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Residents of Spradlin Branch filed a petition recently to oppose the annexation of the community into the Prestonsburg city limits. Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh is expected to begin the task of certifying the petition soon. If it is valid, the annexation question will be put on the ballot in November.

## Spradlin Branch annexation opposed

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

Residents of Spradlin Branch are opposing a proposed annexation by the city of Prestonsburg.

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh reported Tuesday that on May 21,

a resident presented him a copy of a petition signed by 57 people who oppose Prestonsburg's proposed annexation of Spradlin Branch. Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said Wednesday that the petition was presented

See **OPPOSED**, Page 6A

## Floyd spared in hepatitis A outbreak

Health  
department  
plans proactive  
measures

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Although an outbreak of hepatitis A has sickened hundreds of people and killed six in 41 Kentucky counties, no cases have been reported in Floyd or its surrounding counties.

The Kentucky Department of Public Health declared a statewide outbreak because of an increase in the number of hepatitis A cases last November.

Kentucky has experienced about 20 cases per year of hepatitis A annually for at least a

See **OUTBREAK**, Page 4A

## FCSO: Driver escapes serious injury in crash



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
The David Area Volunteer Fire Department, Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Kentucky State Police and a Trans-Star Ambulance responded to a single-vehicle wreck following an episode of heavy rains on Ky. 404 on May 30. The driver, a juvenile, reportedly did not suffer serious injuries in the crash. FCSO Deputy Kevin Johnson said the driver was traveling on Ky. 404 and lost control of the vehicle, causing it to flip on its top. Fire Chief Greg Davis and local residents assisted with traffic control before other first responders arrived at the scene.

## Recanvass results in no changes



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh, left, reads a tabulation of votes cast in the judge-executive Democratic primary during a May 31 recanvass. Jimmy Rose, who won that race, is pictured along with Waugh.

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

Officials found a discrepancy in one race, but no outcomes were changed after the completion of a recanvass in three races in Floyd County this week.

The only vote total which changed made the addition of one absentee ballot cast in favor of Bryan Lafferty, a candidate for judge-executive.

Officials reported

the absentee ballots are read by voting machines on election night and the recanvass marked the first time those ballots were read by hand. Lafferty still ranked third in that race, and his votes were changed from 2,819 to 2,820 following the recanvass. After all recanvasses were finished, Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh conducted one more absentee ballot count to ensure the number cast for Lafferty.

There were no changes in vote tallies for current Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale or Jimmy Rose, who defeated Hale in the primary, and no changes as a result of recanvasses requested by former magistrate Warren Jarrell, who lost the District 3 magistrate race to incumbent Mike Tackett by five votes, or Court of Appeals candidate Gene Smallwood Jr., who lost that race.

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# Prestonsburg police arrest alleged drug traffickers

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Prestonsburg Police Department announced on its Facebook page Wednesday the execution of warrants against five people who were "wanted for selling illegal drugs."

Following "extensive and ongoing investigations," the statement said, the department executed arrest warrants

from indictments issued by a Floyd County grand jury.

The individuals were sought for various charges, including, but not limited to, first-degree trafficking in methamphetamine, the statement said.

Thomas Skeens of Prestonsburg was arrested on his indictment and found to be in possession of additional drugs and paraphernalia.

Kevin Woods of Allen was arrested on his indictment and found to be in possession of a firearm and is a convicted felon. Woods was also found to be in possession of a quantity nearing one hundred grams of methamphetamine. Woods was out on probation from a previous drug trafficking conviction.

Samantha Fyffe of Allen was arrested on her indictment and also

found to be in possession of methamphetamine. Fyffe is either out on bond or probation on multiple methamphetamine related charges.

Seth Ousley, who was incarcerated in the Pike County Jail for a recent unrelated arrest for trafficking drugs, was served his indictment for an additional offense of trafficking in methamphetamine.

Brandon Anderson of

Prestonsburg was located on a traffic stop and arrested on his indictment.

James Matthew Woods and Scott Jarrell remain at large with indictment warrants active for their arrest associated with the selling of illegal drugs.

"We thank the public for their continued reports of illegal activity for if it was not for our community partners,

we would not be able to combat the overwhelming methamphetamine epidemic at its source: the large quantity dealers," the statement said. "It is through your tips that we are able to make such an effort in keeping your streets safe."

For more information, call, (606) 886-1010.

# 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**

Linzie Lowe, 47, of Prestonsburg; flagrant non support.

Timothy J. Boyd, 35, of Harold; first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).

Billy R. Hall, 46, of Auxier; flagrant non support.

Ricky Randy Lewis, 43, of David; first-offense traffick-

ing in a controlled substance (methamphetamine), tampering with physical evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Roger Ray Harrington, of Somerset; flagrant non support.

Lawrence Kimmel, 28, of Betsy Lane; flagrant non support, failure to appear.

Danielle Stevens, 25, of Dwale; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree first-offense possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia.

Elizabeth Skeens, 29, of Inez; first-degree promoting

contraband.

Frank Henry Landon, 30, of Paintsville; first-degree first-offense trafficking in a controlled substance (cocaine), first degree first-offense trafficking in a controlled substance (unspecified).

Tabitha Love Akers, 37, of Dana; first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Kimberly Slone, 54, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, impersonating a peace officer, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, failure to notify address change to department of transportation.

Teddy R. Spears, 30, of

Melvin; second-degree burglary.

**Misdemeanor charges filed**

Ron Eric Charles Jr, 35, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, carrying a concealed deadly weapon.

Nathan Sturgill, 33, of Raven; violation of E.P.O/D.V.O.

Kevin Moore, 28, of Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault, menacing.

**Lawsuits filed**

Synchrony Bank vs Lyda Hall; contract dispute.

Lauren Casey Ross vs Joby Neal Potter; divorce.

Angelo Hicks vs Rose Lovely; personal injury.

Commonwealth of Kentucky vs Kathy Newsome; petition for child support and health insurance.

**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.**

# Science center announces summer camps

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Big Sandy Community and Technical College's East Kentucky Science

Center and Varia Planetarium in Prestonsburg will host summer camps beginning in June.

For the first time, EKSC is hosting special "Drop In

for Science" events, nearly every Wednesday in June and July, beginning next week. The science center is partnering with Alltech Laboratories and the Uni-

versity of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign to provide these camps, which will offer hands-on science experiments for children and their parents. Registration is not required for Drop In for Science camps, and parents must accompany their children. Regular admission rates apply, and they are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Children age four and under are admitted free. These camps will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on June 6, June 13, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18 and July 25.

Other summer camps offered at EKSC require

registration. Lunch will be provided to campers in attendance. These camps include:

- June 14; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Racing Robotics camp, a Kentucky STEM Collaborative Project camp for girls in grade 5th through 8th grades, will be led by robotics experts Dr. Amy LaViers and Joseph Collins, who will teach coding, program and combine technology and robotics. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.
- June 28; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Itty Bitty Nano Science camp, open to kids in 2nd and 3rd grades, teach-

es students about nanometers and other scientific explanations of things humans can't see. The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members.

- July 9-10; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Space Camp, a two-day camp for kids in 4th through 8th grade, allows campers to build and launch rockets, and learn the basics of rocketry and astronomy with crafts and games. The cost is \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members.

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# Prestonsburg Running Company to open next week

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Prestonsburg resident who dedicated years to the craft of running is now opening a store that caters to those who love to run.

Brent Graden, a former economic development director for the city of Prestonsburg, will open his new business, the Prestonsburg Running Company at 131 North Arnold Ave., near Lad N Lassie in Prestonsburg on June 8, and he's celebrating with four days of events.

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will host a ribbon-cutting at this business at 5:30 p.m. on June 8 and Graden has invited musician Clay Jamerson to the event, offering a free concert at 7:30 p.m.

The business will host a free 5K race in downtown Prestonsburg on Saturday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m., and on Sunday, June 10, the celebration will continue with a free grill out from noon to 2 p.m. and on Monday, June 11, with free pizza from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The store will host a free outdoor movie that evening at dusk, offering free popcorn for attendees, and it will also offer discounts on each of those days.

Graden, who has a 14-year background in footwear and 10 years of running experience, said his store will offer "quality shoes at value prices." It will carry shoes, apparel and other items designed for runners, as well as comfort footwear and corrective footwear. Hiking shoes, flip-flops and

sandals will also be available for purchase in the store.

"I have selected brands such as Asics, Saucony, Altra (and later Brooks, New Balance and Hoka One One) that will not only help them to achieve their walking and running goals but also to help with issues related to cushioning or structure," he said in a statement. "I help with agenda items such as pronation, supination, flat arches, shin splints, hammer toes, peripheral neuropathy, corns, high arches, narrow heels, and so on. I also carry free shoe cobbler items such as foam taps, heel grips, tongue pads, etc. that can help make for a more customized fit than the normal shoe store."

As part of this business venture, Graden is also planning to establish a few races in Floyd County. He reported that the Sugarcamp 100 Ultra race will be held in September and the Eastern Kentucky Marathon will return to Prestonsburg in October. He also plans to establish a Eastern Kentucky Running Hall of Fame, which will be introduced on the day of the marathon.

"The store will also be a clearinghouse for information related to local and national and international races, too," he said. "Please stop by the store to find handouts on all local races. Brent also mentions that all potential race directors can come by the store and pick up race packets to start their own race."

For more information, visit the store on Facebook or call, (606) 506-5027.



Submitted photo  
Brent Graden, who has been participating in races for more than a decade, finished three marathons in three days, in races held this past winter in Antarctica and South America. Next week, he will open the Prestonsburg Running Company.

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<p><b>Sunday -</b> Vendors &amp; wrap-up</p>	<p><b>Trail rides</b></p>

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# State partners with nonprofit for Medicaid work requirements

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, May 30, state officials announced a partnership with the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky in preparation for the launch of Kentucky HEALTH (Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health).

Kentucky HEALTH, the state's Medicaid waiver program, was federally approved Jan. 12, by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as an 1115 waiver program. It was "created to increase healthier lifestyles and economic security for able-bodied adults who participate in Kentucky's Medicaid program," a press release about the May 30 announcement said.

Kentucky HEALTH will provide health insurance to low income parents and caregivers, pregnant women, non-disabled children, former foster youth up to age 26 and adults who qualify for coverage under the previous Medicaid expansion.

It requires some recipients of Medicaid to volunteer, work or engage in other activities to qualify for benefits, and requires premium payments for health insurance services for some residents.

The Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, a non-profit organization, will support the Kentucky HEALTH's community engagement requirement, called PATH (Partnering to Advance Training and Health) by providing information and resources about the requirements.

PATH is designed to help

Medicaid recipients become more involved in their communities through employment, training, education, volunteering, caregiving, or treatment for substance use disorder, the press release said.

To meet the requirements, PATH participants — able-bodied people who receive Medicaid — must undergo education, job training, employment, or volunteering for 80 hours per month. Participants will use the online system at citizenconnect.ky.gov to track their hours. The PATH Community Engagement requirements do not apply to all Medicaid recipients, including pregnant women, children and individuals identified as "medically frail."

The state defines "medically frail," as those with disabling mental health disorders, chronic substance abuse disorder, a "serious and complex" medical condition, significant impairment, chronic homelessness, refugees, those diagnosed with

## Local Medicaid enrollment high

As of January, Medicaid enrollment was more than 1.4 million statewide. That number included the following number of enrollees in local counties:

**Floyd: 20,186**

Johnson: 10,861

Knott: 8,215

Lawrence: 7,786

Letcher: 12,038

Magoffin: 7,223

Martin: 5,947

Perry: 16,300

Pike: 26,841

Floyd County ranked 13th statewide in the number of enrollees. Pike County ranked 7th.

Source: Kentucky Health News

HIV or AID and those who are eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

The monthly premiums for coverage under Kentucky HEALTH will be based on a sliding scale that is based on a family's income. Premiums will range from \$1 per month for those who earn under 25 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, to \$15 per month for those who earn between 101 and 138 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Premiums are not required for pregnant women and children, those who are medical frail, or former foster children up to age 26.

Beneficiaries who pay monthly premiums will not have to pay copayments for medical services, but beneficiaries with household income below poverty level who do not pay their premiums

help with their monthly premiums.

Various penalties, including a six-month "lock-out period" from health insurance will be waged on those who don't meet the community engagement and premium payment requirements. Some beneficiaries who aren't required to pay premiums can do so in order to qualify for "My Rewards," through which they receive dental, vision and "enhanced benefits." Other programs are also part of the overall Kentucky HEALTH program.

PATH Community Engagement will begin July 1 in Campbell County, and additional counties and regions will follow through the end of 2018. Floyd and surrounding counties will launch PATH on Dec. 1. The counties of Whitley, Knox, Clay, Bell, Leslie,

will have to pay co-payments for services. Those copayments will range from \$3 to \$50.

Some beneficiaries will be required to enroll in their employer's health insurance and Kentucky HEALTH will offer those individuals

Harlan, Letcher and Perry will remain exempt from the PATH requirement through December 2019, because those counties have a pilot program aimed to give job skills to food stamp recipients.

According to the press release, the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky will collaborate with partners to coordinate support services and opportunities to help beneficiaries meet the community engagement and premium requirements. It also will promote preventive health care services and focus on other ways to improve health outcomes, particularly in the area of substance use treatment, and provide health and financial literacy education. It will also create an advisory council to gather and share input among all stakeholders and resolve issues as the waiver is implemented.

Kentucky was the first state to receive approval from President Donald Trump's administration for its Medicaid waiver program in January. Since then, nearly two dozen states are considering and/or have implemented Medicaid work requirements. In April, Trump signed an executive order, directing all federal assistance programs, including food stamp programs, to seek to incorporate work requirements.

For more information about the state's new Medicaid program, visit [kentucky-HEALTH.ky.gov](http://kentucky-HEALTH.ky.gov).

## OUTBREAK

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decade, but since November 2017, more than 600 people have contracted the disease in this state.

The number of cases topped 150 in March, and it grew to 311 by April. The number of cases has nearly doubled since then, to 629 as of May 19, the state agency reported Tuesday.

To date, 401 people have been hospitalized and six people have died because of hepatitis A. Of the 629 cases, 221 of them are confirmed by lab tests, 286 of them are listed as "probable" and 122 of them are "suspected" to have been caused by the hepatitis A virus.

State officials reported the first death in Louisville in March, but they refused to share information about the locations of the other five deaths on Tuesday, citing "privacy concerns."

That May 29 report from the Kentucky Department for Public Health showed there has been one confirmed hep-

atitis A case in Lawrence County, which borders Boyd County, where 72 cases have been reported, and Carter County, where 25-29 cases have been reported.

No cases have been reported, however, in Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Letcher, Knott or Perry counties.

Floyd County Health Department Director Thursa Sloan said there have been rumors about suspected Hepatitis A case in one or more Floyd County restaurants, but she noted that physicians are required to report this illness within 24 hours, and, in doing so, the health department would have been notified.

Sloan and her team at the Floyd County Health Department are taking proactive measures to protect residents from this disease.

She has reached out to the Kentucky Department for Public Health to initiate a plan to stop the virus from impacting Floyd County. If funding is made available, the health department hopes to start a hepatitis A vaccination pro-

gram for inmates at the county jail, patrons of the health department's anonymous needle exchange program and/or first responders. The department wants to reach people whose insurance won't pay for these vaccinations.

Sloan said the department would also like to reach out to restaurants in the county to educate owners about the disease.

Sloan said most health insurance companies will pay for the vaccine, which is required to be given in two doses that are six months apart and cost between \$60 and \$65 per dose. She said Medicare, however, will not pay for this vaccination at the health department, although it may fund it through pharmacies or private healthcare providers.

The Floyd County School District recently approved a contract with the health department to provide vaccinations for hepatitis A to employees, but the contract does not permit the department to give those vaccines to students. A law approved last year becomes effec-

tive this year, and it requires all Kentucky school children to be vaccinated for the illness prior to the start of the new school year.

Most of the hepatitis A cases to date in Kentucky have been reported in people between the ages of 30 and 39, although nearly 150 of the reported cases have occurred in people between the ages of 40 and 49 and more than 100 cases have impacted people between the ages of 20 and 29.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends the hepatitis A vaccine for children and for adults who are at an increased risk of the disease. That agency and the Kentucky Department for Public Health report that the best way to prevent the disease is by washing hands, handling uncooked food appropriately and by fully cooking food. A person who has the disease can infect others for up to two weeks before they develop an acute illness.

"Always wash your hands before touching or eating food, after us-

ing the toilet, and after changing a diaper," the Kentucky Department for Public Health said in a press release issued about the outbreak in March. "The virus is found in the stool of people infected with acute hepatitis A and is usually spread from person to person by putting something in the mouth (even though it might look clean) that has been contaminated with the stool of a person infected with hepatitis A."

Several of the confirmed hepatitis A cases in Kentucky have been linked to outbreaks in California, Utah and Michigan.

The CDC alerted all state and local health departments in August 2017 about this cluster of the virus that had been found in people who are homeless and/or use injection and non-injection drugs.

Online, the CDC also points out that the hepatitis A may be spread when a person unknowingly ingests the virus from objects, food or drinks that have been contaminated with undetected amounts of stool

from an infected person, as well as close personal contact with an infected person, such as through sex or by caring for someone who is ill.

In 2016, the CDC reported that a hepatitis A outbreak in several states was caused by frozen strawberries from Egypt that were served at one business and another outbreak was caused by raw scallops served at restaurants in Hawaii that year.

The weekly update on the state's hepatitis outbreak, however, points out that a "contaminated food source" has not been identified as the cause of any of these recent cases, which are "believed to have occurred through person-to-person contact."

Sloan encourages local residents to properly wash their hands, prepare and handle food correctly, and eat in restaurants that prepare and serve food in a clean and sanitary environment.

For more information, search for "hepatitis A" at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov), or call the health department at (606) 886-2788.

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## EDITORIAL:

# Good call on amphitheater

We want to thank all of the volunteers who have dedicated their time over the last few weeks, whether that be to help with construction, cleanup or maybe even electrical work, to make sure that the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Amphitheater will be open this season.

The 65-year-old amphitheater serves not only as a place to gather and host events, but as a historical landmark for this community.

The volunteers who have sprung into action

since the announcement of a lease signing have thrown countless hours into the mix to ensure that this recently closed-down section of the park, has seen a renaissance of new life similar to that which it saw 65 years ago at its creation.

With all of the construction work being completed, the theater is expecting to launch its first show June 15, which is amazing considering that the amphitheater was closed by the state merely months ago.

The lessee, the City of Prestonsburg, has already begun to build partnerships within the community — one of the three “P’s” that Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said recently are needed for the city to progress — by sub-leasing the facility to the same organization who has already scheduled two shows for the season.

With these budding partnerships, the community can likely see a rise in tourism, which is always a good thing

because we love to welcome people into our community.

But, we shouldn’t stop only at fixing the amphitheater.

There are countless landmarks and tourist attractions in the community that could use a bit of spring cleaning to bring a bit of life back into them.

As said in the City of Prestonsburg’s strategic plan earlier this month, it will be a smart idea to invest in these projects, as it not only gives outsiders a reason to

come visit, but it gives the people who call this area home something to be proud of when looking at them.

So once again, we want to thank the people who have made this project a success. Now is the time to look at the work that has been done, pat yourself on the back and say, “What can we do next?”

Investing in our community is never a bad thing.

## GUEST COLUMN:

# To the class of 2018

By **JEFF VANDERBECK**  
PUBLISHER

It’s that time of year again. We will see another class of bright eyed young people who are anxious to get the heck out of school and move on to the next part of their lives.

It happens every year, kids grow up and want desperately to graduate. It isn’t until a few days later they realize the greener grass is over the septic tank. What most graduates don’t realize is that they just finished the best year of their lives as they were BMOC with

very few worries.

When reality sets in, they must rely on all the advice they received to make better choices: The advice their teachers tried to offer; the advice their parents tried to offer; and the advice friends and family tried to offer. That’s all keeping in mind that social media played a large part in their upbringing, they have to decide what is real and what is fake.

The real world can be challenging. For college grads, it’s the repayment of student loans, which will bury them in debt for many years. It’s the

reality of getting gainful employment, paying rent, insurance, gas, and all the necessities in life. And then the politics of a job will kick in. All the education in the world may have prepared them to perform the duties of their trade, but there is no class on politics in the workplace, offering a very hard lesson about the unfairness of life.

As for high school grads, you will embark on several opportunities. College, trade school, work or the military may be one of the paths you have chosen. You will be leaving behind your fam-

ily and friends. You will leave behind the drama and the safety that you have enjoyed for the last 18 or 19 years. You will be forced to make very difficult decisions and you will be faced with people who may not have your best interests in mind. The world is full of creeps who are predators.

As you embark on to the next part of your life, understand that there are many people “back home” who are watching and are counting on you to be successful. There are teachers, parents, friends, preachers and others who are rooting

for you in ways you can’t imagine now. But in due time, you will recognize them.

This is one of the best times in your lives. You have achieved a great accomplishment. And for the most part, you had good guidance. Enjoy this time and prepare to be the best that you can be.

You will soon find that even though you were not the valedictorian, the star athlete, the prettiest, the skinniest or the prom king, you can still make a huge difference in the world. Some people don’t realize their

potential until later in life; I’m still waiting for mine.

The Class of 2018 is indeed special. They have many challenges ahead of them, not only locally but globally. One thing is for certain, this class can change the future.

Venture out into your next chapter in life knowing that you had preparation. Become a doctor, lawyer, accountant, electrician, truck driver, scientist or whatever you want. Just venture forward with a passion for knowledge and the ability to be caring and humble. There are a lot of people counting on you for the future of this community, country and world.

Enjoy your day and congratulations on this milestone. We can’t wait to see what else you achieve.

Thanks for reading the Floyd Chronicle and Times.

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**Leroy Keathley**

Leroy H. Keathley, 73, of Beaver, died Monday, May 28, 2018.

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

**Mabel Hall**

Mabel Doris Martin Hall, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

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

## Blanton, Turner and Jones appointed to School Safety Working Group

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

State Rep. John Blanton, R-Salyersville, state Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, and state Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, were recently appointed to the newly-formed School Safety Working Group by Speaker Pro Tempore David Osborne. Group members will meet periodically during the 2018 legislative interim period

to discuss numerous aspects of school safety.

Members of the School Safety Working Group will review Kentucky school safety policies and procedures, communication and collaboration among police, educators and mental health professionals and other school safety measures.

"School safety is very important," Rep. Blanton said. "It is imperative that there is constant communication between

law enforcement and school systems to create a safe environment for all."

The 10-member group will consist of five state representatives and five state senators, including a co-chair from each chamber.

The group will meet at least once a month through Dec. 30 and will issue a report by the end of December 2018 that identifies relevant issues for improving school safety and

potential strategies for solving those issues.

The appointments are effective immediately.

The School Safety Working Group, co-chaired by state Rep. John "Bam" Carney and state Sen. Max Wise, will meet for the first time on Monday, June 4 at 1 p.m. in the Capitol Annex in Frankfort, to establish dates and times for future meetings and will be an organizational meeting only.

## Multiple victims treated after explosion at Lexington UPS site

By Mike Stunson  
LEXINGTON  
HERALD-LEADER

Eight people received medical attention after a UPS freight hub on Blue Sky Parkway was damaged Wednesday morning in a truck explosion, according to a Lexington fire official.

Lexington Fire De-

partment Battalion Chief Jason Wells said they are "extremely lucky" the injuries suffered at UPS Freight weren't worse. The first two victims taken to the hospital suffered from burns and possible concussions. Another six people in the vicinity of the explosion were taken to the hospital for observation as a

precaution.

A truck and trailer with an acetylene tank exploded in the facility, Wells said. The cause of the explosion was not yet known.

There was a small fire in the facility as well, Wells said.

Businesses near the site reported a loud explosion shortly before 8

a.m. Emergency crews flooded the scene and restricted access to the area.

The blast was felt inside other buildings.

"There is dust on the desks where it shook the building so hard," said Tammy Hodge, a Brown Sprinkler employee.

Lexington police urged people to avoid

the Blue Sky Parkway area. More details will be forthcoming, police said on Twitter.

There is "significant structural damage" to the building, Wells said. The damage was visible in the back of the building.

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to the city, as required, and he plans to present it to Waugh this week.

The city approved an ordinance declaring its intent to annex Spradlin Branch on March 19, and resident voters or property owners had 60 days to file a petition in order to request that the annexation be placed on the ballot.

The proposed annexation contains more than 120 acres and is surrounded by properties that are already part of the city's corporate limits. Stapleton previously reported, and stated again on Wednesday, that with this annexation, the city is attempting to annex

"holes" in the city where properties were left out of prior annexations and, like Spradlin Branch, are surrounded by areas that are already incorporated in the city.

The city hosted a meeting this year with residents who could be impacted by this annexation and a proposed annexation of Lakeview Village, which was tabled in March, and the city council also answered questions and listened to comments made by residents during the meeting in which the intent to annex was approved. Stapleton advised those who oppose it to start a petition at that meeting.

He said Wednesday that the city has done everything it can to be "as transparent and accom-

modating" as possible, and noted it's now time "to let the system do its job." He also pointed out that the city can offer Spradlin Branch residents services they aren't used to having in that area — a topic that was discussed at city meetings.

The city's annexation could move forward if the petition has not been properly filed within the 60-day timeframe. To trigger a vote, the annexation law states that the petition must contain the names of 50 percent of resident voters or property owners, and, if it is presented to county clerk as required and certified as sufficient by the second Tuesday in August, the question of annexation shall be placed on the ballot. At that time,

the annexation attempt will fail if 55 percent or more of those voting oppose it and it will move forward if less than 55 percent of the voters approve it.

Waugh expects to start the certification process for the petition after the recanvass of races from the primary election is held on Thursday, May 31. The process will include determining whether the petition itself meets state requirements, which property owners and/or registered voters could be impacted and/or whether those who signed the petition are registered to vote, as well as if the qualifying 50 percent of property owners or voters signed the petition to oppose it.

The petition identifies

the signees as "being either a resident voter or property owner."

As part of the intent to annex, the city approved a certified list of 45 Spradlin Branch properties owned by 59 people and/or businesses. The petition, with 57 names, lists 24 people who are on the city's list of certified property owners. Most entries contain more than one person per residence.

Waugh said it's not easy to ascertain the voters and property owners of a specific area like that. This will be the second time he's worked to certify an annexation opposition petition. Years ago, the task sent him door-to-door on the Big Branch of Abbott.

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# Floyd schools announce 'Literacy and Learning' schedule

## A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

For the third year, local students may receive free breakfast and lunch, as well as opportunities for learning at numerous locations over the summer.

The Floyd County School District, working in partnership with the Floyd County Public Library, the Floyd County Extension Office and the KET/PBS STEM Activities program, will provide free meals and educational opportunities for students in June and July.

The school district's Summer Meals for Kids and Teens program, provided in partnership with the US Department of Agriculture, does not require children to be enrolled or registered and is offered free of charge. Officials will offer breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to all children age 18 and younger at the following schools:

- Adams Middle: June 11-22
- Allen Elementary: July 9-13
- Betsy Layne Elementary:

- June 11-19
  - Stumbo Elementary: June 11-July 27
  - South Floyd: June 11-21
  - May Valley: June 21-22 and July 2-13
  - Prestonsburg Elementary: June 25-26

Free meals will also be provided at the following dates and locations:

- Allen First Baptist Church: June 18-21, 6:25 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Calvary Baptist Church: June 18-20; 6:50 p.m. to 8:10 p.m.
- McDowell First Baptist Church: July 23-26; 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meals will also be provided via the school district's mobile route on week days at the following times and locations from June 11 through July 27 (excluding July 4):

- Left Beaver Townhouses: 10:45 a.m.
- Maytown Center: 11:20 a.m.
- Warco Apartments: 11:40 a.m.
- Regency Apartments: 12:25 p.m.
- Cliffside: 12:50 p.m.
- Highlands Heights: 1:40

- p.m.
- Ivy Creek Townhouses: 2:20 p.m.
- Creekside Village: 2:50 p.m.

D's Grocery: 3:15 p.m.

The free meal program will also offer numerous activities for children.

The school district previously brought early childhood educators into local housing complexes for learning activities when meals were served. This year, however, the program's Director Anna Shepherd said there's not enough early childhood education staff to host those activities at all locations. The school district, instead, is hosting early childhood staff at one location and is relying on the library, extension office and KET to provide on-site learning opportunities for children in public housing.

This part of the summer program will be held June 11 through July 6 (excluding July 4) and will feature the following activities:

- June 11-July 6; Early Childhood Program Activities
  - The Floyd County School District's Early Childhood Program will host activities for

children ages one to six at the Maytown Center, 11:45 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.

June 11-July 6; Floyd County Public Library

Floyd County Public Library's "Libraries Rock" summer reading program will host activities for children ages seven to 13 on:

- Mondays at Left Beaver Townhouses: 11:15 a.m.
- Mondays at Highlands Heights: 2:10 p.m.
- Tuesdays at the Maytown Center: 11:45 a.m.
- Tuesdays at Ivy Creek: 2:45 p.m.
- Wednesdays at Warco: 12:10 p.m.
- Wednesdays at Creekside: 3:10 p.m.
- Thursdays at Cliffside: 1:15 p.m.
- Fridays at Regency Apartments: 12:50 p.m.

The library's mobile library will also be available to all children and adults at these locations and times each week.

Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office

The Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office will host "Block Play" activities for children at the Maytown Center

from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 11, 15, 18, 19, 22, 25-29, July 3, 5, 6 and 9.

KET PBS Kids Stem Activities

There will also be STEM activities for children ages three to eight from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Maytown Center on June 19, June 26, July 17 and July 24. These activities are offered in partnership with KET and back-to-school activity backpacks will be available.

Shepherd said the coordination between these agencies working to provide lunch and learning opportunities to Floyd County children are "awesome."

"We love this. We love it," she said. "And we're just hoping we can continue to coordinate together and provide more activities with more folks on the literacy and learning side of it."

For more information, call the school district at, (606) 886-2354, the library at, (606) 886-2981, or the extension office at, (606) 886-2668.

## Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

### SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

#### Marriages

- Erin Marissa Spears, 27, of Prestonsburg, to Anthony Craig Collins, 23, of Prestonsburg
- Charles Edgile Wright Jr., 46, of Prestonsburg, to Susan Rae Shepherd, 43, of Prestonsburg
- Jackie Sammons, 47, of Prestonsburg, to Teresa Ann Lafferty, 46, of Prestonsburg
- Jessica Marie Stumbo, 36, of Prestonsburg, to Adrian Edward Lamartz, 53, of Prestonsburg
- Kristina L. Brown, 22, of Prestonsburg, to Michael Blankenship, 22, of Prestonsburg

#### Property transfers

- Douglas Little, Stephanie Little, Stephanie Shepherd to Kevin Wright; Pamela Wright; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 653)
- Jerry L. Butcher, Edith Butcher to Eric Pugh, Misty Pugh; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 658)
- Sintha Akers to Chris-

tine Kelly; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 663)

Floyd County Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Blackhawk Mining LLC, Rondle Moore, unknown spouse of Rondle Moore, Sande Moore estate, Sandra Moore estate, Central Bank & Trust Company, Floyd County, to First Commonwealth Bank; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 668)

Bandon Bush Jr. to Amanda Bush; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 702)

L&B Hall Real Estate LLC to City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 705)

William J. Hunter estate to Andena Carol Ward; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 708)

Juanita Crum to Bobby Page; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 719)

Sabrina Hall, Tony Hall to Ricky Mullins; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 722)

Edna R. Newsome to Anthony J. Hamilton, Megan D. Hamilton; property location unlisted

(Deeds Book 636; pg. 729)

Katherine Jean Eldridge to Restoration Land Services; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 733)

Barry Rice, Deanna Rice, Lori Rice, Steven Rice to Henry Setser Jr., Sharon K. Setser; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 737)

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Floyd County, Freda Dye Goins, Brenda Hamilton, Bert Newsome, Curtis Newsome, Daniel Newsome Jr., Edward Newsome, Nannie Newsome estate, unknown heirs of Nanny Newsome, Timothy Newsome, Rebal Salisbury, Misty Williamson to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 742)

Scottie Mosley, to Penny Mosley; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 636; pg. 748, 752)

Jeremy Sexton, Misti Clark Sexton to Mason Nelson I; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 1)

Anthony Lewis, Edna Lewis to Kayla R. Hall, Timothy B. Hall Jr.; property at Woodland Park Subdivision, Banner

Brandy M. Baker, Bradley W. Baker to un-

disclosed recipient; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 10)

Pam Lawson, Pamela Lawson to Linda Nichols, Richard Nichols; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 13)

Gracie Rogers to Regina Burton, Davy Rogers; property at Tolers Creek, Harold

Deanna K. Burchett, Gary Burckett, David S. Wicker, Kathy Wicker, Lana Wicker, Larry Wicker, Ronald Wicker to King Creek Drilling; property at Permele Subdivision, David

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Carol S. Smith, Neal Thompson, to Kentucky Housing Corporation; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 44)

Mary McKinney, Double M. and S Enterprises LLC to Joy Howard; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 51)

Hattie L. Owens to Pamela L. Isaac, Rodney J. Isaac; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 56, 61 and 67)

Garry D. Roberts estate to Katelyn Bailey; property at Spurlock

Eric B. Pugh, Misty Pugh to Brian and Misty Pugh Living Trust, Brian Pugh, Misty Pugh; prop-

erty locations unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 75, 77, 79, 81.)

Clearleaf Financial to Theresa N. Bowen; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 83)

Rita Ridgway to Brandy F. Little; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 96)

Sharon Kay Jones to Adam Adkins, Sally Adkins, property on Reed Branch, Right Beaver

Betty Greene, Betty Greene Trust, Floyd Greene, Floyd Greene Trust to Angela Cordle, property on Kelly Drive

Melissa Watts to Tom McKinney; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 106)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Orville Mitchell Jr., Shana Mitchell to Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC; property

location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 109)

Gary Cox, Jerry Ann Standafer Cox to Marietta Adams, Joe David Stumbo, Jimmy Stumbo, Rita Stumbo; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 116)

Greeley Trust Dotson to Betty Dotson, Bob Dotson; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 119)

Mark Westfall, Peggy Frasure Westfall to Paula Gail O'Brien; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 123)

Ida Sue Clark, Sue Clark to Steven Allen Clark; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 127)

City of Prestonsburg to Prestonsburg City Utilities; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 131)

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# ANNOUNCE YOUR NEWS

## Welcome Baby Smith



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

## Birth Announcements

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

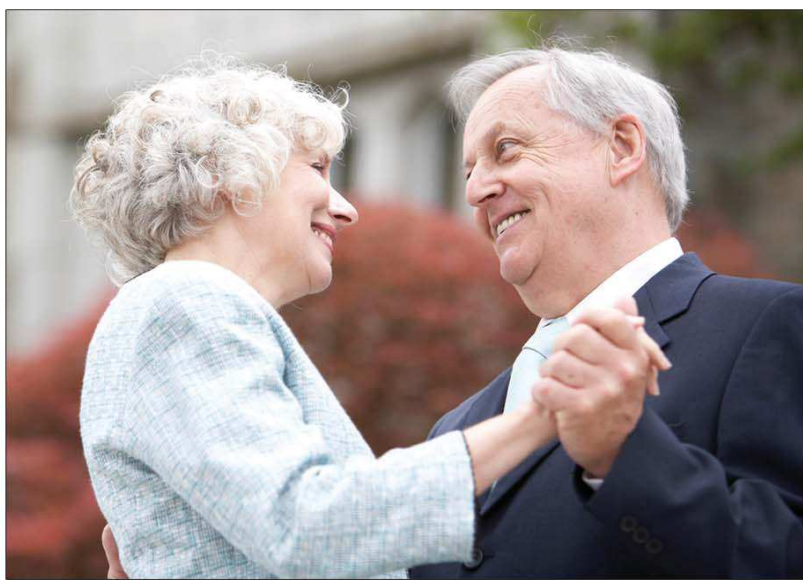
## Celebrating Birthdays



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

## Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



## Celebrating 55 years

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

## Wedding Anniversaries

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

## Dotson-Simpkins



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

## Engagement

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

## Wedding

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

## Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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# FAITH

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## Six lessons from the life of Joseph

Joseph's story illustrates the life-changing power of a godly perspective.

Abandoned by his brothers, falsely accused of adultery, forgotten by those he blessed, wasting away in prison—Joseph easily could have drowned in bitterness, been dominated by despair, and forever wrestled with anger.

This is not to say that he didn't experience those feelings, or didn't feel the depth of his injustice and pain, but rather he didn't allow such adversity to defeat him.

How? How did he overcome such incredible trials? God's sustaining grace.

He clung to the God of his Father, the One who would remain even though his home was miles away.

Walking by faith, Joseph moved beyond his burdens and served God, to the wonderful extent of blessing the Egyptian nation and allowing restoration with his family.

### 1. God's presence is a blessing.

*The Lord was with Joseph so that he prospered, and he lived in the house of his Egyptian master. — Genesis 39:2*

For those who live by faith, like Joseph, God's presence is a comforting constant. In the highs and lows of Joseph's time in Egypt, God was there, acting on His behalf and orchestrating blessings behind the injustice.

### 2. We must run from sin at all costs.

*She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house. — Genesis 39:12*

Joseph rejects temptation strongly, literally fleeing from sexual sin. He doesn't allow His success to make him complacent about sin, instead fearing God above all.

### 3. Faith in adversity is a powerful witness to others.

*When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favor in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned. — Genesis 39:3-4*

Rather than be stuck in grief, by the strength of God

Joseph presses on to walk honorably and productively in Egypt. His witness was so strong, Potiphar credited his success to God. Later, the Pharaoh acknowledges God's power when he interprets his dreams.

Once Joseph rises to power, his own Egyptian steward demonstrates faith in the Hebrew God, suggesting Joseph's spiritual influence.

### 4. We can thank God for His grace and faithfulness in all circumstances.

*Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering." — Genesis 41:51-52*

Joseph names his children in reflection of God's gracious work in His life, showing His gratitude for the Lord's providence and kindness despite the pains of his past.

### 5. God uses suffering for good, His sovereign plan can always be trusted.

*You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. — Genesis 50:20*

One of the most impactful truths from Joseph's testimony is that God works in ways higher than we can see. We may experience momentary affliction, but God uses it to prepare blessing and glory in the future, either on earth or in eternity. Joseph understands this, enabling him to respond well to his difficulties.

### 6. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

*So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. — Genesis 50:21*

Joseph demonstrates his understanding of God's sovereignty and grace by sharing it with his brothers. He follows the example of Christ by not returning evil for evil, but humbly moving past his brothers' sin and treating them with kindness.

Source: Danielle Muñoz, [www.livingfreeindeed.com](http://www.livingfreeindeed.com)

## Meditation

As a spiritual discipline, meditation can take many forms. Sitting, lying or kneeling quietly and emptying the mind is perhaps one of the simplest forms of meditation, and can be done almost anytime or anywhere, even during the interstitial spaces of a hectic day. Another form of meditation is to ponder a piece of scripture, for instance, repeating a short verse, such as "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." Meditation can be done with eyes open or closed, and one can meditate while outdoors by simply contemplating nature. Taking in the glory of creation and reflecting on God's handiwork is a form of meditation that can be practiced while

looking at the trees and listening to the birds, or even while watching insects. For most forms of meditation, it helps to have a quiet place to meditate, away from the distractions of daily life, especially the phone and the computer screen, and a relaxed but upright posture is usually best. You want to be relaxed, but not in a position where you are likely to fall asleep. A final form of meditation is to meditate on some current event, and to contemplate a spiritual response to that event. As a way to foster spiritual growth, meditation is a discipline that should be done regularly, and with the aim of becoming a better person. The lessons that one learns during meditation should have a positive impact on your relationships with others and should be part of a wider effort to improve the world.

—Christopher Simon

*"May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer."*  
—Psalm 19:14 NIV



## Local Church Directory

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## Church sued for not allowing LGBTQ event



By JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Ambridge Event Center filed a suit last week against Holy Rosary Church in Portland, Oregon. The two had a lease agreement. Ambridge leased space from the church for their event hosting company. In 2015, Ambridge Event Center was approached by Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) Portland Black Chapter, an African American lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning (LGBTQ) support group, requesting to rent the space owned by the church. However, due to a "morals clause" in the contract between the church and the event company, Ambridge had to decline the group's request.

According to Oregon Live, PFLAG considered filing a complaint with the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries, but did not do so in part because churches are exempted from state anti-discrimination law. Due to the denial of renting the space to PFLAG, Ambridge claims their business suffered. In an attempt to

restore their reputation, Ambridge hired an openly gay events coordinator. In response, Holy Rosary Church, broke their contract with Ambridge, leaving them without a space for events already scheduled.

In the lawsuit, Ambridge states, "Even businesses and government entities that had previously scheduled events with Ambridge who were not affiliated with the LGBTQ community but had equity-driven internal policies, refused to work with Ambridge after reading or hearing about the discriminatory policy involved in its employment relationship with the church." As a result, Ambridge seeks \$2.3 million in damages, according to The Christian Post.

The church could indeed be held responsible for breaking their contact with Ambridge, which left them without a space to continue operating their business. However, in my opinion, Ambridge's complaint about lost business due to the "discriminatory policy" is frivolous. Ambridge knowingly signed a contract containing the morals clause. They went into an agreement with eyes open. Therefore, I don't believe the church should be held responsible for the backlash which ensued following the denial of renting space to PFLAG. Instead, as a business, Ambridge should have used

better judgement on their part.

This isn't the first case over usage of a church's property. In 2007, Harriet Bernstein and Luisa Paster attempted to rent a boardwalk pavilion for their civil union ceremony. The pavilion was owned by Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association. According to the America Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of New Jersey, "the association rejected the couple's application to use the space, stating that civil unions violated its Methodist doctrine." "The association had allowed members of the public to rent the pavilion and had never before declined a permit other than for scheduling conflicts until it received Paster and Bernstein's reservation request."

I think the church as a whole should note the following statement. "The Camp Meeting Association could have used the pavilion exclusively for its own purposes," said Lawrence Lustberg of Gibbons, P.C., who represents the couple as a cooperating attorney for the ACLU-NJ. "The judge found, however, that the association opened the pavilion up to the public and thus was obligated to follow anti-discrimination laws."

The American Conservative also posted a story about Ambridge's lawsuit against Holy Rosary Church. A public comment,

by someone identifying himself as simply Craig, stated that because Holy Rosary Church acted no differently than a secular events center by leasing out its space for the general public, it may have made itself subject to the same laws that apply to businesses. Craig went on to urge leaders in churches to make an appointment with an attorney and investigate the church's legal position before they too are cited or sued in failing to rent out their facilities for events not in line with the doctrine of the church.

Sadly enough, the day has arrived when church buildings, which were often available to the public for weddings, showers, banquets, community events, etc, essentially have to close their doors for public events. In order to protect the church, the boundaries are shrinking. It's possible that space owned by the church will eventually be limited solely to church functions. If your church hasn't considered the possible ramifications of denying someone use of its building and/or property, I urge you to do as Craig suggested – make an appointment with an attorney. Perhaps change the usage policy on the property. Be prepared. It's better than the alternative of finding a \$2.3 million suit filed against the church.

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• Through August: Floyd County Health Department is scheduling appointments for its free dental clinic, hosted at the department by Big Sandy Health Care and the Mud Creek Clinic on Aug. 6-10. (606) 886-2788

• June 1-3: Floyd County Fire School, Big Sandy Community & Technical College

• June 1; 5 p.m.: Summer reading program "Sock Hop," Eastern library. (606) 377-2860

• June 2; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market, Prestonsburg

• June 2; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park car show, campground.

• June 2-3: Free fishing weekend in Kentucky

• June 2-3; 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday: Dance Etc. Studio of

Dance presents "Vacation," at Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com

• June 2; 7 p.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosts "Newly Dead Game" murder mystery dinner theater. (606) 889-1790

• June 4-22: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host free STEM camps for girls in grades 6-8. Lunch, transportation provided. Nacce.cm/STEM4GIRLS

• June 4; 5 p.m.: Summer reading program "Back to the 50s Lego Time," Eastern library. (606) 377-2860

• June 4; 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets, city hall

• June 5; 5 p.m.: Game night, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

• June 5; 6 p.m.: Floyd County Beekeepers meet, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668

• June 5; 5:30 p.m.: Lego Club, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

• June 6; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Drop-In for Science, East Kentucky Science Center. (606) 886-7398

• June 6; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• June 7; 2 p.m.: Disco Magic Show, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

• June 7; 4:30 p.m.: Appalachian Hospice Care hosts free grief support group meetings, 1520 Ky. Rt. 1428 in Hager Hill and 1414 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville. (606) 789-3841

• June 7; 5 p.m.: Disco Magic Show, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860

• June 7; 5:30 p.m.: Floyd County Extension Council and district board meetings, Extension office. (606) 886-2668

• June 7; 7 p.m.: Prestonsburg High School graduation

• June 7; 7 p.m.: Floyd Central High School graduation

• June 7 p.m.: Girls and Guitars, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

• June 8; 5:30 p.m.: Ribbon Cutting at the Prestonsburg Running Company, 131 North Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg. Free street concert at 7:30 p.m. (606) 506-5027

• June 8; 7 p.m.: Nathan & Chesi Arnett Acoustic, Gearheart Auditorium at Big Sandy Community & Technical College. macarts.com

• June 9; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market

open, 713 South Lake Drive

• June 9; 11 a.m.: Teen/Adult Color Therapy, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860

• June 9; 2 p.m.: Betsy Layne High School graduation

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## Health department announces free dental clinic

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Health Department is continuing its partnership with Big Sandy Health Care and the Mud Creek Clinic this year to provide free dental services to residents.

Health Department officials are currently scheduling appointments for the free dental clinic, which will be held Aug. 6-10 at the health department in Prestonsburg.

The free services are open to adults age 18 or older who live in Floyd County. Each patient may receive one extraction or one filling free of charge.

Brandon Sloan, the health department's information systems manager, reported that 42 people received free dental services at the health department during the program last year. Officials hope to serve more people this year.

To schedule an appointment, call, (606) 886-2788.



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# Beshear: Hatton, Harris to refile utility rate bill

By BUDDY FORBES  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear held a forum at the Pike County Libraries Lee Avenue Branch Wednesday to discuss utility rates in Kentucky, saying legislation will be re-introduced next year to push for changes in the way the Kentucky Public Service Commission addresses rate increase requests.

Dist. 93 state Rep. Chris Harris, Dist. 94 state Rep. Angie Hatton and Big Sandy Area Community Action Executive Director Mike Howell joined Beshear in the forum to discuss the next steps for the “fight” against an “unfair” monopoly.

According to Beshear, his office has been fighting to create more affordable bills for Kentucky Power ratepayers — including a battle against Kentucky Power’s rate increase request last year.

“Kentucky Power had asked for a crippling increase that came after requested increase after requested increase,” Beshear said. “And, all of this time, fewer and fewer Eastern Kentuckians could afford their service.”

The Public Service Commission’s ruling resulted in an average 4 percent decrease for ratepayers, which Beshear said is due, in part, to those in the region who used their voices.

“I’m proud of our rate intervention team. I’m proud of the people in Eastern Kentucky for making their voices heard. But, I still hear our Kentucky families,” said Beshear. “Power bills are still unaffordable. Especially here.”

Beshear mentioned a bill sponsored by Hatton and Harris last year (House Bill 507), which he said would be re-filed during the 2019 legislative

session. The bill contains language that requests the PSC be more involved in rate increase requests. According to Beshear, the bill would require the PSC to ensure that proposed rates are affordable and fair for ratepayers and would require utility companies to simplify their bills in order to be as transparent as possible. He said the language in the bill requires the PSC to consider whether a utility company provides good or bad service and demands stronger management and audit oversight. According to the speakers, transparency from the utility companies is an important part of the management and audit oversight.

He said this bill and the corresponding work of the PSC would “help keep utility bills as low as possible.” Though the next legislative session won’t take place until January, Beshear said it

is time to start pushing for this bill is “now,” in order to continue the conversation an “build the pressure” on legislators.

According to Beshear, the passage of the bill is not “just about saving a little bit of money.” He said it could mean “the difference between life and death for a family.”

“We expect this bill to be pre-filed — if not today — tomorrow,” said Harris. “We’re excited about the work that has gone into it. We think that it has a very good chance of getting a hearing.”

Harris said he is confident that the bill will pass if presented to the General Assembly.

According to Hatton, the region is “proud” of the fact that it has powered the nation with its coal. She said the “irony” of the region now being faced with high electricity bills is not lost on her.

“In being a people who are filled with pride

of our heritage, we are also not the type of people who will just accept that these are going to be our power rates — that this is the way that we’re going to have to live,” she said.

According to Hatton, Kentucky Power’s monopoly over the utility in the area is “not fair” if the company will not consider its ratepayers in their decisions. She said the time for change is now.

“Before they make a decision to pay their corporate executives \$11.1 million annual salaries, they should at least have to show that they’ve considered whether or not their rates are reasonably affordable to the ratepayers and they should also have to undergo a reasonable audit of their management practices,” Hatton said.

Hatton said she “promises” that she, Harris and Beshear are going to “take this fight back to

the General Assembly.”

“We’re not done fighting about it. Because, nothing has been significantly changed,” Hatton said. “It’s not enough. We still need to keep fighting.”

Howell said the work of Beshear and the representatives has not gone unappreciated.

“This is really going to make a difference in the lives of low-income people throughout Eastern Kentucky,” Howell said.

According to Howell, the PSC “needs” to consider the customers.

He said more than 10,000 ratepayers in a five-county (Pike, Martin, Magoffin, Floyd and Johnson) service area came out this year in need of assistance to pay their utility bills.

# SEK Chamber luncheon focuses on addiction recovery

By JOSH LITTLE  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

At Tuesday’s Opioid Awareness Luncheon, members of the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill Industries of Kentucky and community members heard about the impact of substance abuse in Kentucky and how Addiction Recovery Care is fighting against it.

Addiction Recovery Care operates seven residential treatment centers and five out-patient treatment centers in Kentucky that focus on drug and alcohol abuse, including one out-patient treatment center in Prestonsburg. Its first treatment center, “Karen’s Place,” opened in December 2010 in Louisa. Billy Noble, director of residential ser-

vices, said ARC was looking to open more centers, with the possibility of opening one in Pike County.

“The reason (the chamber) got involved with this is because (ARC) is putting people back to work and it’s important to have a strong workforce,” said Jordan Gibson, president and CEO of the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

ARC differs from other recovery centers in that it trains patients for the workforce during its three-phase treatment plan. Patients are trained during the third phase of treatment. Some of the training includes automotive work, maintenance work and intake specialist training. Noble referred to this phase of the treatment as “crisis to career.”

ARC is partnering with Sullivan Uni-

versity to offer training in the culinary, hospitality, information technology and welding industries.

“We give people skills and we let them develop those skills,” said Noble.

One of the programs he mentioned was the Teleworks program, a product of East Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program and ARC. Teleworks trains employees to answer phone calls for outside companies.

ARC employs 300 people, 150 of those people are in recovery, 33 percent of those 150 employees are graduates of ARC.

“We put people to work in our own company,” said Noble. “What we’ve found is that people in recovery ... they had skills before, they’re good people; just because they had a drug problem

doesn’t mean they don’t know how to work.”

Noble said ARC is committed to being a “second-chance” company.

“There’s nothing like the hope you see in someone’s eyes when they’re in crisis and they feel so broken, they’re so upset, and the whole world has given up on them, for them to look at someone and say ‘I was just like you two years ago,’” said Noble.

Noble said ARC has been looking for locations in Pike County to open a center, which would focus on phase three of their treatment program.

For more information on ARC, visit them online at, [www.arccenters.com](http://www.arccenters.com).

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## 15TH REGION SOFTBALL: Daniel pitches perfect game; Lady Golden Eagles defeat Floyd Central

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Johnson Central pitcher Macy Daniel pitched a perfect game as the host Lady Golden Eagles shut out upstart Floyd Central 10-0 in five innings in the opening round of the 15th Region Softball Tournament on Wednesday.

With the win, Johnson Central improved to its record to 19-10 on the season and advanced to the 15th Region Softball Tournament semifinals.

Floyd Central ended its season with a 12-21 record with the loss.

Johnson Central and Floyd Central hooked up on Wednesday after their tournament game was postponed when it was nearly halfway over one day earlier. Tournament host Johnson Central led 6-0 when the game was postponed and added four runs over its next two at-bats after the contest resumed on Wednesday.

The Lady Golden Eagles plated 10 runs on a dozen hits. Defensively, Johnson Central turned in an error-free performance in the field.

Daniel surrendered no runs on no hits over five innings, striking out five and walking none as she earned the win.

Floyd Central pitcher Katie Conley took the loss after allowing 12 hits and 10 runs over four innings, while striking out two.

Johnson Central plated its first run in the bottom half of the opening inning.

Adding to its lead, Johnson Central

pushed across four runs in the bottom half of the second inning to take a commanding 5-0 lead.

Daniel, Ally Windland, Alaina Castle and Chloe VanHoose each collected multiple hits for the Lady Golden Eagles. Windland led Johnson Central at the plate, finishing three for three. Following Windland in the Johnson Central hits column, Daniel, Castle and VanHoose contributed two hits apiece.

Alyssa Hedrick, Abby Fannin and Lindsay Stambaugh drove in two runs apiece for the Lady Eagles in the post-season triumph.

The Lady Jaguars committed only one error in the season-ending setback.

Johnson Central moved on to meet Pikeville in the 15th Region Softball Tournament semifinals. Pikeville blanked rival Belfry 9-0 in the final opening round game of the 15th Region Softball Tournament on Wednesday.

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Floyd Central's Katie Conley



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Lady Jaguar Brooke Stumbo attempts to beat out a Johnson Central throw to first base.

## Rose named Prestonsburg boys' basketball coach

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Brent Rose is headed back to the bench. On Tuesday, Rose was announced as the new head coach of the Prestonsburg High School boys' basketball program.

Rose replaces Brandon Gearheart as the Blackcats' head coach. Gearheart, who made the move from girls' hoops to boys' basketball, spent one season as Prestonsburg's head coach, guiding the Blackcats to a 14-19 record in his lone campaign.

Rose is set to guide the Blackcats in his first coaching stint in high school basketball since guiding the Betsy Layne Bobcats. His last campaign as Betsy Layne head coach was the 2006-2007 season.

"I am very excited to get the opportunity to coach high school basketball again," said Rose. "I am thankful that the school and administrative staff have given me this opportunity. I want the program to be about the players and to give them opportunities to showcase their play while helping to

develop a strong work ethic. My goal is for our team to play harder than its opponents and represent our community with class. I have always believed if we do those things, winning will take care of itself."

Rose is eager to work with his team prior to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period later in the month.

"We are going to get in the gym this week and get to work," added Rose. "It appears that we will be a young team, but I know most of the kids and we have a group of quality

young men to work with. I want to use summer ball as a tool to help me get a feel for the guys as well as determine what style of play will best fit our team."

The Blackcats' 2017-2018 season ended with a loss to perennial title contender Johnson Central in the first round of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. Prestonsburg finished runner-up to Floyd Central in the 58th District in its latest season. The Blackcats compete with Floyd Central, Betsy Layne and Lawrence County in the 58th District.



Brent Rose



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central right fielder Alex Samons tracks down a Johnson Central flyball.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central's Grace Martin fouls off a Johnson Central pitch.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central second baseman Ashley Bellamy makes the throw to first base during the opening round of the 15th Region Softball Tournament at Johnson Central High School.

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day night.

### Pikeville 9, Belfry 0

Pikeville eighth-grade pitcher Emily Ford hurled a shutout as the Lady Panthers blanked rival Belfry 9-0 in the opening

round of the 15th Region Softball Tournament at Johnson Central on Wednesday.

With the win, Pikeville improved its record to 29-9 and advanced to meet tournament host Johnson Central in the 15th Region semifinals.

Belfry ended its season 17-17 with the loss. Pikeville broke open

a scoreless game in the bottom half of the third inning, scoring four runs.

The Lady Panthers put the game out of Belfry's reach one at-bat later, plating three runs in the bottom half of the fourth inning to lead 7-0.

Strong from start to finish, Ford worked a complete game and earned the win. Ford

pitched seven innings, allowing no runs on three hits, striking out six and walking none.

Belfry eighth-grade pitcher Autumn Hall took the loss.

Pikeville outhit Belfry 8-3 in the region tournament game. Alexis Stanley and Lindsey Lockhart each collected multiple hits for Pikeville in the

victory. Stanley led Pikeville at the plate, finishing three for four with three RBIs and drove in a pair of runs.

Taylor Maynard was two for three at the plate to lead Belfry in the hits column.

Pikeville overcame three errors to notch the win.

The champion out of

the 59th District, Pikeville moved on to meet tournament host Johnson Central in the 15th Region semifinals. In the earlier game of the 15th Region Softball Tournament on Wednesday, 57th District champion Johnson Central shutout 58th District runner-up Floyd Central 10-0 in five innings.

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# Team Impact 8U wins City Between the Lakes Classic



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Team Impact 8U won the City Between the Lakes Classic in Johnson County on Sunday.

**FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**  
**PAINTSVILLE -** Team Impact 8U won the 2018 City Between the Lakes Classic in Johnson Coun-

ty on Sunday, May 20. The squad, which is comprised of players from Floyd County, finished 1-1 in pool play after defeating Johnson County and dropping a

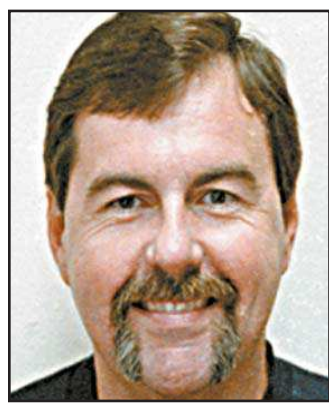
game to the Breathitt Bandits. In tournament play, Team Impact 8U defeated the Ashland Aces 14-2 and topped the Breathitt Bandits 15-7. Team Impact 8U defeat-

ed Elite 15-3 in the tournament's title game. Team Impact 8U is made up of the following players: Brody Horne, Logan Slone, Sam Hyden, Cruz Clark, Bubbo Hall,

Connor Marsillett, Christian Click, Greyson Akers, Colten Hamilton, Wyatt Patton and Brayden Maines. Team Impact 8U's head coach is John

Thomas Clark. Assistant coaches for Team Impact 8U are Seth Hyden, Byron Hall and Carman Maines.

## NASCAR's Newest HOF Class



**Racin' Steve Mickey**

NASCAR announced its newest Hall of Fame class last week and like the nine previous classes that have been inducted, it is a very worthy class made up of three drivers and two owners. NASCAR selects its Hall of Fame class every year by a voting panel that represents a very diverse group of individuals that have ties to the sport.

Earlier in the year a list of twenty drivers were nominated for the five spots available and the panel met in Charlotte last week and debated the careers of each individual before voting. When the ballots were counted, Jeff Gordon, Jack Roush, Roger Penske, Davey Allison and Alan Kulwicki had the votes to join 45 other enshriners in NASCAR's Hall of Fame located in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Long before the doors were ever closed for the voting to take place, it was a lock that Jeff Gordon in his first year of eligibility would take his place in the Hall of Fame. He led all of the nom-

inees with 96% of the possible votes. Gordon was the youngest driver to win a premier series title at the age of 24 and was a big part of the reason that the sport began to boom in the 1990's. His popularity brought a young group of fans to the track each week and he did not disappoint them as he went on to win a total of four series titles. He finished third on the all-time win list with 93 trips to victory lane with three of those being in the Daytona 500 and five victories coming in the Brickyard 400.

Following Gordon in the voting is owner Jack Roush who earned 70% of the vote. Roush started in the sport as an owner in 1988 with Mark Martin as his driver and at one time saw his operation grow to five teams. He originally began as Roush Racing and now operates under Roush-Fenway Racing which collectively has won a record 325 races in NASCAR's three national series. He has five national titles as an owner and three driver championships.

Owner Roger Penske comes in third in the voting with 68% of the vote and has been in racing for over 50 years. His Cup teams have won over a 100 races and he was awarded the Bill France Award of Excellence in 2016. He won the Cup Series title in 2012 with Brad Keselowski and has two Daytona 500 wins Ryan Newman and Joey Logano. He also has won three consecutive titles in the Xfinity from 2013-2015. Be-

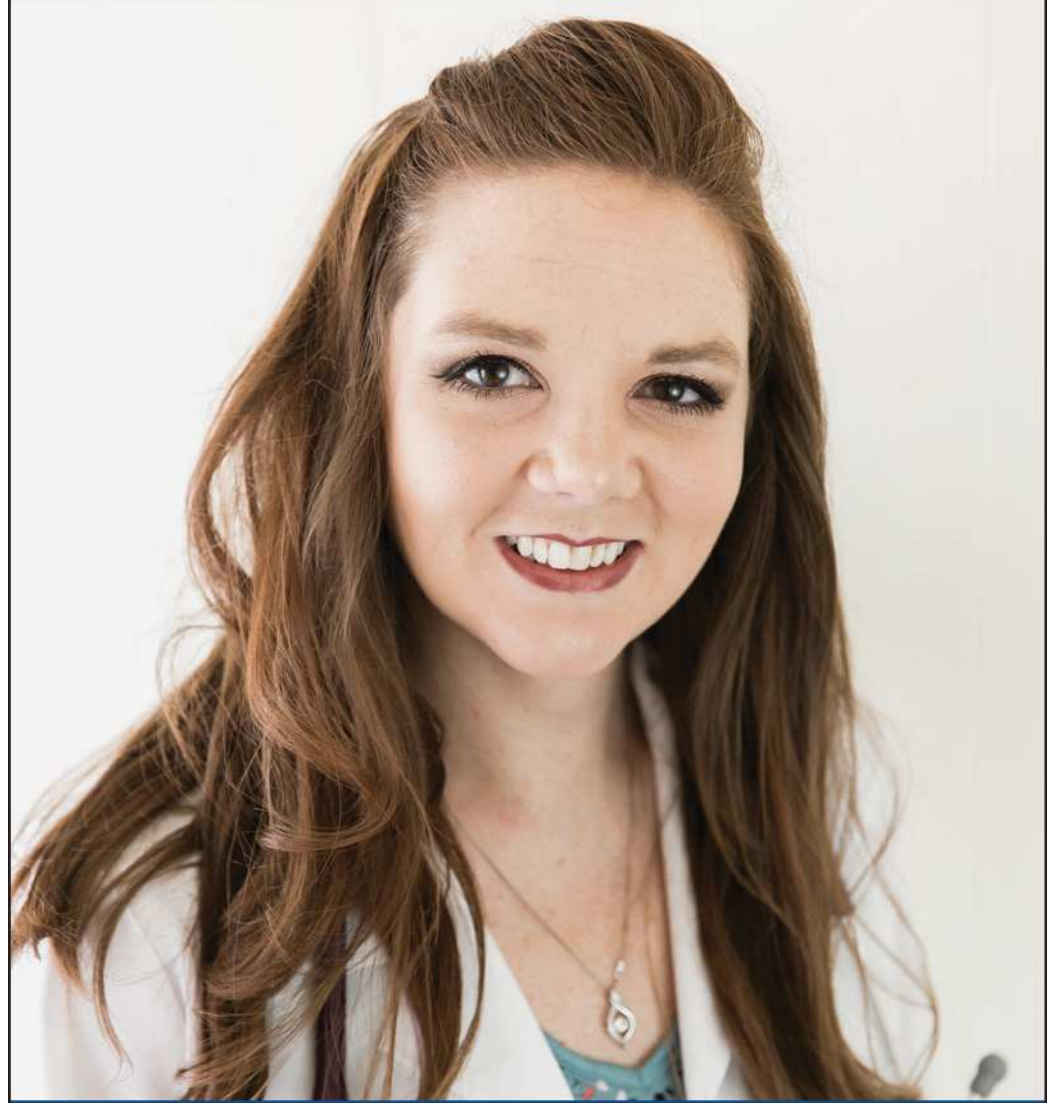
sides owning his race teams, at one time he owned Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, California and Michigan International Speedway.

The late Davey Allison had 63% of the vote and fans still wondered what he could have accomplished if not for his death in a helicopter crash at Talladega in 1993. Allison followed his Hall of Fame father Bobby Allison in the series in 1987 when he won Rookie of the Year honors after posting two wins and five poles. In his short career he left his mark with 19 wins with one of them a Daytona 500 win and 14 poles.

Filling out the class of 2019 is the late Allan Kulwicki with 46% of the vote. He was the last owner/driver to win a series title when he was able to overcome a 278-point deficit with six races remaining to capture the 1992 title with a team that was underfunded. Sadly, he never got the opportunity to defend his title as he died in a plane crash on his way to the spring race at Bristol Motor Speedway.

Induction ceremonies for the new class of enshriners will be held on Friday, February 1, 2019 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame and Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Hall of Fame will have induction activities for fans beginning on Thursday January 31 and continue through Saturday February 2. Tickets for the induction ceremony will be available to the public beginning June 9.

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 Event: Pocono 400  
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 Date: June 3, 2:00 pm  
 TV: FS1  
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 Defending Race Winner: Ryan Blaney

Note what others are doing, but don't be a follower. Use your intelligence to expand your interests and make decisions that will encourage you to discard what you no longer need and incorporate what's important. Letting go of the past will make room for new beginnings.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) – If you share your opinion, you'll quickly realize who is and isn't on your side. Join forces with people who have goals and interests similar to yours to gain ground quickly.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) – Personal improvements will make you feel and look your best. A relationship will take a positive turn if you show interest and offer support and help to someone you love.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – Put a budget and time frame in place to avoid being caught in a situation that you can't afford or finish. Restraint and common sense will be required.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – A change of plans will turn out better than anticipated. Be open to suggestions, but don't think that others know better than you what you can and cannot do or afford.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Use common sense when dealing with domestic changes or tackling a new project that will take up a chunk of your valuable time. Put a workable timetable in place before you start.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Leave nothing to chance. Take the initiative to ensure that what you want to see happen is completed. If you want something, do the work and reap the reward.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – The help someone requests may not be warranted. Before you offer too much, question what's entailed. If you are too generous with your

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time or money, someone will take advantage of you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Share your feelings and make plans that will address the changes that loved ones want to or should make. Love and romance should be high on your list. Personal improvements are favored.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – You can host an event, but don't go overboard. Get others to pitch in and help. Refrain from overreacting, overindulging and overdoing. Don't take part in a costly venture.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) – A physical change will add to your confidence and bring in a host of compliments. Get involved in a joint venture that will support your creative skills and encourage positive change.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) – Rely on the past when you must make an important decision regarding personal or professional changes. Someone you have worked with will offer an unexpected option.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) – A day trip will be fruitful. If you get everything in writing, you'll feel good about whatever transaction you make. Celebrate with someone positive and progressive. Romance is highlighted.

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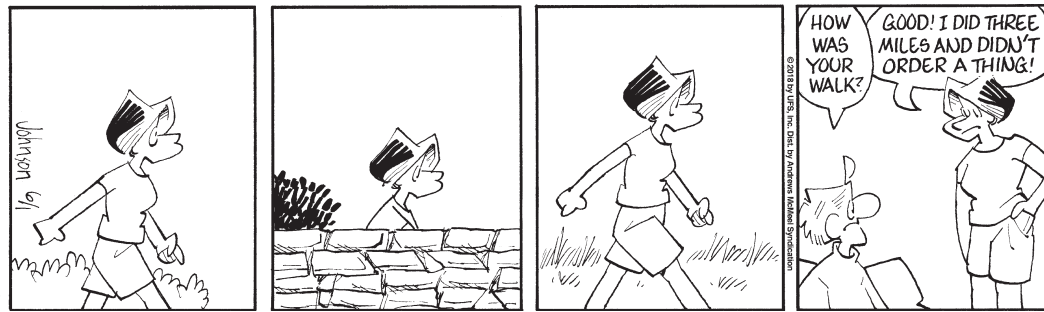
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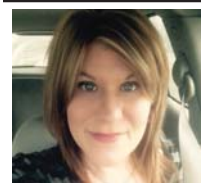
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SUBJECT: **Public Hearing**

LOCATION: **PHA COMMUNITY ROOM**

DATE & TIME: **19th day of July, 2018 at 10:30 AM**

**"Smoke-Free Public Housing Policy" & 2018 Capital Fund Program**

The Housing Authority of Martin will hold a combined Public Hearing to discuss the forthcoming "Smoke-Free Public Housing" policy and the recently funded 2018 Capital Fund Program.

**"Smoke-Free Public Housing"**

On December 5, 2016, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a Final Rule requiring all Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to institute Smoke-Free policies by July 30, 2018. The Housing Authority of Martin will discuss the basic requirements and restrictions under the Smoke-Free Policy, and will attempt to answer any questions you may have.

**2018 Capital Fund Program**

The Housing Authority of Martin was recently notified of its 2018 Capital Fund Program allocation. During this hearing the PHA will discuss the proposed work items for the 2018 CFP and receive comments and suggestions from the residents.

All residents are invited to attend and participate in this meeting. Please contact the PHA staff if you have any questions on this matter. A copy of the Smoke-Free Policy is available for review at the PHA office.

Linda Howell  
Executive Director  
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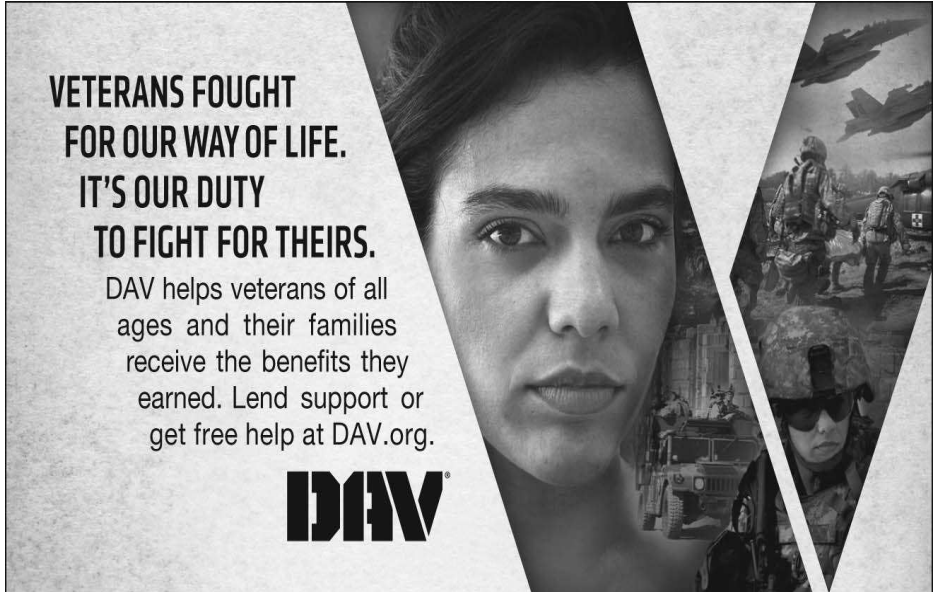
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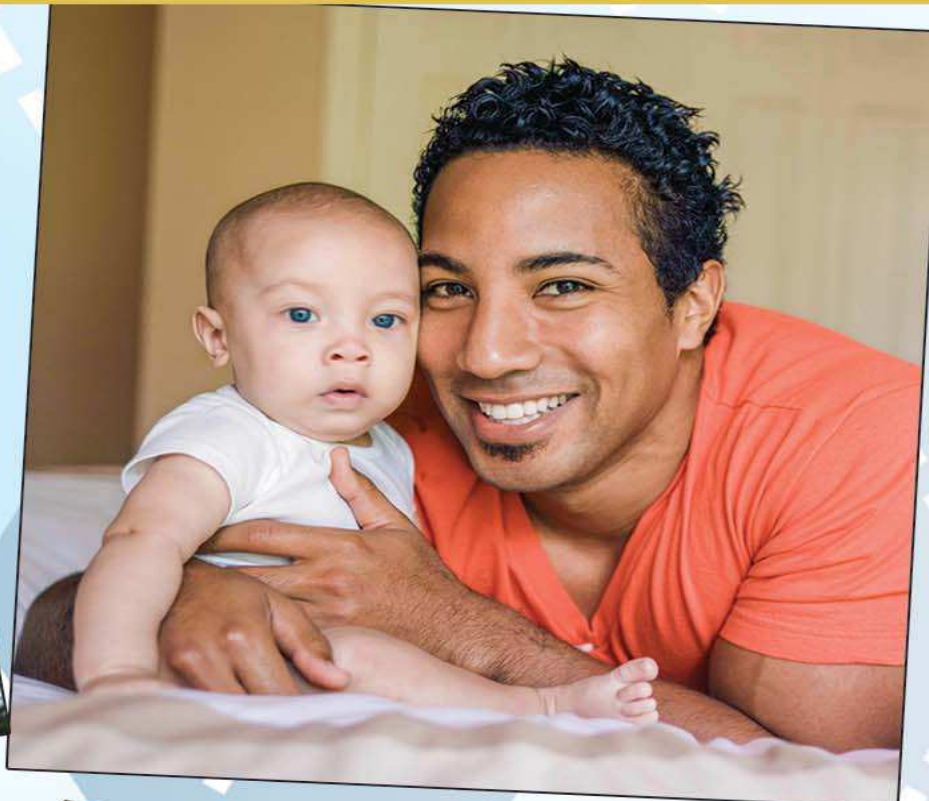
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## CUNNINGHAM RECOGNIZES CARING AND COMPASSIONATE EMPLOYEES AT PMC

By Melinda Goodson

Nash Cunningham of Logan, W. Va. began having trouble moving his left leg.

"I was at home, but had a doctor's appointment that morning," Cunningham states. "I couldn't move my left leg by the time I got back home so my wife took me back to the emergency department."

Joanne Cunningham, Nash's wife and retired registered nurse, knew something wasn't right. "I thought he had a mild stroke," said Joanne. "He could move his left leg and arm some, but I knew he had something else going on. At the emergency department, they found a place on his lower back, so they sent him to Pikeville Medical Center (PMC)."

When Nash arrived at PMC, he was sent directly to the emergency department, where the Cunningham's state the staff was amazing, but by the time they arrived, Nash had no movement in his left leg.

"They did a complete work-up," Joanne added. "From the emergency department, he was admitted to the stroke unit for further testing."

While on the stroke unit, the Cunningham's were pleased with the care and attentiveness of the staff.

"The stroke unit stayed on top of things," Joanne said. "They were all pleasant and professional. Dr. (Naveed) Ahmed took me to the side and let me look at what was going on. All the doctors he had from the emergency department and up were good."

After Nash was discharged from the stroke unit, he was admitted to the PMC Inpatient Rehabilitation (IPR) hospital.

"They (IPR) worked with me individually, both physical and occupational therapy," said Nash. "They were outstanding, it was more like a personal thing. They were easy to get along with."



Joanne adds, "They were more like family and made him feel at home."

Another service the Cunningham's appreciated was the Chaplain services and that PMC is a Christian based organization.

"The religious based helped a lot too," Joanne said. "Several Chaplains visited and had prayer with us. When we gathered in the dining room on Tuesdays, we enjoyed listening to the IPR band."

The IPR band is a group of PMC employees and volunteers who get together and play gospel music for the IPR patients and families.

When asked if the Cunningham's would refer family and friends to PMC, Nash says he would.

"I would because of the care, the attention to needs and compassion," he adds.

The Cunningham's wanted to recognize a few PMC IPR employees for their friendliness and treating them like family during their stay.

"Rachelle Glass, Sheila Smith, Brittany Combs, Jerry Smith, Susan Habern and all the nurses and nursing assistants," said Nash.

Joanne added, "They gave him the push he needed. Rachelle and Sheila would tell him they were doing what was best for him, and that's what they did, but they always had a smile on their face and were never grumpy. All of physical and occupational therapy are great."

Nash is a retired teacher, he and Joanne have one daughter and two grandchildren.

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