



Official: Progress slow, but moving forward on Kentucky Wired

BY MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

The progress of the \$324 million Kentucky Wired broadband project, which was supposed to be finished this year, is slow, but moving forward, a spokesperson from one of the private companies involved told the Floyd County Fiscal Court this week.

Holly Hopkins Scoville of NG-KIH Design Build LLC, also known as Next Generation-Kentucky Information Highway Design Build, updated the fiscal court about the project's progress on Monday.

She said Floyd County will be among some of the first areas to have a

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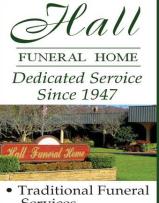


Holly Hopkins Scoville, of NG-KIH **Design Build LLC,** holds up broadband fiber during a Floyd **County Fiscal Court** meeting this week. Officials say the wiring will be installed as part of the Kentucky Wired project.

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Elk draw held in Prestonsburg

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David area residents worried about gas line closure

> BY MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

Several Floyd County residents who are worried about the closure of a gas line that has served their homes for decades gathered at the David Area Volunteer Fire Department last weekend to talk about their options. The group of nine residents - who say they reside in nine of 12 homes that will be impacted by a planned Aug. 1 closure of an EQT gas line on Ky. 850 — decided to work as a group to negotiate an extension from the company and find a resolution to their problem.

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Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton calls off names on stage at the Mountain Arts Center, revealing who had won permits to hunt elk in Kentucky during the 2018 season. This was the first year the event was held at Prestonsburg. Stapleton, as well as officials with the Mountain Arts Center, worked alongside the Kentucky **Department of Fish and Wildlife to make** the event possible. More than 700 permits were given out at the event.

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They asked Ky. 850 residents Floyd Davis and

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Beshear: Eastern Kentucky Eye Center owner, former wife indicted on theft, Medicaid fraud charges

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Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear and his Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse

indictment of an Eastern Kentucky eye center owner and his former wife on theft and Medicaid fraud charges.

and Amy K. Slone, 34, of Prestonsburg, have each been charged with one count of theft by unlawful taking of property Optician Marcus S. over \$10,000, a Class C

this week announced the Minix, 67, of Lexington, felony, and one count of indicted by a Franklin devising or engaging in a scheme to defraud the Kentucky medical assistance program of \$300 or more, a Class D felony. Minix and Slone were

County grand jury Tuesday, May 15.

The indictment alleges that in 2015 and 2016 false billings were

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Sherry Allen to lead those negotiations.

EQT sent certified letters to homeowners who live on Ky. 850 on April 25, telling them that the pipeline providing gas service to their homes is "in disrepair" and "has now become unreliable."

"EQT Production Company has received final approval to abandon that pipeline which will result in your gas service being terminated," EQT's Land Administration Department official Mary Kay Drummond wrote. She urged residents to make "immediate arrangements to secure an alternative fuel source."

Davis reported that closure of this line would leave many of the homeowners in that area without gas for the first time since the 1950s. Residents at the meeting talked about the need to replace numerous appliances in their homes - everything from furnaces and heating units to stoves and dryers that operate on natural gas.

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EQT to eliminate as many residential customers as possible in Eastern Kentucky so that their gas can be consolidated into high pressure transmission lines to be sold out of state, leaving us with nothing," Davis said in an email.

He told the group gathered at the fire department on Saturday, "It's our gas. It's coming out from under our land and we should have the right to use it before it goes to any city out of here."

He and Allen are the only two homeowners at the meeting who reported owning the mineral rights on their properties. Allen said EQT closed a gas line on Caney, located nearby, last year, but the residents there didn't oppose it.

Davis told the property owners that they must "stick together" to make any progress in these negotiations.

Since these are gathering lines and not a main distribution line, all the company has to do is claim the line is in disrepair and they are permitted to abandon it, property owners said. They complained because

there's been no maintenance on these lines for years.

Allen said she has a line that's been leaking on her property for at least five years, and EQT has done nothing to repair it. Elizabeth Holbrook, attending the meeting with her dad John Holbrook, said the company doesn't repair the gathering lines because it isn't losing money when it loses gas on them because they are not part of the main transmission line.

The landowners at the meeting pledged to permit right-of-way easements on their properties to supply gas to their neighbors. They talked about signing up for gas with People's Gas, a business that buys its gas from EQT. They also discussed seeking gas from L&B Gas of Little Mud or by forming their own gas cooperative to sell each other gas from the gas wells on their properties. Some of those gas wells have been abandoned for years, residents said, and need repaired.

"You wouldn't want me to take care of the wells," Allen said. "I'd blow up the whole crew."

Residents also voiced concern about the volume of gas available in the old wells, with Ky. 850 resident Mike Prater and others reporting that larger fracking operations in neighboring areas can siphon off the gas from older wells that aren't as deep, leaving residents served by those older wells without a gas sup-





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Residents of Ky. 850 meet with Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale at the David Area Volunteer Fire Department last Saturday to discuss their options following the announcement of a gas line closure in that area.

ply.

Prater complained because companies that abandon lines like this are not required to remove old meters or old lines. Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale, who attended the meeting, said that's an issue that should be handled legislativelv.

He suggested that the residents reach out to L&B Gas for help.

The residents reported that EQT has agreed to transfer every home served by this line to another gas line without a hookup fee, but Davis is concerned with that option because the company that sells that gas, People's Gas, buys its gas from EQT.

"The lines will have to be run from the new meters high on the hill to where everyone lives," he said. "As it stands now, that will be at the expense of the homeowner. Another problem is that the majority of the homeowners are on the opposite side of the road from the EQT line so the lines will have to get under the road somehow. It will be an enormously expensive undertaking."

850 from the mouth of Hale Branch to the mouth of Hicks Branch.

EQT was invited to the meeting, but no officials came. A request for comment from the company went unanswered.

The company, based in Pittsburgh, is the biggest producer of natural gas in the U.S. It announced in February that it would spin off its pipeline business into a new publicly-traded company. EQT reported the spinoff will create the third-largest U.S. natural gas gathering company.

Last year, the PSC issued a ruling in a case filed by Eastern residents Thomas Richard Thacker and Shannon Chapman Thacker, who sought to stop EQT and its subsidiaries from abandoning farm tap lines serving their homes.

The Thackers told the PSC that inquiries they made for other gas company service were not successful, and their home was equipped with numerous appliances that required gas.

The farm tap statute, KRS 278.485, requires gas service from producing wells or gathering

tap customers are not entitled to the same quality or guarantees of service that normal retail gas customers have, the PSC explained in that case, pointing out that farm tap service providers are not required to treat the natural gas or maintain minimum pressure requirements.

The PSC noted that state law permits EQT to abandon any gas line, but it also noted in that case that the company identified two gas-producing wells and a gathering pipeline within onehalf air-radius mile of the Thacker's residence. The company suggested the Thackers could apply to be farm tap customers on one of those lines, but maintained its right to abandon the line near their properties.

The PSC ruled that EQT has the right to abandon any gas wells or gathering pipelines and terminate service to Thacker's residence. It noted that the abandoned should follow all local, state and federal laws, pointing out that the abandonment should include removing the abandoned pipe, sealing

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The line that is to be abandoned runs along the creek parallel to Ky.

who live within one-half mile of them, but farm and other objects.

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completed "ring" of fiber. "Your completion, this is the drop-dead date, the last date that it could possibly have anything happen is July 20, 2020," Hopkins said. "Obviously, our goal is not to be here on the last day trying to get fiber hung in order to get that done. Our goal is to get you completed quicker."

She said the goal is to have half of the state completed by May 2019.

Hopkins said Floyd County will get a "large backbone" broadband fiber, with 244 strands of fiber optic cable coming through the line. She said the project is unique in that half of the fiber will be used by state offices and the other half will provide an open access network for local Internet Service Providers to offer fiber-to-home or fiber-to-business projects.

Hopkins said the fiber will crisscross Floyd County in two directions. She said a lateral line will from Prestonsburg run

to Magoffin County and another ring of fiber will be laid from Prestonsburg toward Pikeville. Big Sandy Community & Technical College has a "hut," or "major drop-off point" for ISP providers, she said.

"So, they may be doing some make-ready work, moving lines up and down on the poles, and they will come back through and they will do what we call lashing, which is actually stringing this on the pole," she said. "These reels of fiber run four to five miles each, so every four to five miles, what's going to happen, they have to come back, the craftsmen, after it's lashed, and they have to pair each one of these little fibers, all 244 of them, end to end. This is actually glass."

She said the work is "truly an art."

She reported that Kentucky ranked 48th among states offering high speed broadband to its constituents before Kentucky Wired began and it now ranks 36th.

"By the time this proj-

ect is completed, we will actually be number one in the US in offering highspeed broadband to our constituents," she said.

Kentucky Wired, the largest P3, or Public-Private Partnership telecom project in the country, was announced by US Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers and former Governor Steve Beshear in 2015. At \$324 million, the project was expected to provide high-speed broadband fiber to every Kentucky county by this year.

The Lexington Herald Leader reported in April that the project only has 708 of 3,400 miles of cable completed because of delays in the use of existing utility poles. On April 30, the same day that Rogers complained about the progress during a visit to Floyd County, Kentucky House Speaker Pro Tempore David Osborne issued a press release, calling for an investigation because the project is years behind schedule, which caused tens of millions of dollars in overruns.

This investigation requested by Osborne is addition to an investigation the state auditor is also conducting on the project.

The Kentucky Communications Network Authority, the public partner in the project, sought \$68 million during the General Assembly this year and asked legislators to give it the authority to borrow \$110 million for future penalties and delays. The request was approved.

Hopkins addressed the controversy about the project with the fiscal court.

"When they signed the contracts, they did not have one pole attachment agreement in place. They didn't have an easement signed. They had nothing in place, and they really thought this was going to take about eight months to complete for the whole state. Wouldn't that have been nice?" she said. "So, it took seven months just to get the AT&T pole attachment agreement in place. So, we have spent the last, almost two years, putting everything in place to actually make this happen, which

the project."

She is the third person to talk about this project in Floyd County recently.

Larry Combs of the Center for Rural Development recently talked about it with the Big Sandy Area Development District, reporting that people who live in rural areas pay more for internet service and have slower internet speeds than people in other states. He reported that the adoption rates for internet service-the percentage of people who have access to internet and use it-are nine percent in Magoffin County, 11 percent in Knott County, 19 percent in Johnson County, 27 percent in Floyd County, 28 percent in Pike County, 47 percent in Martin County and 49 percent in Perry County.

In addressing Floyd County officials on his April 30, visit, Rogers said it's "in the state's hands."

He said it's a complicated project because the lines must be hung from 88,000 poles and

caused a lot of delays in easements must be negotiated.

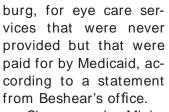
> "I hope that we can get it back on track. It's a complicated project that's way beyond, way overdue and over budget," he said. "But it's never been done before. This is the first time in history, anywhere in the world, that you've had a public-private combination, rewiring an entire state. That's never happened. It's the biggest, I'm told, the biggest public works project in Kentucky history. So, it's a complicated, long-enduring problem that we're trying to fix. I hope you can have patience."

He said the state is "dead last" in connectivity and this project will put the state at "number one" in terms of connectivity.

"From last, to first overnight," he said. "And you're going to see silicon valley begin to pay attention. And, our dream of this being silicon holler, we want to see it take place," he said. "So, hold your breath and hold the state's hands as we move that project forward."

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submitted on behalf of Minix Eye Care, PSC, a company owned by Minix and formerly in Paintsville and Prestons-



Slone and Minix, who were married and working at the eye cen-

ter at the time, are alleged to have withdrawn large amounts of money from the Minix Eye Care accounts where Medicaid payments were deposited, the statement said.

Arraignment

scheduled in Franklin Circuit Court County June 8.

The Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse of the Kentucky Attorney General's Office and the Cabinet for Health and is Family Services, Office

of the Inspector General investigated this case. Attorney General Beshear's Office of Medicaid Fraud and Abuse is prosecuting the case.

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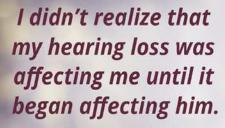
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Floyd County Sheriff's Department K9 unit Drago recently received new life-saving equipment from Protection4Paws. Protection4Paws is a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit with its goal to supply K9 units with life-saving equipment to protect them on the job, according to officials.

K9 unit receives new life-saving equipment

BY CODY DAVIS STAFF WRITER

A K9 unit with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department was the recent recipient of a \$2,800 grant that went towards purchasing life saving equipment for the animal and his deputy handler .

"(Drago) is a dual-purpose K9. He does trafficking, apprehension and narcotics," said FCSD Deputy Justin Szymchack.

According to Szymchack, part of the equipment being included will be a bulletproof and stab-resistant vest for Drago to wear while on duty. Szymchack said he will also be receiving a "hot-n-pop" system to be installed into his vehicle, which will allow him to better care for Drago during the summer months.

"So if I was away for a call, or if I was in the office for a second dropping off paperwork, and, God forbid, my air conditioner quit working, it would send



an alert to my phone," said Szymchack "When the heat alarm goes off, it will roll down all the windows in my car and turn a fan on to try to cool him off."

According to Szymchack, new equipment was included that will also help to protect him in certain situations.

"If I was out of the car and trying to do something and I needed him to get out of the car quickly to help me, I'll have a button on my belt and I can push it. What that will do is, it will open up the door of the car and let him out to come and help me," said Szymchack.

The new equipment came from the help of a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit, Protection4Paws, which has the goal to purchase life saving equipment for K9 units, according to officials.

According to officials, funds used in purchasing the equipment came from sales and donations from the "Road Dawg Rumble" event held by Protection-4Paws.

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Floyd Central student honored

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Superintendent Danny Adkins congratulated Logan Turner on being selected to represent Flovd Central High School at the 2018 Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) Seminar.

Turner will be attending the state seminar at Transylvania University in Lexington. While the focus of the seminars is to develop leadership, students also learn to use their skills to positively impact their communities. Students also get to experience life on a college campus for a few days.

Adkins said in a statement, "HOBY is a fantastic program for students. Their mission is basically to help young people learn to lead



Logan Turner

and serve their communities. We're happy to see Logan representing Floyd Central and excited to see how he will change his community in the future."

Turner is the son of Randy and Melanie Turner of Garrett.

Prosecutor will seek enhanced penalties, including death, in **Pikeville officer's death**

BY CHASE ELLIS APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

As law enforcement officers prepared to gather with their friends Kentucky Expo Center on Tuesday, Pike Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley was preparing his office to file to seek the death penalty against the man charged with the killing of Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton in March. Bartley took to the stage during Tuesday's National Peace Officers Memorial Day event to announce that motion has now been filed in Pike Circuit Court, notifying the defense team of John Russel Hall, 55,

monwealth would seek additional penalties in the case, including, but not limited to, the death

penalty. "We have to file a and families at the East notice of intent, and a notice of aggravating factors," Bartley said. "I have talked to Chelsi (Hamilton, Scotty's widow) about it. We will be seeking all additional penalties including life with the possibility of parole after 25 years, life without the possibil-

arm by a convicted felon, one count receiving stolen property and for being a persistent felony offender in the first degree in connection to the shooting of Officer Hamilton on the night of March 13.

Hall is being held in custody without bond in Carter County.

"If there are certain aggravating factors, then increased penalties are available, if the jury believes those aggravated factors," Bartley said. Bartley's filing cited the aggravating factors as being; the killing of Hamilton was intentional and Hamilton was a police officer engaged in the lawful performance of his duties. "The decision was not made lightly because it is the ultimate penalty allowed by law," Bartley said. "In reviewing the evidence and discussing the case with the detectives. I made the decision to seek those enhanced penalties." Hall's next court hearing is scheduled for May 24 in Pike Circuit Court.

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of Hurricane Branch, Pikeville, that the Com-

ity of parole and death."

Hall is being represented by public advocates Kim Green, of the Capital Trial Branch of the Office of Public Advocacy, and Brian Hewlett. Hall was indicted on one count of capital murder, two counts of possession of a fire-

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EDITORIAL:

Floyd County, this is your election

The countdown to this year's primary election is nearly over.

We encourage all registered voters in Floyd County to head to the polls on Tuesday, May 22, to cast their ballots and make their voices be heard.

Historically, voter turnout has been low in Floyd County, and statewide, for primary elections, but maybe things will be different this year — the ballot is packed with tons of local candidates.

There are more than a dozen races on this ballot this election cycle, and each of them could determine who heads the decision-making process for Floyd County and, in two races, across several counties.

Every seat on the Floyd County Fiscal Court is contested. Every constable seat is contested. There are important races for the Floyd County jailer's seat, the county surveyor's seat and the Floyd County Circuit Court clerk's seat, which has had no competition for almost two decades.

Since there are few Republicans on the ballot, the winner of nearly every single one of those races will be determined during the primary election next week. The winners of the Democratic primary for judge-executive, magistrate District 1, jailer and constable in District 1 will face opposition in the fall.

On top of these important decisions, voters will also be choosing the Democrat or Republican they hope to lead the 5th Congressional District — with those winners facing each other in the fall — and the candidates voters want to serve as the region's next Court of Appeals judge.

These races are just too im-

portant for voters to stay home on Tuesday.

It's fitting that there is a closeness in dates between Kentucky's primary election and Memorial Day, which will be celebrated less than one week later, on May 28, this year.

The most fitting thing is that voting is a great tribute that you can commit to the men and women who made sacrifices and in some cases, the ultimate sacrifice, for your right.

With your vote, you can change the course of a nation. But, you can also change the course of a nation by staying at home, just not in a positive way.

This is your election, Floyd County, don't let some other voter you've never even met make these decisions for you.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, in numerous precincts in the county. If you don't know where to vote, call the clerk's office at, (606) 886-3816.

COLUMN:

Senate Week in Review

By Johnny Ray Turner 29th District State Senator

The Kentucky General Assembly's 2018 Regular Session ended April 14, capping off a session in which lawmakers approved the state's next two-year budget, the road plan, and numerous other measures that will affect people throughout the state. Some of the legislation we enacted will make long-lasting changes, particularly in education, public safety, and the protection of our most vulnerable citizens.

Highlights of selected legislation:

• Budget. House Bill 200 guides state spending for

16 percent below the 2008 funding level. The budget also provides funding for Kinship Care, adoption and foster care reforms, and hiring more social workers to help keep kids safe.

• Road Plan: House Bill 202 authorizes over \$2.4 billion for improving and expanding roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure.

· Public pensions: Senate Bill 151 makes changes to Kentucky's public pension which include placing future teachers in a hybrid "cash balance" plan rather than a traditional benefits plan and limiting the impact of accrued sick leave on retirement benefit calculations. I could not support this measure. It was passed with no public hearing, no actuarial analysis, and no input from those affected by the changes. It is a bad bill that will hurt public education and make recruiting new teachers increasingly difficult. Most importantly, it does nothing to address the unfunded liability and financial stability of the system.

in the new higher pension contribution amounts to help stabilize their budgets.

• Tax/Revenue: House Bill 366 creates a flat 5 percent rate for personal and corporate income taxes. Under the plan, the only itemized deductions allowed are for Social Security income, mortgage income and charitable giving. It disallows deductions for such things as medical costs, taxes paid, interest expense on investments, and casualty and theft losses. It expands the 6 percent sales tax to some services such as landscaping, janitorial, laundry and small-animal veterinary services and increases the cigarette tax another 50 cents to \$1.10 per pack. I did not support this measure. Overall, this is a regressive tax plan that balances the budget on the backs of working Kentucky taxpayers, retirees and others who least can afford additional tax burden. Once again, this bill was hammered out in secret with no public hearings and no input from taxpayers and most legislators. The bill increases taxes on working families making less than \$175,000/ year and gives large tax breaks to corporations.

• Police Death Benefits: House Bill 185 increases death in the line-of-duty benefits for surviving spouses and children.

• Domestic Violence: Senate Bill 68, known as Jeanette's Law after Jeanette McCue, relieves domestic violence victims from having to pay their abusive spouse's legal fees in divorce proceedings when the spouse is incarcerated.

• Victim's Rights: Senate Bill 3, named Marsy's Law after a woman killed by a stalker, will be placed on the November ballot. If voters approve, it will change Kentucky's Constitution to give expanded rights to crime victims during the criminal Senate Bill 6 requires a pharmacist to provide information about the safe disposal of certain prescription medicines, such as opiates and amphetamines, and make available for purchase or at no cost supplies to destroy or deactivate medication.

• Price gouging: Senate Bill 160 clarifies laws aimed at preventing price gouging during emergencies. The bill specifies that fines could be imposed if a retailer suddenly increases the price of goods more than 10 percent when the governor declares a state of emergency.

• Revenge porn: House Bill 71 increases penalties for distributing sexually explicit images without the conperson's wish to be an organ donor is known and the body is suitable for medical transplant or therapy.

• Eye Exams: House Bill 191 requires any person taking an online eye test for a prescription to be 18 years of age or older and have received an in-person exam within the last 24 months. Doctors licensed in Kentucky are required to sign off on the prescriptions or findings of the virtual exams.

• Teen marriage: Senate Bill 48 prohibits the marriage of anyone under the age of 18 years old. It allows a 17 year old to petition a district or family court judge to grant permission to marry in certain circumstances.

• Bicycle safety: House

the next two fiscal years. Although this budget allocates sufficient money for the state's main public pension systems, there is a 6.25 percent cut for most state agencies. In addition, it eliminates numerous education initiatives, including teacher preparation, textbooks, and Early Childhood Development scholarships. The budget plan provides money for school buses and boosts base per-pupil funding for K-12 education to \$4,000 per student, but that is still

• Phase-In: House Bill 265 allows county employee retirement system participants such as cities, counties and school districts to phaseproceedings.

• Law Enforcement: House Bill 68 will provide mental health and wellness support for law enforcement officials who have been involved in tragic or critical events while on the job.

• Foster Care and Adoption: House Bill 1 revamps the state's adoption and foster care system to limit a child's time in foster care by streamlining the family court system and eliminating delays and barriers to adoption. • Prescription medicines:

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• Financial literacy: House Bill 132 requires Kentucky high school students to pass a financial literacy course before graduating.

• Organ donation: House Bill 84 requires coroners or medical examiners to release identifying and other relevant information about a deceased person to Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates if the Bill 33 requires drivers to keep vehicles at least three feet away from bicyclists during an attempt to pass. If three feet is not available, the driver must use "reasonable caution" when passing cyclists, and can, if necessary, cross the centerline.

Unless a bill was declared an emergency or contained a special effective date, all enacted legislation will take effect on July 14.

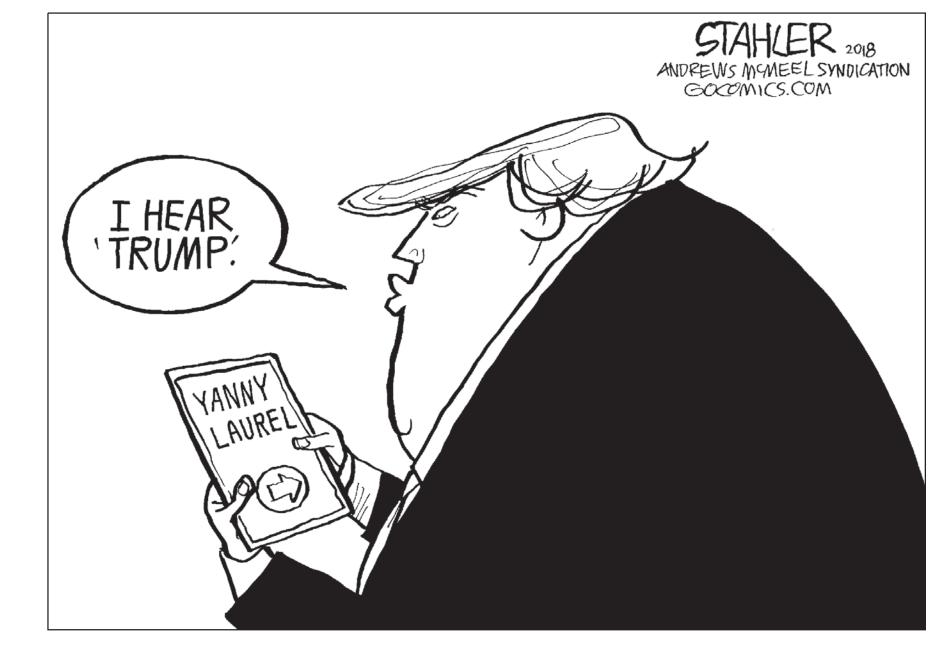
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Shirley L. Bryant

Shirley L. Bryant, 73, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

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

Jane Davis Howard

Jane Davis Howard, 88, died Friday, May 11, 2018, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

She was the widow of Judge Harris Stephens Howard, a beloved wife and mother. She was a member of the First Unit-Methodist Church, ed

Prestonsburg, and also a Saturday, May 19, 2018, member of the POE Sisterhood.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, John Woodford Howard II; one brother, Ray Edward Davis; and her parents, Ralph Davis Sr. and Myrtie Hill Davis.

She is survived by one son, Harris Stephens Howard (Lee); one daughter, Rebecca Vanessa L. Howard; one brother, Ralph B. Davis Jr. (Ann); and one grand- ary. son, Jonathan Edward Howard O'Bryan.

Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until 2 p.m. Eastern, died Monday,

at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Bill Collins officiating. Burial will follow at the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg. Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family has kindly requested contributions be made to: Shriners Hospital for Children or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. This is a paid obitu-

Abel Parsons

Abel Parsons, 78, of

May 14, 2018.

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

E. Lee Ratliff

E. Lee Ratliff, 70, of Harold, died Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at Pikeville Medical Center.

He was born April 25, 1948, the son of the late Billy and Nora Ratliff.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

loving wife, Rebecca Louise Ratliff of Harold; two adoring daughters, Whitley Robinette (Jeffrey) of Tram and Nikki Walz methacker.com. (Steven) of Maytown; seven grandchildren; one sister, Linda Washburn of Ironton, Ohio; and one brother, Billy A. Ratliff of Catlettsburg.

He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2018, with Lonnie Edwards officiating. Burial will follow at the Annie E. Young Cemetery, Pikeville. Arrangements He is survived by his are under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home of Pikeville.

> The guestbook may be signed at www.1na-

This is a paid obituary.

Danny Ray

Danny Ray, 69, of Dana, died Monday, May 14, 2018.

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

Maudie B. Warrix

Maudie B. Warrix, 89, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, May 14, 2018.

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State, local, federal race on the ballot for Tuesday's primary

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several state, regional and local races are among those on the ballot for Floyd County voters next week.

Republican voters only have one primary stand-off - the election between incumbent Republican Harold "Hal" Rogers and Gerardo Serrano in the 5th Congressional District race for US Congress.

Rogers has served the 5th Congressional District, representing Floyd and other counties, since 1981. He has more than 30 years of experience with Congress' Appropriations Committee, and served as its chairman from 2011 to 2016.

Serrano, of Tyner, describes himself as a "conservative Constitutionalist" who leans "Libertarian."

Democrats will get to choose their candidate for that seat as well, with Scott Sykes and Kenneth E. Stepp butting heads at the ballot.

preme Court law clerk and served on the ethics committee of the Kentucky judiciary.

Vanover, an attorney with Vanover, Hall & Bartley, also has experience as a law clerk and assistant county attorney in Pike County from 1980 to 1985.

Smallwood, a former assistant commonwealth's attorney in Letcher County, was appointed to the Court of Appeals in January to fill the vacancy left when Janet Stumbo retired.

Constables

In Floyd County, every constable seat is also contested this election cycle, and all but one of those races, the District 1 Constable, will be determined by voters in the primary election next Tuesday.

The candidates in the Democratic Primary are:

Constable District 1

Larry "Boss" Jarrell, inmbent of Slick Rock

DeRossett of Prestonsburg in November, as well as another possible candidate. Prestonsburg resident Robert Keith Williams filed his statement of candidacy as an independent candidate in the judge executive's race in April, but he is not an official candidate yet because he has not filed required nomination papers, which are due August 14.

Here's how two of the Democratic candidates answered our questions in telephone interviews, listed in the order their names will appear on the ballot:

James "Jimmy" Rose

James "Jimmy" Rose, who lives in Martin with his wife Millie, is a retired teacher and coach. He has volunteered as a board member of the David Area Volunteer Fire Department for at least 10 years and previously volunteered for five years as a basketball coach for an independent sports league.

A former All-American in basketball, Rose started his college basketball career as a guard on "Rupp's Runts," and later earned three Coach of the Year honors while at Alice Lloyd College. He was inducted into Georgia Southern University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1990. He earned a master's degree from Morehead State University and also studied at East Tennessee State University. He served as Knott County Clerk in the late 1970s and early 1980s and was state representative in that county in 1986. His top three priorities are to repeal the taxes approved last year by the Floyd County Fiscal Court, to work on economic development projects and to improve transparency of county government. Rose said, "first and foremost," the county needs jobs and "we can't do that unless we repeal these taxes.' If elected, he said he wants to put infrastructure in place at property on U.S. 23 property to recruit jobs to the area to keep young people from moving away and he also wants to form The winning Democrat a "committee of people who

Floyd County forward."

"I strongly believe that we can work together as a whole county, as a unit, and I think we can really do some good," Rose said. "It's not going to happen overnight, but we've got to start some place."

Talking about the need to create jobs to keep young people from moving away for work, he said, "My soul purpose is to help future generations."

• Why should people vote for you? "People should vote for me because I have local government experience. I actually served in an office and I also served as state representative ... for a term. I have varied experience and I'm qualified. I know how local government works because I've actually been a local government official. I know how state government works because I've worked in state government. I'm definitely experienced and I have all the qualifications to be a good county judge. I can use that experience to help all of Floyd County. You've got to be a leader to be a teacher. You've got to be a leader to be a coach. You've got to be a leader to be volunteering at a fire department. Those are the qualities you need to have, to be up front as a leader. Those uniquely qualify me to do this job." · What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "Transparency. Transparency is so, so very important. The people, the citizens of any county and Floyd County especially, they want to know where their tax dollars are being spent. They want to know what's going on. I'm going to open up the county judge and the fiscal court. I'm going to open up these meetings. They are going to be at 6 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. so all people can attend. And I want the agendas of the fiscal court meetings, I'm going to strive to have those agendas available to the magistrates and the public, hopefully, at least two days in advance. I want those agendas available out there and I will work with the media ... so that we can communicate what's going to happen, what time it's going to happen, in advance, and the magistrates will have time to look over the agenda, study it, so they can ask questions. I want them to know and review what the agenda is going to be before the meeting. I also want to improve that sound system in the court room, that's another thing needs to be done so that people can hear what's going on. That's a problem. I want to try to get court meetings, if I get cooperation from the school

system, I want to take the court meetings to each magisterial district so local people can hear what's happening in their community."

Ben Hale

Ben Hale, who lives in Blue River with his wife Keane, served as county judge executive from 1995 to 1999 and was reelected for his current term in 2015. He is chair of the Big Sandy Area Development Board of Directors and has also served in other government roles and with organizations like the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce.

In 2010, he was appointed as the economic development coordinator for the Appalachian Regional Commission and he also previously served as a cabinet liaison for Eastern Kentucky in former Governor Paul Patton's office, the state's assistant director to the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, an executive advisor for the Department of Environmental

that your doing everything possible to improve quality of life of the people you represent."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "When you're county judge, you can't be tied to one specific thing. You're multitasking at all times, whether that's working with the legislature, or whether that's working with state and federal authorities or on transportation needs. There's just so much going on. You've got to have that experience. When you're county judge, you don't just work on one specific thing. You make many decisions daily. A lot of times, I make those decisions with prayer ... Hopefully, the decisions I make on a daily basis are correct. You should be well-rounded in all aspects of government in order to make good decisions in your office. There's so much that goes on at all times. It goes from the state and federal, right on down."

Sykes, of Elkhorn City, is running on the "People's Platform" and Stepp is a veteran and Clay County lawyer.

The winners of the Republican and Democratic primaries will campaign against each other for this seat in the fall.

Court of Appeals

Several local residents are also competing to be the next Court of Appeals Judge in the 7th Appellate District. 2nd Division, which serves Floyd, Johnson, Knott, Lawrence, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, Perry, Pike and other counties.

In that race, competitors include Kevin P. Sinnette, David Allen Barber, Larry E. Thompson, Donald Howard Combs, Jim G. Vanover and Gene Smallwood Jr.

Sinnette is a Kentucky House member from Ashland. Barber served on the state Supreme Court in 2015 and served as a Court of Appeals Judge from 2000 to 2007

Thompson serves as a family court judge in Pike County, and previously served as district and circuit judge there.

Combs, of Pikeville, an attorney worked as a Su-

William "Bill" Callihan of Auxier

Gary Wolfe of Prestonsburg

The winner of this race will run against Independent Bobby Hamilton of Prestonsburg in the fall.

Constable District 2

Gary Nelson of Lackey Sam Duncan, incumbent, of Lackey

Constable District 3

Willie Hall of Melvin Bobby Page of McDowell Ernie Ray Moore, incumbent, of McDowell Joey Collins of McDowell

Constable District 4

Michael McKinney of Teaberry

Eddie Case of Betsy Layne

Wakeland of Green Printer

Allred "Junebug" Newsom, incumbent of Grethel

County judge-executive race

There are four Democrats on the ballot for in the Floyd County Judge Executive's race during the primary election next week.

will face Republican John B. are interested in moving

Protection at the state Energy and Environment Cabinet under former Gov. Steve Beshear and as the Appalachian Development coordinator for the region.

His top three priorities are to continue to improve the county's infrastructure to "make the environment conducive for economic development," to work with authorities to get more affordable, rehabilitation beds as part of the fight against the opioid addiction problem, and to continue lead an "honest and transparent" government.

If elected, he said he wants to continue to work to complete infrastructure projects that are already underway, like the sewer project the fiscal court is leading on U.S. 23 at Betsy Layne and the Mountain Parkway project. Hale said he wants to also focus on upcoming infrastructure projects, like the Kentucky Wired broadband project, which is scheduled to be finished in Floyd County in 2020.

"We don't have an interstate here in Eastern Kentucky. It is vitally important that we finish up the Mountain Parkway and get it completed and then finish up on the fiber optics," he said. "That is key to any kind of development in our future."

· Why should people vote for you? "Because they know I'm a good steward of the taxpayer's money. I'm honest. I will make sure the money is being expended correctly for the needs of the people in our county. Continued progress, someone that works hard for the people. Public service is a rewarding experience, if it is done for the right reasons, and those reasons are to make sure

Mason Tackett

Mason Tackett of Langley could not be reached for comment. One of the numbers he provided the Floyd County Clerk's office was disconnected this week and there was no answer and no return calls to a message left via the other number he provided.

In a Facebook post, he talks about implementing a consumption tax and abolishing county property taxes.

"Wouldn't it be nice for everyone to pitch in instead of the few that actually work? People that doesn't even live in the county would be paying our property tax ... sounds good in theory but it'll never happen without me in office," the post says.

M. Bryan Lafferty

M. Bryan Lafferty could not be reached for comment. Repeated attempts to contact him by phone and email were unsuccessful this week.

Lafferty, who lives in Prestonsburg with his wife Jessica, is a graduate of Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Morehead State University and the Appalachian School of Law, where he earned his Juris Master Degree and Juris Doctor Degree.

He has worked in various fields, starting as a stock and grocery clerk at Walmart and working on construction projects when he was in high school. Lafferty later worked in various roles for CSX Transportation and as a substitute teacher.

In a Facebook post, his listed his top three priorities as, to "repeal and rollback"

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taxes passed in the county. to "cut wasteful spending" by reorganizing departments and agencies and to "dedicate a constant and relentless effort" to attract good-paying jobs.

District 1 Magistrate race

There are five Democrats on the ballot, and the winner will face Republican Floyd Skeans of Allen in November.

The candidates answered questions posed by the Chronicle and Times. Here are their answers:

Rick Jervis of Prestonsburg

A former coal miner who was recently laid off, Jervis said his top priorities are, "to help the people" and "to be honest with them."

"I won't lie to them. If it's to help them, I'm for it. If it won't, I'm against it," he said.

• Why should people vote for you? "Because I'm honest with people and I'll try my best to help the people. I think they are taxpayers and we should try to help them 100 percent if we can."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "Well, they need jobs, for one thing. There ain't no jobs around here, halfway paying jobs. I think lowering people's taxes is one thing. People pay too much right now."

"Big John" John **Goble of Prestonsburg**

Elected for the first time in 2006, Goble has served 12 years and three terms on the fiscal court.

His top priorities are, "to get more jobs in the county," to ensure roads are passable and safe for school children and the school system and "to make sure that all functions of the county government are moving smoothly."

• Why should people vote for you? "Experience,

tance of voting."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "That's a hard one to answer because until I get in and get adjusted, I can't answer that. I can promise the moon, but until I get in and see how everything is, I can't answer your question. I'm going to focus on the top three priorities I told you about, but, I don't want to make any commitment or promises that I can't follow up on...I'm going to do the best I can for the people in District 1."

Mark Crider of Prestonsburg

For the past 21 years, Crider has worked as an engineer with the Big Sandy RECC, and he has 34 years of experience working in the electric service industry.

His top priorities are "to balance our budget, repeal the taxes, and maintain our highways and catch up on the maintenance that's been neglected over the last 12 to 16 years."

• Why should people vote for you? "I'm a family man. I've raised three fine children that I'm proud of. I've worked all my life. I've been there since 1984 to serve the people as a linesman, Floyd County crew leader and engineer, through every major storm and FEMA emergency to affect the lives of the people of Floyd county and eastern Kentucky. I've worked hours on end, day and night, to help people get their lives back to normal. I've always been a first responder out there for the people. I promise to always be available to the people and be a hands-on magistrate."

· What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I would like to utilize all of our county resources and use our tax dollars efficiently and catch up on all maintenance of country roads and implement a more efficient work plan, continue funding for our senior citizens, and give new businesses who bring jobs to Floyd County tax break incentives to get established in our community."

our public education system is and I would do everything to support our public education system."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I want to bring more community leaders into our deprocesses, cision-making along with the fiscal court. I want to form committees that consist of those community leaders because they're the ones out there every day and truly know what their needs are. I think it's very important for all of our city governments to be working together with the county to bring in jobs, to bring in recreational activities and to bring in infrastructure."

District 2 Magistrate race

There are four Democrats on the ballot, and the winner faces no opposition in the fall.

The candidates answered questions posed by the Chronicle and Times. Here are their answers:

Michael Prater of David

Prater, the owner of Mike's S&S of Maytown, said he will open a magistrate's office at his business. He said it will serve as a "base" for county employees and equipment.

His top priorities are "to help the people," fix county roads and "get the people together so we can get jobs back in here."

• Why should people vote for you? "I've always worked and helped a lot of people all my life and that's what I intend on doing. I'm going to help people as much as I can."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I'd like to involve the people more and improve the relationships that we have. One person can't change things. I'd like to see the people more involved in government and try to help the younger people get more involved."

counties have more jobs and industries and said he represents every county resident, as well as those in District 2.

• Why should people vote for you? "Because of my qualifications, my experience, and my work ethic."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "On the county government side, as a first responder, on first responders, I just feel like maybe they they've been forgotten about. I'd love to see first responders in Floyd County be brought up to a higher level. They've been overlooked or neglected, I feel like. Other counties are so far ahead of us on first responders than we are in this county, like with our communications and stuff like that. There's places in this county, where we cannot communicate with our 911 dispatchers. I've been hounding them for four years on getting this fixed. My plan would be to try to make it quicker, better access for all of our first responders with any tools needed to make their jobs better so they can reach every person who needs help in this county."

Todd Hansford of Wayland

Hansford is a contractor with Meade Construction in Stanville.

His top priorities are to seek grant funding as an option to raise revenue instead of raising taxes, to make roadwork "fair for everybody," saying some places are "neglected until election time."

• Why should people vote for you? "I'm a working person. I'm honest. Everybody that knows me knows I'm honest. I'm making no promises, but I will do the best job that I can."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "To try to figure ways around raising taxes, work on road as needed before they're getting so bad, to maintain equipment before bad

a magistrate for all of District 3," to "be there for kids and the parks" and to create iobs.

• Why should people vote for you? "I'm qualified. I'm more qualified than anybody running right now. And I want to be a full-time magistrate, not a part-time magistrate. It pays enough to be a full-time magistrate instead of part-time magistrate. There's more to being a magistrate than going down to the fiscal court once a month."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "Jobs. We've got to get jobs. We can't let our citizens, we can't let them take the heat for the work out here. We've got to get jobs in. We can't let our citizens take the heat for the taxes. We've got to get jobs."

Ryan Slone of Drift

Slone works as an assistant manager at Wendy's where he has worked for five years.

His top priorities are the "repeal of the tax increase," to improve infrastructure in the county to bring in more jobs and to work on all county roads and take care of the people in his district.

· Why should people vote for you? "Because both of my opponents have had a least one term in office and I'm giving voters another option. I have a lot of new ideas and visions. I will work hard for my district and I will always be there for the people of my county and my district."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "My plan would be to repeal the tax, that would be the biggest thing right now. A lot of people are hurting right now. There are a lot of people fixed income and they can't afford this tax increase. They can't afford any more tax increases and I will not vote for another tax increase. Vote for me on May 22 and we can make a change for the better."

insurance and things, I will vote to cut the taxes out and I'll vote for a decrease in salary for the magistrates. It's way overpaid."

· What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I want to try to get jobs in here. Instead of running up and down the road, they can go and talk to the people that's going to Pike County and places, instead of coming into Floyd County, and not impose high taxes on the people, they would probably stayed longer. We need to get the jobs coming into Floyd County instead of Pike County. We need to talk to the people that's coming in here."

William L. Slone of Dana

Slone has more than 20 years of service with the Floyd County School District and has spent the last five years as a mechanic there.

His top priorities are to "get rid of that insurance tax, better our roads, clean our ditch lines out and bring some jobs in here."

· Why should people vote for you? "They should vote for me for bettering the community, for bettering the roads, getting rid of the insurance tax, bringing in jobs and just being better for the community all together. And not being corrupt, just being honest and hardworking."

 What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "Like on our fiscal court meetings, I think there should be no special-called sessions to increase taxes and letting the people know so they can be there to let their voices be heard. I'll be honest with all the people and I will listen to the people because they're the ones that put me there. I will be a voice for the people."

Jeff Hall of Grethel

Hall is the owner of Hall's Contracting in Harold, where he has worked for the past 26 years.

His top priorities are to

education and family values. I've also been elected for 11 years over at KACo, the Kentucky Association of Counties, which represents a five-county area....and I also served on the tourism board for four terms in the city. I think I'm the most qualified. I'm the only one that I know that can run this equipment. I can run it, I can work on it. I was an underground miner for 18 years."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I will work with the judge and our other magistrates to move our county forward. It can't be done by one man. You have to work with your constituents and the court as a team make it move forward."

Harry Adams of Prestonsburg

Adams has served on the Prestonsburg City Council for 17 years and manages Adams Used Auto Parts, which is owned by his father.

His top priorities are "budget control," and "trying to get everything back in line" with the county budget, recruiting more commerce and jobs, and improving county road maintenance and "keeping the gravel and blacktop on schedule instead of letting them go so long."

• Why should people vote for you? "I've dedicated my whole adult life to this. I volunteer for the rescue squad, I can't even county the number of years. I started out as a member, became a captain, and then, I started 17 years ago as an elected official in the city of Prestonsburg. I live here, I'm invested in the community and I care. And I'd like to remind everybody about the impor-

David A. Gearheart of Prestonsburg

Gearheart, the owner of East Kentucky Rehabilitation Center in Prestonsburg, has served on the Prestonsburg City Council for years.

His top priorities are recruiting jobs, establishing a "priority list" for road and infrastructure maintenance in the county" highlighting preventative maintenance "instead of waiting for a disaster" to complete road work and ensuring there are "far taxes for everyone across the board."

• Why should people vote for you? "People should vote for me because I feel like that not only am I capable of doing what the typical job duties of a magistrates are, keeping up roadways and the ditchlines, but I have more of a skillset to offer, like in the past, lobbying in Frankfort for grant money when I worked at Prestonsburg Community College, and even when I was a student there. I have really good knowledge of the drug problem in our community, which is very, very important vid to me.... I would be the type of magistrate that a county judge executive could be comfortable sending to a meeting in their place and have a good grasp on any issues that could arise and I would be able to effectively speak on those issues and bring a good report back to the fiscal court on what those issues were. I am a former public school teacher in Floyd County, so I also know the importance of education and how important

George Ousley of Eastern

Ousley retired in 2014 after 28 years of work in the Floyd County Road Department.

He said his top priorities are for creating jobs and "bettering" the county "in any way," to work together with fiscal court members "for the benefit of the people" and to maintain roads.

"I run heavy equipment and a grader for 28 years with the county, and the roads aren't as in good a shape as they were when I was there," he said.

• Why should people vote for you? "I know the problems. I've been out with them for 28 years. I know most of the people and most of their problems. I'm the most qualified man on the ticket for the job. I'll be a fulltime magistrate."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I would be for jobs. I would be for a park system. Taxes, I would oppose taxes if I was there. And I don't hardly believe in their salary raises, the magistrates, their increase in pay."

Randy K. Davis of Da-

Davis, who is finishing his first term as magistrate, is co-owner of Davis Brothers Construction in David and a volunteer with the David Area Volunteer Fire Department. He retired in 2006 from Columbia Natural Resources after 28 years of service.

His top priorities are to recruit "good paying jobs" and to try to "make a better lifestyle for the people of Floyd County." He said it bothers him that other

breakdowns. This is a few ways to save money for the county and work smarter, not harder."

District 3 Magistrate race

Three people are on the ballot for this race, and the winner has no opposition in the fall.

The candidates answered questions posed by the Chronicle and Times. Here are their answers:

Mike Tackett of Wheelwright

Tackett is finishing his first term as District 4 magistrate. He also works as a gas operator for the city of Wheelwright.

His top priorities are "taking care of the roads, the parks and the people of this county."

• Why should people vote for you? "I'm honest. I'm dependable I've work hard for District 3 and the county. I'm trying to bring jobs into the county and improve the district."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "Jobs and to secure the funds. RCL will bring 500 jobs to this county, I want to make sure that's secured and I want to make sure we get it and I'm sure we will. That will help some of the people in this county get a job. I'm for helping the people in the county get a job in the county."

Printer

Jarrell, owner of Jarrell's Feed and Seed of Printer, previously served one term as magistrate from 2011 to 2015.

His priorities are "to be

District 4 Magistrate Race

There are five candidates in this race and the winner faces no opposition in the fall.

Here's how the candidates answered our questions in telephone interviews, listed in the order their names will appear on the ballot:

Lennix Cola Ray Akers of Harold

Akers is retired after working 13 years in coal mining and 20 years in construction.

His top priorities are "to work for everybody instead of just a few here and there," to "take care of all of District 4," and to work on cleaning cemeteries and making sure there are passable roads to cemeteries in the county.

• Why should people vote for you? "It's time for a change. It's the same thing over and over and over. They're scattering blacktop everywhere now, giving to a few people here and there. It's like a few people are selling their votes for a load of gravel. Why wait four years and then try to get out and blacktop and take care of place? And the taxes they imposed on the people, and the insurance is ridiculous, even on your life insurance. People on fixed income, it's hard for them to be paying taxes. They're taking food out of their mouths to pay taxes. They can try me for Warren Jarrell of four years and if I don't do good for the people, they can forget about me next time. If I feel like I did not do a good job, I will not run because I'll be ashamed to ask the people. If it's put in front of me to cut the taxes on the

clean-up the county by placing dumpsters for garbage and recyclables in different areas, then investing proceeds from the items recycled improve the road system, "overturn" tax increases in the county and create jobs that will keep young people from moving away.

• Why should people vote for you? "Well for one, I'm a working man. I don't care to get out here and get my hands dirty and work right along with the workers in the county. And I think I would be successful at it . I will try my best. I think I'll be successful at it because I'm successful at my business because I work hard for my customers, so therefore I will work hard for the people of District 4."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I want to improve the road conditions, and I'd like to sit a few dumpsters around and about in Floyd County: One for the garbage and one for recycling - for old air conditioners, stoves, things like that - so they can recycle them and put the money back into the county to use for our roads. Or, they can have events in Floyd County to try to put money back into the roads. I think they do need to have a few events and what money they take in from the events, they can put back to the highways and stuff like that. We do need our roads repaired or fixed back because of school bus drivers, so our kids can get to school safe. There's a lot of things that they could do, possibilities, that will help the roads out if they would do it ... If you're going to be

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a magistrate, you've got to work a full term, not just the last two months of a term. A full four years is a term, not just two months of a term."

George Hall of Grethel

Hall is retired, after working in the coal mines for 31 years.

His top priorities are helping the people, improving roads and cemeteries, and helping senior citizens and veterans.

• Why should people vote for you? "I've got all the qualifications they need. I represent disabled veterans in two states — Indiana and Kentucky — in Washington D.C., so I'm used to talking to politicians. Because of my experience in building roads through the mines, I'll be able to build roads for the county. I'm out there to help the children, the veterans and the people in this area. I would appreciate people's vote. If I'm elected, I'll be for all the people."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "To cut out this waste. We have too much waste in this county. And we need to spread out gravel and blacktop over a four-year period, instead of a one-month election period."

Ronnie Akers of Harold

Akers is serving his third term as District 4 magistrate. In the 1980s and 1990s, he worked as a truck driver and heavy equipment operator in the Floyd County Road Department. After working there, he also owned and operated Akers Shop-a-Lot, at the mouth of Toler Creek, for 15 years. His top priorities are

to attract more jobs to the county and "build on" the recent announcement of the gas-to-liquids facility planned for Eastern, to ensure school safety resource officers stay in schools, and to maintain the road system and "keep the county overall moving forward."

• Why should people vote for you? "I've tried to do the best job that I possibly could do or have done. A lot of times, we've not had the money to do everything we wanted to do. But, overall, I'd just like the voters to know I've tried to help do all I can with the parks, the roads, the cemeteries, and I've just tried to be honest and dependable, 24-7. This is the only job I got, so I'm available 24-7."

• What specific plan do you have to improve something in county government? "I would work to see if we could find a good economic development person to maybe expand on this plant that's going in over at Eastern and try to build some jobs off of that. I know coal and the coal economy is down and our laid-off miners and workers are looking for jobs. I believe if we could get us a good, strong economic development person in place and let them go find some spin-off jobs off of that and companies, it would help all of the people of the county as a whole. Locally, in District 4, we've got some property on the 680 road that connects to U.S. 23 and Ky. 80. We've got some property that was donated to us a few years back for a park for District 4 and there's no access to is until the road is finished by the state. We got one park that we maintain in District 4 — at Stumbo Elementary — that we've done a lot of upgrades to. We put lighting and a new score board and the walking track there at the park and the parking lot. We've just maintained it over the years. But once that road is finished by the state, we've got a vision of a nicer, bigger place for the kids of district. Once that road's done, we'll have that property to get access to and then start building and working on it."

Floyd Circuit Clerk candidates

Douglas Ray Hall of Mc-Dowell, a Democrat, is the incumbent circuit clerk and is seeking reelection.

According to Hall, some of his top priorities, if reelected, will include maintaining the service and honesty of the Floyd Circuit Clerk's Office and providing services to other areas of the county.

Hall said that voters should consider him because

of his experience and commitment to the office.

"I've done what I was elected for in 1999. I don't think I have any blemishes on my record for what I've been elected to do," said Hall.

If reelected, Hall said he plans to look at adding a new office near Harold.

Donnie Daniels of Melvin, a Democrat and retired educator, is challenging incumbent Hall for the office of circuit clerk.

According to Daniels, some of his top priorities, if elected, will include trying to save money through efficient use of tax dollars, to think outside the box and to create a cooperative program with Big Sandy Community and Technical College to create a driver's education program for young people.

"I think we need new ideas to bring people in that would think outside the box and help people rather than a select few," said Daniels. "I have a couple of plans to implement that will promote our local businesses and tourism in the county."

County Surveyor candidates

Gary Douglas Ousley of Prestonsburg, a Democrat, is the incumbent Floyd County Surveyor and is seeking reelection.

According to Ousley, if reelected, some of his top priorities for his next term would be to "straighten out" the county PVA mapping,

ensuring the boundaries that are mapped have an owner, to advance the profession of a land surveyor and to be of general service to the county.

Ousley said that he has enjoyed his last four years in office.

"I've been through four years, and it's been fairly quiet," said Ousley. "Other than my experience, I've been at this 40 years now and know what I'm doing as far as boundary surveying goes. I have a public service attitude."

Billy Joe Hamilton of Beaver, a Democrat, is challenging Ousley for his seat. Hamilton could not be

reached for comment.

Jailer candidates

Glennis Caudill of Melvin, a Democrat, is running against the incumbent for the seat of jailer.

According to Caudill, if elected, his top priorities for his term will including cleaning up the jail, treating inmates with respect and looking for grants to apply for that would benefit the jail.

"They haven't got anything to lay on, they're having to lay on the concrete floors and the waste is running out into the floor, and that isn't right," said Caudill. "It's never, since it was built, had an upgrade. There's a lot of things that needs to be done to modernize the jail."

Caudill said, "I've lived here all my life and I'd like to see Floyd County prosper. I'd like to see it grow and I'd like to see it prosper."

Stuart "Bear" Halbert of Martin, a Democrat and incumbent, is seeking reelection for the seat.

According to Halbert, his top priorities, if reelected, will include keeping drugs out of the jail, repairing the jail, and rehabilitating the inmates.

Halbert said voters should consider choosing him because, he said, he has saved the county money, created education programs for inmates, brought in Alcoholics Anonymous groups and created access to parenting classes.

"I've got five different groups that come in weekly, and I have three different denominations doing church," said Halbert.

Halbert said his future plans include bringing a body scanner into the jail that, he said, will help with his work release program and help stop contraband coming into the jail. Halbert also said he plans on doing inner repairs to the jail once the roof is fixed.

Rondall "Rodney" Nelson of Wayland, a Democrat is challenging the incumbent Halbert for his seat.

Nelson could not be reached for comment.

The winner of the primary will face Republican Emmit Johnson, of Prestonsbug, in November.

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

Lisa Slone-Huff, 41, of third-degree Prestonsburg;

stance (methamphetamine), advertisement of drug paraphernalia.

Nathan E. Bartrum, 35, of Hueysville; first-degree assault, tampering with physical evidence.

Jessica McIntosh, 34, of Minnie; first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia, endangering the welfare of a minor. James C. Johnson, 37, of Dwale; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled sub-(methamphetamine), stance reckless driving, failure to wear seat belts, failure to maintain

insurance.

Amanda N. Woods, 26, of Prestonsburg; first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Nathan C. Bartley, 37, of Dana; first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug parapher-

filed

Marvin E. Conley, 32, of Wayland; public intoxication of a controlled substance, first-degree disorderly conduct.

Cody J. Tackett, 30, of Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance, first-degree disorderly conduct.

Charity G. Hall, 34, of Prestonsburg; operating a motor vehicle with an expired license. vices vs Scott Walls; contract

tions, third-degree terroristic threatening.

Lawsuits filed

UMB Bank N.A. vs Sherry Hall; foreclosure.

UMB Bank N.A. vs Monica Witmer: foreclosure.

ADA Martin vs Nathan Bartrum and Rebecca Smith; petition for defacto custody.

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burglary.

April Hamilton, 36, of Auxier; speeding 26 mph over limit, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Robbie Lee Prater, 37, of Stopover; giving false identifying information.

Lisa L. Huff, 41, of Allen; first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled subnalia.

Kevin William Comer, 41, of Mousie; first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Steven Castle, 34, of Printer; leaving the scene of an accident.

Zachery L. Lewis, 19, of David; operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, possession of a controlled substance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, reckless driving.

Benji Sammons, 30, of Misdemeanor charges Martin; harassing communicadispute.

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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Man arrested on meth charges after traffic stop

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A man was arrested during a traffic stop last week on various traffic and drug charges after officers allegedly found methamphetamine inside his vehicle.

James C. Johnson, 37, of Dwale was arrested on charges including reckless driving, failure to wear a seatbelt, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence and first-degree, first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

According to his arrest citation, Kentucky State Police Trooper Matthew Martin pulled Johnson over after he observed Johnson driving with three other occupants on Ky. 1428 towards Martin.

"... The vehicle came through a curve and crossed the shoulder nearly running out of the roadway," Martin said in the citation.

The citation said, after making contact with Johnson, he appeared to be "extremely nervous" and "talking fast."

According to the citation, Martin observed Johnson become very fidgety and break a sweat on his forehead as he explained to the officer where he was driving towards.

Martin then allegedly asked the subject if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, which Johnson said not to his knowledge.

Martin was allegedly given permission to search the vehicle where he found a small altoids container in the center console, according to the citation.

Inside the container, Martin allegedly found a clear plastic baggie with a white powder residue and small crystal like shards that he believed to be meth.

Johnson told Martin that he had no knowledge of the drugs being there, according to the citation.

Martin then conducted a series of field sobriety tests on Johnson, all of which Johnson failed, according to the citation.

Johnson was taken to Saint Joseph Medical Center in Martin where he refused a blood test, according to the citation.

Johnson was lodged in the Floyd County Jail.





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Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarships available

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

Each year Big Sandy Area Community Action Program (BSACAP) distributes \$7,000 in scholarships to students in the Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin and Pike County area.

This year, the nonprofit organization has changed up their offerings and has announced the creation of the Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship.

The Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship will be one \$2,000 scholarship offered to students majoring in Social Work, Human Services, Public Services, or related fields. Applicants must be in at least their third year of post-secondary study, must have a record of volunteerism, and must fulfill the requirements of the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Scholarship application.

Eula Hall has lived her life as an advocate for the workers, children, and families of the Volunteers in Service to

the region. She served with

America, the Appalachian Volunteers, the East Kentucky Worker's Rights Organization, and as president of the Kentucky Black Lung Association. She created the Mud Creek Water District, and in 1973, established the Mud Creek Clinic to serve uninsured and underinsured people. The Mud Creek Clinic, now known at the Eula Hall Health Center, offers general clinic care, pharmacy, dental care, optometry, mental health services, patient transportation, public benefits guidance, and a food pantry. She has served on the BSACAP Board of Directors for more than 35 years.

BSACAP Executive Director Mike Howell said, "Our organization wanted to thank Eula for the work she has done for Community Action and honor her for the leadership and care that she has given to the people in our area. We also want to see a new generation of strong advocates for eastern according to CSBG guidelines,

Kentucky rise up and continue the fight against poverty."

BSACAP will also be offering ten \$500 CSBG Academic Scholarship to students in the area.

If you are a student entering or returning to college or vocational school this fall and are in need of financial assistance, you may be eligible for the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Academic Scholarship.

Applicants must provide the following information and/ or documentation to apply for the scholarship:

• Meet income eligibility as determined by the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

 Provide proof of residency within the BSACAP service area via utility bill or piece of first class mail postmarked within 30 days of application,

 Complete and sign an application available at any BSACAP Community Services office,

Complete a Family Profile

school diploma or GED,

• Provide proof of cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better from last semester of high school or last completed semester of college,

 Provide two letters of ref- follows: erence,

· Provide proof of enrollment or acceptance in a post-secondary educational institution for the Fall 2017 semester/term, and

 Write an essay on why they feel they should receive the award.

Applicants who have earned a 4-year degree or are pursuing education levels of Master's Degree and above are not eligible. BSACAP staff and family members of staff are not eligible to apply.

For further information or to pick up an application, applicants may contact the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Services Office in their county. Completed applications and required documentation must be received by

 Provide proof of a high mail no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 29. Scholarships will be awarded no later than July 31, 2018.

> Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Office locations are as

> Floyd County — 60 Court Street, Allen — (606) 874-3595

• Johnson County - Johnson County Court House, 230 (606) 789-6515

• Magofin County - 131 South Church Street, Salyersville — (606) 349-2217

 Martin County — Roy F. Collier Community Center, Suite 203. Inez — (606) 298-3217

 Pike County — 478 Town (606) 432-2775

Scholarship funding is made possible by Community Services Block Grant with funds made available by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Woman arrested after allegedly having meth out near daughter

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A woman was arrested after, officials say, they visited her home and found methamphetamine "out in the open" and "accessible" to her young daughter.

Jessica McIntosh, 34. of Minnie was arrested on charges of first-offense, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia and endangering the welfare of a minor.

According to her arrest citation, deputies with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department were assisting Child Protective Services at McIntosh's address.

While at the residence, according to the citation, deputies made contact with McIntosh and her boyfriend, and asked for consent to search McIntosh's bedroom.

After receiving consent, deputies found what they believed to be methamphetamine, rolling papers and to "several used syringes," one of which, according to the citation, was "uncapped," next to her nightstand.

The citation said the drugs were "easily accessible" McIntosh's five-year-old to daughter.

McIntosh allegedly admitted that the drugs and parapher-

McIntosh was taken to be lodged in the Floyd County Jail after her arrest.







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PUBLIC NOTICE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER FUNDS AVAILABLE

Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program.

Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board have been chosen to receive \$21,908 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the county.

The selection was made by a National Board that is chaired by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consist of representatives from American Red Cross; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A; The Salvation Army; United Jewish Communities and, United Way of America. The Local Board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need area around the country.

A Local Board made up of the County Judge/Executive or his designee, local representatives of national social service agencies, and interested citizens, will determine how the funds awarded to Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service agencies in the area. The Local Board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the National Board, local agencies chosen to receive funds must: 1) be private voluntary non-profits or units of government, 2) be eligible to receive federal funds, 3) have an accounting system, 4) practice nondiscrimination, 5) have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs, and 6) if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying agencies are urged to apply.

Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board has distributed Emergency Food and Shelter previously with St. James Fishes & Loaves, Middle Creek Com. Dev. Club, Mud Creek Com. Health Corp., Town Branch Church Feed My Sheep, Jacobs Ladder, Auxier Food Pantry, Heaven's Harvest Food Pantry and St. Vincent Mission. These agencies were responsible for providing emergency food.

Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must call Auxier Food Pantry 886-0709. Application packets may be picked up at the Auxier Food Pantry 21 South River Street, Auxier, KY 41602 by May 29, 2018. Meeting for allocations is set for May 30, 2018 at 6PM Auxier Food Pantry.

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For more information contact Danny Price at 606-615-0712 or Connie Blevins @ 606-615-3615



Vote for your favorite businesses, people, food & places!

Simply fill in the names of businesses, persons, places and organizations in the spaces provided below and mail them to the Floyd County Chronicle office in care of "Best of the Best," PO Box 802, Pikeville, KY 41502. We will tabulate the results and present the winners with certificates showing your appreciation of their services. Results will be published in the Thursday, June 29, 2018 edition.

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

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May album releases



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Day of Redemption by Jabari Johnson Genre: Gospel



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by Alisa Turner Genre: AC/Inspo

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The Love Don't Last Long by Taelor Gray Genre: Rap/Urban



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Crescendo by Jackie Hill Perry Genre: Country/ Southern Rap/Urban

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Cultivating strength of spirit

ow often do you find yourself praying to be relieved of your pains and infirmities? Perhaps it would be better to pray to have the strength, courage and patience to bear your infirmities. This prayer becomes increasingly important as we age, since our bodies eventually wear out. As the saying goes, "Old age is not for sis-

sies," at least in part because the elderly almost invariably have their share of chronic aches and pains. As the writer Philip Roth remarked, "Old age isn't a battle, old age is a massacre." But it is also worth remembering that certain infirmities actually contribute to our character, making us better people by reining in certain untoward desires or tendencies. So how do we develop the necessary strength of spirit to bear our pains and infirmities? One way is to get in the habit of doing small things every day which are difficult, painful,



or just plain boring. This practice will help you to develop fortitude and strength of spirit for the more difficult and painful episodes, which are bound to come. And remember that in your suffering, you are in some ways sharing in the suffering of our Lord, who suffered greatly in his time here -Christopher Simon on earth.

"Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' " -2 Corinthians 12:7-9 NIV

Local Church Directory

ST. JAMES' EPI SCOPAL CHURCH

562 University Drive, Prestonsburg Phone: 606-886-8046 The Rev. Sr. Judy Yunker, Vicar Email: stjamesdiolex@gmail.com Website: www.stjamesdiolex.org Diocese: Lexington

ST. MARTHA CATHOLI C CHURCH

60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg 606-874-9526 Fr. Bob Damron SATURDAY Services - 5 p.m. SUNDAY Services - 11:15 a.m.

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BY JAMIE BECKETT **C**HRONICLE & TIMES

I was angry and exasperated.

I received an explanation of benefits from my insurance company. (It's the statement showing what hospital/doctor/clinthe ic/etc charged and what your insurance company paid.) When I first saw the envelope, I wondered what it was. Quickly I reviewed things in my mind. I thought I had received all bills for my recent medical tests, doctor's visits and surgery. So, why did I have a new explanation of benefits?

Ripping open the envelope, I pulled the paper out and saw it was from a service seven months ago. Yay! They finally paid it! I thought. I glanced down to the section that tells you want you owe. It still read the full amount. It was the same as it was in November. Immediately I was exasperated. What is the deal?

I called the insurance company, asking what date was the billing date for this particular statement. The representative put me on hold and came back to explain to me that I have a times before. (Not really that many, but it felt like it.) "Let me just stop you right there," I said.

I asked again what was the billing date on the particular statement that I had just received. He responded by giving me the pay date. (Which to me was a joke because they paid nothing.)

I blew up. I went off on the poor guy.

It wasn't his fault, but I have spoken with multiple people about this bill, many, many times since I received the original bill in November. The claim is not being filed properly and therefore, the insurance isn't paying. I've spoken to the insurance company. I spoken to the doctor's office. I spoken to the billing office. And seven months later, I'm still going in the same circles. I've reached the end of the rope.

After I hung up with him, I quickly ate, brushed my teeth and headed off to Ladies' Bible Class. Fellowship and Bible study was exactly what I needed. Whenever I'm not in a good mood - whether I'm upset, angry, hurt or whatever emotion I'm dealing with - being with my brothers and sisters in Christ always makes things better. "Why?" you ask. You might call the righteous, but sinners. – Mark 2:17

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code to the insurance company in order for them to pay for the test. But what it does do, is allow me to refocus. I'm not stewing in my aggravation. I'm not allowing the anger to fester. I'm taking a breather. I'm stepping back. I'm changing my focus.

Instead of continuing to be caught up in my anger and aggravation, I'm listening to the Word. I'm hearing a discussion about the Bible. I'm listening to my fellow sisters talk about experiences they've had. I listening to mature Christians give advice. My aggravation is being chipped away and instead, I'm concentrating on what I need to do to become a better Christian. (Which is the opposite of the un-Christlike anger that bubbled up and spewed over in my conversation with the insurance company.)

I'm not perfect. I've never admitted to being perfect. I am human just like everyone else. Congregational worship and Bible study is for us. It's for the sinner and the saint.

In the book of Mark, Jesus was having dinner at

teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: 'Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?' On hearing this, Jesus said to them, 'It is not the healthy

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who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners' (Mark 2:16-17)."

When you visit a hospital, you don't expect to find a building of healthy people, you expect to find people who are ill. The same applies for a church. You shouldn't expect to find a gathering of perfect people, but instead, sinners who are trying to learn about the Word of God. It's a congregation of people who are trying to obey Christ and apply scripture to their life. Ann Voskamp says, "When the church isn't for the suffering and broken, then the church isn't for Christ."

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BSCTC hosts commencement

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Big Sandy Community and Technical College held commencement ceremonies at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg on May 4-5, presenting 159 Associate in Arts degrees, 162 Associate in Action degrees, 265 Associate in Applied Science degrees, 1,000 certificates and 156 diplomas. "This is not an end, but the beginning of your future," said Dr. Sherry Zylka, president of BSCTC. "Best wishes to you as you begin your journey."

On Friday May 4, BSCTC honored the graduates in the Allied Health programs of Dental Hygiene, Dental Assisting, Nursing and Respiratory Therapy with students receiving their degrees and other honors.

Dental Assisting awards were presented to Samantha King who received the Humanitarian Award and Rachel Gamble who received the Outstanding Clinician Award. Dental Hygiene student Tara Arnett received the Colgate STAR Award, Shelbi Scalf received the Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award and Natasha Boyd received the Outstanding Student Award. Nursing students Shannon Worley and Dora Marie Riley received the Florence Nightingale Award. Dr. Mina Majmundar presented nursing scholarship awards to Hannah Fitch, Shannon Worley, Carla Castle and Keisha Johnson. Respiratory Therapy student Lindsey Wallen was named the Outstanding Program Graduate. The Respiratory Therapy Clinical Excellence Award was

given to Taylor Marie Johnson and Taylor Paige Howard.

On Saturday, May 5, BSCTC honored graduates with associate degrees, diplomas and certificates during two ceremonies. BSCTC honored two Outstanding Alumni, Dr. Mallory Ratliff and the late Officer Scotty Hamilton, whose wife, Chelsi, accepted in his honor.

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Submitted photo Dr. Sherry Zylka, Big Sandy Community and Technical College President/CEO, shares a laugh with students prior to graduation ceremonies.

The late Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton was honored as an Outstanding Alumni of Big Sandy Community and Technical College during graduation ceremonies. His wife Chelsi accepted in his honor.





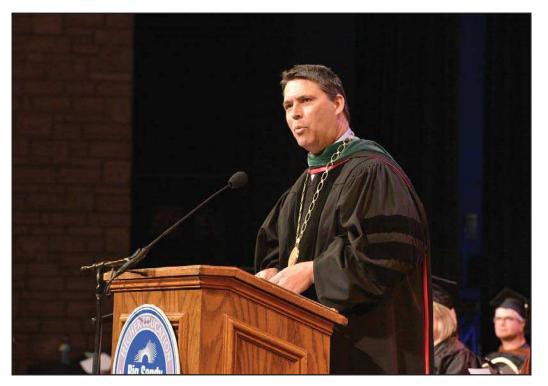
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Collista Allen was a recipient of the Great Teacher Award for 2018 along with

her colleague, Randal Clinton Hackney, at Big Sandy Community and Technical

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Submitted photo University of Pikeville President Dr. Burton Webb speaks at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College graduation. <image>

Big Sandy Community and Technical College students

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Two faculty members, Randal Clinton Hackney, Assistant Professor of Biology and Collista Allen, Associate Professor of Nursing, were honored with the Great Teacher Award. Charles Michael

Bell, a 22-year music educator in the Floyd County School District, was honored with the Faculty Service Award.

University of Pikeville President Dr. Burton Webb served as this year's guest speaker and shared with students a story about a track team

member, destined to run, was able to reach her full potential.

"Your children, parents, significant others and grandparents have helped you along the way by supporting you," said Dr. Webb. "There is nothing like a good team cheering you on."



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Dr. Mina Majmundar presents nursing scholarships to students.

Fishing season in full swing at Dewey



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows With spring in full swing, fishing has increased on Dewey Lake at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. This photo was taken earlier this month.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park to host first 'Kid's Day' event

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Resort Park is hosting a special "Kid's Day in the Park" this weekend. families. Concessions

Admission is free to will also be available. the event, which will Wilkinson-Stumbo Con-

sor Trinity Shepherd reports that Kid's Day will feature inflatables, Jenny Wiley State live music, a zip line, vendors and other activities for children and

He said the park be held from 10 a.m. contracted a company to 3 p.m. at the park's from Ohio to run the zipline and it will be set vention Center and at up either at the conthe old golf course lo- vention center or the cated across the road golf course. Rides will

at a later date if severe inclement weather arises, he said.

"We are a go, rain or shine," Shepherd said, about other activities planned for Kid's Day. If it rains, he said most of the Kid's Day attractions can be moved inside the convention center.

officials have been planning this event since February as part of a directive given to state parks that have to host activities for children.

"So, all Kentucky State Parks will be doing something for kids that day, but we just He and other park decided that we're go-

ing to have the biggest and the best, and we went all out with it," Shepherd said.

He hopes the park recreational programs makes Kid's Day an annual event. He said a similar event hosted by radio station WMDJ years ago brought thousands of children to Archer Park each year.

"We're hoping to have this be an annual event, and kind of, be a start-o-f summer, endof-school bash, to get kids off their phones and off electronics and get them outdoors having fun and learning," he said.

For more information, call the park at, (606) 889-1790.

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from the convention be free, he said, for children and families. Interpreter This part of the event, and Marina Supervi- however, may be held



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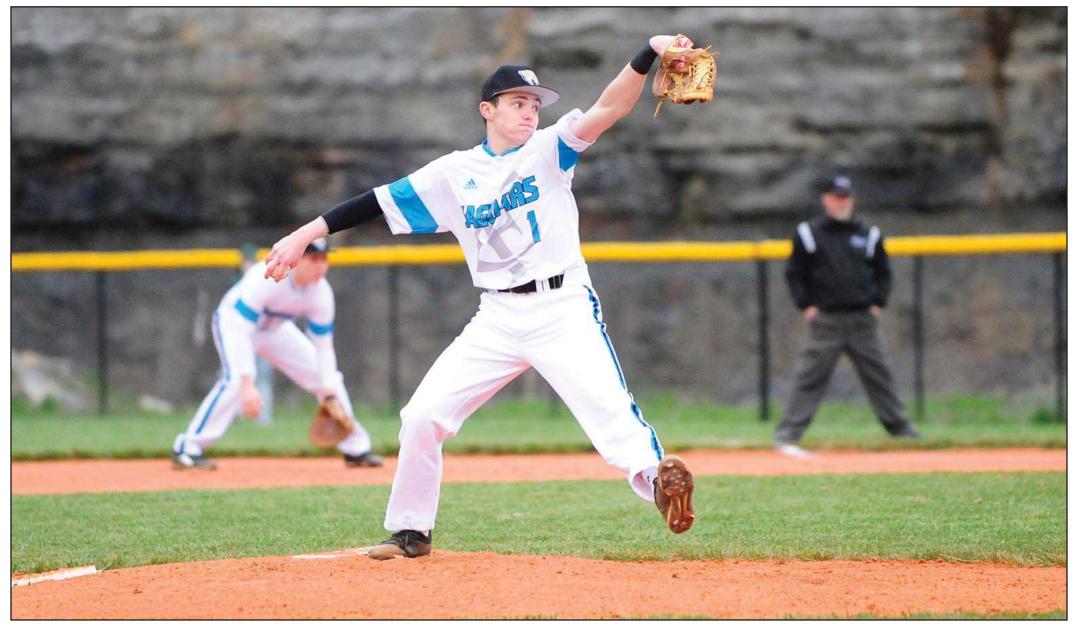
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Jaguars defeat Phelps behind Hager's one-hitter, Slone's five RBIs



Caleb Hager delivers a pitch to home plate. Hager pitched a one-hitter as Floyd Central defeated visiting Phelps 12-1 in five innings on Tuesday.

By STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Caleb Hager threw a one-hitter and Blake Slone drove in proved to 9-19 with the ning, scoring five runs. five runs as Floyd Central win. defeated visiting 15th Re-

three-game losing skid second straight setback.

Floyd Central to halt a took over quickly.

The Jaguars started while Phelps suffered its to distance themselves from Phelps in the bot-Floyd Central im- tom half of the first in-

With the loss, Phelps at the conclusion of the

bottom half of the fourth inning to lead 12-1.

Floyd Central outhit region counterpart ing one. Phelps 14-1.

Floyd Central led 8-1 on the mound. The Floyd Central freshman worked

er allowed seven hits and seven runs over one and one-third innings, walk-

Hager, Blake Slone, Hager earned the win Noah Marcum, Dawson Stephens and Chase Conley each provided multiple hits for Floyd Central in the victory. Slone went three for three with five RBIs.

RBIs while Chris Brown drove in two runs for the Jaguars.

file photo

Riley Dotson accounted for Phelps' lone hit in the lopsided loss.

Each 15th Region

baseball team committed

gion rival Phelps 12-1 in five innings in a late-season high school baseball game on Tuesday.

The victory allowed

dropped to 15-8.

Phelps scored first, pushing across one run during its initial at-bat. But Floyd

second frame and, following a scoreless inning, stretched its lead.

The Jaguars added Central four more runs in the

five innings, allowing one hit and one run while striking out six.

Phelps pitcher Ronald Prater took the loss. Prat-

Conley added three three errors.

Floyd County student-athletes earn KHSAA Triple Threat Awards

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Several Floyd County student-athletes were announced as winners of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Triple Threat Award on Monday.

The award-winners from Betsy Layne are Morris Adkins, Trimble Dotson, Megan Frazier, Joshua Hall, Nathaniel Mims and Frank Tackett.

The award-winners from Floyd Central are Dylan Caudill, Caleb Hager and Cameron Nelson.

The award-winners from Prestonsburg are Alison Campbell, Ashlea Little, Drake Nunnery, Shae Robinson, Emily Salisbury, Annabelle Trusty, Arrington Wright and Garrison Yates.

In an effort to continue the national emphasis and the KHSAA's own efforts to de-emphasize sports specialization in the athletic culture, the Association recently launched the "Triple Threat Award" program to recognize those students who participate in high school athletics vear round.

The award, which is given to student-athletes who participate in a KHSAA sport or sport-activity on the varsity level during each season of the academic year (fall/winter/ spring), will be presented to a total of 1,814 student-athletes for 2017-18.

The awards are based solely on each member school's rosters that were submitted through the KH-SAA's online system, as that is the only permitted determinant for athletic eligibility (including team eligibility).

The breakdown of honorees for the 2017-18 academic year shows that 266 of the 280 member schools have at least one honoree; three schools (Holy Cross-Lou., Oneida Baptist, and Pikeville) each have 22 award recipients, followed by Villa Madonna with 21, and McCracken County and Scott with 19 each; by class, 465 seniors, 511 juniors, 458 sophomores, 318 freshmen, 43 eighth graders and 19 seventh graders were honored; by gender, 838 females and 976 males qualified for the award.

Blackcats drop one-run game to Cardinals

By STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG After owning a lead in each of the first six Prestonsburg innings, faltered late as visiting Sheldon Clark plated two runs during its final at-bat to win 2-1 in a late-season high school baseball game at Stone-Crest on Tuesday.

Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark met in a battle of former 15th Region baseball champions.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 12-12.

Sheldon Clark improved to 18-16 with the win.

Prestonsburg arrived on the scoreboard in the

inning when its lone senior, Ben Welch, a Kentucky Christian University signee, doubled to Lafferty, Coltyn Bordrive in a run.

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Neither team was able to push any runs across again until Sheldon Clark scored twice in the top half of the seventh inning.

Sheldon Clark pitch-Daylon Stafford er earned the win. Stafford pitched six innings, allowing one run on four hits while striking out three and walking one.

Closing out the game on the mound for the Cardinals, Parker Jarrell threw one inning in relief. Jarrell recorded the last three outs to earn the save.

school Each high baseball squad collected two hits.

Dawson Jude, Will ders, and Mason Gordon each provided one hit for Sheldon Clark in the hard-fought win.

Brayden Slone led Prestonsburg at the plate, finishing 2-for-3. Aiding the Prestonsburg offensive attack, Welch and Collin Ousley contributed one hit apiece.

Longtime 15th Region rivals, Prestonsburg and Sheldon Clark met for the second time in the 2018 high school baseball season. Prestonsburg outlasted Sheldon Clark 5-2 on the road in Martin County on April 28.

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58th District softball and baseball previews Softball preview Baseball preview

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Current 15th Region frontrunner Lawrence County will enter the 58th District Baseball Tournament at Floyd Central as the favorite. The opening round of the 58th District Baseball Tournament is set for Monday.

Floyd Central will have the tough task of facing top seed Lawrence County in the opening round of the 58th District Baseball Tournament at 5:30 p.m. on Monday. Lawrence County swept upstart Floyd Central, Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg during the regular-season, compiling a perfect 6-0 58th District record.

Heading into a regular-season finale versus former 57th District foe Sheldon Clark on Thurs-

was 27-7 overall and had outscored opponents 311-137.

With one 58th District win apiece, Floyd Central and Betsy Layne finished the regular-season tied for third but the Jaguars were relegated to the fourth place position.

Betsy Layne is slated to face second-seeded Prestonsburg in the nightcap at 7:30 p.m. on Monday. The Blackcats swept both Betsy Layne and Floyd Central during a pair of 58th District regular-season series.

The winners of the Lawrence County/Floyd Central and Prestonsburg/Betsy Layne matchups will advance to meet in the 58th District championship game at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Both the champion and runner-up from the 58th District will advance

day, Lawrence County to the 15th Region Baseball Tournament.

> Prestonsburg is the reigning 58th District champion. The Blackcats, under the direction of then-head coach Shawn Hager, who now guides Floyd Central, blanked Allen Central 13-0 in five innings in the 2017 58th District title game.

58th District Baseball Tournament at Floyd Central

Monday, May 21

Lawrence County vs. Floyd Central, 5:30 p.m. Prestonsburg vs. Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22 **Championship Game**

Lawrence County/ Floyd Central winner vs. Prestonsburg/Betsy Layne winner, 7:00 p.m.

By STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN - Lawrence County will have the longest trek to the 2018 58th District Softball Tournament but the Lady Bulldogs are the clearcut district favorite heading into the postseason. Top-seeded Lawrence County will face fourth seed Betsy Layne in the opening round of the 58th District Softball Tournament at 5:30 p.m. at Floyd Central on Tuesday.

Lawrence County is a newcomer to the 58th District. During the regular-season, Lawrence County swept 58th District rivals Betsy Layne, Floyd Central and Prestonsburg. The Lady Bulldogs (6-0 in the 58th District) have been among the 15th Re-

throughout the 2018 season. Through its first 30 games, Lawrence County was 24-6 overall and had outscored opponents 283-102.

In the nightcap of the 58th District Softball Tournament's opening round at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, tournament host Floyd Central will battle Prestonsburg. The Lady Jaguars swept Prestonsburg while splitting a pair of district games with Betsy Layne during the regular-season. Prestonsburg managed to sweep Betsy Layne for two 58th District wins.

The winners from the Lawrence County/Betsy Layne and Floyd Central/ Prestonsburg matchups will advance to meet in the 58th District championship game at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

gion's top softball teams and runner-up from the

58th District will advance to the 15th Region Softball Tournament.

Betsy Layne is the reigning 58th District softball champion. The Lady Bobcats defeated South Floyd 19-4 in five innings in the 2017 58th District Softball Tournament title game.

58th District Softball Tournament

at Floyd Central

Tuesday, May 22

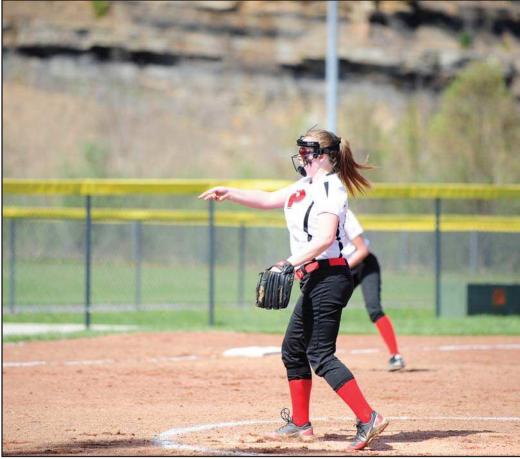
Lawrence County vs. Betsy Layne, 5:30 p.m. Floyd Central vs. Prestonsburg, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 24

Championship Game Lawrence County/ Betsy Layne winner vs. Floyd Central/Pres-Both the champion tonsburg winner, 7:00 p.m.

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McKenzie Wireman delivers a pitch for Prestonsburg during a home game at StoneCrest in April.

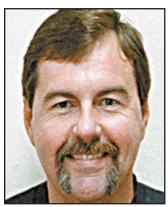
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Stars set to shine in Charlotte



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Unlike the ball and stick professional sports. the Monster Energy NA-SCAR Cup Series has the one all-star event where the competitors show up to compete at a championship level. The Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race allows teams lucky enough to be in the event an opportunity to run for a win without the pressure of a season long points battle but motivates them to perform at the highest level because of the million dollar payout that goes to the winner.

Over the years, NA-SCAR has tweaked the format of the All-Star Race in an effort to make sure it is a good show for the fans. There has been changes in the format and changes in how a driver makes the field but this year the sanctioning body has taken it a little further with the introduction of a new competition package that has the potential to put on a great show for both the fans in the stands and those watching at home.

race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway that produced a record number in leaders, lead changes and green flag passes for the lead. All cars will be fitted with aero ducts, a six-inch high spoiler with two 12-inch ears, a restrictor plate and a 2014 style splitter.

The unique format of the race will include four stages - 30 laps, 20 laps, 20 laps and 10 laps. Normal stage breaks will be in effect with the addition of NASCAR's Overtime procedure being used for all four stages with only green flag laps being counted in the final segment. In the past NASCAR has mandated pit strategy but that will not be the case this year as crew chiefs will be allowed to come up with their own strategy.

While the format of the race doesn't resemble what we see during the 36-race season, qualifying for the event isn't just going out on the track and turning a fast Every race winner lap. from the 2017 and the 2018 season is automatically in the field as is all former All-Star Race winners and past series champions who are still competing full time in the series. Every driver not already in the field will get one more chance to make the field by winning one of the three stages in the Monster Energy Open (20-20-10 laps) held just prior to the start of the All-Star Race. The driver that wins the Fan Vote

race at Indianapolis Mo- rounds out the starting tor Speedway that pro- field.

The field that takes the green flag on Saturday night includes Ryan Blaney, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch, Austin Dillon, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Jimmie Johnson, Kasey Kahne, Matt Kenseth, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Jamie Mc-Murray, Ryan Newman, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Martin Truex Jr. This field is not only a field of race winners but it also represents thirteen series titles.

PITNOTES: Richard Petty's auction of some of his personal items from his Hall of Fame career showed that the King still casts a long shadow over the sport. His iconic No. 43 dayglo red and Petty Blue 1974 Dodge Charger sold for \$490,000. Petty drove the Charger to 31 wins which is the most wins driven in one car in all of NASCAR history. It also was the car that Petty drove to his fifth Daytona 500 win. Matt Kenseth's was not able to make a qualifying run in his return to the sport at Kansas as his car failed pre-qualifying inspection. He started 35th in the

Four Bears named to All-Commonwealth Team

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame proudly presents the Community Trust Bank 2018 Kentucky's Collegiate All Commonwealth Team.

The Kentucky Collegiate All Commonwealth Team is a pre-season recognition award for football players attending a Kentucky college or university. The Kentucky Collegiate All Commonwealth Team represents the best college football players that the state of Kentucky has to offer while their dedication to the game has contributed significantly to their teams. The player shall have the distinctive responsibility to lead his teammates in the classroom and on the field. Players that exhibit this unique leadership skill were nominated by their University/College to be recognized as a member of the Kentucky All Commonwealth Team. The Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame is proud to add these players to this illustrious group.

The awards will be handed out to the players during the KY Pro Football Hall of Fame 2018 Induction Ceremony which will take place at the Lexington Opera House on June 22nd at 7:00pm. Tickets will be available by calling the KY Pro Football Hall of Fame at 859-276-3488.

The Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame and Community Trust Bank announces the following college football players as members of this year's All Commonwealth Team:

> Campbellsville BJ Pelt Keanu Young Jordan Duff Dante Hollis

Centre College Zach Berger John Wilson Cody Estep Trevor Carnell

EKU

Dan Paul LJ Scott Cameron Kowalewski Gavin Bryant

Georgetown College Ross Cox Andrew Wilks Ed Moore Germell Jenkins KCU De'Ante Sipp Caden Stephens Harmand St. Hubert Bill Nixon

Kentucky State Matthew Bizimana Marcus Campbell, Jr. Tommy Craig James Brace

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Morehead State University Lawson Page Jarin Higginbotham Chauncey Johns Jamil Butler

Murray State University Marquez Sanford Kenney Wooten Silas Owens Shuler Bentley

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Communication will be your answer to problems this year. A little charm and understanding will enable you to get others to share information that will help you offer sound advice while receiving what you need to know to move forward with your own agenda. Success awaits you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Dealing with situations involving parents, siblings and people you feel responsible for will bring satisfying results. A little charm will open up opportunities that have been out of reach in the past.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Check your motives before undertaking something questionable. Doing something for someone out of love can turn out to be costly. Know what you are getting into before you commit.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Emotional situations are best dealt with before you give someone the wrong impression. Say what's on your mind and make your intentions clear. Be willing to compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't feel you must follow the crowd. It's fine if someone else wants to be indulgent or extravagant, but trying to keep up is foolish. Only do what you can afford.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Social media can be used to get what you want. Altering your game plan at the last minute will keep others guessing and promote greater interest in what you have to offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Put more energy into getting what you want at home and in important relationships. Listen attentively and offer incentives and suggestions that will entice those you deal with to compromise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Let your creative imagination take control. The ideas



and suggestions you offer will be well received by someone who will make a great personal or professional partner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Be careful what kind of information you share. Personal documents, passwords or anything that could leave you in a compromising position should be kept secret. Deception is apparent.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Spend more time with a loved one. You can make changes that will help bring you closer together and satisfy everyone's needs. Talk followed by action is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Book some time at your local spa or buy tickets to an event that will take your mind off your troubles. A little downtime or romantic adventure will do you good.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – A gift or financial gain looks promising. Don't be foolish or let someone talk you into spending money on something you don't need. A penny saved is a penny earned.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Keep your emotions in check. Someone may disappoint you, but don't make a fuss that will ruin your day and perhaps the relationship. Choose peace over discord.

today's sudoku puzzle

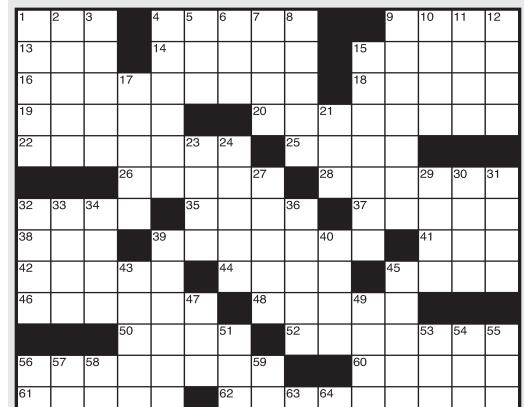
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Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6. Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objection or request for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE **OF BOND** RELEASE

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

of approximately

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NOTICE OF BOND

RELEASE In accordance with KRS

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2030's junction with State Route 122 and located 0.1 miles west of the Spurlock Creek.

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The bond now in effect for Increment 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$75,000. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$75,000 is included in this application for release.

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TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5341-Renewal No.5

In accordance with the provisions of KRS

350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, 81 Enterprise Drive, Debord, Kentucky 41214 has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 2.7 miles south of Odds in Johnson, Floyd and Martin Counties. The operation will disturb 42.50surface acres and will underlie an additional 123.00 acres for

a total of 165.50 acres. The operation is approximately 2.70 miles southwest from Dan-

iel's Branch Road's junction with KY State Route 3 and located 0.1 miles south of Dick's Creek. The nearest stream is Dick's Creek.

The operation is located on the Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface

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

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A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by June 18, 2018.

NOTICE OF **INTENTION** TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0447, Renewal No. 2

accordance In with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky

NOTICE **OF BOND** RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment 8 of permit number 836-0448 which was last issued on December 12, 2017. Increment 8 covers an area of approximately 20.82 acres located 2.0 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County, KY.

The permit area is approximately 0.45 miles east from KY Route 2030's junction with County Road 1142 and located 0.01 miles east of the Gunstock Branch.

The bond now in effect for Increment 8 is a surety bond in the amount of \$86,400. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$86,400 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work

performed for Increment 8 includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which

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The Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Heart and Vascular Institute expansion is about to begin.

Their location will be in the Miner's Building, the oldest section of the hospital.

PMC Vice President of Facilities, Ralph Loma said, "The Miner's Building was built back in the 50's and is in need of a total remodel. We are actually removing the whole exterior of this building, the roof and all the floors, gutting it out completely right back to the structure."

Loma says the new look will include a glass exterior all the way around and a complete refinishing of the floors.

"By the time we finish, you will see a total facelift," he said.

Loma says it is exciting to see this building get some much-needed attention. "It is the first building that was here on campus so obviously it needs attention," he said.

Advantages of the new expansion will include two new cath labs, 15 new examination rooms and a new cardiac rehabilitation area. "We plan to remodel all the current exam rooms and create new ones, new waiting areas and two new electrophysiology cath labs," he said. Valet parking will still be available for cardiac patients.

The second floor will house physician workspaces, locker rooms, meeting rooms, conference space, lounge areas, environmental services, a freight elevator and materials management storage area that will make it easier to service the entire hospital.

"Our goal has always been to provide outstanding cardiac care to east Kentucky and the surrounding region. To continue to offer this high caliber of care we must continue our pattern of growth," said PMC Heart Institute Director and Interventional Electrophysiologist Dr. Michael Antimisiaris. "This expansion is the first step of many for the PMC Heart Institute and I look forward to our future with this excellent team of physicians and staff."

Private contract documents were made available on April 16th for contractors to begin preparing their bids. PMC also hosted a prebid conference for bidders on April 26, providing them a quick tour of the hospital. Deadlines for submitting private contract bids is June 6 at 1:30 p.m. then public bids will open at 2 p.m.

PMC anticipates awarding the contract the first of July and begin construction around July 9.



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