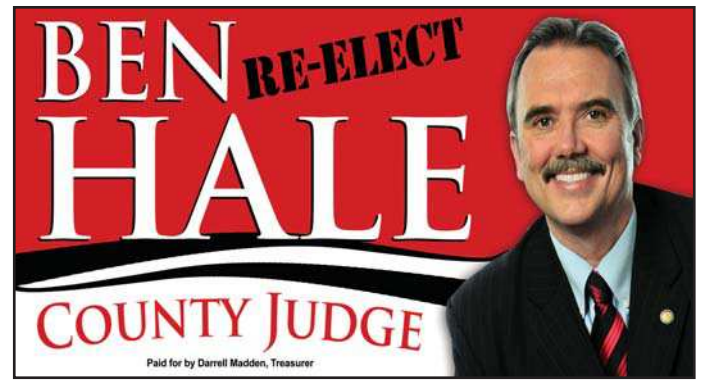




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PSC gives Big Sandy RECC more than requested

Typical residential customer will see average monthly bill increase by about \$7

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission granted Big Sandy Rural Electric Cooperative Corp. (Big Sandy RECC) a revenue increase slightly larger than the amount requested by the electric distribution cooperative.

The approval increases the average monthly electric bill for Big Sandy RECC residential customers will by about \$7. That

includes a \$6.25 increase in the monthly customer charge, to \$21.25 from the current \$15, as proposed by Big Sandy RECC.

The new rates took effect Thursday, April 26, with the issuance of the PSC's final order. Big Sandy RECC's last rate increase was in October 2012.

In that order, the PSC granted Big Sandy RECC an increase in annual revenue of just over \$1

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Pike County resident hired as superintendent in Floyd

Adkins won't get as many benefits as former superintendent

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — The Floyd County Board of Education voted 4-1 in a special meeting Tuesday to hire Pike County School District Personnel Director Danny Adkins as its new superintendent.

Adkins said he is thrilled to have been chosen for the job.

"I'm utterly excited. Can't wait to get started. Humbled to be a part of such an elite school district," he said. "As you know, Floyd County is one of the top 10 school districts in the state of Kentucky, a District of Distinction for the last three years, an unbelievable school district, and I'm very honored to be a part of it."

His hiring came after a 40-minute closed session, with board member Linda Gearheart shaking her head as the board returned to open session. She voted against it.

"I just feel like our Floyd County people should have



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Danny Adkins, second from left, pictured here with his wife Cindy, speaks to Floyd County Board of Education officials after he was hired during a May 1 meeting.

been given a chance," she said, explaining her vote after the meeting. "Our people have worked very hard and they should have been recognized. I've been there. I know how it feels."

Two other candidates were interviewed last weekend by the board of education: Chief Academic Officer Tonya Williams and Early Childhood Program Director Anna Shepherd, who each have 26 years of service in public education.

Shepherd congratulated Adkins and left the building after the meeting,

but Williams was emotional and vocal about the board's decision. At one point, she told board member Dr. Chandra Varia that she had "done a disservice" to Floyd County students.

She hugged supporters in the May Valley Elementary lobby and gathered to talk with them outside of the building. At least one person standing by her side suggested voting board members out in the next election.

On Wednesday, she

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Salisbury-Curry appointed as superintendent at Wesley Christian

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The board of directors for Wesley Christian School, a private Christian school located in New Allen, recently hired a new superintendent.

Wesley Christian High School principal Carolyn Salisbury-Curry, 55, of Drift, was hired by the board on April 20 to step into the superintendent's role. On July 1, she will replace current Superintendent Dr. Kenneth R. Lemaster, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church, which founded the school in 1998. Lemaster will remain involved with the school.

Salisbury-Curry has been teaching and facilitating Spanish at Wesley Christian for the past five years. Shortly after arriving there, she became the high school principal and has served in a principal-teacher role.

She came to Wesley with decades of experience in education, having worked in



Carolyn Salisbury-Curry

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Anglers Bait-N-Tackle honored

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center recognized a young Floyd County entrepreneur last week.

On April 26, the MSU-SBDC presented a certificate of recognition to Kaleb Rodebaugh, who opened Anglers Bait-N-Tackle near Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in 2015.

Rodebaugh, then 21, opened the business with the assistance from the MSU-SBDC, on the 20th anniversary of the date on which his grandparents opened the same business, in the same location.

Anglers Bait-N-Tackle, a family-operated business, sells hunting and fishing licenses, fishing poles and accessories, snacks and live bait. Customers can regularly find Rodebaugh, his dad, Dwayne, and mom, Kay, in the store.

The MSU-SBDC honored Rodebaugh last week as part of National Small Business Week, which will be observed April 30-May 5. The honor celebrates him for supporting youth and outdoor endeavors in the region.

His business sponsors programs like "Casting for Kids" a weekend-long event of fishing that helps the Big Sandy Shrine Club Transport Shrine kids from Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, Floyd and Lawrence counties to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

Rodebaugh completed his associate degree at Big Sandy Community & Technical College and is currently completing his bachelor's degree in early elementary education at MSU at Prestonsburg. Through his businesses, he sponsors local programs like the Allen Elementary Performing Arts and Floyd Central High School Fishing School.

He and his business also support Prestonsburg Health Care Center's annual bass tournament, Operation UNITE, Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's veteran's day program, the Prestonsburg Bowling League and the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad's annual radio auction, among other organizations and events. and members of East Kentucky Tournament Trail receive a 10 percent discount year round.

For more information about the business,



Submitted photo
Kaleb Rodebaugh, owner of Anglers Bait-N-Tackle, received a certificate of recognition last week from Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center.

call, (606) 886-1335, or visit it at 314 Lake Road, Prestonsburg. For more information about the MSU-SBDC and the ser-

vices it provides businesses, call, (606) 432-5848, or email, m.spriggs@moreheadstate.edu.

Motor coach season officially underway

By CODY DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Motor coach season has officially begun, and officials with the office of Prestonsburg Tourism say this year is their largest year yet.

"Well our motor coach season started last Thursday. Our first group arrived from Wisconsin, and they stayed until Sunday," said Brooke Lemonds, administrative assistant for Prestonsburg Tourism.

According to Lemonds, the motor coach season is scheduled to last from now until Nov. 1.

"I think we've still got 24 or 25 still on the books right now. They'll pretty much go non-stop between now and then," said Lemonds.

Lemonds said that a typical tour group will usually consist of approximately 35 tourists, who usually stay in the area for three to four days.

According to Lemonds, prior to her start with the tourism office three years ago, the office only had five to six motor coaches that year. Lemonds said that last year the office was able to bring in approximately 20, and this year it appears that the office will have 25. But, Lemonds said, there are still tours calling and booking space on the 2018 season schedule.

For 2019, Lemonds said four tour groups have already booked their spot in Prestonsburg.

Lemonds said the increase in people attending the tours has led to the creation of new activities for some tours to partake in, especially for returning tourists.

"We've designed a new tour to feature the elk and bring in the surrounding counties for people who have already been here and done our normal tour," said Lemonds.

Lemonds also said that all of the new activity from the increasing number of motor-coaches coming through the area each year has left a "huge" economic impact.

According to Lemonds, her office helped generate approximately \$100,000 into the local economy through the tours last year alone.

"That's just what comes through our office, that goes out to the attractions that we see. So that's not including them shopping in the gift shops, their hotel stays and anything in addition to that," said Lemonds. "I think it is huge for this area. I think that it allows people to see the natural beauty and uniqueness of this area. I think as locals we kind of over-look it, we drive past these places and don't see them as special, when actuality they are very special."

Lemonds said that she encourages people to say hello and greet tourists if they happen to see them in the area, and hopefully they will come back and keep the tours growing.

Duo charged with burglary

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two men were arrested last week on burglary charges after allegedly stealing items from a Blackhawk Mining Company building.

According to the arrest citation, Paul Owsley, 53, of Prestonsburg, and Marvin Owsley, 37, also of Prestonsburg, were arrested on charges of third-degree burglary last Monday.

The citation said that items stolen from the building were spread from the company parking lot, all the way to where the subject was living.

According to the ci-

tation, a neighbor then provided KSP Trooper Blake D. Frasure with video surveillance footage showing both men in possession of and moving the stolen items.

When confronted about the burglary, the citation said, Trooper Frasure was able to obtain a video confession to the crimes.

Both men were then arrested and lodged in the Floyd County Jail, according to the citation.

A preliminary hearing was held regarding the case on April 30 according to court documents, where it was recommended that the case be referred to a grand jury.

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Floyd County body builder competes at Derby competition

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County resident who recently opened an all-female gym in Pike County earned honors during a body-building competition held as part of the Kentucky Derby Festival.

Kelly Blackburn earned sixth place overall in her class, and she walked away with two second place honors in separate novice and masters classes as well as fourth place award in another masters class at the National Physique Committee's Kentucky Derby Festival Championship in Louisville last weekend.

Blackburn, 40, of Stonecrest in Prestonsburg, joined the NPC, a national amateur physique organization, about the same time last year that she decided to open K-fitness, her new 24-hour, all-female gym near Lowe's in Pikeville.

"I set two goals for myself last year, to open a gym and compete with the NPC. I've reached both of them," she said.

The gym opened in early April, offering weight-lifting resistance training and numerous studio classes with personal trainers.

Blackburn grew up knowing the importance of health and fitness. Her mother, Rita Blackburn, of Pikeville, earned numerous honors for body-building and was one of the first female body builders from Eastern Kentucky.

She was the only local resident who competed in the Derby Festival Championship, and 300 competitors were judged in numerous categories. It was her first competition, but she said it won't be her last.

"It was a very stiff competition," she said. "It's hard to compete with 20-year-olds and 26-year-olds. But I am shredded from head to toe and felt good and I trained hard for it."

She never misses a workout. She works out two hours every week day with her personal trainer, Mike Branham, and she also trains women at her gym, which gained 250 members over the past month.

"Last year, I started to kick it up a notch," she said. "I started training a year ago to compete, and I lost 50 lbs. lifting weights, not cardio."

She said sometimes she looks at her photos and says "holy crap," saying "It's just amazing what lifting weights can do."

"Weight lifting resistance training is where it's at," she said. "As you get older, you lose muscle. They don't resistance train. They go out and do classes, but resistance training is the only thing that helps you keep your muscle tone."

She said some gym members "couldn't even squat" because their muscles had grown weak before joining the gym, and now they are doing well.

She said her gym members thank her for opening an all-female gym because they felt intimidated training in gyms with men.

"This gym is like a warm environment where you're not judged. You can get in awkward positions. You can be vulnerable," she said. "It's just amazing...not to have to worry about going in a weight room and feeling so intimidated going in that environment."

With the business, she hopes to change the lives of women.

"At the age of 40, I'm in the best shape of my life and I want to teach other women to do that, too ... I couldn't be happier. In the month of April, I have just come full circle, opening the gym and competing in meets were two of my lifegoals I met in April. I'm very proud."

Her next competition is set to be held in 16 weeks.

For more information about K-fitness, call, (606) 552-0410, or visit the business' Facebook page.



Submitted photo

Floyd County resident Kelly Blackburn, owner of K-fitness in Pikeville, earned honors at the National Physique Committee's Kentucky Derby Festival Championship.

Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

A FLOYD CHRONICLE
AND TIMES
STAFF REPORT

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

Felony charges filed

Matthew Mason 30, of Teaberry; flagrant non-support.

Kelly Lehman, 45, of Pikeville; flagrant non-support.

Paul Owsley, 53, of Prestonsburg; third-degree burglary.

Marvin Owsley, 37, of Prestonsburg; third-degree burglary

Elvie Akers, 48, of Grethel; second-degree assault.

Bill D. Barnett, 40, of Langley; flagrant non-support.

Mickey Thacker, 46, of Kimper; flagrant non-support.

Ottis Wallen, 67, of

Martin; failure to use child restraint device in vehicle, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, failure to maintain insurance, failure to register transfer of motor vehicle.

Shawn R. Gayheart, 29, of Paintsville; failure to wear seatbelt, no operators license, license to be in possession, driving while under the influence on a suspended license, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Ricky Hunter, 35, of Prestonsburg; flagrant non-support.

Michael D. Cooper, 56, of Prestonsburg; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Billy J. Lazar, 50, of Prestonsburg; flagrant non-support.

Lee Barrow, 27, of Brundridge Alabama; fugitive from another state.

Misdemeanor charges filed

Dontae R. Thompson, 27, of Lexington; disregarding signals from officers directing traffic, reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, resisting arrest, driving while under the influence, speeding 26 mph over limit, second-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree wanton endangerment.

Lee Barrow, 27 of Brundridge, Alabama; resisting arrest.

Berry Bentley, 57, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault.

Tina Bailey, 46, of Hagerhill; fourth-degree assault.

Cody Dhaffins, 20, of Melvin; third-degree terroristic threatening.

Samuel Hollifield, 38, of Teaberry; fourth-degree assault.

Lawsuits filed

Alpique Inn and Suites, LLC vs. Eugene Sisco, III and Joseph J. Snyder and Renew Addiction Treatment Clinic LLC; contract dispute.

Commonwealth of Kentucky and Erica Akers vs Natasha Vanover; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Cascade Capital LLC vs Catherine Hunt and Jamie Blankenship; contract dispute.

Appalachian Investments LLC vs Katie Allen; foreclosure.

Jada Rachelle Hall (Stewart) vs Wade Stewart II; divorce.

Tabitha Thomas vs Charles Hall Jr; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs Austin Tackett; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Dianna Smith vs Mi-

chael Johnson; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Danny Mays vs Judy Mays; divorce.

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



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GUEST EDITORIAL:

Lobbying a double-edged sword for Frankfort

A double-edged sword for Frankfort, the amount of money spent on lobbying grows to record levels every year.

Through its legislative newsletter, the Kentucky Legislative Ethics Commission announced Monday that legislative lobbying grew to a record \$8.4 million through the end of March, a 17 percent increase compared to last year's spending at the same point. Many of the biggest spenders shelled out cash related to tobacco tax increases or health-related issues.

For example, Altria, which markets tobacco products, spent \$331,989.30 on legislative lobbying, making it the biggest spender during the first three months of the 2018 session.

The Kentucky Chamber of

Commerce was second on the list of spenders at \$159,527. Louisville Gas and Electric and Kentucky Utilities ranked third on the list, and Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky ranked fourth. The Kentucky Hospital Association rounded out the top five, spending just over \$100,000.

If there's a silver lining to the gray cloud of millions of dollars being pumped into legislative lobbying — politicians from President Donald Trump to U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders have decried the role of money in politics — perhaps it's the complicated relationship Frankfort has with the industry.

Frankfort receives tax revenue on income from lobbyists who work in the city limits, but, as Finance Director Steve Daw-

son said in an article published earlier this year, the city still hasn't fully ensured it's collecting all the occupational tax due by lobbyists. Collecting local income tax isn't quite as easy when the person's job may involve affairs in Frankfort but a significant portion of the work can be accomplished in an office elsewhere. Still, the city of Frankfort receives a small amount of money from income received by lobbyists.

But the income tax is just a portion of the ways in which Frankfort — city government, residents and businesses — realizes the benefits of money spent on lobbying. When the legislature is in session, lobbyists spend tens of thousands of dollars on meals and receptions

at local businesses.

In a February interview with reporter Alfred Miller, Downtown Frankfort Inc Director Kelly Everman said the city sees a "huge difference" in the amount of downtown business when the legislature is in session.

The reaction to an all-time high legislative lobbying total may be seen as a bad omen for our politics across Kentucky and, perhaps, the United States. Meanwhile, Frankfort should view the ever-growing total with skepticism because of the potential effect on our politics while recognizing that our economy also benefits.

— The State Journal, Frankfort

GUEST EDITORIAL:

Is it time to pull the plug on Kentucky Wired?

In what is certainly a long overdue measure, the Kentucky Wired initiative is finally being closely examined to determine what went wrong and where the state goes from here.

It is no secret the ambitious public-private partnership to establish statewide high-speed Internet service has been beset by delays and

cost overruns. Now, Kentucky Wired is the subject of two separate investigations.

It's about time.

Kentucky Wired was touted as a 3,200-mile broadband network across the state, including some unserved or underserved locations, established by former Gov. Steve Beshear. Although its completion date

was originally set for 2018, only 708 miles have been built, putting it 18 months to two years behind schedule, according to our news partners at Kentucky Today.

The original cost was \$324 million, but a host of delays and obstacles have led to an \$188 million cost overrun with less than a third of it completed.

In a late measure

adopted as House Resolution 337, the legislation calls upon the Program Review and Investigations Committee to probe Kentucky Wired, "including but not limited to the manner by which it was evaluated for feasibility, authorized, contracted, and implemented," according to the language of the resolution.

This is a biparti-

san panel consisting of lawmakers from the House and Senate.

Another examination is also being handled by State Auditor Mike Harmon's office.

We need to look at this program very closely to determine what went wrong and the best way to move forward.

We have a long way to go.

Over the next two years, Kentucky is facing payments to the private partners to the tune of nearly \$68 million, but if the state opts out of the project now there's an estimated cost of nearly \$500 million.

We need quick action and clear analysis to determine the best course forward.

High-speed Internet is critical to Kentucky's future but we have to correct course smartly and responsibly.

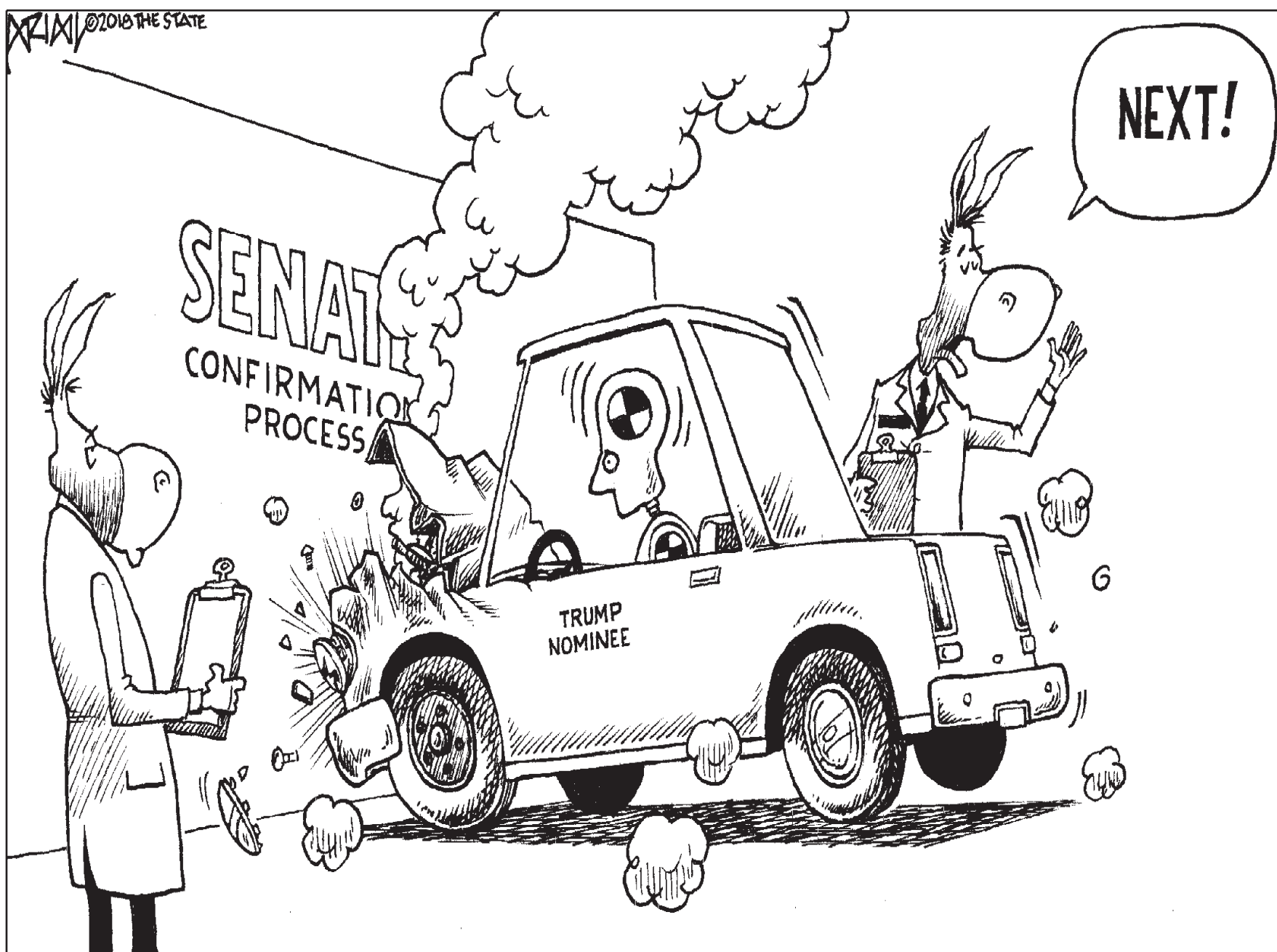
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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

Marriages

Shaundra D. Burchett, 27, of Martin, to James E. Fields, 54, of Langley
Aleigha Nicole Slone, 19, of East Point, to Storm Douglas Roop, 26, of East Point
Bernadette Blevins, 57, of Langley, to Garner Ray Halbert, 56, of Farmington, New Mexico

Property transfers

Carolton Johnson to Carmel Hall, Melinda Hall; property at Weeksbury
Shawn Spradline to Garnet Lowe; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 449)
Allie Coburn, Jeffrey Coburn, Meredith Carroll Coburn, Ryan Powell Coburn to Brent Graden, Joanna L. Santiesteban; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 452)
Lisa M. Lafferty, Michael A. Lafferty to Paul Allen Lafferty; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 457)
Boom SC LLC to Roy Stump; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 459)
David Ray Cooley, Gay Cooley to Alternative Outlook LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 462)
James F. Dunn to Kendra Burgess, Kyle Burgess; property on Rt. 321, Prestonsburg
Brenda Tussey Gray, Charles E. Gray to Ethan

Delong, Ashley Johnson; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 469)
Rebecca L. Woodburn to Diana Lynn Hall; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 472)
Donna Crum Gentry, Morris Gentry to Ashley Goodman, Carolyn McCray; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 476)
Lora Alice Kopacka to Buddy Ford Personal Representative, Estate of Ruby Kinzer; property in Allen Estate of Ruby Kinzer, Buddy Ford Personal Representative to Esta Cottrell; property in Allen Glenn Dale Rackery to Tillie Gibson; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 489)
Janet Salisbury, Jimmy Douglas Salisbury to April Jackson, Robert C. T. Jackson; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 492)
Matthew Hamilton, Tabitha Hamilton to Gregory Keith Blackburn; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 496)
Stacey Slone to Anthony Davis, Devon Polk; property on Neds Fork
James A. Mullins, Joann Mullins to Chandra Porter, Patrick Allen Cole Porter; property at Grethel Bridget R. Salyers Petry, Chester Petry to Amy J. Williamson, Josh R. Williamson; property at Dwale Anthony Newsome Jr., Theresa Newsome to James Anthony Newsome; property at Morgan Branch of Teaberry
Fredrick Johnson to Rusty Tackett; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 521)
Elmer Frasure to Bual Frasure Robertson Agee; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 528)
C&I Sol KYMF LLC to KCLASS Investments LLC; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 532 and 539)

Ampitheater lease signed

By CODY DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A lease agreement has been reached between the City of Prestonsburg and the state regarding the amphitheater located in the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. "We got the lease signed with the state last Thursday," said Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton. The Prestonsburg City Council had previously approved a motion to allow Stapleton to enter into the lease agreement with the state, after the Kentucky Department of

Parks announced the temporary closure of the structure in January. The reasons cited for the closure included repairs that needed to be addressed before the structure could be used. But, Stapleton said, the city has encountered very few structural and maintenance issues. "There was some electrical issues and stuff but we've addressed a lot of them," said Stapleton. "We're going to try to get it done within a couple weeks." Stapleton and other officials had said previously that the struc-

ture was too much of a tourist attraction to lose, and, Stapleton said, he has ideas in place for how to use the structure now that the city officially has the lease. Some of those ideas Stapleton said, will include partnering with the Mountain Arts Center to hold a spring and fall concert series. "The theatre will still be operating as normal. That's what we're hoping for," said Stapleton. If all goes as planned, Stapleton said, he expects the repairs to be complete in the very near future.

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the Floyd County School District for 29 years. Prior to her retirement from public education in 2013, she served seven years as principal of Prestonsburg Elementary and South Floyd. Three weeks into her retirement, she decided she wasn't ready to retire, so she came to Wesley Christian. "God called me here," she said. "I was wanting to serve a mission to spread the gospel and I ended up here." Wesley Christian started out as an elementary school with only around 14 students. It now has 180 students enrolled in preschool through high school and it also offers a program for toddlers and preschool children. It even offers dorms for 15 internation-

al students who traveled from several countries to study at Wesley Christian and play ball there. As superintendent, Salisbury-Curry will be overseeing about 35 employees at the school. The school offers dual-credit and early college programs with local colleges and its students participate in numerous state academic programs and competitions. The school's average ACT score is between 21 and 28, she said. Wesley Christian supplements classes with the Abeka curriculum, which provides educational resources based on biblical values. Children correct grammar in sentences that highlight biblical people, for example, and stories related to the bible are used to teach children other skills in English and writing. Salisbury-Curry is a

graduate of Pikeville College, now known as the University of Pikeville, as well as Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University, where she earned superintendent degree, principal certification, instructional supervision certification and other certifications. She went back to school to earn those certifications while working as a highly skilled educator for the Kentucky Department for Education — a three-year job in which she traveled and worked in schools

in several counties. She was among 12 teachers selected from 142 who applied for that program. Her office is decorated with several inspirational quotes, including one that reads, "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Salisbury-Curry lives in Drift with her husband Mark. Their son, Mickey Tyler Martin, 30, lives in North Carolina. For more information about the school and its services, call, (606) 874-8328.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- May 4-5: Big Sandy Community & Technical College will host commencement at the Mountain Arts Center at 7 p.m. on May 4 for allied health programs, at 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on May 5 for other students. (606) 886-7364
- 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; 10 a.m.: 2018 Job Your Memory Alzheimer's 5K Run/Walk, Prestonsburg municipal parking lot.
- 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
- May 5: The Bluff Adventure Race, an 8-hour race that's part of the Unbridled AR Series, features biking, trekking and paddling for individuals and teams. An adventure race preview clinic will be held at 6 p.m. on May 4 in the Goldenrod Room, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Race begins on May 5 with check in at 8 a.m. 361adventures.com/bluff
- May 5; 4 p.m.: Friends of Jenny Wiley to host "Talk Derby to Me," Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center, featuring food, a cash bar, prizes for best hat, raffles, live music and other activities. (606) 889-1790
- May 5; 7:30 p.m.: Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers to perform at Quality Inn, Prestonsburg.
- May 6; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Art Gallery in Langley, 297 Johns Branch Road in Langley, presents its third annual Spring Art Exhibit, featuring the work of Jeff Chapman Crane and gallery director Duna V. Combs. The artist reception will begin at 3 p.m. (606) 478-3325
- May 7-8; 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Registration open at Big Sandy Community & Technical College. Admissions, financial aid and advising staff will be on hand each day to help prospective and returning students navigate the registration process. Summer Classes begin June 4th and Fall Classes begin August 15. 855-GO-BSCTC
- May 7; 3:30 p.m.: Mommy and Me Sewing Class, Prestonsburg Library. (606) 886-2981
- May 7; 6 p.m.: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Eastern Library. (606) 377-2860
- May 7; 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets.
- May 7; 6:30 p.m.: GA Gardening Series, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- May 8; 10 a.m.: First Presbyterian, Prestonsburg, invites the public to a ribbon cutting for its new blessing box.
- May 8; 6 p.m.: North Carolina story teller Randall Jones to talk about Daniel Boone's visit to Floyd and other counties at Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- May 8; 6 p.m.: Wesley Christian School presents "O Chicken of Little Faith, Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
- May 8, 6 p.m.: Wayland City Commission meets.

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Brother David Edward Downey, 87, of Joliet, Ill., died Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

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Frankie Helene Mullins Lawson, 77, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

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Judith Music

Judith Sharon Ratliff Music, 71, of Hager Hill, died Tuesday, May 1, 2018.

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Inez resident among two who lost \$900K

SPECIAL TO THE
FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Attorney General Andy Beshear issued a new scam alert on April 26, after two Kentuckians reported losing nearly \$900,000 this year to scammers promising access to gold markets and millions in investment returns.

A Fayette County resident recently lost \$420,000 to a con artist on Facebook who said "investing" in a foreign gold market would quickly generate millions of dollars. An Inez resident also "invested" \$475,000 with a con artist who guaranteed gold.

Gold scammers typically attract victims with deceptive sales scripts, stating that the precious metal markets can double and triple in just 30-days and are less risky than traditional IRAs, 401(k)s. The scam typically ends with the victim sending money to a scammer to purchase gold they never receive.

The two reported victims in Kentucky

were senior citizens who handed over their life savings to a sham gold investor, said Beshear.

"Gold scammers are turning Kentuckians' fear of losing their nest egg into a reality," said Beshear. "My office is working to stop these appalling con artists, help victims recover and prevent other families avoid the catastrophic outcomes of losing their life savings."

Beshear said there are legitimate investments in gold, which can diversify an investment portfolio and help to protect against inflation and economic uncertainty, but before rushing to invest in gold Kentuckians must be wary of fraud schemes.

The Federal Trade Commission offers guidance to follow before purchasing gold.

Know the price of gold is not guaranteed. Overtime the price can both increase and decrease in value.

Compare prices before making a purchase. Banks, brokerage firms, coin dealers and precious metal dealers often charge

more than the value of the gold.

Consult with a reputable dealer, financial adviser and independent appraiser who has specialized knowledge before making an investment.

Refuse any sales pitch that requires you to act quickly and never send money using untraceable methods of payment.

Research the seller online and contact the Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection hotline at, 888-432-9257, for assistance in determining a scam. Kentuckians can also file a consumer complaint with Beshear's office online.

Beshear said con artists are turning more and more to social media to scam senior citizens, and children, grandchildren and caregivers of seniors should take active steps to safeguard their loved ones online.

Beshear urges all Kentuckians to sign-up for Scam Alerts by texting the words KYO-AG Scam to, GOV311, (468311) or enroll online at, ag.ky.gov/scams.

RATE

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million. The utility had requested a revenue increase of \$927,642.

In a press release, the PSC reported it analyzed Big Sandy RECC's finances, and found that additional revenue was needed in order to maintain the utility's financial health and to allow it to

meet its obligations to its lenders.

Big Sandy RECC has nearly 13,000 customers in eight Eastern Kentucky counties, including Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Magoffin, Martin, Breathitt and Morgan counties. It is one of 16 electric distribution cooperatives that together own and purchase power from the East Kentucky Power

Cooperative.

In a rate adjustment application filed in October 2017, Big Sandy RECC stated that it needed

More revenue to cover increasing operational costs and maintain its ability to meet the terms of its agreements with its lenders.

The PSC made several adjustments to the revenue amount request-

ed by Big Sandy RECC, with the largest involving the proper accounting of flood disaster recovery payments received by the utility from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. When combined with other adjustments, the net effect was a revenue increase larger than requested by Big Sandy RECC.

The PSC also made some changes to the

allocation of the revenue increase to different classes of commercial and industrial customers in order to better reflect the cost of providing service to those customers.

The PSC granted Big Sandy RECC's request to extend the time that customers have to pay their bills from the date of the bill. It will now be 20, rather than 15, days.

The PSC conducted a

public evidentiary hearing on Big Sandy RECC's application on March 27. There were no other parties to the case.

The April 26 final order, a video of the evidentiary hearing, and other records in the case are available on the PSC website, psc.ky.gov. The case number is 2017-00374.

ADKINS

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said in a text message, "I am obviously disappointed, but moving forward. Excited to continue the good things going on in Floyd County as we prepare our kids for post-secondary opportunities. My focus is an will always be our children in Floyd."

Adkins took the remarks made after the meeting in stride.

"I want to say that it's tough to be within a district," he said. "And, you know, these other two candidates have put their heart and soul into this district, and that's understandable to be emotional. Understandable."

He has 23 years of service in public education, and he is still under contract in the Pike County School District until June 30. He said, however, that officials there will allow him to spend two days weekly in Floyd County prior to his official start date of July 1.

"I'll be on the ground here Monday in Floyd County," he said. "My superintendent's agreed that I can come a couple of days a week until my contract's up. During that time, I'll be meeting with department heads, getting a feel for the land, trying to build relation-

ships, and collecting data. July 1 we're wide open. It's the real deal then."

A graduate of Morehead State University, Union College and the University of the Cumberland, Adkins has worked as a science teacher, an elementary school principal and in other roles in Pike County. He said he served as a coach and worked as a bus driver while teaching there.

"I've done a little bit of everything," he said.

He said one of his strong suits is his relationship-building skills, and he believes that came out during his interviews with the board and the superintendent screening committee.

Adkins, 46, said he sought a career in education because he loves children.

"I love kids," he said. "I know everybody says that, but I love kids. I love being with kids. They're blessings. They're our future, and, in my opinion, an educator gives hope. They give hope to children, and that's what I want to do. This allows me to touch an entire school district, instead of just a classroom or a school. Now, I'll have the opportunity to touch all the children in the school district."

Adkins lives in Coal Run in Pike County with

his wife Cindy. He said he does not plan to move to Floyd County. His stepson Josh Hughes, 13, attends Pikeville Independent, and his stepdaughter Emily Hughes, 19, attends Georgetown College.

"I live five minutes from the Floyd County line, so I'll be staying at home," he said. "But I live just across the line in Coal Run."

The school district hired the Kentucky School Board Association to help with the superintendent search, which started after former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb announced his resignation last year. Part of the process included the appointment of a screening committee made up of representatives from the board, employees and the community to screen 12 applicants. They selected six applicants for recommendation to the board, following a Skype interview process in which questions were scored by a rubric the KSBA helped them develop.

Sherry Robinson, school board chair and chair of the screening committee, said the decision was difficult. She said Adkins was a "strong candidate" for the position.

"I want to say that we were blessed with three great candidates, that it did not make the

decision easy at all," she said. "It was a very hard thought process that we all prayed and, you know, gave it time and was really diligent about what our decision was going to be. And, in the end, I feel like that we did what we all thought was best for the kids in this county and for the district, in order to move it forward."

The contract

The Floyd County Board of Education gave itself some leeway with Adkins' contract, which has a shorter term and provides fewer benefits than the contract with the former superintendent.

The two-year contract begins July 1 and ends on June 30, 2020. The contract term for the district's previous superintendent, Dr. Henry Webb, was four years.

Adkins' salary is set at \$126,000 annually, based on a 240 working days, excluding benefits. That's about \$1,000 more annually, in base salary, than Webb, who ended his service in 2016 while earning \$147,664.

According to the contract, Adkins may receive a raise when other district employees earn raises. The contract for former Webb, who is superintendent in Kenton County, required annual raises of \$5,000.

Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble's contract, which ends June 30, designates a salary of \$372 per work day, or approximately \$89,422 annually, and it does not mention raises.

In the contract, the school district agrees to provide health, dental and vision insurance coverage for Adkins, his wife Cindy and eligible children. Contracts for Dr. Webb and Trimble only noted "family health plan insurance." Term life insurance funded by the board for Adkins is \$500,000 — the same as the previous contract.

The school district paid the former superintendent \$20,400 toward his doctoral degree, and no mention of that benefit is in Adkins' contract. Under a clause for termination of the agreement, the school district added disability to a list of possible reasons for contract termination.

There was also a change in the way the district will compensate Adkins for travel. The board provided Dr. Webb and Trimble with a "four-wheel drive capable vehicle for (their) exclusive use." Adkins' contract, however, says he will be reimbursed for mileage, as specified by board policy, when using his personal vehicle and that he

"shall have use of a district vehicle."

The board's contract with Dr. Webb required the school district to reimburse him \$10,000 annually for his retirement contributions. Adkins' contract does not specify that benefit.

Dr. Webb's contract called for the reimbursement for costs associated with computers, cellular phones and internet services so he could do his job while at home or traveling. Adkins's contract is similar, except it states that he is required to pay for his own cell phone or smart phone service.

Also unlike Dr. Webb's previous contract, Adkins is not subject to an exclusivity clause. With this clause, Dr. Webb's contract prevented him from seeking or accepting employment in another school district through June 30, 2020 — the day that Adkins' contract is set to end.

The contract also requires that the board pay or reimburse Adkins for reasonable work-related expenses approved by the board and for his membership to five educational groups and one civic club. Dr. Webb's contract included pay for two groups and two civic clubs.

After the May 1 meeting adjourned, Robinson, Dr. Varia and Adkins met with board attorney Jonathan Shaw in the principal's office at May Valley Elementary, where the contract was signed and notarized by board secretary Angie Bentley. The terms of that contract has not yet been discussed or approved publicly by the board, but Robinson provided a copy of it to the Floyd County Chronicle and Times.

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It will all be over some day
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To that beautiful home where you are to stay
But I will be with you some day.



I love and miss you,
Mother, Carlie Conn Blackburn; Father, Virgil Conn; and family.
Poem written by mother.

Insurance costs increase for Floyd County Schools

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County School District will pay slightly more for insurance in the coming school year, but officials say it will be much less than the amount other school districts will be paying.

The board of education recently approved renewing insurance policies with Liberty Mutual in Lexington, a company that is represented locally by Hall and Clark Insurance in Prestonsburg.

Phillip Hunt, representing Liberty Mutual at Hall and Clark Insurance, and David Livingston of the Liberty Mutual in Lexington, reported that statewide, insurance policies are expected to increase between eight to 12 percent for auto/fleet policies, and property insurance is expected to increase around four percent.

They pointed out, however, that because Liberty Mutual values the “long-term relationship” it has with the school district, its rate will only increase by 1.8 percent next school year.

“I was advised today that your renewal has already been calculated and your increase is one percent,” Hunt said. “So, you’re not getting the eight to 12 percent on the auto. You’re not getting the four percent on the property. Even though you just built a new, \$40 million school, you’re getting a one percent increase. You may be asking why is Floyd County not getting what the rest of the marketplace is getting. It’s because of the long-term relationship that you have had with them. It’s a relationship they want to continue.”

Noting that Liberty Mutual is “not asking you to commit to a multi-year” policy, Hunt suggested that the company may increase prices if the school district decides to seek bids from other insurance companies.

“They value the relationship,” he said. “If you go to bid, I can’t guarantee this, but I can say that, the

interpretation may be that you’re not in it for the relationship and therefore, their pricing may not be in for the relationship. So, their pricing may be, if this is going to be a year-to-year relationship, or a one-year relationship, then their pricing may be as such as well.”

The school district completed construction on Floyd Central and added 18 new school buses this school year. Livingston said the district’s new buses will be automatically covered under the policy, which is why fleet insurance won’t increase under the new policy, and he reported insurance coverage on properties valued at more than \$1 million is based on appraisals the company conducted—not property values reported to the Kentucky Department of Education. He said using appraisals for insurance policies saves the district around 10 percent.

The board is required by law to bid out property and fleet insurance annually, but not its liability insurance.

Officials said the district entered a contract with Liberty Mutual five years ago and added options for

annual renewals in those contracts to reduce the district’s annual bidding process.

Board members sought a recommendation from Finance Director Matt Wireman prior to their decision, but he said he wasn’t familiar with the insurance market. He said the district has had a “great relationship” with Liberty Mutual and had no issues with the company.

Board member Junior Newsome made the motion to renew the contract, telling the board that they can renew the policy for the upcoming school year and re-bid insurance services if the cost exceeds the 1.8 percent promised by the company.

Wireman reported last week that the total cost of insurance for its properties and fleet will be around \$958,400, an increase of 1.83 percent over the prior year, when the district paid \$941,000.

Wireman reported the school district’s policy will decrease once former schools are sold. The district is seeking bids for the purchase of the former Osborne Elementary, Allen Grade School and maintenance building and McDowell Elementary.

Funding awarded for repairs at Cedar Trace

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
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The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s Highway District 12 office in Pikeville announced this week that state’s Rural and Municipal Aid program will fund part of the repairs needed at Cedar Trace in Prestonsburg.

The office announced \$60,000 in emergency funding would be awarded to Floyd County for the repairs to a drainage structure on Cedar Trace Road, located on the Big Branch of Abbott Creek Road.

The announcement came alongside \$114,800 in emergency funding awarded to Knott County for four emergency repair projects.

The funding awarded for Cedar Trace will pay for half of an emergency infrastructure project there.

The Prestonsburg City Council declared an infrastructure emergency at Cedar Trace during a special meeting on April 2, with officials reporting it would cost approximately \$120,000 to fix it.

The resolution explained that a tile was broken underneath the roadway at the entrance to the subdivision, causing water to wash out dirt from underneath the roadway and the asphalt to break and sink. Mayor Les Stapleton presented council members with a \$120,200 quote from Infrastructure Systems Inc. of Indiana, reporting the problem will be repaired by placing a “slip line,” or pipe inside the existing pipe that failed on Cedar Trace.

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May 12, 2018

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All entries must be received by Friday, May 25, 2018.

Best Business*

- After Hours Clinic
- ATV Sales
- Automobile Dealership
- Auto Repair
- Bank
- Barber Shop
- Body Shop
- 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.....
- Company
- Insurance Agent.....
- Agency....
- Jeweler.....
- Store.....
- Massage Therapist ...
- Company
- Mechanic.....
- Company
- Nurse.....
- Hospital/Office.....
- Optometrist
- Hospital/Office.....
- Pediatric Dentist.....
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- 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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TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Learn from people offering sage advice. Don't leave anything to chance or let someone else finish what you start. If you see matters through to the end, you'll have no regrets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Put on the brakes if you've been overspending or taking on too much. Be smart when asked to take part in something that sounds too good to be true.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Mull over situations before you respond. Having a good understanding of how others feel will help you make a better choice for you and anyone your decision may affect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – A change that could affect your position, reputation or status should be thought through carefully. Don't let what someone else decides to do influence you if it's not in your best interest.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Make plans with friends or build your relationships with colleagues. Stepping outside the workplace or spending time with people in unfamiliar settings will help you get to know them better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – You may feel the need for change, but if you meet with opposition, you are best off backing down and finding out why you are facing resistance. Keep the peace.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Showing interest in what others do will give you food

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



for thought and ideas for new beginnings. An open mind is the doorway to positive experiences that will encourage beneficial change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Discuss your concerns, intentions and plans with someone you want to work alongside. Whether personal or professional, relationships will be a key factor when it comes to your success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Don't hide how you feel. Be blunt and clear the air to distance yourself from anyone or anything you don't agree with. Don't be afraid to do your own thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Trust in what you know to be true, and refuse to let anyone lead you astray. Moderation will help you avoid making bad choices. Romance is highlighted and personal improvements are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Look at every angle and listen to suggestions before making a decision. Taking care of your health and being honest about a personal situation will be in your best interest.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Focus inward and on how to best use your attributes to get things done. Refuse to let negativity take control and ruin your day.

TODAY'S SUDOKU PUZZLE

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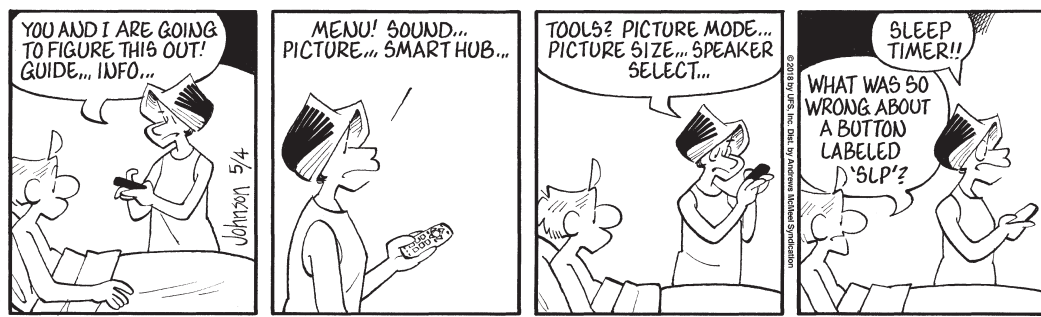
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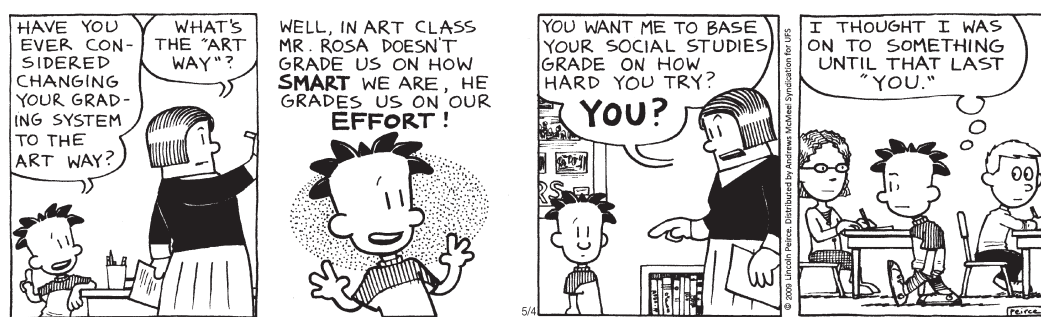
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 - 71 Raw metals
 - 72 Simmers
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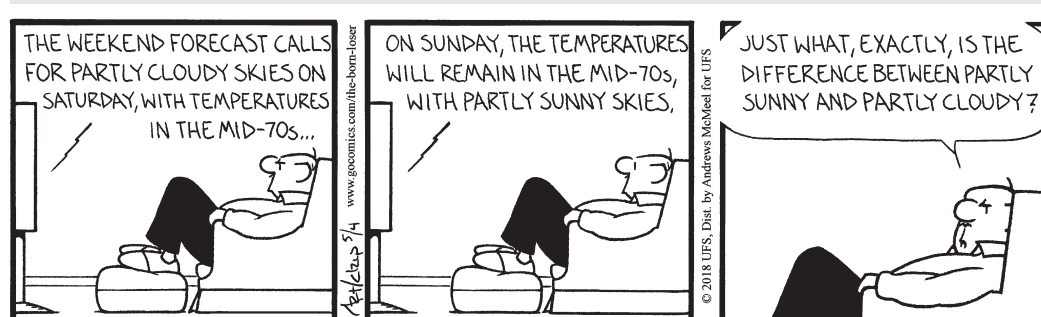
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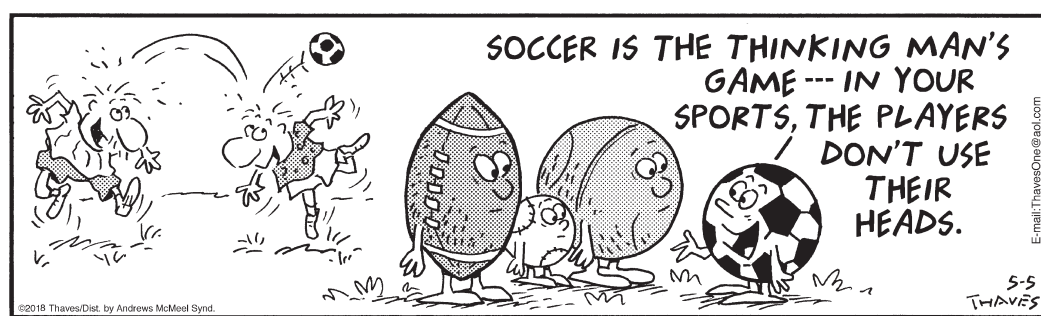
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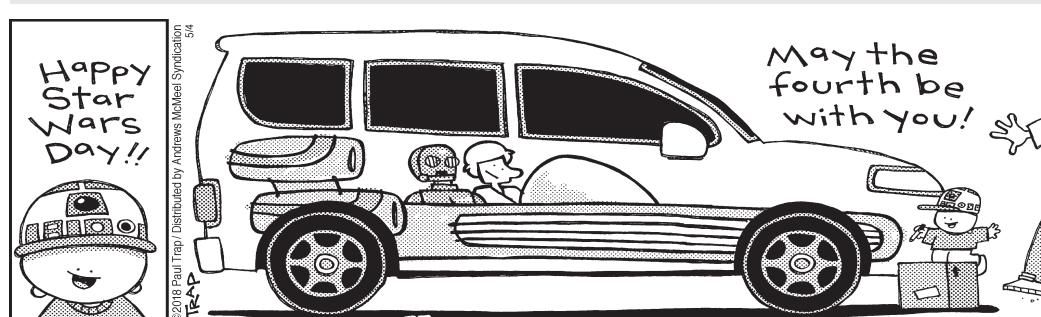
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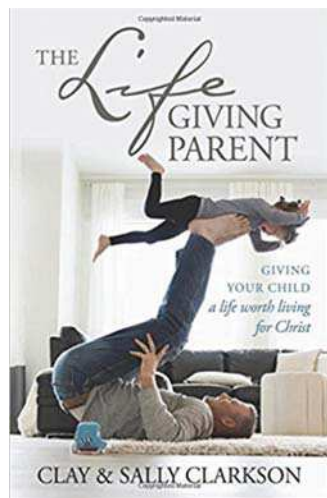
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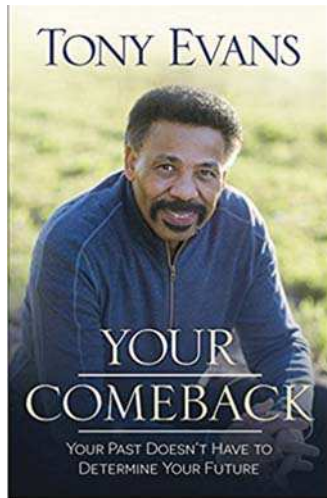
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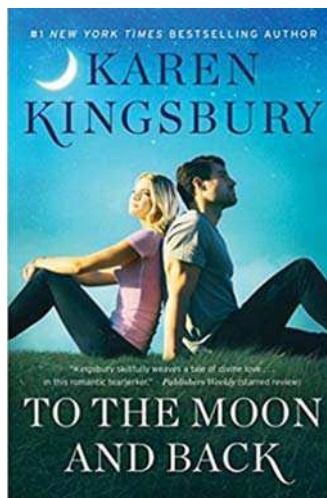
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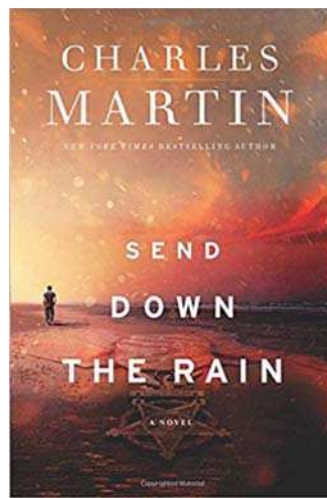
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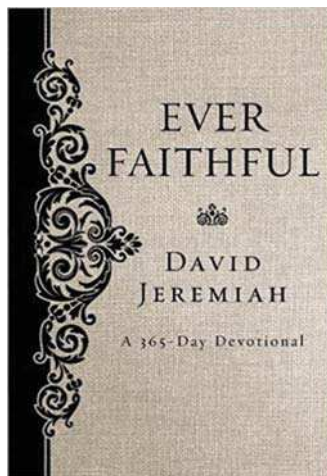
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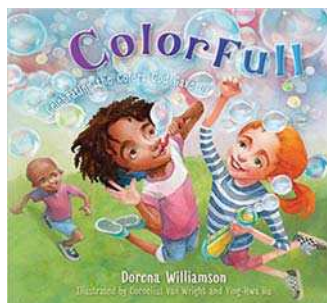
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Coworkers in the service of God

The creation of the world and the salvation of the souls therein is a work in progress. Every dawn is, in some ways, a vestige of creation, but more than just a vestige, it is indeed a new creation. The world is clearly in the process of becoming what it will be, and we are co-creators with God in determining how things will work out. Just as the physical universe is in flux, so too the moral universe. Good and evil are locked in mortal combat, and we are all called to do our part on the side of God and the angels. It can sometimes be discouraging to see how depraved people can be. Governments, which should serve their people, sometimes seem more bent on subjugating or otherwise taking advantage of them. Wars and rumors of wars there will always be, but we can take heart that most of us cringe when we see people acting cruelly, and the human heart is more moved by pity, compassion and kindness than by cruelty and evil. And while there may be a bit of larceny in every heart, most of us are more desirous to become better human beings and to help our fellow human beings than to fleece them. So take up your cross (or your shield), and help God and your fellow man fight the good fight.



— Christopher Simon

"For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."
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Keep tithing and keep God first



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Several years ago I had an online subscription to My Total Money Makeover (MTMM) created by financial writer Dave Ramsey. The subscription included access to forums where people sought advice from their fellow MTMM members. On the now defunct forums, people shared their budgets. They were detailed, including their income and amounts for every category budgeted. (Categories were from Ramsey's recommended budget.) People asked others for help. How could they do better? Where could they cut costs? Where could they find cheaper insurance, cell phone plans, etc? Responses varied for each person and their personal budget. Some people were shelling out too much money for car payments. The advice was to get rid of the vehicle and get something they could actually afford. If possible, buy a cheaper car that is dependable to get you to and from work and ditch car payments all together. Everyone's situation was different, but the goal of everyone was the same –

they wanted to be in better control of their money.

I remember people asking if it was okay to stop tithing. They were in a great amount of debt and wanted to stop tithing for a period of time until their finances were in order. Ramsey himself is a Christian, therefore, he has included a "giving" category in the budget for tithes and offerings to the church. According to Ramsey's website, the "three big principles of any solid financial plan are to save, spend and give. Most people forget about the giving part, though, because they think mostly about saving and spending. But giving—specifically tithing—is just as important. It softens the heart of the giver and frees their soul from dependence on money. You'll never walk away from giving feeling bad! Giving comes in many forms, with your tithe being the most important, because it's a biblical mandate." (If you're not a Christian, then Ramsey encourages you to donate to charities or philanthropies important to you.)

Some of the responses said it was okay to stop tithing for a period of time. I disagreed. Proverbs 3:6 from The Living Bible says, "In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." As Ramsey points out, "tithing was created for our benefit. It teaches us how to keep God

first in our lives and how to live unselfishly."

Bob Wertz, my minister, is currently during a series of sermons on the minor prophets. On Sunday, Bob shared a message from the prophet Haggai who touches upon this very subject of not putting God first. The Jews had previously been carried away into captivity. Some of the Jews returned and started rebuilding the Temple. However, they didn't complete the job. Their enemies were giving them trouble, so they quit working on it. However, the Jewish people finished their own homes while God's Temple lay in ruins.

"Why is everyone saying it is not the right time for rebuilding my Temple?" asks the Lord.

His reply to them is this: 'Is it then the right time for you to live in luxurious homes, when the Temple lies in ruins? Look at the result: You plant much but harvest little. You have scarcely enough to eat or drink and not enough clothes to keep you warm. Your income disappears, as though you were putting it into pockets filled with holes!'

'Think it over,' says the Lord Almighty. 'Consider how you have acted and what has happened as a result! Then go up into the mountains, bring down timber, and rebuild my Temple, and I will be pleased with it and appear there in my glo-

ry,' says the Lord.

'You hope for much but get so little. And when you bring it home, I blow it away—it doesn't last at all. Why? Because my Temple lies in ruins, and you don't care. Your only concern is your own fine homes. That is why I am holding back the rains from heaven and giving you such scant crops. In fact, I have called for a drought upon the land, yes, and in the highlands too—a drought to wither the grain and grapes and olives and all your other crops, a drought to starve both you and all your cattle and ruin everything you have worked so hard to get' (Haggai 1:2-11 TLB)."

The Jews were enduring hardships. They didn't have enough to eat, nor proper clothing to keep them warm. And it was all due to the fact they were putting themselves first instead of God.

Ramsey says the Bible doesn't mention anything in regards to "pausing" tithing. It doesn't say whether or not it's okay. "But get this: Many people have observed that after they stopped tithing, their finances seemed to get worse. In Malachi 3:8–11, God says that if you tithe instead of keeping it for yourself, He will pour out blessing and rebuke your devourers. In other words, He'll keep you safe from those who might harm you. So keep tithing." And keep God first.

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By Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) proudly announces the addition of John Tate Deel, M.D., cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon.

Dr. Deel received his Bachelor of Science degree from West Liberty State College, West Liberty, WV and his medical degree from Marshall University School of Medicine, Huntington, WV. He is board certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

A full-service cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Deel specializes in robotic surgeries for heart bypass, heart valve and lung cancer procedures.

"During my first rotation as a general surgery resident in cardiac service, I knew from day one that my specialty would be cardiothoracic and vascular surgery," said Dr. Deel. "That was exactly what I wanted to do and I am glad I did."

He is excited to be part of the PMC Heart and Vascular Institute and providing care to the people of the region. He says he hopes his office can run on schedule, barring emergent circumstances.

"I want my patients not to feel rushed when they are in my office and when they leave I want them to have a clear understanding of what their problem is, what is going to happen and what the options are to fix it," he said.

Dr. Deel says a key factor in his decision to come to PMC was the size of the town. "Pikeville is a smaller town and I like that because I am a hometown country boy," he said.

From a heart surgery standpoint he says he chose PMC because of their efforts to be progressive and current. "It gives me the opportunity to do some things that I am trained in, that I was not able to do where I was practicing. I also appreciate the equipment and technology at PMC," said Dr. Deel.

He is from southern West Virginia. He and his wife have four children. In his spare time he enjoys scuba diving, especially inside caves.

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Blackcat Cameron Blackburn made his way back to first base ahead of a Betsy Layne pickoff attempt. Prestonsburg knocked off Betsy Layne 12-2 Monday in 58th District action and followed with a 10-0 win in the second game Tuesday.

Blackcats sweep Bobcats

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg swept rival Betsy Layne in a two-game 58th District baseball series earlier in the week, winning 12-2 on Monday and 10-0 on Tuesday.

The Blackcats, under the direction of first-year head coach Trey Stapleton, produced both offensively and defensively during the two district games.

Prestonsburg 12, Betsy Layne 2

Collin Ousley and Payton Burke combined to pitch a one-hitter to lead Prestonsburg past rival Betsy Layne 12-2 in a 58th District baseball game at Stumbo Park in Allen on Monday.

Prestonsburg scored first and never trailed, holding district nemesis Betsy Layne scoreless after the second inning. The Blackcats plated 12 runs on 12 hits and overcame three errors in the field to win convincingly.

Ousley worked six innings, allowing two runs on one hit and striking out 11 on his way to

notching the win.

Betsy Layne pitcher Byron Tackett suffered the loss. Tackett surrendered seven runs on 10 hits over three and 2/3 innings, striking out three and walking one. A pair of pitchers, Matthew Newsome and Tyler Sanders, worked out of relief roles for the Bobcats, throwing two and 2/3 innings and 2/3 of an inning, respectively.

Prestonsburg banged out 12 hits. Ben Welch, Blake Sizemore, Aaron Shepherd and Cameron Blackburn each connected for multiple hits

for the Blackcats. Welch went three for five with three RBIs for the Prestonsburg baseball team.

Tackett collected Betsy Layne's lone hit in the setback.

Struggling defensively, Betsy Layne committed eight errors.

Prestonsburg 10, Betsy Layne 0 (Five innings)

Behind a no-hitter from pitcher Andrew Hale, Prestonsburg blanked visiting Betsy Layne 10-0 in five innings to pull off a sweep in a 58th District baseball se-

ries at StoneCrest on Tuesday.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 10-10 overall and 4-2 in the 58th District.

Betsy Layne dropped to 5-13 overall and 1-5 in the district with the loss.

The Blackcats set the tone early, plating six runs in the bottom half of the first inning.

Hale earned the win in an impressive outing. The Prestonsburg starting pitcher allowed no runs on no hits, while striking out five and walking one over five innings.

Betsy Layne pitcher

Kolby McGuire took the loss. McGuire lasted only 1/3 of an inning, allowing six runs on two hits and striking out one. Working out of a relief role, Zach Bentley threw three and 2/3 innings for the Bobcats.

Prestonsburg connected for five hits in the winning effort.

Welch went two for three with two RBIs to lead Prestonsburg offensively. Blackburn, Owen Greene and Shepherd drove in one run apiece for the Blackcats in the victory.



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Prestonsburg shortstop Graham Burchett plays behind Betsy Layne baserunner Zach Bentley.

Prestonsburg Elementary repeats as county champs

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Prestonsburg Elementary shut out Betsy Layne Elementary 2-0 in the 2018 Floyd County K-5 Volleyball Tournament title match at Allen Central High School's J.E. Campbell Arena on Wednesday.

With the victory, Prestonsburg Elementary captured its second straight Floyd County K-5 volleyball title.

Prestonsburg defeated DACE in the opening round of the county tournament and topped John M. Stumbo in the semifinals.

Betsy Layne's path to the title match included a win over Wesley Christian in the first round and a victory over May Valley in the semifinals.

Prestonsburg topped Betsy Layne 18-11 in the opening game of the title match. Finishing strong, Prestonsburg beat Betsy Layne 18-5 in the second game of the title match

to capture the county championship.

Prestonsburg is under the direction of head coach Bobby Hackworth. Team members are Paisley Akers, Alexis Allen, Kendra Fannin, Jade Fitzpatrick, Ally Hamilton, Kaylee Hopson, Annalise Jervis, Lindsey Johnson, Paige Maynard, Grace Miller, Alyssa Perkins, Kaylee Perkins, Carley Porter, Noel Shepherd, Bridgett Spears, Sara Springer, Sophie Stephens, Brianna Webb and Harleigh Williams.

Prestonsburg ended the 2018 season 12-5.

Hackworth was proud of his team's performance and quick to compliment the squad.

"These girls came together at the right time," said Hackworth. "We split with every team in the county, but John M. Stumbo and Betsy Layne, beating them both times we played. We finished the regular season 9-5, but in the month of April we won five of the last six matches in the reg-

ular-season. Then, we played DACE in the first round of the county tournament and I felt like was one of the greatest volleyball matches to be involved in. Both teams gave it their all and we came out on top. During the match versus John M. Stumbo in the semifinals, we had to come back after getting beat in the first game. In the championship match versus Betsy Layne, our girls came out and played great. These girls never gave up and I couldn't be more proud of them. No matter what the score was they would fight back and they showed a lot of pride in each other and themselves. When one girl would play bad someone would step up and play to take up the slack. I just couldn't be more proud of these girls and also Tayler Bragg, who came onboard as an assistant coach and has been a plus to this program."



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Prestonsburg Elementary captured its second straight Floyd County K-5 volleyball title at Allen Central High School's J.E. Campbell Arena on Wednesday. Head coach Bobby Hackworth guided Prestonsburg to the 2018 county championship. Team members (pictured in no particular order) are Paisley Akers, Alexis Allen, Kendra Fannin, Jade Fitzpatrick, Ally Hamilton, Kaylee Hopson, Annalise Jervis, Lindsey Johnson, Paige Maynard, Grace Miller, Alyssa Perkins, Kaylee Perkins, Carley Porter, Noel Shepherd, Bridgett Spears, Sara Springer, Sophie Stephens, Brianna Webb and Harleigh Williams.



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Betsy Layne Elementary finished runner-up in the Floyd County K-5 Volleyball Tournament. Head coach Dwayne Johnson guided Betsy Layne to the runner-up finish. Team members (pictured in no particular order) are Petra Burchett, Kayley Case, Laiken Collett, Brooklyn Hall, Hanna Hall, Allie Hamilton, Mackenzie Hughes, Jayden Jarrell and Alexis Robinette.



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Betsy Layne's Petra Burchett delivers a serve during the Floyd County K-5 Volleyball Tournament.



ABOVE: Prestonsburg's Kendra Fannin serves the ball during the Floyd County K-5 Volleyball Tournament title match.

RIGHT: Prestonsburg coach Bobby Hackworth talks to his team during a timeout.



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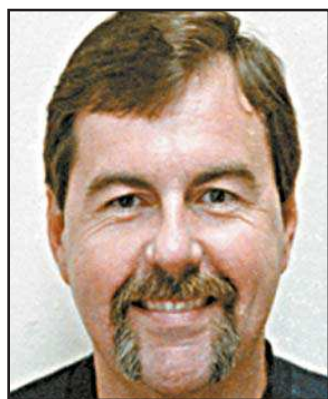
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Ford dominates Talladega

The Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wouldn't exist without the support and backing that comes from Ford, Chevrolet and Toyota. These three manufacturers pour millions and millions of dollars in the sport each year in hope that the old saying, "win on Sunday, sale on Monday" still rings true.

Toyota introduced a new version of its Camry last season and although there was some growing pains early in the season, Furniture Row Racing's Martin Truex Jr. was able to drive his Toyota to the series title in a very dominating fashion. That is the goal of all three manufacturers in the sport to have their new model dominate the sport so it can hopefully boost their sales across the country.



Racin'
Steve Mickey

When one manufacturer introduces a new model into the sport the other two are put into a situation where they have follow suit to not only stay competitive on the track but to also stay competitive at their dealerships. Chevrolet answered Toyota this season by introducing its Camaro into the series for the first time ever. Like Toyota last season, Chevrolet struggled out of the gate as they continue to try and figure out

what the car needs to be competitive on race day. This was expected to be the season that Ford teams would struggle as their Ford Fusions would be the oldest model on the track and would be at a disadvantage with the newer Camrys and Camaros. Wins were supposed to be hard to come by this season and the championship might be out of reach but somebody forgot to tell that to the six organizations and thirteen teams that campaign the Blue Oval brand.

Going into Sunday's race at Talladega Ford and Toyota were tied with four wins each with Chevrolet's only win coming in the season opening Daytona 500. Both manufacturers had drivers with three-race win

streaks as Ford's Kevin Harvick did it earlier in the season and was followed soon after by Toyota's Kyle Busch.

The tie was broken on Sunday as Ford's Joey Logano posted his first win in over a year but it was who followed him across the finish line that made for such a dominating day for Ford. Blue Oval drivers took six of the top seven spots with Chase Elliott's third place finish in a Chevrolet being the only car to break the stranglehold by Ford.

The early season results and especially those posted on Sunday has

to have Ford teams and officials feeling good but it has to have the competition scratching their heads as next year Ford will be stepping up its game when it rolls out the Mustang to replace the Fusion. Ford teams have been competing with the Mustang in the NASCAR Xfinity Series since 2011. Team Penske has used the Mustang to win four owner's championships in the last five years. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. drove the Mustang to consecutive Xfinity Driver's Championships in 2011 and 2012.

The 2019 Daytona

500 will be the first race for the Mustang and it will be only the fourth different Ford model used in the series since the modern era began in 1972 as it follows the Thunderbird, Taurus and Fusion. Only time will tell if the Mustang has some of the growing pains that Toyota and Chevrolet experienced with their new models. The success that Ford is having now especially with the speed its engines are producing you can't help but be excited if you are a Ford fan for not only the rest of this season but what may happen in 2019.

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Jaguars drop games to Patriots, Golden Eagles

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central dropped back-to-back games to high school baseball region title contenders earlier in the week, falling to Knott Central and Johnson Central.

Knott Central, which hails from the neighboring 14th Region, held on to defeat visiting Floyd Central 12-9 in Hindman on Monday.

Then, following the loss on the road, Floyd Central was unable to prevail at home in its next outing.

Forcing Floyd Central to remain in the loss column, reigning 15th Region champion Johnson Central pulled away to defeat the Jaguars 16-7 in Eastern on Tuesday.

Knott Central 12, Floyd Central 9

Visiting Floyd Central plated five runs during its first at-bat but faltered midway through the matchup as host Knott Central managed to battle back to win 12-9 on Monday.

The Jaguars led 7-1 at the conclusion of the second inning. But Knott Central eventually heated up offensively. The Patriots pushed across three runs in the bottom half of the third inning to cut into the Jaguars' lead.

Knott Central, a former 14th Region baseball powerhouse, erupted for six runs in the bottom half of

the fourth inning to move ahead and never trailed again.

Knott Central pitcher Jarrod Delph earned the win. Delph pitched two and two-thirds innings, allowing one run on three hits. Another Knott Central pitcher, Chase Napier, threw three innings in relief for the Patriots. Napier recorded the last nine outs to earn the save.

Kason Hofsess started on the mound for the Patriots. Hofsess went one and one-third innings, allowing seven runs on five hits and striking out three.

Floyd Central pitcher Chase Conley suffered the loss. Conley allowed eight hits and 10 runs over three and two-thirds innings, striking out five.

Napier, Camron Jacobs and Kent Damron each collected multiple hits for the Patriots. Jacobs went three for four at the plate to lead Knott Central.

Conley, Cameron Nelson, Caleb Hager and Brayden Hamilton each provided multiple hits for the Jaguars. Nelson led Floyd Central with three hits in five at-bats.

Johnson Cen. 16, Floyd Central 7

Host Floyd Central fell behind early and couldn't recover from the deficit as reigning 15th Region champion Johnson Central pulled away to win 16-7 in a high school baseball game on Tuesday.

With the loss, Floyd

Central dropped to 7-13.

Johnson Central improved to 14-8 with the win.

Faring well at the plate and in the field, visiting Johnson Central committed only one error.

Johnson Central pitcher Trevor May earned the win. May worked three and a third innings, allowing 12 hits and seven runs while striking out five and walking one. Another Johnson Central pitcher, Tate Meade, threw three and two-thirds innings in relief for the Golden Eagles. Meade recorded the last 11 outs to earn the save.

Floyd Central pitcher Caleb Hager took the loss. Hager went two innings, allowing six runs on four hits.

Johnson Central out-hit the Jaguars 14-12. Grant Davis, Blake DeLong, Ryan Sartin-Slone and Hunter McCloud each provided multiple hits for the Golden Eagles. Davis went four for five at the plate to lead Johnson Central in the hits column.

Hager, Brayden Hamilton, Chase Conley, Chris Brown and Dawson Stephens each delivered multiple hits for the Jaguars. Hager and Hamilton collected three hits apiece to lead Floyd Central's offensive effort.

Floyd Central is scheduled to visit Phelps for its next game on Saturday.

Kevin Knox visits Bank 253

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Most 18-year old college freshman are just worried about finals week approaching.

But for University of Kentucky freshman Kevin Knox, something else is approaching.

Knox is preparing for the NBA Draft in June. Knox is projected as a Lottery Pick (a top 15 draft pick).

Sunday afternoon, Knox made his way to Bank 252 to sign autographs for fans and take a break from the working out for the upcoming draft.

"I've been busy working out in Miami doing three a day work outs in Miami getting ready to for the NBA Draft," Knox said. "I've been lifting weights and working hard on drills just trying to get ready for the draft. The combine is in a couple of weeks and that's going to be big. Everything is hectic right now, but doing this tour helps take a break and get my mind on other things and meeting so many great fans."

Knox and some of his teammates have been

on a barnstorming tour of the state signing autographs for fans around the state.

"I have never been to the cities in the state other than Lexington," Knox said. "This tour is great to get out and see the rest of the state and get to meet so many passionate fans. It's just great to see so many UK fans. I love meeting fans and signing autographs for all the fans that supported us."

Kentucky fans are know for their loyalty and Knox is seeing it first hand.

"You think you know how great the fans are and how many there are during the season, but getting up and doing this you realize there are so many more that never gets to travel or even come to Rupp Arena," Knox said. "It's such a blessing to play at a school with such great fans. It's such a great atmosphere playing in front of such great fans."

Next month, Knox will fulfill a childhood dream of playing in the NBA.

"I've always dreamed of playing in the NBA," Knox said. The Lottery is coming up in June and after I get drafted, it'll

be a dream come true. I get butterflies just thinking about it, but myself and my family will enjoy it and it doesn't matter where I get drafted.

"The team who drafts me will get a good person and a good basketball player who is ready to work hard to get better and contribute."

One of the perks about doing the autograph tour is meeting young fans who dream of playing in the NBA one day as well.

"I meet a lot of kids who share the same dream I do," Knox said. "Most of their parents ask me to tell them how much hard work it is and about playing AAU basketball. I try to tell them everything they need to know. I always try to tell them how important hard work is and trying to get better and playing against the best competition, but I also tell them that school work is the most important."

Knox signed autographs, took pictures and talked to fans Sunday.

Next month, his dreams will come true on draft night.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Randy White

University of Kentucky's Kevin Knox visited Bank 253 Sunday afternoon to sign autographs and take photos with fans.

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