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KSP: Investigation opened after body found at Jenny Wiley

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
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Kentucky State Police have opened a death investigation after a body was found on one of the hiking trails at Jenny Wiley State Park.

According to a statement

from KSP Post 9, shortly after 8 p.m. Wednesday, troopers, along with the Prestonsburg Police Department, Prestonsburg Fire Department, Kentucky State Park Ranger Service and Trans Star Ambulance were dispatched to the park.

See BODY, Page 7A

Inmate indicted on murder charge

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury issued an indictment against a Floyd County Detention Center inmate Wednesday, charging him with the murder of another inmate at the jail.

The indictment accuses 23-year-old Scotty Gibson of "wanton" engaging in conduct that "created a grave risk

of death" to Adam Potter, who was incarcerated alongside Gibson at the Floyd County jail.

The incident, which occurred on June 5, was recorded on the jail's video surveillance system, and Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner reported that the grand jury viewed that video and heard from Kentucky State Police Det. Jason Dials

See INDICTED, Page 6A

Local children 'Drop-In for Science'



Dr. Amy LaViers of the University of Illinois, a native of Letcher County, teaches children about robotics during a "Drop-In for Science" event at the East Kentucky Science Center on June 13 by asking them to mimic the movements of a robot. LaViers also held a robotics camp there on June 14. Science Center Director Steve Russo said officials decided to host "Drop-In for Science" events this year to give parents a chance to enjoy the experience with their children. Drop-In for Science events will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on June 20 and June 27; July 11, 18 and 25. The center is also hosting camps on June 28 for kids in second and third grades and on July 9-10 for children in fourth through eighth grades. For details, call, (606) 886-7398.

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Floyd man gets 12 years for manufacturing meth, other charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man was sentenced to 12 years this week for manufacturing methamphetamine and other charges he faced in four cases against him.

On June 12, Floyd County Circuit Judge Thomas M. Smith sentenced Joshua Endicott, 38, to a total of 12

years for four cases filed against him.

Following recommendation from the Commonwealth Attorney's office, Smith sentenced Endicott to 10 years for one count of manufacturing methamphetamine and, in the same case, five years each for six counts of first-degree wanton endangerment.

See CHARGES, Page 9A

Slide blocks Ky. 122



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Workers with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Highway District 12 worked throughout the day and evening on June 12 to clear this mudslide off of Ky. 122 in McDowell. The slide occurred in the early morning hours and workers had both lanes cleared at 7:30 p.m. The road could not be reopened until after the mud was sprayed off the pavement.



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Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony charges filed

John Nicholas Barker, 28, of Ashland; speeding 20 miles over the limit, two counts of first-degree fleeing/evading, disregarding a traffic control device, operating on a suspended or revoked license, reckless driving, resisting arrest

Britney S. Owlsey, 26, of Prestonsburg; cultivating marijuana over five plants

Justin Miller, 29, of Printer; two counts of flagrant nonsupport

Willy J. King, 23, of Harold; flagrant nonsupport

Marty Gilliam, 44, of Grethel; flagrant nonsupport

Scotty Gibson, 23, of Prestonsburg; murder

Thomas D. Yates, 31, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia

Randall C. Crider, 29, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)

Lawrence Songer, 38, of Paintsville; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia

Brandon Newsome, 25, of Printer; flagrant nonsupport

Samantha Fyffe, 28, of Allen; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine)

Kevin Woods, 32, of Allen; first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine), possession of a firearm by a convicted felon

Stoney Michael Howell, 37, of McDowell; flagrant nonsupport

Thomas Edward Skeens, 49, of Prestonsburg; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, prescription not in proper container, possession of a legend drug

Rodney Gene Porter, 36, of Prestonsburg; resisting arrest, third-degree terroristic threatening, fourth degree assault, first-degree assault

Christian Crace, 22, of Paintsville; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Misdemeanor charges filed

Correction: Misdemeanor charges that printed on June 8, incorrectly stated that Brian Ratliff of Wayland was charged with harboring a vicious animal. The listing should have noted that charge for Jason Martin of Wayland.

Jason Martin, 42, of Wayland; harboring a vicious animal

Danikki Lynn Harvell, 26, of Martin; possession of drug paraphernalia

Ron Charles, 25, of Prestonsburg; second-degree disorderly conduct, theft under \$500, menacing

Mason C. Adams, 29, of Melvin; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Amanda Shepherd, 25, of Hueysville, public intoxication of a controlled substance

Keisha L. Moore, 28, of Bryant Branch; third-degree terroristic threatening

Justin Boyd, 25, of Drift; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Meredith Roberts, 37, of Lexington; driving under the influence, endangering the wel-

fare of a minor, resisting arrest, driving with an expired license

David Chaffins, 42, of Prestonsburg; harassing communications

Andy Rogers Hall, 48, of Stanville; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Kyle Woods, 36, of Prestonsburg; shoplifting, second-degree possession of a controlled substance; prescription not in proper container

Tyler L. McKinney, 18, of Auxier; possession of marijuana

Bilena Ann Boyd, 45, of Banner; driving under the influence, prescription not in proper container

Joshua E. Carver, 8/25/00, of Dwale; giving officer false information, excessive windshield/window tinting, improper equipment

Kyle Waddle, 28, of Prestonsburg; shoplifting, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container

Vernon Brian Johnson of Bevinsville; second-degree criminal trespass, third-degree terroristic threatening

Thomas L. Carroll, 35, of Grethel; failure to wear seat belts, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

Phyllis A. Rice, 63, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking or disposition (shoplifting)

Tammy M. Bryant, 48, of Banner, failure to wear seatbelts, operating on a suspended/revoked license, failure to surrender revoked license, possession of license when privileges are revoked

Ralston Hall Hollingsworth, 31, of Lexington; possession of marijuana

Oliver R. Reynolds, 32, of

Leander; possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

Brook Hall, 39, of Teaberry; theft by unlawful taking or disposition under \$500

Brandon T. Murphy, 24, of Ivel; driving under the influence; failure to wear seat belts, improper use of left lane — overtaking a vehicle, failure to notify Department of Transportation of address change

Amber Coots, 29, of East Point; second-degree wanton endangerment, public intoxication of a controlled substance

Zandra A. Daniel, 24, of River; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Ronda K. Meade, 50, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Christian Crace, 22, of Paintsville; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Ricky Smith, 48, of Garrett; failure to illuminate navigation lights

Kenneth Albert Lawson, 48, of Hager Hill; failure to illuminate navigation lights, non-approved/insufficient personal floatation device

Jimmy Ray Boyd, 42, of Banner; two counts of menacing, two counts of third-degree terroristic threatening

Terry Shepherd, 47, of Teaberry; harassment

Brittany Tackett, 26, of Beaver; failure to send child to school

Mindy Iricks, 30, of Ivel; failure to send child to school

Michael Kidd, 37, of Harold; failure to send child to school

Dusty Taylor, 40, of Tram; failure to send child to school

Michelle Brooke Spurlock, age unavailable, of Endicott; harassment

Charles Spurlock, age un-

available, of Endicott; harassment

Lawsuits filed

Sharon Hall vs. Unknown driver of a white pickup truck on June 6, 2016, on Rt. 1426 Prater Road, Floyd County, Geico General Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Erica Burton vs. Bradley Adams; petition for custody

Phyllis A. Campbell vs. Travis Adams, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Bank of America vs. Teresa Prater; complaint concerning contract

Corey Hall vs. Appalachian Regional Healthcare, doing business as McDowell ARH Hospital; personal injury complaint

Sharon Blair vs. Alexandra Arnold; personal injury complaint

Patricia L. Handshoe vs. Brian K. Handshoe Sr.; divorce

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Angela D. Akers; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Kentucky Foster Care vs. James A. Conley; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Kentucky Foster Care vs. William C. Akers; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court and those listed in lawsuits in Floyd Circuit Court. The charges and lawsuits filed against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent or not liable until proven guilty.

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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

Tiffany Rena Wireman, 26, of Gunlock, to Ronnie Stephens, 30, of Martin

Alison Teneil Nelson, 32, of Prestonsburg, to Ralph Dwayne Mullins, 37, of Prestonsburg

Sherry Ann Wright, 49, of Wayland, to Michael L. Collins, 47, of Wayland

Christine Noel Marie Driskill, 25, of Garrett, to Jacob Ryan Hicks, 27, of Garrett

Property transfers

Paula Spencer Adams to James D. Adams II; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 281)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Amerucan Tax Help, Cadleway Properties Inc., Carmelia Castle, Malcom Dearing, Jamos Fund, Ky Lein Holdings LLC, NCO Portfolio Management Inc., Tax Ease

Lien Investment LLC to DGS Development; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 286)

DGS Development to Brandi Benedict, Gabriel Fierstine; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 292)

Douglas Ray Hall, Amie Hall, Danita Hall Stumbo, Larry Stumbo Jr. to Kentucky Lodging and Development; property locations unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 296 and 301)

The Episcopal Diocese of Lexington Inc. to Commonwealth of Kentucky; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 306)

William Barrows Jr. to Tammy Rae Wright; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 309)

Jeff Collins to Andrew Diddle, Laura Gullett Taulbee; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 312)

Johnny R. Pack, Peggy Pack to Chelsea Frasure; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 316)

Jerome Kanney, Linda Kanney to Jonah Tackett; property location unlisted (Deeds Book

637 pg. 319)

Linda Kanney to Jonah Tackett; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 323)

Gary Frazier, Gwen Frazier to City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg City Utilities Commission; easement location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 328)

Archer Boyd, David Hinchman, Matilda Hinchman to City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg Utilities Commission; easement location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 330)

Jack Hill, Tasia Hill, to Jacqueline Collins Fitch; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 332)

Brent Collins, Eric Collins, Tasia Hill, Letisha Yates, Jacqueline Collins Fitch to Jacqueline Collins Fitch; property on Little Mud Creek

Homer New to Keith Chaffin; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 341)

Eric B. Pugh, Misty Pugh to Brian and Misty Pugh Living Trust, Brian Pugh, Misty Pugh; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 344)

Catherine Combs, Charles

H. Combs to Gary Giles, Paddock Oil and Gas Inc., Donald Patton; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 355)

Mary Lynn Blakeman to Gary Giles, Paddock Oil and Gas Inc., Donald Patton; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 364)

Combs Land Management LLC to Gary Giles, Paddock Oil and Gas Inc., Donald Patton; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 373)

John M. Combs to Gary Giles, Paddock Oil and Gas Inc., Donald Patton; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 381)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Darrin K. Newsome, Tracy E. Newsome to BBT Branch Banking and Trust; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 389)

First National Bank of Williamson to Dustin Jackson, Bridget Vanover; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 398)

Angela Sullivan Crawford, Brian Crawford to Nikki Patton Crawford; property location

unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 401)

Audrea Akers, Nicholas Akers, Loretta Ousley, Mary E. Ousley, Sean N. Ousley, Stacy Ousley, Ashley Ousley Roe, Brent Roe to Clara Hartgrove, Eddie Hartgrove; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 405)

Gary Little Jr., Jessica Little to Courtney Collins; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 413)

Aileen Hall to Rhonda Hall Kretzer; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 416)

Eileen Baldrige Isaacs to Alan Michael May, Dreama May, Kristopher May, Diann Whitten; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 420)

Julius James Stephens, Linda Stephens to Bobbie C. Page; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 422)

Clyde Jason Boyd, Jessica Boyd, Brian Layne, Christene Boyd Layne to Sheila Sue Boyd; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637 pg. 427)

Free legal, financial seminar and lunch next week

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky is helping local organizations learn more about getting donations during a free seminar next week.

Legal, financial and accounting professionals can earn three continuing education credits at the event, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, at the Big Sandy Area Development District. Free lunch will be provided.

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky is hosting a similar workshop in Corbin the following day.

Speakers include Carter Ruml, founder and legal counsel at Ruml PLC, and Kathryn Lamp, vice president and legal counsel for the Foundation for Tri-State Community.

Attendees will learn about per-

spectives on the application of charitable giving in a client's plan that blends estate and income tax planning, financial planning and demography. The seminar will also offer insight into ethical issues related to counseling clients about charitable giving.

The Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky works as a "catalyst for community collaboration and charitable giving," by helping communities, donors and organizations create permanent endowment funds.

For more information, call Kathy King Allen at, (606) 216-3977, or email her at, kathy@appalachianky.org. Registration is available through those contact or online on eventbrite.com

Prestonsburg man charged in alleged knife attack

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Prestonsburg resident is facing felony charges following an alleged knife attack.

Rodney Gene Porter, 36, of Prestonsburg pleaded not guilty this week to several charges filed against him in the case.

He was arrested by the Prestonsburg Police Department on June 8 on South Central Avenue and charged with a felony count of first-degree assault and misdemeanor charges of resisting arrest, third-degree terroristic threatening and fourth-degree assault.

According to the arrest citation, Officer P. Martin was called to check on a female sitting on the sidewalk outside of the Family Dollar store in Prestonsburg. Martin observed a cut on the woman's hand and she claimed Porter, identified in the filings as her boyfriend, had cut her.

"I asked her how she got the cut, she stated during an argument with Porter he had a pocket knife and threatened to slit her throat," Martin wrote in the citation. "She stated she fell back onto the bed and put her hand up to protect herself. The knife made contact with her hand, cutting it."

She was treated by emergency responders at the scene, but refused transport to a hospital, the citation says.

Martin and another officer arrested Porter at his home. The citation reported he had a warrant out for his arrest in another case. He allegedly resisted arrest.

Martin pleaded not guilty on June 11 and Floyd District Judge Jimmy Marcum scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for June 20. He set Porter's bond at \$500. He was still in custody Wednesday at the Floyd County Detention Center.

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11	12 Catch A Sound Wave Science Experiment 2 PM (EB) & 5 PM (P)	13	14 Pete The Cat Visits 2 PM (EB), Libraries Rock: Hair Bands 7 PM (P)	15 Pete The Cat Visits 3 PM (P)	16
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Community calendar

- 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 15 through July 7; 8:15 p.m.: Footloose on stage at Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre. jwtheatre.com
- June 15; 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court meets, fiscal courtroom
- June 15; 3 p.m.: Pete

the Cat visits Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

- June 16; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open, 713 South Lake Drive. Music Paradise will offer karaoke on site.
- June 16; 7:30 p.m.: Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry opens its summer season, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com
- June 18; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335
- June 19; 3:30 p.m.:

Mountain Arts Center board of directors to meet, MAC

- June 19; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities to meet, utilities office
- June 21; 10 a.m.: Big Sandy Elder Abuse Council to meet, Big Sandy Area Development District
- June 23; 8:30 a.m.: Levisa Fork Paddlefest, River Park
- Every Friday, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosts "Fridays after Five" with music starting at 6 p.m. on the patio at the May

lodge.

- East Kentucky Science Center is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, with laser shows at p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on weekdays and at 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Saturdays. (606) 889-8260
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lege in welding, diesel, auto tech/collision repair, certified nurse aid, pharmacy tech and phlebotomy. 606-433-2265 or wilson.jimmie@jobcorps.org

- Through August: The Floyd County Area Technology Center, Martin, is offering continuing education courses in HVAC Master and Journeyman, as well as Master Electrician and electrical contractor. (606) 285-3088.

Brickhouse to host 'June Jam'

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Prestonsburg restaurant is welcoming several musicians and hosting activities this

weekend in its first "June Jam."

The event begins at 12 p.m. and is set to last until 11 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, at The Brickhouse, located at 358

South Central Avenue in Prestonsburg.

June Jam will feature a cornhole tournament which begins at 2 p.m., and there will be music throughout the day, as

well as drink and appetizer specials.

Music starts at noon, and the lineup includes Troy Burchett at 2 p.m., Bill Dotson at 4 p.m., Jason Goble at 6 p.m. and

Clay Jamerson at 8 p.m.

Those interested in participating in the cornhole tournament must sign up by 1:30 p.m. to qualify on Saturday. Admission is \$30 per team

and the winning team will earn proceeds from all entry fees.

For more information, call, (606) 886-0909, or visit the restaurant's Facebook page.

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EDITORIAL:

Be a tourist this summer

All right, folks, it's about that time of year.

Summer officially begins on June 21, and there's no better time for you to get your thinking caps on and plan out a few adventures.

Undoubtedly, plenty of Floyd County folks are just itching to get away to their favorite vacation spot, hours and miles away from their home. We don't blame you, a change of scenery does a person good.

But we'd like to challenge all of our readers — those planning vacations elsewhere and those planning to stay home — to may-

be try something a bit different this summer.

Become a tourist — here at home.

You may not realize it, but Floyd County has some pretty decent destinations for tourists, and that means there's plenty of things for folks to do right here at home. You live in Floyd County, and you may think you've seen and done it all, but we're challenging you with this — have you seen it like a tourist sees it?

If you want to experience your best summer ever, don't just let your vacation end with that trip you're taking to who-knows-

where. Bring it back home.

Spend a weekend in a cabin at the lake or rent a pontoon, be a tourist. Shoot, go camping there. Go watch the opry pour it out on the stage, like thousands of tourists do at the Mountain Arts Center each year. Go find out why those tourists keep coming back.

Visit Stonecrest. Play some golf there or at the course in Allen. Go hiking at Sugarcamp. Or, better yet, if you really want to have fun, try to figure out if you can still ride a bike and head for those trails.

There's German Bridge. There's the July 4 carnival. There's

the Jenny Wiley Amphitheatre. There's the Middle Creek National Battlefield and the Samuel May House. Paddlefest. Front Porch Pickin'. Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene, and live music galore at numerous restaurants. Prestonsburg even has its own little family-friendly karaoke place and Dewey's bar, over at the lake, that offers regular comedy night events.

You want to shop for something unique? Try the Mountain Muse or Wildfire Designs or any other wonderful shop in downtown Prestonsburg. Want a place to escape for a day? Visit Elkhorn

Recreational and Educational Park, one of the most beautiful community parks in Eastern Kentucky. It's all right here, close to home.

Why wouldn't you want to check some of this stuff out?

If you're feeling like you need an escape and you just don't know where to go, get in your car, pick a road and travel it. Drive somewhere in Floyd County you've never been before and see how that changes your perspective. Make it a picnic day. We guarantee you'll enjoy the ride. Happy trails.

GUEST COLUMN:

You say you want a free press? Pay for it.

By **BRUCE MAPLES**
FORWARD KENTUCKY

You say you want really good journalism? You say you want reporting that is objective, even-handed, and well-done? You say you believe that the press is part of protecting us from government and corporate overreach? You say that investigative reporting is key to uncovering secrets that harm us in some way? You say you want a strong, free press? Well, then ...

If you want a free press, pay for it.

Good reporting takes time, and time means money. Investigative reporting takes even more time — and that means even more money. Stories with depth and detail, analysis that goes beneath the surface, interviews that bring the facts to life: all of these take even MORE time, and that means even MORE money.

And here's the raw truth: There is no way for any journalism outlet to

pay for all of this through advertising alone.

With the arrival of the Internet, there are too many outlets chasing the same advertising money. Advertising revenues are down across the board. The circulars that used to help pay for your local newspaper are now ads on Google.

This leaves publishers with a fundamental choice: Do we do journalism and hope enough people will pay for it? Or, do we do clickbait stories in order to drive up traffic and increase the hundredths of a cent we get for each popup ad?

I value local reporting. I value investigative reporting. And I value good journalism. So, I pay for it. I have paid subscriptions to multiple outlets: two local newspapers (including the print version of one), another local news outlet that is only online, the Washington Post, and two investigative reporting outlets.

Is that a lot? Probably. I'm in jour-

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GUEST COLUMN:

Several factors driving state retirement spike

By **JIM PAXTON**
THE PADUCAH SUN

Kentucky Retirement Systems is the name of the pension fund that covers most state workers other than teachers. It also covers a substantial number of people working for local governments that participate in the fund.

KRS, as it is known in shorthand, is the most troubled fund in the state's vastly underacrued pension system. It has about \$16 billion of assets, but its unfunded liability is \$27 billion.

This is the backdrop of a Lexington Herald-Leader article that appeared in the Sun last week. The article said 1,300 more state em-

ployees than anticipated chose to retire this fiscal year. That is an 18 percent increase over recent years in a workforce that presently numbers about 36,000 people.

David Eager, executive director of KRS, said absorbing these additional retirees is "not a major problem" for the fund despite its perilous condition. The larger problem he says is that there are now more retirees drawing pensions from the fund than there are active employees paying in. That trend is not likely to get any better, given the state's pension-driven fiscal problems and the impact of technology on employment generally.

The article also quotes David Smith, ex-

ecutive director of the Kentucky Association of State Employees, who lays the spike in retirements at the feet of Gov. Matt Bevin and the Legislature. He says, "You've got their attacks on public pensions. You've got yet another state budget that doesn't have raises for most state employees. You've got state agencies so badly understaffed its miserable for the people left behind."

There is a degree of truth in all of that, although there are also other factors at play. One is simple demographics, as aging Baby Boomers retire in greater numbers every year. Another is the red-hot private-sector jobs market.

It has long been a tradition for state workers to take advantage of pension provisions allowing many to retire with full benefits in their mid-to-late forties and launch private-sector careers. Last week the Wall Street Journal reported that for

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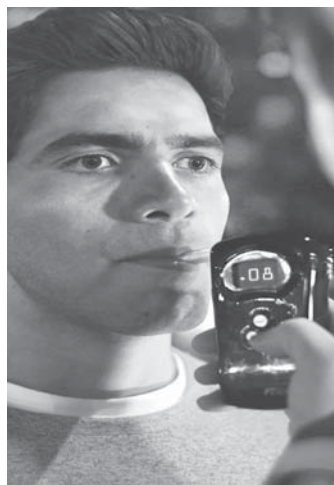
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INDICTED

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before issuing the indictment.

First responders were called to the jail at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, following reports of an inmate who was unresponsive. Potter, 29, was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead.

Gibson was arrested for Potter's murder and a not guilty plea was entered on his behalf last week. The case was set for a preliminary hearing in circuit court on Friday,

but, with the the issue of this indictment, that hearing is no longer necessary in district court. The case will proceed in circuit court.

If convicted, Gibson could face up to 20 years in prison, Turner said.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley previously reported that Gibson allegedly attempted to strike Potter twice, but he only hit him once on the side of the head, causing him to fall. He said it was a "nightmare punch" that caused Potter's death.

Turner said the grand jury indicted Gibson for allegedly causing Potter's death, but the indictment

alleges "wanton murder," meaning that Gibson did not intend to murder Potter when he punched him, as alleged.

He said it appears that Gibson struck Potter on the side of the head forcing his head to turn in such a way that it caused an injury to the base of his skull, and that injury caused a vein to bleed.

Gibson was taken to the Pike County Detention Center last week, where he is being held on a \$1 million cash bond.

Gibson was one of three people arrested last year after a coal truck driver reported that he had to swerve to avoid hitting an autistic child

who was in the roadway. Gibson was "hiding in the bathroom" that day, court records show, and was in possession of meth and a crystal pipe. He was charged with a felony, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He pleaded guilty in the case in July 2017, striking a plea deal that gave him a five-year diverted sentence on the drug possession charge and a 12-month sentence, probated for two years, on the drug paraphernalia charge, if he attended drug court. Following a revocation hearing last fall for absconding

from drug court, Gibson's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to serve 12 months, with at least six months of that time in a substance abuse program.

Potter, the son of Julia L. Shortridge and the late Tony R. Potter, is survived by his mother, siblings, grandparents and other family members. He was buried on June 9 at the Campbell Cemetery in Prestonsburg under direction of Nelson Frazier Funeral Home.

"He will be missed by all that knew and loved him," his obituary read.

Wheelwright starts budgeting process

BY MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Wheelwright City Commission and the Wheelwright Utilities Commission each held the first readings of their upcoming fiscal year budgets this week.

On June 13, the city commission held the first readings of two ordinances, that, once finally passed, would amend the current fiscal year budget and establish the city's new budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

The changes proposed in the amended budget reduce the amount the city carried forward

from last year into this fiscal year by about \$77,000. Compared to the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget adopted by the commission in June 2017, the amended budget proposed shows a reduction of \$48,400 in Local Government Economic Assistance Funds, of \$26,800 in inter-government revenues and \$2,311 in road aid funds budgeted. It also shows reductions in expenditures in all categories, compared to the budget approved in 2017.

The 2018-2019 budget that was proposed this week incorrectly reported \$293,400 in revenues and about \$248,000 in expenses, but City Clerk Beverly

Taylor confirmed a miscalculation of numbers caused the issue, and the final budget, which is expected to be approved later this month, will be balanced with revenues and expenses totaling about \$339,258, which is about \$8,000 more than the total of the amended budget.

Both ordinances could be changed prior to their second reading later this month.

Following the city commission meeting, the Wheelwright Utilities Commission held the first reading of its \$2.3 million budget.

The proposed budget shows an expected revenues and ex-

penses of more than \$2.3 million, with the majority, around \$1.5 million, coming from grant funding for the water plant fund, and about \$560,000 coming from sales of water, gas and sewage services.

The proposed budget calls for the \$1.5 million to be spent on the water plant project, nearly \$182,000 for water services expenses, about \$180,000 in salary, wages and related costs, \$113,000 in sewage expenses, as well as other expenses.

This budget may also be changed prior to its final passage later this month.

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Top Kentucky child protection leader steps down amid foster care surge

By DEBORAH YETTER
LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL

The top official overseeing child protection in Kentucky plans to leave her job as commissioner of the Department for Community Based Services, an agency spokesman said.

Adria Johnson, appointed by Gov. Matt Bevin in January 2016 to run the state Department for Community Based Services, has informed officials she plans to resign, said Doug Hogan, spokesman for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

"The transition and effective date of her resignation are still being determined," Hogan said Monday. He didn't provide further information or say whether Johnson was available for comment.

As commissioner, Johnson also oversees other social service areas, including adult protection and benefits such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps).

Bevin identified reforming child welfare, especially foster care and adoption, as one of his priorities when he took office in December 2015. As a candidate Bevin had described the state child services agency as "a convoluted, backward, broken machine."

Terry Brooks, executive director of Kentucky Youth Advo-

cates, said whoever takes over leadership of the agency will face "a blizzard" of new challenges including how to provide for relatives caring for children removed from homes because of abuse or neglect and trying to keep rising caseloads manageable for social workers.

"As commissioner, Adria Johnson initiated efforts to strengthen and better support the workforce ... and our hope is that those efforts continue to develop and the best interests of children remains a clear standard," he said.

Johnson's departure comes amid continuing turnover at the human services cabinet under the Bevin administration.

It also comes as many state human services agencies, including Kentucky's, are facing increased pressure from a surge of children into foster care largely attributed to the addiction crisis sweeping many states.

On June 3, Kentucky reported more than 9,500 children in foster care, the highest in recent memory. And the agency has been plagued for years by budget cuts and high turnover of state social workers.

In December, Indiana's top child welfare official quit her job, warning that the state's policies will "all but ensure children will die," according to the IndyStar.

Mary Beth Bonaventura, Indiana's director of the Department of Child Services who had worked in child welfare for 36 years, cited budget cuts, inadequate staff and outdated technology in her resignation letter.

Johnson is among several top officials to leave Kentucky's human services agency in recent months.

In January, Vickie Yates Brown Glisson, quit her job as cabinet secretary to run for Congress as a Republican challenger to incumbent Democrat John Yarmuth, who represents Louisville's 3rd Congressional District.

Bevin recently named a former top aide, Adam Meier, as secretary.

On June 1, state Medicaid Commissioner Steve Miller, who helped shape Bevin's plan to restructure Medicaid, announced his retirement just a month before Kentucky is to launch major changes including work requirements for some covered under the federal-state health plan.

In January, an outside consultant Bevin had appointed as his adoption "czar," with a mission to help reform child services, abruptly left the job with no explanation. The state terminated the \$240,000-a-year contract with Dan Dumas, a former executive at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, after just seven months.

And last year, two other top

officials appointed under Bevin left abruptly, one former state health commissioner Hiram Polk, a respected surgeon and former University of Louisville medical professor.

Polk, who resigned Sept. 17, declined to comment at the time on the reason for his resignation except to say it was in a dispute about how to best spend public health funds.

Also in September, the agency's inspector general, Robert S. Silverthorn Jr., a top state official involved in the effort to shut down Kentucky's last abortion clinic, resigned.

Silverthorn, whose March 2017 letter to EMW Women's Surgical Center seeking to revoke the clinic's license triggered a federal lawsuit challenging state regulation of abortion clinics, left the cabinet Sept. 28. That case is still pending in U.S. District Court, awaiting a final decision from Judge Greg Stivers.

Silverthorn, a lawyer and retired U.S. Army major general, declined to comment about his departure other than to say in an email he had "returned to private life."

Johnson previously worked for the administration of Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer as a housing and human services official. She also has held corporate jobs at Brown & Williamson, LG&E and Humana.

She received a bachelor of

science degree in accounting from Ball State University and completed postgraduate courses from the University of Louisville.

Bevin took office with the goal of overhauling social services. But the department continues to be plagued by scarce resources.

The state budget approved this year by the General Assembly will direct millions of dollars of additional funding into social services.

The increases, sought by Bevin, include about \$22.2 million over the next two budget years to give raises up to 10 percent to state social workers, who start at \$33,644 a year.

And it includes another \$28 million to hire more social workers and upgrade technology for staff who use outdated computers and phones. The budget also includes millions of dollars more for care and services for children removed from homes because of abuse or neglect.

But the social services agency continues to face budget pressure, including costs of a federal court ruling requiring it to pay relatives who provide free foster care the same as it does licensed foster families. While the agency said earlier this year it would comply with the court order and make the payments, a legal dispute continues over who is eligible.

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nalism myself, so I consider it part of my investment in the profession. But I'm also a citizen, and I know that a truly free press (as in, free to

follow the story and report it, no matter where it leads) is critically important to a democracy. So ... if you want a strong democracy; if you want wrongdoing to be dug out and reported;

if you want sources you can trust; and if you want all of this to be safe from corporate interference; then make the commitment to pay for it. Want a free press? Pay for it. It's that simple.

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Upon arrival, the statement said, troopers were led to the scene where the body was found by a person who had been hiking on the trail.

The Floyd County Coroner's Office pronounced the person, later identified as Tipton Allen, 40, of Pounding Mill Virginia, dead at the scene. The initial investigation, according to the statement, indicates Allen died from natural

causes and no autopsy will be performed. A full toxicology test will be performed by the Floyd County Coroner's Office, the statement said. The incident remains under investigation by KSP Trooper Adams.



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FAITH

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Turn from idolatry

We make a god out of whatever we find most joy in. So, find joy in God and be done with all idolatry. — John Piper

Never hold on to anything tighter than you're holding on to God. — Unknown

You may think you can live fine without Christ, but you cannot afford to die without him. — Charles H. Spurgeon

If anything becomes more fundamental than God to your happiness, meaning in life, and identity, then it is an idol. — Timothy Keller

If we take our meaning in life from our family, our work, a cause, or some achievement other than God, they enslave us. — Timothy Keller

Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. — Psalm 63:3

Wise people know that all their money belongs to God. — John Piper

Idolatry is seeking security and meaning in someone or something other than God. — A.R. Bernard

You shall have no other gods before me. — Exodus 20:3

Whatever a man depends upon, whatever rules his mind, whatever governs his affections, whatever is the chief object of his delight, is his god. — Charles H. Spurgeon

The one thing we are most reluctant to give up is the one thing that has the most potential to become a substitute for Him. — Kyle Idleman

God is jealous for your heart, not because he is petty or insecure, but because he loves you... He loves you too much to share you. — Kyle Idleman

Pleasure, money, power, and safety are all, as far as they go, good things. The badness consist in pursuing them by the wrong method, or in the wrong way or too much.... Wickedness turns out to be the pursuit of some good in the wrong way. — C.S. Lewis

Our personal property and possessions are to be a matter of indifference to us, and our hold on these things should be very loose. — Oswald Chambers

You will suffer the penalty for your lewdness and bear the consequences of your sins of idolatry. Then you will know that I am the Sovereign Lord. — Ezekiel 23:49

Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. — Colossians 3:5

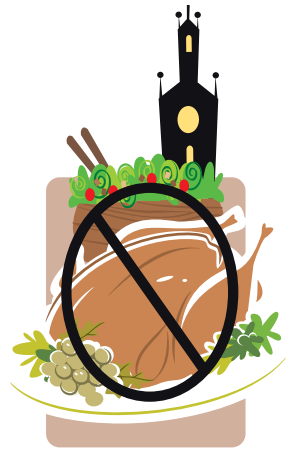
The question is not whether you will worship, but rather what you will worship — your glorious Creator or something He created.

— Paul David Tripp



Fasting

Fasting, which is abstaining from food, is a spiritual discipline which can profitably be done by almost everyone, though the extent to which one abstains should be carefully considered so that it matches the person's ability to do so in a healthy way. Fasting should never damage one's health. Fortunately, there is now considerable evidence that occasional fasting can actually improve one's health. The purpose of fasting is not specifically to improve one's physical health or to lose weight, but to improve one's spiritual health. By fasting, one often humbles the heart and tempers loquacity. Fasting allows one to meditate and pray with a clear and sober mind and gives us the opportunity to test our resolve and offer our efforts to God and our fellow man. One can fast by simply giving up solid foods, drinking only water, juice and perhaps tea for a whole day. A good way to fast for those who may be new to the practice is to eat one moderate meal around mid-day, skipping breakfast and supper, and then eating again around mid-day the following day. One can abstain from eating meat, or sweets, as a discipline that puts one on the way to practicing a fast where one completely abstains from food. One can live for a long time on very limited amounts of food, but you should never abstain from water. And remember, fasting is a spiritual discipline, and as such it should improve our souls. — Christopher Simon



"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting... But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting." —Matthew 6:16-18 NIV

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The people said nothing



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

The kings of Israel were on a destructive course. When Ahab became king he "did more evil in the eyes of the Lord than any of those before him (1 Kings 16:30)." Ahab was so wicked, he considered sins previously committed as merely trivial. He was married to Jezebel, a likewise wicked woman. Ahab worshipped Baal — not God, the Father of Israel. He built a temple of Baal and set up an altar. "Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the Lord, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him (1 Kings 16:33)." Not only was he disobeying God, but his wife Jezebel was killing the Lord's prophets (1 Kings 18:4).

Due to the nation's sins, the Lord sent a horrible drought on the land. After three years, the Lord spoke to the prophet Elijah and told him to go present himself to Ahab and He would send rain. Elijah went and met with Ahab, who ironically called him a troublemaker. Elijah pointed out Ahab and his family's rejection of God for Baal. Elijah told Ahab to summon the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah and it was done.

"Elijah went before the people and said, 'How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if

Baal is God, follow him.' But the people said nothing (1 Kings 18:21)." Elijah told the 450 prophets of Baal to get two bulls. Baal's prophets could choose which bull they wanted, cut it into pieces and put it on the wood, but not set fire to it. Elijah would prepare the other and not set fire to it. "Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord. The god who answers by fire—he is God (1 Kings 18:24)." They agreed and did so.

The prophets of Baal went first. That morning, they began calling upon their god. "At noon Elijah began to taunt them. 'Shout louder!' he said. 'Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened' (1 Kings 18:27)." The prophets continued, calling louder, slashing themselves until the blood flowed. They continued until the evening when it was time for the sacrifice. "But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention (18:29b)."

Elijah stepped forward and prepared an altar in the name of the Lord. He dug a deep trench around it. After arranging the wood and placing the cut bull upon it, he told them to pour water on top. He ordered them to do so three times. The altar was soaked. The trench filled. When the time was ready, Elijah stepped forward, praying to God. "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their

hearts back again." "Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench."

"When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, 'The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God' (1 Kings 18:36b-39)!"

I enjoy this story, not to hear about how the people turned away from God, but to see the proof that the Lord is the one true God. Those prophets of Baal prayed and went on for hours, but their god didn't respond. But then Elijah prayed two sentences, (two!), and the Lord sent fire and burned it all. However, last week I read a lesson and realized that I missed the important part. The story's main purpose wasn't about exposing Baal as a false God — that was a fact already established. Instead, it was about bringing the people back to God.

When Elijah stands before the people, he gives them the option of following the Lord instead of Baal. "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him." The study says, "This was their chance to declare their faith in their covenant-keeping God." However, the Israelites said nothing. They were silent.

The study points out, "Even as he taunted the idol's priests, Elijah's heart must have been breaking

over his people's continued silence. As he rebuilt the altar and prayed, they still had nothing to say. Only after the fire of the Lord conclusively ended the challenge did the Israelites finally make their choice."

I failed to see what this recorded story was telling us. I focused on the failures of the false prophets of Baal in comparison to the fiery answer of the one true God.

I neglected to see the crowd of people standing before them, watching this challenge. The Israelites — the chosen people of God — who stood there, un-

willingly to speak up and choose God. Warren Wiersbe describes them as a "weak people, without true conviction." They were trying to serve both God and Baal, which is not possible. It's not acceptable or pleasing to God. He punished them with a severe drought because they had turned away.

Let's not make the same mistake as the Israelites. Baal may not be the common idol in today's society, but there are many others to replace him. We're surrounded by idols — money, work, pleasure, activities, drugs, alcohol, etc. Who are we serving? Elijah called on the people to give a definite decision. Likewise, we also need to make that decision. Are we serving an idol or the one true God? Just as God forgave the Israelites when they turned back to him, He will forgive us as well.

How long will you waver between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him. But the people said nothing.

— 1 Kings 18:21

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Grimes reacts to U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Ohio voting law

By TOM LATEK
KENTUCKY TODAY

FRANKFORT — The ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday that upheld the Ohio law that allows voters to be purged from the rolls if they haven't cast ballots in six years angered Kentucky Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes.

On a 5-4 vote that split the conservative and liberal members of the court, the justices rejected the argument that the purging practice in Ohio violates a federal law meant to increase the number of registered voters.

Under the Ohio law, voters who don't go to the polls for two consecutive years are sent a letter, asking them to confirm they are still living at the same address.

If there is no reply, and the voter stays away from

the polls for four more years, they are purged from the system and would have to re-register to become eligible to vote again.

"Over the last five years, key Supreme Court decisions have undermined the franchise of millions of Americans," Grimes said. "First with the Voting Rights Act and today with giving the green light to an atrocious use-it-or-lose-it approach to voter registration. Now, it is up to voters to elect officials who will defend voting rights unequivocally.

"As long as I am Kentucky's Secretary of State, I will keep my promise to protect and defend every Kentuckian's right to vote, and our Board of Elections will never remove any voter from our rolls for simply not casting a ballot — period."

In a related development,

the State Board of Elections announced Monday afternoon they had reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice and conservative legal group Judicial Watch, regarding Kentucky's maintenance of voter rolls. Judicial Watch had alleged Kentucky's rolls were out of date.

Bradford Queen, a spokesman for Grimes, said, "On the heels of the Supreme Court's decision today greenlighting Ohio's use-it-or-lose-it strategy for the removal of voters, Kentuckians can rest assured Secretary Grimes and the State Board of Elections will not waver in their dedication to protecting Kentuckians' fundamental right to vote. Under the Grimes administration, unlike others, voters have never been unilaterally kicked off the rolls, especial-

ly for simply not voting, and that will not change."

Queen said Kentucky has properly removed nearly half a million voters since 2011.

"The DOJ and Judicial Watch both now rightly recognize maintenance of Kentucky's rolls requires proper funding. The General Assembly should be on notice that it cannot continue to underfund Kentucky elections," he said. "This agreement makes it abundantly clear — and the DOJ and Judicial Watch both agree — Kentucky has and will continue to be diligent in ensuring its voter rolls are accurate while protecting voters' rights."

In 2006, the State Board of Elections and then-Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson faced legal action for unilaterally removing voters from the rolls. Franklin Circuit Judge Judge Phil-

lip Shepherd ruled Grayson and the State Board of Elections illegally removed more than 8,100 Kentucky voters from the rolls. The Court found that Kentucky may not purge voters based only on inference — not proof — that a voter has moved out of Kentucky.

In January 2017, a review by Kentucky Today found that 38 of Kentucky's 120 counties had more people registered to vote than they have residents 18 and older.

The discrepancies, identified by comparing the latest voter rolls with population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, were found across the state, popping up in both urban and rural counties.

FACTORS

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that for the first time since records began being kept job openings in the U.S. exceed the number of unemployed. And by a lot. At the end of April there were 6.7 million job openings in

the nation versus 6.3 million unemployed.

If ever there was a time to make the leap to the private sector, this is it. Opportunity has never been greater, particularly for experienced workers.

Also, the steady decline in the number of state workers likely

has as much to do with technology as it does tight budgets. The latter does tend to drive the former.

The Herald-Leader says Kentucky's state workforce is 25 percent smaller than it was a decade ago. So, we will wager, is the staff of the Herald-Leader, and

many other private companies that have been forced to adapt in a rapidly changing world.

None of this is to dismiss the concerns raised by those quoted in the article. The state will find recruiting new workers more difficult now that pensions for future hires are more

on par with the private sector. And supporting a pension fund amid a declining workforce is just a part of Kentucky's pension nightmare.

But it is fantasy to think Kentucky can fix all of this by simply going back to the way things were. It is human nature, and certainly

the nature of politics, to try to lay dysphoria over difficult realities at the feet of the governor and Legislature. But in truth this stew was brewed years ago by lawmakers who have already, for the most part, conveniently flown the coop.

CHARGES

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Those sentences are set to run concurrently, or alongside, each other and concurrently with another case in which Endicott received 12 months for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

They are scheduled, however, to run consecutive to two other one-year sentences handed down for Endicott this week in two other cases against him — giving him a total of 12 years.

In those two cases, he was charged with first-degree bail jumping and first-degree complicity to traffick more than two grams of methamphetamine.

According to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, Smith was arrested in 2016 for manufacturing methamphetamine in a Prestonsburg home in which nearly a dozen other people were living. The investigation started in the early morning hours, Turner said, after a caller reported smoke coming out a window there. The wanton endangerment charges stemmed from danger caused to children and an elderly resident who lived there, he reported.

He said police arrived at the scene and saw smoke barreling out of the window, while witnessing people inside who appeared to be trying to get rid of evidence. Endicott, represented in court by attorney Timothy Parker, was incarcerated on those charges, but while out on bail on

those charges, he and his girlfriend, Rachel Wallen, were each arrested for complicity to traffick more than two grams of methamphetamine.

Wallen was also sentenced in court on Tuesday, with a recommendation that she receive a probated sentence in exchange for Endicott's agreement to accept the 12-year sentence.

Wallen, who was represented in court by pub-

lic advocate Adam Gearheart, accepted that deal when she pleaded guilty in April. Smith followed the commonwealth's recommendation, sentencing her to three years, suspended, and probated for three years.

"Ms. Wallen, you have dodged a big bullet here," Smith told her.

Endicott was returned to the Floyd County Detention Center, where he has been incarcerated.

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Young named Floyd Central volleyball head coach



By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Alissa Young has been named the new head coach of the Floyd Central volleyball program. Young replaces Jason Clark, who left the 58th District after one season at Floyd Central to become the new head coach of the

Pikeville volleyball team.

Young is making the move to Floyd Central from the neighboring 57th District. In her previous coaching stint, Young was an assistant coach at Johnson Central High School in Paintsville.

Floyd Central is the reigning 58th District champion. Tourna-

ment host Floyd Central blanked county rival Betsy Layne 3-0 (25-10, 25-20, 25-9) in the 2017 58th District championship match. The Lady Jaguars finished runner-up to Paintsville in the 15th Region. Paintsville held on to edge the Lady Jaguars 3-2 (16-25, 25-11, 21-25, 25-22, 15-8) in the 2017 15th

Region Volleyball Tournament title game at Martin County Middle School in Warfield.

Floyd Central compiled a 32-8 record in its debut season. Only Paintsville put together a better record than upstart Floyd Central. Paintsville compiled a 33-5 record in its 15th Region championship

campaign.

Several players are due back for Floyd Central, which competes in the 58th District along with Betsy Layne, Lawrence County and Prestonsburg.

The Lady Jaguars were back on the court for open gym sessions earlier in the week and will continue offseason

workouts prior to the start of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period. Floyd Central will begin preseason practice in July. The Lady Jaguars are scheduled to open the 2019 season on the road at Belfry on August 14.

Echols named to HCAC All-Sportsmanship Team

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON — Prestonsburg High School graduate Zion Echols has been named to the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference All-Sportsmanship Team. An outfielder, Echols concluded his freshman season with the Transylvania University baseball team earlier in the spring.

Echols appeared in 11 games for the Pioneers as a freshman. He scored two runs and recorded four stolen bases. The former Prestonsburg standout posted a career-high two stolen bases in the Pioneers' 4-2 victory over Berea on April 10.

Transylvania junior outfielder Isaac Taylor was selected to the All-HCAC Second Team. Taylor, who hails from Lexington, was one of three Transylvania players to achieve postseason honors after leading the Pioneers to a four-game improvement in the 2018 season. In ad-

dition to leading the Pioneers in batting average, Taylor enjoyed a record-setting season with his base-stealing prowess.

Joining Taylor and Echols in receiving postseason honors was freshman infielder Hudson Chastain (Knoxville, Tenn./Christian Academy of Knoxville), who was named All-HCAC Honorable Mention.

Chastain enjoyed a solid first season with the Pioneers as Transylvania's regular second baseman. He led Transylvania in hits with 43 and RBI with 25. Chastain was second on the Pioneers in walks with 26, stolen bases with 11, and added seven doubles and one triple. The freshman compiled an on-base percentage of .406 and a batting average of .297, which was second for the Pioneers.

Transylvania capped off a productive season that witnessed the team rise three spots in the HCAC standings with a roster composed of 27 freshmen and sophomores.



Zion Echols

All-State Softball and Baseball

Class A Softball

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

RICHMOND — The Kentucky Softball Coaches Association (KSCA) has announced its All-State teams. Among the honorees in Class A are Pikeville standouts Cassidy Lowe and Camryn Slone, both of whom were named Second Team All-State.

Another Pikeville player, Alexis Stanley, earned an Honorable Mention nod.

A complete list of the Class A All-State honors follows.

Class A First Team: Hannah Judd (Green County), Morgan Curley (Raceland), Maddie Gailor (Louisville Holy Cross), Sophie Bingham (Lyon County), Danielle Henning (Owensboro Catholic), Dakota Young (Louisville Holy Cross), Carson Goatley (Louisville Holy Cross), Mashea Glover (Caldwell County), Avery Morris (Hancock County), Amanda Morgan (Paris).

Class A Second Team: Cassi-

dy Lowe (Pikeville), Isabella Henning (Owensboro Catholic), Brylin Isaccs (Lexington Christian), Ivy Hedgespeth (Green County), McKenna Moore (Bath County), Katie Franklin (Caldwell County), Carson Flynn (Owensboro Catholic), Kailee Finch (Paris), Hailey Smith (Wolfe County), Kacy Zimmerman (Newport Central Catholic), Camryn Slone (Pikeville), Chloe Collins (Raceland).

Class A Honorable Mention: Maleigh McDaniel (Elliott County), Tori McKinney (Butler), Erin Bolen (Magoffin County) Calista Collins (Lyon County), Michaela Robertson (Todd County Central), Maddie Martin (Carlisle County), Emily Johnson (Raceland), Elise Shewmaker (Lexington Christian), Olivia Palasek (Calvary Christian), Alexis Stanley (Pikeville), Madison Johnson (Raceland).

Class A Player of the Year: Hannah Judd (Green County).

Class A Coaching Staff of the Year: Louisville Holy Cross.

Class 2A All-State Softball

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

RICHMOND — Lawrence County senior pitcher Ciana Bowen, the 58th District Player of the Year, has been named Class 2A First Team All-State by the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association (KSCA).

Bowen is headed to West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Hannah James, a longtime leader from East Jessamine, claimed the Class 2A Player of the Year award.

East Carter was named the Class 2A Coaching Staff of the Year. Another Class 2A First Team selection, Montana Fouts, who led East Carter to the 16th Region championship and has signed with the University of Alabama, was

named Miss Softball.

A complete list of the Class 2A All-State honors follows.

Class 2A First Team: Montana Fouts (East Carter), Hannah James (East Jessamine), Eden Mayo (East Carter), Ciana Bowen (Lawrence County), Katie Gardner (Warren East), Karlie Keeney (Webster County), Mattie Robbins (Boyle County), Brianda Owens (Clay County), Bailey Chasteen (Rockcastle County), Jeyda Bays (Warren East).

Class 2A Second Team: Jaci Babbs (Union County), Katie Fister (Bourbon County), Hannah Colbert (Trigg County), Mallory Myers (Paducah Tilghman), Lindsey Wood (Estill County), Morgan Fern (Fleming County), Madisyn Eads (North Oldham), Sar-

ah Ratterman (Christian Academy Louisville), Elle Montgomery (Garrard County), Haleigh Bauer (Powell County), Elisabeth Huckleberry (Spencer County), Sara Hallock (Rowan County).

Class 2A Honorable Mention: Kaylee Covey (Estill County), Ashton Rankin (Boyd County), Sidney Argo (Fleming County), Amanda Lee (Glasgow), Rachel Gabbard (Highlands), Ally Alexander (Spencer County), Halia Stidham (Corbin), Kelsey Perkins (Garrard County), Brylee Hage (East Jessamine), Kaylyn Barnett (Bourbon County).

Class 2A Player of the Year: Hannah James (East Jessamine).

Class 2A Coaching Staff of the Year: East Carter.

Class 3A All-State Softball

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

RICHMOND — Champion Scott County led the way in the Kentucky Softball Coaches Association Class 3A All-State honors. Scott County standout Kennedy Sullivan was named the Class 3A Player of the Year. In another annual honor, Scott County claimed the Class 3A Coaching Staff of the Year nod.

Johnson Central's Abby Fannin was among the All-State honorees in Class 3A. Fannin was named Honorable Men-

The complete list of the Class 3A All-State honorees follow.

Class 3A First

Team: Kennedy Sullivan (Scott County), Hannah Davis (Scott County), Lexi Ray (Mercy), Allie Skaggs (Ballard), Jenna Howell (Male), Emmy Blane (Christian County), Macy Krohman (Simon Kenton), Peyton Rose (Woodford County), Shelby Kelley (Ballard), Lexie O'Daniel (Christian County), Lindsey Carroll (McCracken County), Maclai Branson (Ryle).

Class 3A Second Team: Lakyn Largent (McCracken County), Morgan Zuege (Male), Jalin Sanders (Male), Lexi Miller (Madisonville-North Hopkins), Elana Omelas (Oldham County), Tyler Shemwell (Christian County), Krystin Wilson (Pulaski County), Emily

Bryant (Central Hardin), Brooke Hill (Paul Laurence Dunbar), Delaney Enlow (Woodford County), Tekya Garr-Carter (Lafayette).

Class 3A Honorable Mention: Leslie Dixon (South Laurel), Paige Oldham (Collins), Payton Blades (Apollo), Jordan Ridge (Assumption), McKinley Miller (Campbell County), Abby Shoulders (McCracken County), Abby Fannin (Johnson Central), Emily Jasper (Scott County), Riley Hull (Pulaski County), Haley John (Apollo).

Class 3A Player of the Year: Kennedy Sullivan (Scott County).

Class 3A Coaching Staff of the Year: Scott County.

Baseball

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON — The Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association (KHSBCA) has announced its All-State honorees for the 2018 season.

Several area high school baseball players have earned All-State honors.

The complete list of the All-State baseball honorees follows.

First Team: Rook Ellington (McCracken County), Shane Burns (Caldwell County), Wyatt Stevenson (Christian County), Drew McGowan (University Heights), Ryan Hawks (Warren East), Bradley Taylor (Logan County), Garret Schmeltz (Pleasure Ridge Park), Noah McDonald (Pleasure Ridge Park), Dallas Glass (Pleasure Ridge Park), Ben Metzinger (Trinity), Andrew Littlefield (Saint Xavier), Matthew Ellis (Shelby County), Brennan LaBarbera (South Oldham), Drew Rom (Highlands), Tyler Gullfoil (Lafayette), Trace Willhoite (Scott County), Hunter Rigsby (Rockcastle County), Trea Harmon (Somerset), Skyler Cannady (West Jessamine), Chase Estep (Corbin), Braxton Cottongame (Perry Central), Gage Hughes (Greenup County).

Second Team: Trey Hutchinson (Union County), Nolan Melton (Henderson County), Blaine Gillim (Ohio County), Hunter Evans (South Warren), Nick Rucker (Pleasure Ridge Park), Trey Sweeney (Saint Xavier), Braxton Foley (Walton Verona), Chris Seng (South Oldham), Jack Coldiron (Covington Catholic), Ryan Smiley (Harrison County), Tyler Hawkins (Bryan Station), Tyler Grigalis (Lexington Catholic), Logan Thomason (Madison Central), Jordan Fox (Scott County), Colin Burgess (Tates Creek), Ethan Wood (Danville), Devin Morris (Hazard), Braxton Kelly (Johnson Central), AJ Hacker (Rowan

County), Bryce Carley (Boyd County), Kyle Gammon (Greenup County), Ryan Lambert (Greenup County).

Third Team: Jacob White (Hancock County), Jacob Curtis (Franklin Simpson), Jackson Haga (Bowling Green), Hunter Thomas (Russell County), Reece Puckett (Bardstown), Jackson Webb (Elizabethtown), Reed Blaszczyk (Pleasure Ridge Park), Cameron McKune (Butler), Garrett Simpson (Bullitt East), Brendan Koester (Louisville Eastern), Aaron Sary (Manual), Gunner Smith (Newport Central Catholic), Logan Castlemann (Beechwood), Proctor Mercer (Henry Clay), Trey Eden (Madison Central), Jacob Ferris (Madison Central), Brent Lovell (Rockcastle County), Ty Dragon (Boyle County), Cayden Shaver (Danville), Jack Capobianco (North Laurel), Peyton Cyrus (Lawrence County), Phillip Fryer (Boyd County).

Honorable Mention: Lofton Pigg (Calloway County), Jordyn Naranjo (Graves County), Jase Felker (Caldwell County), Peyton Peters (Apollo), Kirk Liebert (Davies County), Garrett Whitaker (Davies County), Nick Casey (Muhlenberg County), Brennan Myers (Muhlenberg County), Jaill Akbar (Pleasure Ridge Park), Sam Johnson (Bullitt East), Sam Newkirk (DeSales), AJ Arnold (Trinity), Ethan Kavanaugh (Highlands), Hunter Dreves (Highlands), Noah Brewer (Campbell County), Zach Hamberg (Bishop Brossart), Austin Hoeh (Campbell County), Trent Parker (Bishop Brossart), Aschten Saunders (Nicholas County), Tyler Walter (George Rogers Clark), Andrew Day (Harrison County), Isaac Fryman (Nicholas County), Chris O'Neal (Harrison County), Eric Sottile (Lexington Catholic), Sam Sutton (Scott County), Kade Grundy (Somerset), Tyler McCullough (Middlesboro), Ben Daniels (Paintsville), Peyton Brown (West Carter), Casey Hensley (Russell).

A rainy day call



Racin' Steve Mickey

Race day at Michigan International Speedway on Sunday began with a wet track and falling rain that delayed the start of the FireKeepers Casino 400 for nearly two and a half hours. Once the drivers were ordered to get into their cars under a threatening sky to finally take the green flag, every crew chief began watching the race with one eye and scanning the weather radar with the other eye.

The possibility of a rain shortened race is a nightmare for crew chiefs as they now have to make their calls not only on what the driver wants but also on when the rain may begin. That was exactly what took place on Sunday during what tuned out to be the last pit stop of the day.

A caution flag waved shortly after racing resumed following the second stage which set up what turned out to be the so-called "money stop" of the day. Those drivers on the lead lap all came down on pit road and this is when Clint Bowyer's crew chief Mike

Bugarewicz made the call to only put two tires on Bowyer's Ford while the rest of the cars on pit road were optioning for four tires.

On the following restart on lap 126, Bowyer had to hold off his Stewart Haas Racing teammate Kevin Harvick who had four tires and the faster car. Bowyer had to do some defensive driving as Harvick was able to get as close as a foot from the lead coming off turn two on the restart. It was obvious that it was only going to be a matter of time before Harvick made the pass but Bowyer didn't make it easy as he was driving the same line that Harvick wanted.

Bowyer was driving with his eyes in his rear view mirror as he was blocking Harvick when Ricky Stenhouse Jr. brought out the eighth and final caution flag of the day when he spun his Ford in Turn 2 on lap 129. The caution flag no sooner waved when the rain once again began to fall. NASCAR wasted very little time in calling the race which gave Bowyer his second victory of the season.

It was not only a great day for Bowyer but an even better day for Stewart Haas Racing as for the first time it sweep the top three spots. Harvick finished second and finishing in third was his teammate Kurt Busch who started on the pole after being the fastest qualifier.

It was not only a stellar day for Stewart Haas Racing but also for Ford. Michigan is considered the home

track for the manufacturer and it turned out to be a Blue Oval day as Kyle Busch in a Toyota was the only non-Ford finisher in the top eight.

Paul Menard finished fifth in a Ford followed by Brad Keselowski in sixth, Joey Logano in seventh and Ryan Blaney in eighth.

Ford's Michigan domination continues a trend in the series that began early in the season as a Ford Fusion won four of the first six races and eight of the fifteen races that have gone off the board. Harvick is the flag bearer for the Ford camp as he has already won five races as the schedule nears the halfway point of the season.

Ford's success is somewhat of a surprise as the manufacturer is campaigning the oldest car of the three manufacturers. Even with all of the success that the Fusion is having this season, Ford will roll out its Mustang in the series beginning next season. The introduction of a new model in the series usually comes with a learning curve but the Ford camp is confident that it will be able to continue with the success it is now enjoying because of what Stewart Haas was able to do after it switched from Chevrolet to Ford before last season. While there are question marks for next season, Ford now seems to have all of the questions answered this season as it continues to dominate the series as the summer portion of the schedule begins.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Share your emotions to settle a difference with someone. If you offer suggestions and are willing to compromise, much can be accomplished.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Protect your assets. Make money-saving changes to your residence or lifestyle. Put an end to extravagant behavior. Make positive changes that improve your life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Don't give up if you really want something. A little charm and the right information will help you get what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Put your energy into self-improvement instead of trying to change others. If you make a fuss, you'll end up getting more than you bargained for in return. A physical outlet is encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Find out all you can about your heritage. Talk to older family friends or relatives who can offer insight and help you make a decision. Avoid activities that might cause physical stress.

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Hold off on making a physical or emotional change. You'll lack pertinent information about a major decision. Gather facts first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Size up your situation at home or take a closer look at a partnership and consider how to make a positive move. A change will ease stress.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Get moving. Plan to do something that will improve your vitality and make you feel good about the way you look and what you can accomplish. Dump bad habits.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Take on a new project or get involved in an event or activity that will bring you in contact with new people or projects. A collaboration will lead to positive change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Listen to complaints and do what you can to appease someone you love. Making a fuss will only make matters worse. Physical changes should not be made in haste.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Get together with friends or relatives who can offer information about your cultural background or places that you'd like to visit. Travel and communication will be revealing.

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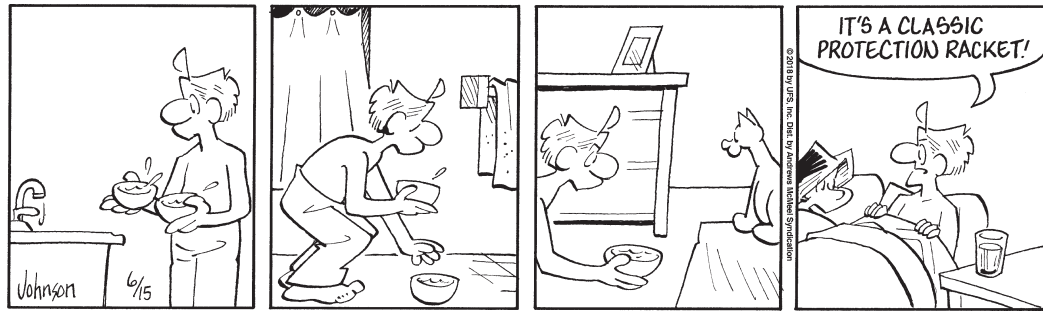
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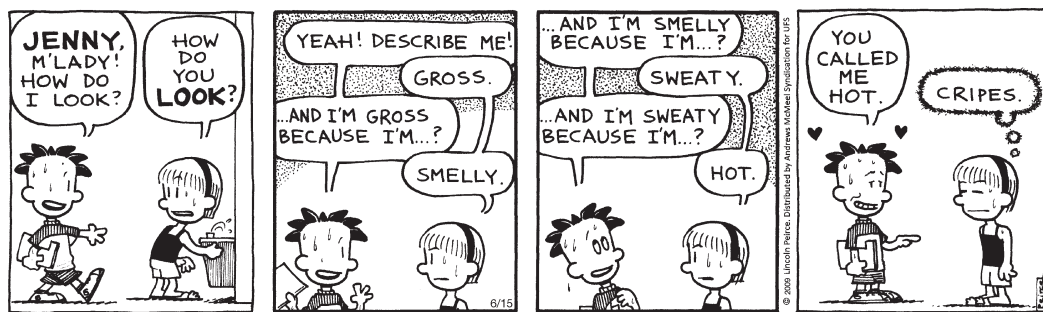
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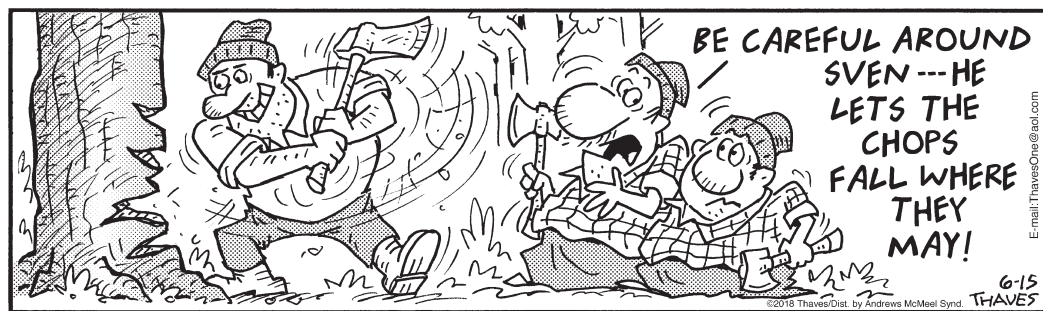
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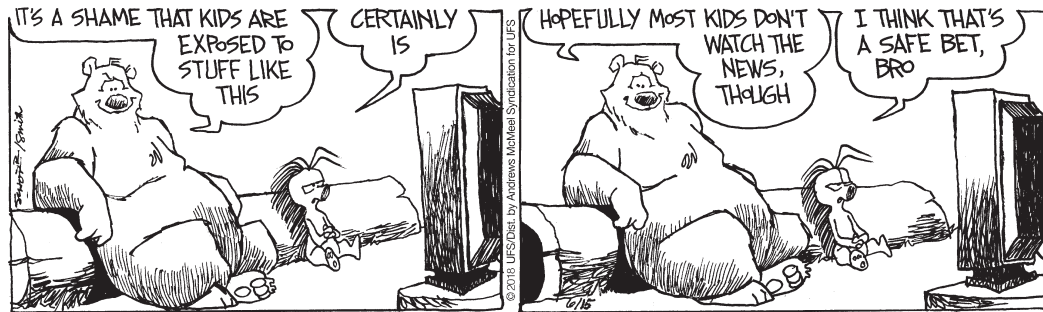
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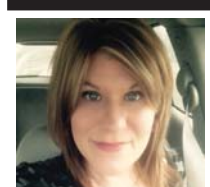
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Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by HAROLD E. MEADE. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is COYOTE DEN, INC, the nature of the business will be MUSIC (DJ, LIVE BAND), POOL
whether the applicant, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than June 21, 2018, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for June 21, 2018. At the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.
Hon. Keith Bartley, Floyd County Attorney

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by CHRIS MCKINNEY. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is SEASON'S INN, the nature of the business will be LIVE MUSIC, MOTEL, RESTAURANT, LIQUOR BY
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This notice is being filed by Hon. Earl M. McGuire in his capacity as Warning Order Attorney to notify and inform the Unknown Heirs of Quillen Shepherd of the above referenced action. Be advised that failure of the above-named Defendants to contact the Warning Order Attorney or respond to the Plaintiff's Complaint for Foreclosure may result in a Default Judgment being entered against them and adversely affect their legal rights in the action which has been filed in Floyd Circuit Court.

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HEALTH NEWS @

PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



Lab Expansion



By Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center's laboratory department is finally moving into its new space this week. Lab expansion began in October 2017 and Phase One is now complete.

Phase one includes a new automation line, extended blood bank, hematology, chemistry and the offices for pathology.

Beginning July 9, a new state-of-the-art, automated lab system called Aptio will be installed. This will make PMC the only facility in the region with this level of technical capability. An automated line will increase productivity, while also nearly eliminating error.

"We put the specimen in, the computer on the lab line will read the barcode, put it in the centrifuge, take off the cap and send it to which instrument it needs to go to," explained Carolyn Johnson PMC Laboratory Director. "When it is finished, the specimen is removed from the testing instrument, the cap is replaced and it is sent to a designated rack in refrigerated storage where up to 9,000 specimens can be stored."

Phase two includes the remaining space in pathology and a remodel of a large portion of microbiology. Phase Three will be the completion of microbiology. "The new lab will double our work space," explained Johnson. "This will allow us to add to our testing menu, making us faster, getting results to physicians quicker."

Chemistry, coagulation and hematology analyzers were replaced within the last year, but the additional work space means lab can bring in more equipment to expand its testing capacity.

"We want to grow with new technology and this additional space will enable us to do that." These advancements mean better care for our patients.

"My staff and I are excited about the changes in our department," said Johnson. "For us it means more space and more high-tech equipment. For our patients it means expansion of our in-house testing menu and faster, more efficient processing of specimens."

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Wound Center Offers Free Health Screenings

By Amanda Jo Lawson

In recognition of Wound Healing Awareness Month, Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) will be hosting free health screenings on Wednesday, June 20 at the Pike County Public Library, located at 126 Lee Avenue in Pikeville.

The event will be free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

PMC will offer free blood pressure, glucose, foot screenings, pulmonary function testing, safety education and peripheral artery disease testing at the health screening.

Our medical professionals will be able to provide information you need concerning your health risk and other concerns you may have.

At Thursday's event PMC will be educating the public about the growth and services being offered at the Wound Center and how people can benefit from the services now being provided.

PMC's Wound Center provides specialized treatment for chronic or non-healing wounds. PMC's comprehensive approach can heal wounds that have resisted other treatments and can help patients avoid loss of limbs and/or reduce the incidence of recurrence.

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