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Hale says GTL facility could 'change the landscape' of coal economy

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale is optimistic about the announcement that RCL Chemical has secured a partner to help it raise funds for a gas-to-liquids facility in Floyd County.

RCL Chemical announced the partnership with Y2X, a blockchain enterprise described as a New York investment firm, reporting that the firm will help RCL secure \$325 million for the construction of the first of three facilities to be located in Floyd County. RCL

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Man arrested on assault charges after shooting

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A man was arrested on assault charges after, police said, a verbal altercation with his brother led to a shoot-

ing. According to the arrest citation, Nathan E. Bartrum, 35, of Hueysville, was arrested Wednesday on charges of first-degree assault

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Wesley Christian students perform 'O Chicken of Little Faith'



Hundreds of people piled into the Mountain Arts Center on Tuesday to watch the Wesley Christian School's performance of "O Chicken of Little Faith." The musical, created by Steve Moore, Rob Howard and David Gutrie, used music and humorous jokes to remind the audience to trust in God. Wesley Christian students of all ages participated in the musical, costumed as farmers, chickens, a bookworm and other characters.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

Elk Lottery Reveal to be held at MAC

BY CODY DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Officials with the City of Prestonsburg and the Mountain Arts Center are preparing to host an Elk Lottery Reveal this coming Tuesday at the Mountain Arts Center.

Each year, according to officials, the Kentucky Department

of Fish and Wildlife issues a certain number of permits that can be used to hunt elk in Kentucky.

"You have to draw to get a permit to hunt or a license to hunt, and they (Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife) have over 79,000 applications for 710 spots," said Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton.

According to MAC Program-

ing Director Joe Campbell, officials with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife expect approximately 1,000 people to be in attendance for Tuesday's event.

"We're ready for that, but we really don't know, since it's the first time it's ever been done, the first time that we've ever done anything like this. But,

they're saying they're expecting a full house," said Campbell.

Campbell said that various officials with Fish and Wildlife will be in attendance for the event.

"They contacted us and asked if we had the technology to pull it off. We do, and we will," said Stapleton.

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Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Charges were filed against several individuals recently in Floyd District Court. Those charged include:

Felony charges filed

Rebecca Ratliff, 36, of Hager Hill; second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, theft by deception (including cold checks).

Alexis Williams, 27, of Pike-ton, Ohio; harboring a vicious animal, theft by unlawful taking or dispute over automobile (more than \$500 but less than \$10,000).

Earl Bevins, 34, of Betsy

Lane; flagrant non support.

Kevin D. Conley, 25, of Leburn; second-degree fleeing or evading police (on foot) resisting arrest.

William Douglas Osborne, 50, of Auxier; cultivation of marijuana (five or more plants), possession of drug paraphernalia, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, convicted felon in possession of a handgun.

Jesse Craft, 39, of Prestonsburg; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Elizabeth Skeens, 39, of Prestonsburg; first-degree

possession of a controlled substance, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of marijuana.

Jessica Twiss, 39, of David; expired registration plates, expired Kentucky registration receipt, illegal possession of a legend drug, failure of owner to maintain insurance, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Misdemeanor charges filed

Mark Tackett, 31, of Beaver; fourth-degree assault, menacing.

Timothy Isaacs, 30, of Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault.

Matthew Mason, 30, of

Teaberry; fourth-degree assault.

Lawsuits filed

Americredit Financial Services INC. vs Shannon Napier; contract dispute.

TD Auto Finance LLC vs John Hicks; contract dispute.

Sheri Williamson vs Donnie Williamson; divorce.

Americredit Financial Services INC. vs Brenda Ratliff; contract dispute.

Community Trust Bank vs Roma Lou Newsome; contract dispute.

Rebecca Ann Newman vs Wanda T. Johnson; personal injury.

Eilene Kinzer vs Joe Evans;

personal injury.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs Samantha Skeens; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs Thomas Skeens; petition for child support and healthcare insurance.

Trena Holbrook vs Keith Barnett; personal injury.

Geico vs Jesse Blankenship; personal injury.

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.

Officials prepare for Levisa Fork Paddle Fest season

By CODY DAVIS STAFF WRITER

May marks the beginning of the Levisa Fork Paddle Fest Season in Prestonsburg, and officials are preparing for large crowds to float down the Levisa this year.

"Basically what we do is we let everybody get in the water and they float

down to the airport where they get out, or they float down to Paintsville where they have dinner and we shuttle everybody back," said Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton.

According to Brooke Lemonds, administrative assistant for Prestonsburg Tourism, registration for the event starts at 8:00 a.m. before the

event on the fourth Saturday of each month.

"We start registration at 8 a.m. behind Billy Ray's Restaurant," said Lemonds. "We usually try to push off the paddlers at 8:30 a.m. in the morning."

Lemonds said that after pushing off, paddlers will follow a 16.4 mile path on the Levisa to-

wards Paintsville, at the old water plant.

"But now, since they've built the Harmon station boat ramp, if they elect to they can get out there which is about the halfway point," said Lemonds.

Lemonds said that if participants still wanted food after exiting at the halfway point instead

of finishing in Paintsville that option will be available to them.

According to Lemonds, the program is organized in conjunction with Paintsville Main Street Program.

The cost for the event is \$10, and, according to Lemonds, that cost covers food and the transportation of the canoes and kayaks.

Lemonds said canoe can be rented at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park for \$35 and that price will include officials picking up and dropping off the canoe.

"It's free if you have your own kayak, and you

have your own means to getting the kayak back to the starting point and you don't want to do lunch," said Lemonds.

"We don't really make money off of it. It's more to get people into town," said Lemonds.

According to Stapleton, officials have been averaging approximately 100 people each time the event is held.

Stapleton said that the event is fun for all and encourages people to attend it this summer.

According to Lemonds, the season will run from May through September.



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LOTTERY
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Campbell said that during the event, various vendors will be present in the lobby of the Mountain Arts Center, while the official lottery drawing will take place inside the theatre.

"We're going to scroll the names up on the screen in the theatre. This is the first time they've ever done it like this. Usually you just log online the

night before and see if you won a tag," said Campbell.

Campbell said that he expects to have more announcements concerning the event as it gets closer.

Campbell said that there are still invitations being sent out to potential vendors, and people can contact the MAC to reserve a booth for \$100.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at the door, according to Campbell, and will be \$5.

The event begins at noon.

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Improve Your Health and Reclaim the Life You Deserve

By Carol Casebolt

Susan Evans of Teaberry, suffered diabetes and she struggled with infertility but that was all before she chose to reclaim her life at Pikeville Medical (PMC) Wellness and Weight Loss Center.

"My breaking point came when I was going to get some orange juice because my sugar was dropping," said Evans. "The last thing I remembered was walking toward the refrigerator when I passed out."

When she opened her eyes she was laying on the floor and her husband was standing over her pouring pancake syrup down her throat as an extreme effort to increase her blood sugar level.

"My five year old was screaming because she thought her mommy had died," she said. "I knew I had to do something."

Evans decided to have gastric bypass surgery.

"Susan has had phenomenal success with gastric bypass, the best operation for diabetics," said PMC Bariatric Surgeon, Amy Johnson, M.D. "We know treatment of early diabetes with bypass carries with it the very best chance at long term cure. Susan is in remission and will likely remain diabetes free for years to come."

"I had considered weight loss surgery years ago but did not follow through. I was terrified of being put to sleep," she said. "It took a long time but I put my faith in God and went for it."

Evans says her family was very supportive.

"They saw my struggles and were very supportive," she said. "They backed me 100 percent."

Evans' surgery experience was a great one.

"Everything went really well," she said. "Healing went smooth and I was on my feet in no time."

After losing 124 pounds, Evans cheated diabetes. The surgery put her diabetes into remission and she says her weight loss has put her at the smallest size she has been since the fourth grade.



Evans said, "I took several different diabetic medications before my surgery and I am totally off all of them now."

Dr. Johnson and her staff have helped Evans reclaim her life.

"They have been wonderful helping me with any questions I had. They were right there for me," she said.

Evans was shocked when they gave her their personal phone numbers.

"No matter what time, day or night, they were ready to support me," said Evans. "They all offered a listening ear which was something I did not expect."

She credits Dr. Johnson and her entire staff, from scheduling to nurse practitioners, for an amazing experience.

Evans says the differences her weight loss has made in her daily life are evident in life's simple things.

"Crossing my legs for the first time, seeing my feet again, being able to run and enjoy myself with my kids are a few of the simple things that have changed my life," she said. "My biggest surprise is my outlook on life."

Prior to her surgery and weight loss, Evans hid. She hid behind anyone she could for most of her life. She had weight issues, even as a young child, but did not realize what she was missing out on.

"I never realized what I was missing until now," she reported. "I am enjoying life each and every day and that is overwhelmingly exciting."

She shared a special moment when someone saw her and did not recognize her.

"It was unbelievable. I was at my daughter's ball game when a man that I have known my entire life approached my husband and me, said Evans. "He asked my husband where I was and I was standing right beside him. When I spoke to him he was shocked. He said he absolutely did not recognize me. It was a feeling I will never be able to explain. I wanted to cry. I wanted to laugh. I was honestly shocked."

She wants to encourage anyone who is considering weight loss surgery to do themselves a favor and do it now.

"Bring more years to life and more life to your years," she said. "People will see you differently and you will find yourself with a whole new outlook on life."

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Wheelwright to purchase new fire truck

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Wheelwright City Commission voted 3-1 on Wednesday to buy a new fire truck.

The purchase came at the request of Fire Chief Daniel P. Gullett, who reported it'd be cheaper for the city to buy a used truck than replace the tank on the city's Engine 2 fire truck, a 1970s model. Gullett said he received verbal estimates of \$7,000 to replace that tank, which failed after it was repaired, and the city can buy another truck for less than that amount.

He said officials have looked at and drove a 1982 GMC fire truck at a fire department in Morgantown, W.Va. He reported this truck is "mechanically sound."

"We negotiated with them, back and forth. They were initially asking for about \$17,000, and

then they come down to \$7,000, and then the mayor wanted it lower than that, so, to make a long story short, they negotiated and settled for \$4,500, which is a steal for that particular truck," Gullett said.

Commissioner Bobby Akers voted against the measure, saying he didn't understand why they would reduce the price so sharply. Officials explained that the West Virginia fire department bought a new truck and needs to make room in its bay by selling its older truck.

"I don't like the idea of it, I don't," Akers said. "I don't like the idea of an '82 truck that we've drove one time, bringing it in to replace a truck."

Hall told him, "It's like you're going to \$7,000 to fix a tank of a 1970s model, when you can put \$4,500 for an 1982 model and they've done went and worked it, drove it."

Akers said he understand the savings but maintained his vote against it, saying, "It just feels off."

The city is buying the truck without a warranty.

Commissioner Sam Little complained that the department's chief engineer, his father, didn't go



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Wheelwright City Commission members Vernon Smallwood, Sam Little, Mayor Don Hall, City Attorney Tyler Green and commissioner Bobby Akers discuss buying a new fire truck at a May 9 meeting.

with officials to inspect the truck. Gullett said it was a matter of coordinating time with that department's chief.

Gullett requested, as he has in past meetings, for the clearing of brush that is blocking gutters behind the building, the painting of a bay in the department and other maintenance issues, including repairs to the structure, which was damaged last year when a culvert caved underneath it. The city's insurance policy denied that claim and the work has been pending since.

During the meeting, the commission discussed a tree that fell

from private property and blocked the city's main road last weekend, reporting that the fire department and Magistrate Mike Tackett, a city employee, worked to clear the road. Hall said he will be seeking bids for the repair of the sidewalk damaged by the tree falling. The tree fall damaged privately-owned vehicles that were parked across the road.

The commission also discussed the opening of the city swimming pool, which was operated by the city utilities last year. Hall said he'll talk to city utility officials about partnering with the city to operate it again this year.

The commission also:

- Approved the financial report, showing the city carried \$37,500 forward in April and had \$157,000 in its prison fund and \$22,400 in its road aid fund.

- Approved payment of \$4,900 in bills for May and payment of \$20,578 in bills in April.

- Agreed to spend \$250 to repair the bumper on the police car, which is rusted.

- Approved a new grievance policy for the city, with officials reporting Mountain Comprehensive Care Center requested the approval as part of a grant for the facility it recently opened

there. The policy permits any person, employee or citizen of Wheelwright who believes he or she has been discriminated against to file a written complaint with the mayor. As part of the policy, the mayor agrees to have an informal hearing with that person, and, if no decision is made, he or she may request a hearing with the full commission. The commission is required to issue a decision within 15 days and the hearing should be documented in city records, the policy states.

Commissioner Andy Akers was absent.

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GUEST COLUMN:

Helping Recovering Addicts Get Back to Work

By MITCH MCCONNELL
U.S. SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

Substance abuse is the public health crisis of this generation. It's claiming lives in Kentucky and across the nation at an unprecedented rate. Like nearly half of all Americans, you or your family probably know someone whose life has been torn apart because of drug addiction.

But as a leader in Kentucky's business community recently noted, this problem isn't only devastating families and communities. It's also a workforce emergency. That's why, after close consultation with constituents, officials with local substance abuse treatment centers, and Kentucky business groups, I introduced the "Comprehensive Addiction Recovery through Effective Employment and Reentry (CAREER) Act" to address this important and often overlooked aspect of the opioid epidemic.

One study estimated that

nearly one million prime-age workers were absent from the labor force due to opioids in 2015 alone. The human toll on those non-working Americans is heavy, as is the economic cost for communities across the country. A different study found that opioid abuse cost Kentucky more than \$10 billion that same year.

More than just a path to gain financial security, reliable employment has tangible benefits ranging from personal happiness to physical health. The structure and stability that comes with a job is an important way to prevent a recovering addict from relapsing. When individuals maintain steady work, they also strengthen families and contribute to society.

It's clear the scourge of substance abuse requires a comprehensive response — one that not only helps prevent and treat addiction, but also supports long-term recovery.

My bill, the "CAREER Act," will help connect recovering addicts with employers who are in need

of qualified applicants to fill jobs. It would establish a five-year, state-based pilot program in the hardest-hit states, like Kentucky, to support programs that help recovering individuals get back to work and maintain long-term sobriety. It would also provide opportunities for those in recovery to access a stable place to live until they can secure permanent arrangements. With new flexibility to use federal resources for career services and training, states will also be empowered to assist individuals transitioning from treatment to the workforce.

By encouraging local businesses and treatment organizations to work together, men and women in recovery can get the help they need to find stable employment and a good place to live.

In short, my bill seeks to provide hope and support to those looking for a fresh start.

This crisis is multi-faceted, and I've been working with my colleagues in Congress to address it in numerous ways. In response

to the heartbreaking effect of abuse on prenatal and infant children, I sponsored the "Protecting Our Infants Act," which was signed into law in 2015. As the first law to address this aspect of the opioid epidemic, it challenged federal agencies to develop strategies to safeguard the most vulnerable victims of the crisis, our newborns. Last month, I also introduced the "Protecting Moms and Infants Act," a new bill directing the federal agencies to implement those strategies with a focus on families.

Furthermore, the Drug Enforcement Administration recently announced, in response to my request, its plans to add much-needed federal resources to Western Kentucky by opening a new field office in Paducah. This new office will help communities in the region combat the growing problem of opioid addiction and the recent spike in methamphetamine abuse.

I have also been proud to lead the passage of landmark, bi-

partisan legislation including the "Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act," and the "21st Century Cures Act." Together, these two laws authorized significant new grant programs to help communities fight back and provided the necessary funding to boost their efforts.

Additionally, the recent government funding legislation I negotiated secured \$4.6 billion to continue combating this pressing crisis. That's the highest level of resources ever devoted to helping communities and saving lives from opioids.

The "CAREER Act" seeks to empower men and women to take the next step during their transition back into the workforce. Long-term recovery takes time, and the more we can equip individuals with the tools they need to return to their productive, healthy lives, the better their chances are of maintaining a drug-free lifestyle, reentering the workforce, and helping their communities thrive.

GUEST COLUMN:

Forward Kentucky joins 27 organizations in opposing cuts to SNAP

FORWARD KENTUCKY

One in seven Kentuckians has food on their table in part thanks to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The program lifts 164,000 Kentuckians, including 73,000 children, out of poverty. It sends nearly \$1 billion a year to grocery stores and our state economy, and injects even more into our local communities during hard times when they most need it. For decades, SNAP has been a program with broad-based, bipartisan support, because all of us value making sure everyone has enough to eat.

But this vital assistance is in jeopardy if

Congress agrees to the \$17 billion in cuts to SNAP in the proposed Farm Bill.

The proposal would create extremely restrictive work requirements, dangerous lock-out periods for up to three years, and expensive and burdensome administrative red tape that is likely to result in errors and loss of benefits. Vital food assistance will be put at risk for working Kentuckians and their families, children, seniors, Kentuckians with disabilities, veterans, students and more.

We can all agree that helping people get good-paying jobs is an important goal — but harsher SNAP work requirements won't help us get there. The fact is that

many SNAP participants are working — in low-wage jobs with irregular hours that don't pay enough to get by. Nearly three-quarters of adults on SNAP work at some point during the year while receiving food assistance or at some point during the preceding year. But more than one in four Kentucky workers earned wages in 2016 that even at full-time, year-round employment, were too low to keep a family of four out of poverty.

Low pay, unsteady hours and a lack of benefits like sick days lead to food insecurity and periods of underemployment — a combination which the Farm Bill would worsen by denying food assistance to families who

need it most.

Other SNAP participants can't work due to caregiving responsibilities, health conditions or an extreme scarcity of jobs in regions of our state facing economic upheaval. SNAP is a vital support while Kentuckians look for employment. Historical evidence shows that cutting people off from SNAP won't raise their incomes or improve their career prospects, but it will make it that much harder for them to get by and feed their families.

At \$1.36 per person, per meal, SNAP provides modest but important assistance designed to replace a third of a family's grocery bill. Research shows it not only boosts

economies that are facing downturns and helps families make ends meet but results in lasting improvements in the lives of children.

As lawmakers create a new Farm Bill, they should leave behind this dangerous proposal and return to the regular practice of passing bipartisan legislation. SNAP is a critical piece of the puzzle to ensure that all Kentuckians, including those in low-wage jobs, can make ends meet. Kentucky's Congressional members need to protect and strengthen SNAP, not cut it.

From: ACLU of Kentucky, Advocacy Action Network, Appalshop, Children, Inc., Community Farm Alliance, Homeless

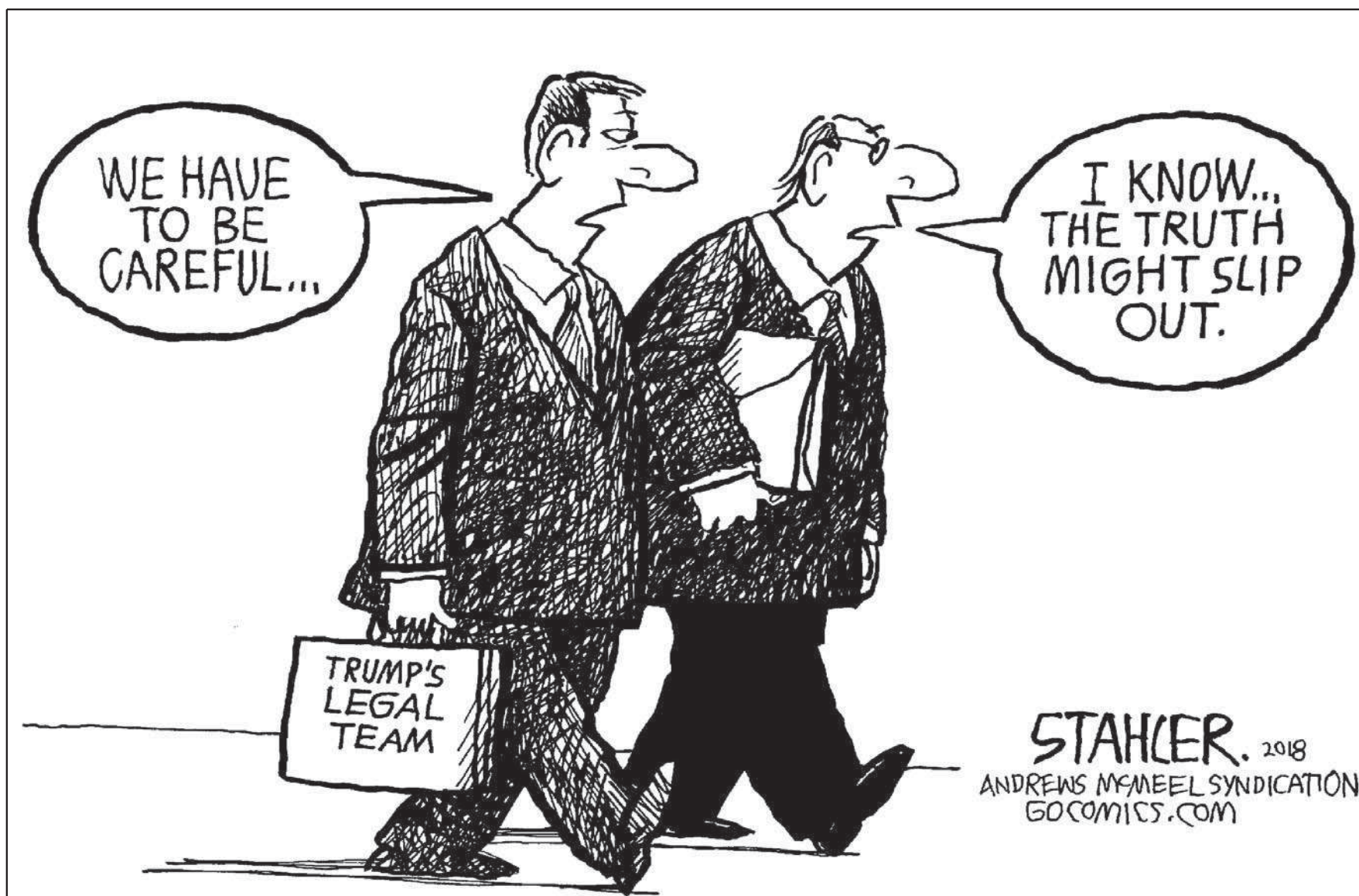
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Sarah Boyd
Sarah Lynn Boyd, 64, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Wade Collins
Wade Collins, 59, of New Palestine, Ind., died Thursday, May 3, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Gloria Gayheart
Gloria Jean Gayheart, 65, of Hi Hat, died Friday, May 4, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

"Buggy" Goble
Lou Ellen "Buggy" Ratliff Goble, 77, of Dwayne, died Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Jimmy Hall
Jimmy Edward Hall, 76, of Garrett, died Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of

Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Herman Johnson
Herman Johnson, 78, of Hi Hat, died Tuesday, May 8, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Shawn Kilburn
Shawn Dale Kilburn, 43, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, May 4, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.



Irene Little
Irene Hall Little, 75, of San Antonio, Tex., formerly of Beaver, died peacefully April 7, 2018, at the Kindred Hospice Care Center in San Antonio, Tex., surrounded by her companion, Charles Massey, and her special

caregivers. She was born at Teaberry, June 17, 1942, the daughter of the late Frank and Beatrice McPeck Hall.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac Donald (James) Little; two brothers, Buddy Hall and Bill McPeck; and three sisters, Ruby Mitchell, Caroline Tackett and Velma Hall.

She is survived by her companion, Charles Massey; three sons, John Little (Dena), Jamie Little (Vanessa); one daughter, Angie Little Jones (Anthony); five grandchildren, Keisha Bennet (Trevor), Kirby Little, Forrest Little, Casey Wright and Christian Little; two brothers, Emmitt Hall (Diane) and Lloyd Hall (Carolyn); and two sisters, Geraldine Born (Joe) and Goldie Hamilton.

Memorial services were held Saturday, April 28, 2018, at the New Beginnings Church, Hi Hat. Burial followed at the Jay Hall Cemetery, Craynor.

Arrangements were under the direction of Funeral Caring of San Antonio, Tex.

This is a paid obituary.

Community calendar

- May 11; 9 a.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism hosts special meeting, Mountain Arts Center. (606) 886-9321
 - May 11: Mountain Comprehensive Care Center hosts golf scramble to raise funds for summer camps for children at Stonecrest. Mtcomp.org
 - May 11, 11 a.m.: Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to host road dedication ceremony for Corp. Elba Case, WWII Purple Heart Memorial Highway, behind the ballfield at the three-way stop intersection of KY 2030 and KY 1426.
 - May 11; 7 p.m.: Colby O'Bryan performs, Gearheart Auditorium at Big Sandy Community & Technical College. macarts.com
 - May 12; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Free Early Childhood HEART Fair, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, features games, activities, educational resources, magician, balloon artists, stilt walkers, door prizes, screenings for preschool, kindergarten students.
 - May 12; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: 7th Annual Autism Awareness Walk, Prestonsburg
 - May 12; 2 p.m.: Kentucky Ballet Theatre presents "The Little Mermaid," Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com
 - May 14; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, hosts 8-hour mine emergency tech retraining class. (606) 218-1228
 - May 14, 9 a.m.: Big Sandy Regional Industrial Authority meets, Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374
 - May 14; 5 p.m.: Produce Best Practices Training, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
 - May 14; 6 p.m.: Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, Eastern Library. (606) 377-2860
 - May 15; 5:15 p.m.: Judge Executive Ben Hale to sign a proclamation declaring Older Americans Month during AARP meeting at the high rise, Prestonsburg. Public invited
 - May 15-17; 8 a.m.: Three-day class, Kentucky Master Loggers Program, Floyd County Extension Office. Register online. (606) 886-2668
 - May 17; 6 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market meeting, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
 - May 17; 7 p.m.: Big Sandy Trail Riders meeting, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
 - May 19; 10 a.m.: South Floyd Elementary will host a Raider 5K fundraiser at Elkhorn Park. All proceeds benefit music program, FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes), and the 21st Century Community Learning Center After-school Program. (606) 263-6175
- Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center in Prestonsburg is recruiting students for a free education and training program for youth ages 16-24 and its "Other Training Program" with a partnership with Big Sandy Community & Technical College. Students can receive \$200 a month financial assistance from the Job Corps Program. Students will also receive free medical, dental, vision, and mental health services if needed. Job placement when they complete the program. (606) 433-2265

BSCTC partners with Verizon for summer STEM program

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

This summer, Big Sandy Community and Technical College will join Verizon Innovative Learning,

the education initiative of the Verizon Foundation, to introduce more girls to science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills.

Launched in partnership with the National As-

sociation for Community College Entrepreneurship, the two-year program was piloted last summer at five community colleges and will expand to 16 community colleges.

Kicking off this summer with a three-week intensive learning experience, 100 girls from middle schools across eastern Kentucky will attend courses at Big Sandy Community and Technical College in augmented and virtual reality, coding, 3D design, entrepreneurship and design thinking principles.

Following the summer, the students will participate in monthly sessions throughout the academic year where they will develop a technology solution for a community problem that aligns with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Focus areas of the SDGs include poverty reduction, quality education, good health and well-being, climate action, peace and justice or gender equality.

Verizon Innovative Learning gives free technology, free access and innovative curricula to students. To date, Verizon has invested \$200 million in this initiative and has reached more than one million students.

For more information, visit, VerizonInnovative-Learning.com.

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Officials prepare to hire new tourism director

By CODY DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

Officials are preparing to hire a new director of Prestonsburg tourism, as a final interview will be held with three select candidates.

"They have three final candidates and from what I understand, they will all be doing a presentation," said Prestonsburg Tourism Administrative Assistant Brooke Lemonds.

According to Lemonds, the search for a new director has been ongoing for approximately a month.

Lemonds said she believes that there

were originally approximately 40 applicants for the position.

"Two weeks ago they narrowed it down to 10 people from what I understand, and then they interviewed those 10 people. From there they narrowed it down to four, but one of those candidates got offered a job, so that's why it's three now," said Lemonds. "They're all from either Pikeville, Paintsville or Prestonsburg."

According to Lemonds, an offer is expected to be made tomorrow to one of the candidates after their presentations.

"I do know they

will be taking a brief recess just to contact the person they choose to make an offer," said Lemonds. "And if they accept, it will be announced tomorrow."

Lemonds said she is excited to see who is offered the position.

"I'd say they'd offer to let them start immediately, but, I think it would depend on if that person has another job and if they have to give a notice," said Lemonds.

Lemonds said she expects the latest that the new director would start would be towards the beginning of June.

BSCTC to offer 'hybrid' courses

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Big Sandy Community and Technical College started a new schedule option for adult learners to help them complete their Associate in Arts degree.

The new hybrid schedule offers adult learners the ability to obtain their degree in four to 16 week semesters by only attending classes on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The adult learners can then complete the remainder of the coursework online.

"We know many of our adult

learners have very busy schedules," said Myra Elliott, dean of Academic Services. "They juggle a job, family, and other responsibilities. We wanted to help provide an alternative schedule to fit into their lifestyle."

The hybrid schedule will start fall semester with six courses. The first semester courses include: Math, Communications, First-Year Experience, English, Biology and a Biology Lab.

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ty. RCL says the facility will convert natural gas into liquids like waxes, base oil, lubricants and fuel.

Hale said the project has "great potential" because of products that could be made with liquids that will be produced at the facility — products like injection moldings for vehicles and waxes that are used in numerous ways. If the project comes to fruition, he thinks it will benefit several Eastern Kentucky counties.

"At \$325 million, if this thing comes to complete fruition, and you're talking about the other two phases, it could be changing to our economy here because they'll be so much gas that goes through there, everything, probably from Perry County back comes down to this plant before it goes to the northeast," Hale said.

"It will change the landscape of our coal economy, and it could potentially, down the road, have complete ramifications for East-

ern Kentucky, because of the natural gas," he said. "If you're talking about a one million cubic feet a day that's getting processed, cleaned up, and then they're making this value-added product, which has got an unbelievable market for everything in the world, then it's there."

RCL Chemical has been working toward this project for about four years.

The Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority gave preliminary approval of \$18 million in tax incentives for the company's proposed gas-to-liquids refinery in August 2014 — about six months after RCC Big Shoal registered as a business in Kentucky — and the KEDFA renewed that incentive agreement in August 2017.

Company officials announced last year, however, that the project would move, instead, to Floyd County, leaving Pike County officials concerned about a \$400,000 loan RCL Chemical and RCC Big Shoal still have not repaid the Pike County Fiscal Court. Officials there complained

because they were not aware that the project was moving across county lines until that decision had already been made.

Hale said he recruited the company to Floyd County. He said he met company officials in 2014 when he worked for the state, and RCL announced it would build the facility in Pike County. After he was elected, he said he asked company officials about moving the project to Floyd County, so it would be closer to the Markwest processing facility at Langley.

"When they first started talking about it, when Pike County was trying to get it there, I had met them at that time when I was working in the governor's office," Hale said. "I made my contact with them at that point. Later on, I said it makes no sense to be shipping something 20 miles away from up there through a pipeline, when it should be located closer to the source."

He said "it made sense" for RCL to get closer to the source of the natural gas it plans to use in this facility.

He said officials started seeking property in

Floyd County sometime after that and he believes they obtained a long-term lease on property just off Rt. 80 in the Eastern area, near the Markwest processing plant in Langley.

Citing problems the Floyd County Fiscal Court had in releasing itself from a \$2.7 million debt for the failed Thunder Ridge Race Track, Hale said the county will not invest in this project. It will, however, invest in infrastructure that will be needed for the facility to open.

"All we can do as county government, people don't quite understand this when you're talking about economic development, all you can do is make the environment conducive, you know, try to work with the infrastructure, make sure things are done for the infrastructure to be done," Hale said. "County government doesn't invest. We're not going to be doing any more stuff like what was done over there (with Thunder Ridge), where the county was on the line for \$2.7 million."

He said Floyd County will ensure the infra-

structure will be in place "down the road" if the project moves forward.

"That's all government can do, is making sure they got site availability and the infrastructure in place. It's still up to private company, private equity, private investors to do the big stuff," Hale said. "And for somebody to sit here and say, oh, we're going to bring jobs in. You don't bring jobs in. All you do is you try to make the environment conducive for that investment to be here."

Hale met RCL Chemical officials a few times during the project planning. The fiscal court approved serving as a pass-through agent for a \$100,000 K-PEGG grant awarded by Kentucky Power in 2016 for site development.

RCL reported in its press release that "bi-county, state and federal government infrastructure support and overall incentive programs will be a significant factor in this Eastern Kentucky capital investment program."

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Y2X doesn't specifically mention the Floyd County project online, but it lists a gas-to-liquids project, among others, as investments, reporting it plans to invest in 16-20 companies over the next three years. It notes that the company is raising \$200 million through a "tokened securities offering" to build a new entity, "bridging the gap between the dynamic cryptocurrency space and the regulated global financial markets."

The website reports that Y2X will "maintain stakes" in companies it helps finance and will use its network of advisors to "help those companies grow."



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Live boldly for God

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. — Romans 8:1-2

They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. — John 17:16-18

Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." — Revelation 5:5

The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion. — Proverbs 28:1

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. — 2 Timothy 1:7

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

Rise up; this matter is in



your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it." — Ezra 10:4

...so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. — 1 Corinthians 2:5

Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. — 1 Timothy 6:12

But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble. — Psalm 59:16
When I called, you

answered me; you greatly emboldened me. — Psalm 138:3

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. — Ephesians 6:11

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. — James 5:16b

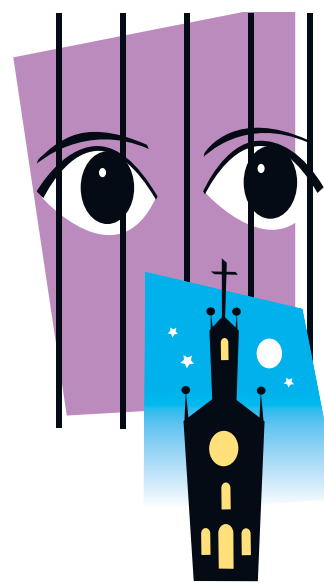
Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of

faith. — Hebrews 12:1-2a

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. — James 1:12

I the Lord do not change. — Malachi 3:6a

But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion's mouth. — 2 Timothy 4:17



Guarding the gates of the senses

St. Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuits, advised the following for novices seeking to enter his order: "All should take the most diligent care to guard the gates of the senses—particularly the eyes, ears, and tongue." Guarding the senses and not allowing them free rein is good advice for all of us, not just novices embarking on holy orders. One way that we can do this is to maintain "custody of the eyes," meaning that we should not allow our eyes to look anywhere we please, giving idle curiosity the power to direct our gaze. There are many things that it would be better not to see. We simply cannot un-see things once we have seen them, and some things get burned into our souls, as it were. Parents do well to teach their children restraint of the eyes. As a former teacher of teachers used to say, you must first get control of your students' eyes. But not just the eyes, for what we hear and touch and what goes into and out of our mouths also leaves its imprint on our souls. There is a silence of the eyes as well as of the ears, and even a silence of the heart and soul. We do well to remember that God often speaks in a whisper, and if we are surrounded by noise and distractions we might never hear, see or taste the goodness of the Lord. — Christopher Simon

"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him." —Habakkuk 2:20 NIV

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Wolfe's remarks were not funny



BY JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Michelle Wolf was the comedian of the hour at the recent White House Correspondents' Dinner (WHCD). The comedian normally takes jabs at journalists and politicians from both political parties. After her monologue, remarks were flying about her so-called jokes. I saw so many posts on social media, I wanted to see what everyone was talking about. I wanted to know exactly what was said, so that I could form my own opinion. I "googled" Wolf and found a video of her entire roast.

I will be honest, I have never watched any other comedian from the WHCD. I have no idea what anyone has said or done in the past, so I have no frame of reference to go by. I have seen a few roasts, and normally the person being roasted laughs along with the jokes. During Wolf's monologue she mentioned President Trump, Vice President Pence, journalists, television networks and some issues (the #MeToo movement, Flint water crisis).

I watched the video. For lack of better words, I was appalled. In my opinion, there was absolutely nothing funny about anything Wolf said. At the beginning of her monologue she says, "This is on C-SPAN, no one watches that." I only hope her comment was indeed true because her act was R-rated and no one who wasn't an adult should have heard the words coming out of her mouth. In truth, I don't even think adults should have been hearing the words coming out of her mouth. After all, if we allow ourselves to be saturated in an environment of such degradation, then we too will fall into the same path.

Wolf's act was vulgar. She was foul-mouthed. It was — again, in my opinion — absolutely degrading to women. Wolf roasted Sarah Huckabee Sanders. In not-so-nice terms, she said despite Sanders role in the White House, she wasn't helping women. (That's a really condensed, overly nice version of what was said.) Wolf mentioned other women as well. She said "What would I do without Megyn Kelly? Probably be more proud of women." But with her distasteful comments, Wolf didn't do women any favor.

But perhaps the worst "joke" of the night was about abortion. Wolf said, "Mike Pence is very anti-choice. He thinks abortion is murder, which, first

of all, don't knock it till you try it. And when you do try it, really knock it. You know, you've got to get that baby out of there."

I gasped. The audience groaned. A low hum of laughter sounded through the audience.

Really? They want to poke fun at murder?

I missed the next couple of lines spewing from Wolf's mouth because I was so taken aback.

What a broken world we live in. In the days of Moses, idolaters had a god named Molek. There were giant statues of Molek which had an opening in the abdomen. A fire would be lit inside of this opening and the people would sacrifice their children in the fire to Molek. The practice infuriated the Lord.

"The Lord said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites: 'Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molek is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him. I myself will set my face against him and will cut him off from his people; for by sacrificing his children to Molek, he has

defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. If the members of the community close their eyes when that man sacrifices one of his children to Molek and if they fail to put him to death, I myself will set my face against him and his family and will cut them off from their people together with all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molek' (Leviticus 20:1-5)."

What is happening in our world today with abortion is no better than people sacrificing their children to Molek. In both instances, an innocent child is murdered. Such an atrocity angered the Lord then; therefore, it angers Him now. Just as God punished the idolaters, He will punish us as well. And that is not a comedy act. Comedians have come to Wolf's defense, saying that her monologue was funny. I, on the other hand, disagree. I don't see the humor in abortion. I don't find humor in belittling or degrading people. And I don't think the Lord would either. Instead of lauding a performance of degradation, we should rise above and become people of integrity who value truth and kindness instead of malicious connotations.

He thinks abortion is murder, which, first of all, don't knock it till you try it.

— Michelle Wolfe

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Betsy Layne resident gets scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Morehead State University announced this week that James Frasure of Betsy Layne is among five people who earned the 2018 J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship.

Frasure is a junior biomedical sciences/pre-pharmacy major. MSU reported in a press release that he was recognized for both his academic performance and contributing to the chapter, having served as intramural chair. A member of the biology and chemistry

clubs, Frasure has participated in the Lockegee cleanup event. With these awards, more than \$15,000 in scholarship funds have been awarded through the J.B. Blakeman Memorial Scholarship fund.

The scholarship was established in 2012 in memory

of Jeffery Scott J.B. Blakeman. A graduate of Morehead State University with an industrial technology degree, he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and a Chi Omega sorority big brother. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and photographing

wildlife. Blakeman loved golfing and was a member of the Eagle Trace Men's Golf Association and was a proud supporter of Rowan County and Morehead State athletics.

He passed away September 2011 at the age of 52.

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assault and tampering with physical evidence.

According to the citation, Kentucky State Police Trooper Matthew Martin responded to a complaint of a shooting that had occurred on Racoon Road in

a car wash parking lot.

The citation said a caller told dispatchers that a subject, Matthew Prater, had been shot, and that the shooter was Bartrum.

Upon arrival, according to the citation, Martin located several subjects on the scene.

Martin then allegedly asked the subjects where

the shooter was, before Bartrum exited his vehicle with his hands in the air advising that he was the shooter.

According to the citation, Martin asked Bartrum where his weapon was and if he was still armed, but Bartrum told him the weapon was somewhere lost in the grass behind

the car wash.

Martin then detained Bartrum and placed him in the back of his vehicle and located Prater, the citation said.

Prater, the citation said, advised Martin that Bartrum was his brother, and had shot him from the inside of a vehicle after a verbal altercation.

According to the citation, Prater was shot through the lower abdomen with an entrance wound on the front of his body and an exit wound on the back side of his body near his hip.

Prater was transported by Emergency Medical Services to Pikeville Medical Center for treatment.

Martin then, along with the help of Trooper Dustin Thompson, located the weapon, a hammerless .357 Magnum Revolver in the grass, according to the citation.

Bartrum was lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center, according to the citation.



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Floyd Central first baseman Dawson Stephens applies a tag as the Jaguars attempted to pick off a Magoffin County baserunner on Wednesday.

Jaguars jump on Hornets in second inning, pull away for win

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Two offensive outbursts helped to push host Floyd Central past Magoffin County 14-4 in five innings in a high school baseball game on Wednesday.

Magoffin County scored first. However, the Hornets' lead proved to be short-lived as Floyd Central took control in the second inning.

Upstart Floyd Central

allowed one run in the top half of the first inning but battled back. The Jaguars scored six runs in the bottom half of the second inning and never trailed again.

Leading 6-4, Floyd Central erupted for eight runs in the bottom half of the fifth inning to notch the win via the Mercy Rule.

The Jaguars returned to the win column following a one-run loss to 14th Region title contender

Hazard two days earlier.

Floyd Central edged Magoffin County 7-6 in the hits column and committed only one error.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 8-16.

Magoffin County dropped to 5-13 with the loss.

Floyd Central pitcher Caleb Hager pitched a complete game and claimed the win. Hager, a freshman, allowed six hits and four runs over five innings while striking

out two.

Magoffin County pitcher Lucas Litteral took the loss. Litteral started on the mound and lasted only one and two-thirds innings, allowing one hit and five runs while striking out one.

Chris Brown went two for three at the plate to lead Floyd Central in the hits column. Contributing at the plate for the Jaguars, Hager and Cameron Nelson provided three RBIs apiece while Daw-

son Stephens drove in two runs. Hager, Nelson, Stephens, Noah Marcum and Logan Conley chipped in one hit each for the Jaguars.

Pacing Magoffin County at the plate, Max McFarland delivered two hits and three RBIs.

The Hornets slipped back into the loss column after shutting out Betsy Layne 16-0 in five innings on Thursday, May 3.

The Floyd Central and Magoffin County baseball

teams met for the first time.

Hazard 12, Floyd Central 11

Floyd Central flirted with a victory on the road at Hazard in a high school baseball game earlier in the week. But 14th Region contender Hazard wouldn't be denied a victory on its home field, holding on to edge the Jaguars 12-11

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central's Chris Brown leads off second base during the Jaguars' home game against Magoffin County.

JAGUARS

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on Monday.

Hazard and nemesis Perry Central continue to vie for the top spot in the nearby 14th Region. On Monday, Hazard was able to fend off much-improved Floyd Central.

Floyd Central faced three different Hazard pitchers during the matchup.

Hazard hurler Kyle Johnson earned the win. Johnson surrendered no runs on one hit over one-third of an inning, striking out one and walking none. Another pitcher, Trajon Campbell,

threw five and one-third innings in relief for the Bulldogs.

Floyd Central pitcher Brayden Hamilton suffered the loss. Hamilton went three innings, allowing two runs on five hits and striking out two.

Cameron Nelson started the game on the mound for the Jaguars. Nelson allowed two hits and five runs.

James Shoptaw started the game on the mound for the Bulldogs. Shoptaw allowed five hits and seven runs over one and one-third innings, striking out three.

Hazard launched two home runs in the triumph over visiting Floyd Central, a first year

high school baseball program. Garrett Miller and Bryson Parks each homered for the Bulldogs.

The matchup between the two high school baseball teams from neighboring regions featured numerous offensive highlights. Hazard and Floyd Central connected for 11 hits apiece.

Both Parks and Bailey Blair delivered multiple hits for the Bulldogs. Blair went 4-for-4 at the plate to lead the Hazard offensive effort.

Hamilton, Nelson and Caleb Hager each collected two hits for Floyd Central in the setback.

The Jaguars fell short in a bid to return to the win column for the first time since April 28.

Blackcats upend Belfry, 12-5

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

BELFRY — Prestonsburg scored first and never trailed on its way to beating host Belfry 12-5 in a high school baseball game on Tuesday.

Familiar 15th Region foes, Prestonsburg and Belfry met for the second time in the 2018 season. The Blackcats edged the Pirates 3-2 in eight innings when the two high school baseball clubs met at StoneCrest on April 10.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 11-10.

Belfry dropped to 14-13 with the loss.

Prestonsburg set the tone early, scoring four runs in the top half of the first inning. The Blackcats led 8-0 before homestanding Belfry scored its first runs in the bottom half of the second inning.

Prestonsburg owned a commanding 12-2 lead over Belfry at the conclusion of the third inning and maintained an advantage throughout the remainder of the matchup.

Prestonsburg pitcher Ben Welch earned the win. Welch surrendered two runs on two hits over three innings, striking out six.

Another Prestonsburg pitcher, Graham Burchett, worked four innings. Bur-

chett allowed three runs, none of which were earned, on one hit. He registered seven strikeouts.

Brett Coleman started the game on the mound for host Belfry. Coleman allowed three hits and four runs over one-third of an inning. He was one of four pitchers to work on the mound for the Pirates. Logan McCoy, Devin Varney and Brian Chapman each contributed in relief for the Belfry baseball team.

Prestonsburg banged out 16 hits in the victory.

Welch, Cameron Blackburn, Blake Sizemore, Owen Greene and Payton Burke each delivered multiple hits for the Blackcats. Blackburn led Prestonsburg at the plate, finishing four for four.

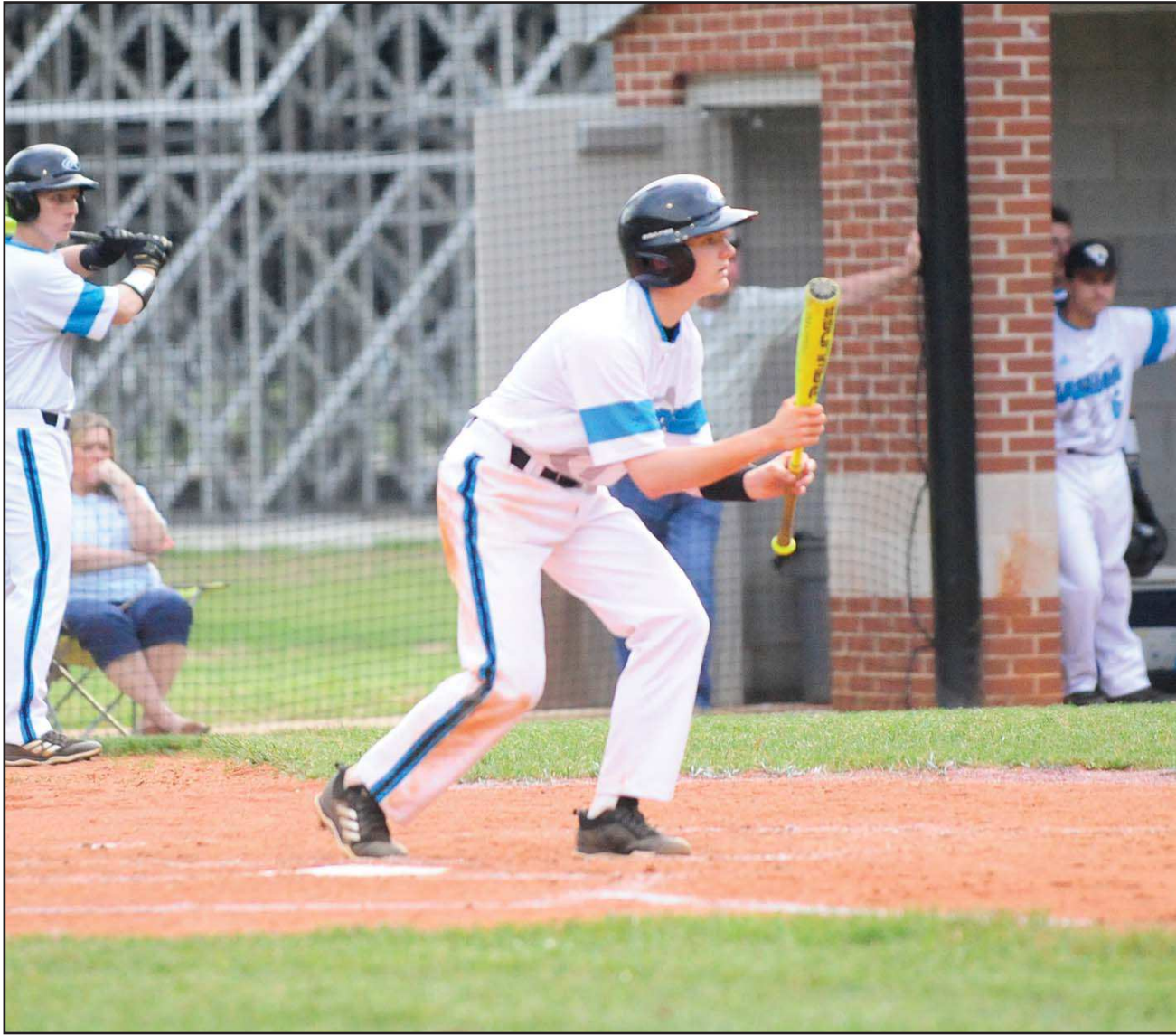
Helping his pitching cause at the plate, Welch finished two for three with four RBIs. Welch provided a three-RBI triple for the Blackcats in the opening inning.

Chapman went two for three with one RBI to lead Belfry at the plate.

Contributing offensively for the Pirates, Colton Cross drove in two of the Pirates' five runs in the setback.

Prestonsburg overcame four errors to earn the win.

Faring well in the field, Belfry committed only one error.



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Floyd Central pitcher Caleb Hager squares up to bunt during an at-bat on Wednesday.

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Lady Blackcats shut out in loss to Knott Central

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg fell behind early and struggled at the plate in each at-bat as visiting Knott Central, a contender for the 14th Region title, pulled away to win 15-0 in three innings in a high school softball game at Stone-Crest on Wednesday.

Prestonsburg pitcher McKenzie Wireman suffered the loss. Over three innings, Wireman allowed 15 runs on eight hits and struck out four.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 12-14.

Knott Central improved to 14-5 with the win.

The Lady Blackcats were limited to one hit. Prestonsburg remained within striking distance early, allowing two runs in the top half of the first inning and putting a runner on second base when Ashlea

Little drilled a double. But offensive-heavy Knott Central proved to be too productive at the plate.

Defensive miscues plagued the Lady Blackcats. Prestonsburg committed eight errors in the lopsided loss.

Knott Central pitcher Lauren Baker, a veteran player, earned the win. Baker allowed one hit and no runs over three innings, striking out six.

Prestonsburg pitcher McKenzie Wireman suffered the loss. Over three innings, Wireman allowed 15 runs on eight hits and struck out four.

Big swings helped to lift Knott Central to the convincing victory. Brooklyn Baker and Kamryn Thornsberry each hit a home run for the Lady Patriots in the winning effort.

Kennedi Sandlin led Knott Central at the plate, providing

two hits in three at-bats. Knott Central excelled both at the plate and in the field, finishing without an error.

The Lady Patriots returned to the win column after dropping a one-run game to Perry County Central on Thursday. Thanks to the victory over Prestonsburg, Knott Central claimed its seventh win in eight games.

New football alignment approved; Betsy Layne dropping to Class 1A

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON — The Betsy Layne football program will soon be competing in Class 1A. Following initial review in February, KHSAA staff presented the draft football alignment (2019-22) to the membership for comment on Wednesday. After a lengthy review of feedback and consideration of each change proposed by the membership, the Board approved a final four-year alignment to begin in 2019. With the alignment, Betsy Layne drops to from Class 2A to Class 1A. The Bobcats are poised to compete with Fairview, Paintsville and Raceland in Class 1A, District 6 beginning in 2019.

The new football alignment follows.

Class 6A

District 1- Apollo, Daviess County, Henderson County, Marshall County, McCracken County

District 2- Barren County, Central Hardin, Meade County, North Hardin

District 3- Butler, DuPont Manual, Pleasure Ridge Park, St. Xavier

District 4- Bullitt East, Fern Creek, Male, Southern

District 5- Ballard, Eastern, Trinity (Louisville)

District 6- Campbell County, Dixie Heights, Ryle, Simon Kenton

District 7- Henry Clay, Lafayette, Paul

Laurence Dunbar, Tates Creek

District 8- Bryan Station, George Rogers Clark, Madison Central, Oldham County

(For playoff bracketing only, the 5th place team in District 1 would become the 5th place team in District 5)

Class 5A

District 1- Breckinridge County, Graves County, Grayson County, Muhlenberg County, Ohio County, Owensboro

District 2- Bowling Green, Christian County, Greenwood, South Warren

District 3- Bullitt Central, Doss, Fairdale, Iroquois, Western

District 4- Atherton, Jeffersontown, North Bullitt, Seneca, South Oldham

District 5- Boone County, Conner, Cooper, Covington Catholic, Highlands

District 6- Frederick Douglass, Grant County, Great Crossing, Montgomery County, Scott County

District 7- Collins, East Jessamine, Madison Southern, West Jessamine, Woodford County

District 8- North Laurel, Pulaski County, South Laurel, Southwestern, Whitley County

Class 4A

District 1- Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Logan County, Madisonville-North Hopkins

District 2- Allen County-Scottsville,

Franklin-Simpson, Russell County, Warren Central, Warren East

District 3- John Hardin, Marion County, Moore, Spencer County, Valley

District 4- Central, Franklin County, North Oldham, Shelby County, Waggener

District 5- Anderson County, Bourbon County, Boyle County, Lexington Catholic

District 6- Boyd County, Harrison County, Holmes, Rowan County, Scott

District 7- Corbin, Knox Central, Lincoln County, Wayne County

District 8- Clay County, Harlan County, Johnson Central, Letcher County Central, Perry County Central

Class 3A

District 1- Paducah Tilghman, Trigg County, Union County, Webster County

District 2- Adair County, Casey County, Glasgow, Hart County, Taylor County

District 3- Bardston, Elizabethtown, LaRue County, Nelson County, Thomas Nelson

District 4- Christian Academy-Louisville, DeSales, Henry County, Mercer County, Western Hills

District 5- Bell County, Estill County, Garrard County, Jackson County, McCreary Central, Rockcastle County

District 6- Fleming County, Lewis County, Mason County, Pendleton County, Powell County

District 7- Ashland Blazer, East Carter, Greenup County, Russell

District 8- Belfry, Floyd Central, Lawrence County, Magoffin County, Pike County Central

Class 2A

District 1- Ballard Memorial, Caldwell County, Fort Campbell, Mayfield, Murray

District 2- Butler County, Hancock County, McLean County, Owensboro Catholic, Todd County Central

District 3- Clinton County, Edmonson County, Green County, Metcalfe County, Monroe County

District 4- Danville, Lexington Christian, Somerset, Washington

County

District 5- Carroll County, Gallatin County, Owen County, Shawnee, Trimble County, Walton-Verona

District 6- Beechwood, Holy Cross (Covington), Lloyd Memorial, Newport

District 7- Breathitt County, Knott County Central, Leslie County, Middlesboro, Morgan County

District 8- Bath County, East Ridge, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley, Sheldon Clark, West Carter

Class 1A

District 1- Caverna, Crittenden County, Fulton County, Russellville

District 2- Bethle-

hem, Campbellsville, Fort Knox, Holy Cross (Louisville)

District 3- Berea, Eminence, Frankfort, Kentucky Country Day

District 4- Bellevue, Dayton, Ludlow, Newport Central Catholic

District 5- Bishop Brossart, Bracken County, Nicholas County, Paris

District 6- Betsy Layne, Fairview, Paintsville, Raceland

District 7- Hazard, Jenkins, Phelps, Pikeville

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Don't trust anyone offering the impossible. Concentrate on honing your skills and gaining experience. Self-deception will end up costing you emotionally. Protect yourself against being taken for granted.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Find out all you can. Participate in events that offer something out of the ordinary or that will bring you in contact with people who have a different perspective. Listen and learn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Plan a short trip or get together with an older friend or relative who can offer suggestions based on his or her experience. A change will do you good and sharpen your mind and awareness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Your physical and emotional welfare should be monitored. A relationship will lead to disappointment. Keep a level head. If someone asks for too much, say no.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – A change at home will create a problem. Don't let anyone put demands on you. Take care of your responsibilities and make plans with a friend or do something relaxing by yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Taking a short trip to visit a friend or relative or attend-

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by Eugenia Last



ing a retreat will calm your nerves. Someone you encounter will intrigue you with an idea or proposition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – You need to adjust your lifestyle. Altering your current setup to accommodate someone you love to spend time with will lead to a long-term plan.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Don't feel you must do something drastic just because someone wants you to participate. Walk away from any offer that appears risky or even the least bit unsavory or unpleasant.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Make a change to the way you look or how you live. The upside will be a positive personal gain, but the downside will be that someone disappoints you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – What you do for others will be tiresome but rewarding. Getting involved in a demonstration, volunteering for a cause you believe in or reuniting with old friends is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – You'll have trouble containing your emotions. Try not to overreact before you have a chance to gather the facts. Arguing will be a waste of time and will lead to regret.

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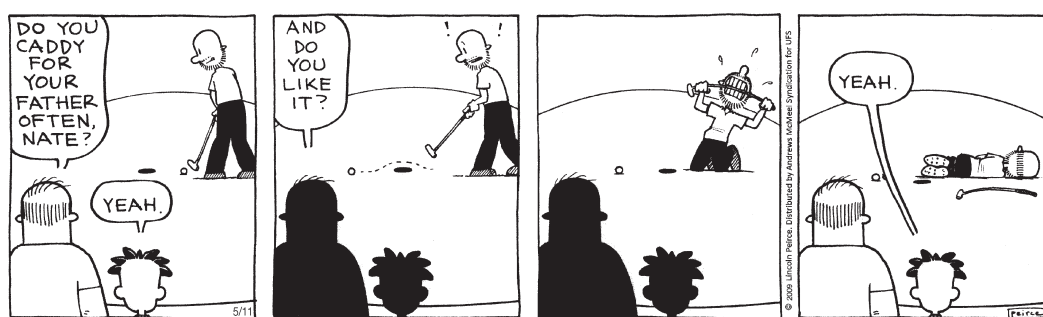
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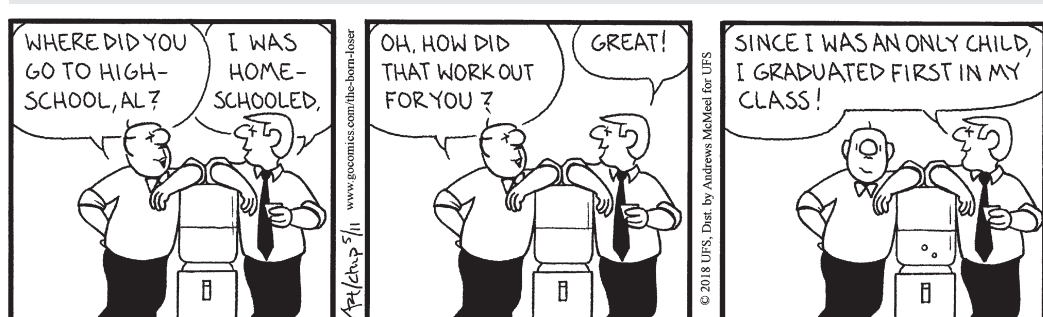
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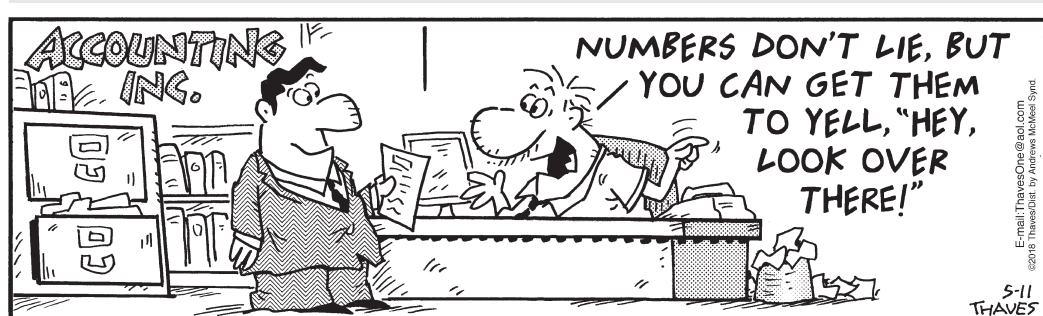
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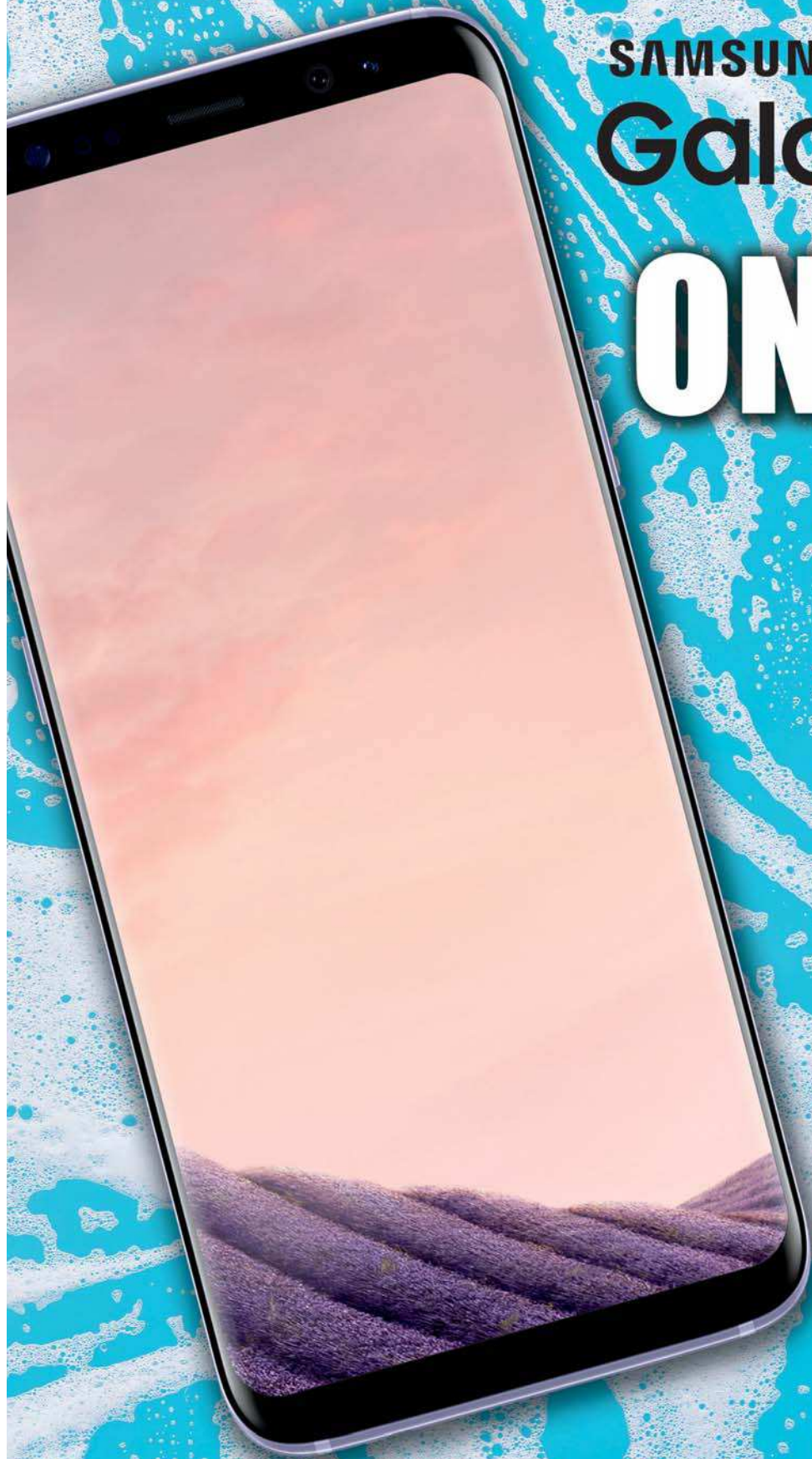
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