom half of the ninth inning.

Andrew Hale started on the mound for the Blackcats. Hale pitched four and 1/3 innings, allowing one run on three hits and striking out six.

Collin Ousley closed the game out on the mound for the Blackcats, pitching four-plus innings. Ousley held Phelps scoreless and recorded five strikeouts during his

outing.

Dylan New started on the hill for the Hornets. New allowed four hits and one run over eight innings, striking out 16.

Working out of a relief role for the Hornets, Ronald Prater threw 2/3 of an inning.

Prestonsburg plated two runs on five hits. Blake Sizemore and Owen Greene paced Prestonsburg's offensive effort with two hits apiece.

Kinzer Dotson drove in Phelps' lone run in the loss.

### Prestonsburg 13, Tug Valley 1 (Five innings)

Playing on a neutral field at Sheldon Clark, Prestonsburg pulled away to defeat Tug Valley (W.Va.) 13-1 in five innings on Saturday.

Prestonsburg pitcher Graham Burchett threw a one-hitter and earned the win. Burchett allowed one run on one hit and struck out nine over five innings.

Tug Valley pitcher Dakota Vance suffered the loss. Vance surrendered 12 runs on six hits over five innings, striking out five.

Prestonsburg plated 13 runs on only six hits. Cameron Blackburn, Brayden Slone, Aaron

Shepherd, Nick Garrett, Collin Ousley and Owen Greene provided one hit apiece for the Blackcats. Slone and Blake Sizemore drove in two runs apiece as Prestonsburg won convincingly.

Tug Valley struggled in the field, committing 10 errors.

### Prestonsburg 5, Sheldon Clark 3

Prestonsburg managed to outlast longtime 15th Region rival Sheldon Clark 5-3 on the road on Saturday.

Prestonsburg pitcher Ben Welch worked a complete game and earned the win. Welch surrendered three runs on four hits over seven innings, striking out 13.

Sheldon Clark hurler Mason Gordon took the loss. In another complete game performance, Gordon allowed five runs on 10 hits, striking out 10 and walking one.

Welch, Owen Greene, Aaron Shepherd and Cameron Blackburn led a balanced Prestonsburg offensive attack with two hits apiece.

Sheldon Clark was limited to four hits in the setback. Defensively, Sheldon Clark committed four errors.

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four hits apiece. A versatile player, Nelson delivered a game-high five RBIs.

Behind Nelson's productive performance Brown followed with four RBIs while Stephens and Hamilton drove in three runs and two runs, respectively.

Logan Billiter drove in two of Shelby Valley's three runs.

The Wildcats committed three errors in the loss.

### Pikeville 10, Floyd Central 3 (Five innings)

Host Pikeville prevented Floyd Central from remaining in the win column on Saturday, pulling away to defeat the Jaguars 10-3.

Pikeville pitcher Andrew Owens earned the win. Owens surrendered one run on three hits over five innings, striking out three. Another pitcher, Tate Lakin, threw two innings in relief for the Panthers. Lakin recorded the last six outs to earn the save.

Floyd Central hurler Hamilton took the loss. Hamilton surrendered five runs on four hits over two innings, striking out one.

Pikeville collected 11 hits. Nathan Brown and Jackson Hensley provided multiple hits for the Panthers. Brown paced Pikeville with three hits in four at-bats.

Chase Conley went two for three at the plate to lead the Jaguars.

Floyd Central committed three errors in the setback.

### Floyd Central 15, Morgan County 1 (Five innings)

Following a loss to Pikeville, Floyd Central bounced back to defeat 16th Region member Morgan County 15-1 in five innings in the Pikeville Panther Classic on Saturday.

Clinging to a 2-1 lead, Floyd Central pushed across six runs in the bottom half of the third inning and followed that performance up with an even bigger offensive outburst. The productive Jaguars added seven

runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Floyd Central pitcher Caleb Hager earned the win. Hager worked three and 2/3 innings, allowing one run on two hits and striking out six. Another Floyd Central pitcher, Stephens, threw one and 1/3 innings in relief. Stephens recorded the last four outs to earn the save.

Morgan County hurler AJ Aragon took the loss. Aragon allowed five hits and five runs over two innings.

Floyd Central banged out 12 hits in the game. Hager, Hamilton, Noah Marcum and Brady Jones led the Floyd Central offensive effort with two hits apiece. Stephens, who finished with one hit, supplied Floyd Central with a game-high four RBIs.

Thriving defensively, Floyd Central exited the game without an error.

Cole Potter went two for two at the plate to lead Morgan County in the hits column.

Morgan County committed two errors in the losing cause.



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Floyd Central's Cameron Nelson throws to first during the Pikeville Panther Classic Saturday at Pikeville. The Jaguars went 2-1 in the classic.

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