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Pike Fiscal Court votes to hold on RCC Big Shoal lawsuit

Officials say as long as payments continue, legal action will be paused

By **RUSS CASSADY**
REGIONAL EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — The Pike County Fiscal Court voted Tuesday to pause its threatened lawsuit against a company which received a \$400,000 loan from the county to build a natural gas-to-

liquid fuel plant but later announced the move of the plant to Floyd County.

During Tuesday's regular meeting, Pike County Attorney Howard Keith Hall brought the issue up without initially naming RCC Big Shoal, the

See **LAWSUIT**, Page 8A

Five charged with child endangerment in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several people have been arrested on charges of endangering children in Floyd County recently.

According to court documents, the first ar-

rest occurred June 11 when Prestonsburg Police Officer R. Frasure was dispatched to a report of two juveniles, approximately four or five years old, walking alone

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Floyd pastor: 'Putting cancer behind me, one mile at a time'

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER



Submitted photo

Johnson County resident Phillip Ramey, pastor of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg and chaplain at Riverview Health Care, snapped this selfie shortly after completing a 2,892-mile goal he made following recovery from cancer.



A local pastor marked a milestone with his tennis shoes this week.

On June 18, Phillip Ramey, pastor of the Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg and chaplain at Riverview Health Care in Prestonsburg, ran 2.2 miles on the Dawkins Trail, located near his home in Johnson County.

Ramey, 39, usually runs three

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Despite auditor's words, fiscal court votes to accept all bids for several products

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court appeared to have trouble last week shaking off the desire of some members to accept all, or more expensive, bids for things the county uses throughout the year.

Last year marked the first time in years that the fiscal court did not accept all bids it received for things such as asphalt, gravel and pipes, but on June 15, fiscal court members back-tracked that step and ended up selecting some bids that will cost the county more

See **BIDS**, Page 9A



Magistrates **Randy Davis** and **John Goble** discuss the 2019 fiscal year budget during a June 15 fiscal court meeting.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by **Mary Meadows**



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Paddlefest on tap for this weekend

Monthly river run may change course in the future

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Officials with Prestonsburg Tourism and the City of Prestonsburg are gearing up for the second 2018 Paddlefest this weekend, and the monthly event may change course in the future.

Paddlefest, which offers a 16.4-mile float that takes visitors on a four-to six-hour tour of the Levisa Fork River on the fourth Saturday of every month, will begin at 8:30 a.m. at River Park, located behind Billy Ray's Restaurant on Saturday.

Participants can bring their own watercraft or rent them,

and they have the option to end their voyage at the halfway point, the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Combs Airport, where a boat ramp is located, or they can continue onto Paintsville. Shuttle and lunch services are provided for an additional fee.

Prestonsburg Tourism has partnered with the Paintsville-Johnson County Tourism Commission to host Paddlefest for a number of years, but that may change in the near future.

This week, new Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West told tourism commission members that partnership may end, leading to a discussion about possibly changing Paddlefest routes in Prestons-

burg.

"I don't see it continuing as a partnership on Paddlefest. It doesn't seem there's a lot of interest on their side," West told Prestonsburg Tourism. "We tried to address some of their issues ... So, we'd like to keep working with them. I followed up. We met on Friday. I followed up yesterday and they haven't gotten back. So, I would suggest that at least for Saturday, because marketing been happening for that, to go ahead and keep it the original route on Saturday, at least."

Commission members discussed the possibility of hosting Paddlefest on the Levisa Fork behind Billy Rays, on

Johns Creek and from Banner to Prestonsburg. They said using different routes could lure more locals to Paddlefest.

Commissioner Rodney Gardner, who works at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, suggested combining Paddlefest with a fishing/kayaking event. Mayor Les Stapleton, a visitor at the meeting, suggested the tourism commission promote noodling for fish events.

"While we're at it, let's do noodling," he said, as commissioners laughed. He joked. "I think you're all prejudiced against us noodlers."

Commissioner Julian Slone returned the joke, telling Stapleton that he'll set up a park

event to allow Stapleton to teach others how to noodle.

Stapleton launched Paddlefest after he started his first term as mayor in 2015, citing a need to improve the city's economy through tourism. Last year, hundreds of people from throughout the region and from other states attended.

Paddlefest dates in 2018 are June 23, July 28, Aug. 25 and Sept. 22. For updates on monthly Paddlefest events or changes caused by inclement weather, visit Prestonsburg Tourism on Facebook or call, (606) 886-1341.

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

Deanna Shonnelle Greer, 38, of Banner, to Jeremy Wade Conn, 39, of Banner

Shondra Nichole Gwinn, 23, of Martin, to Weston Drew Halbert, 23, of Printer Jackie Conley, 52, of Prestonsburg, to Josephine Stacy, 59, of Wayland

Felisha Ann Salisbury, 28, of Minnie to George Joseph Blackburn, 30, of

Minnie

Elizabeth Nicole Farley, 22, of Lexington, to Conner Jarred Branham, 25, of Lexington

Tia Nicole Stamper, 34, of Prestonsburg, to Ricky Shane Wehunt, 49, of Langley

Aleshia Lynne Hall, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Jordan Russell Marcum, 22, of Prestonsburg

Property Transfers

Danny D. Slone, Donna Thomas Slone to Carolyn Sue Mcintire; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 446)

MTGLQ Investors LP to Fayette Slone, Gary L. Slone; property location

unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 456)

Rhonda Mitchell to Kenny Joe Mitchell; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 460)

Kentucky Lodging and Developing Company Inc. to Dollar General Partners; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 463)

John Trustee Taylor, Lillian M. Taylor Living Trust to Ann J. Trust Taylor, Ann J. Trustee Taylor; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 469)

John Trustee Taylor, Lillian M. Taylor Living Trust to Sarah E. Trust Lee, Sarah E. Trustee Lee; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 469)

Katherine Moore, Kathy Moore to Charles Bentley, Charles R. Bentley II; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 477)

Revelation Energy LLC to Elkhorn Coal Company LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 481)

Nellie M. Farler, Stanley Farler to Andrew Ousley; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 489)

BBT Branch Banking and Trust Company to Mark Halbert; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 491)

Tommy Johnson to Sue Burke; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 495)

Sam Duncan to Robert Duncan; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 499)

Amy Spears, Michael Ray Spears to Virginia Gibson; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 502)

Charles Ramey to William S. Reed, Hollie D. Stumbo; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 505)

Harold Lester Cooley II, Regina Colley to Albon Meade, Rosemary Meade; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 509)

James Vernon Hall to Barbara Shepherd, Larry Shepherd; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 521)

Audreyetta Lawson to Leonora Absher; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 528)

Kelly N. McGuire to The Extra Mile LLC; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 533)

Citizens Bank of Kentucky to Frank Castle; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 538)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, James Lewis, Sabrina Lewis, LVNV Funding LLC, Matthew G. Martin, Sabrina

Martin, Midland Funding to Vanderbilt Mortgage; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 544)

Crystal Mullins, James L. Mullins to Bonita Newsome, Ritchie Newsome; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 550)

Homer L. Bowen, Kozetta Bowen, Kozetta Hamilton, Midfirst Bank, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, James Trimble Stratton, Carol Ann Stratton, unknown spouse of Carol Stratton to Midfirst Bank; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 553)

Joan Hall Caldwell, Jim D. Hall, Sandra Hall to George William Patton Jr., Rebecca Gwyn Patton; land contract location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 559)

Bobby Joe Bryant to William Bryant; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 637; pg. 563)

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Judge declares Kentucky's pension overhaul bill unconstitutional

By JACK BRAMMER AND DANIEL DESROCHERS
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Franklin Circuit Judge Philip Shepherd struck down Kentucky's controversial new public pension law Wednesday.

In a 34-page ruling, the judge said the General Assembly failed to enact the law in compliance with the requirements of the Kentucky Constitution.

The legislature violated Section 46 of the state constitution in two ways, Shepherd ruled.

First, the legislature failed

to give the bill three readings on three separate days in each chamber, as the law requires.

Second, he said the bill appropriates money, and therefore needed the support of a majority of all members in the House to pass. The bill, though, was approved with only 49 votes, which is two shy of a constitutional majority in the 100-member chamber.

Because the bill was enacted improperly, Shepherd said he did not consider whether the provisions of the law violate the state's "inviolable contract" with teachers and other public workers.

Attorney General Andy Beshear, who challenged the law, and Gov. Matt Bevin's attorney, Steve Pitt, argued June 7 before Shepherd whether the legislature followed proper procedures in passing the law and whether it runs counter to an "inviolable contract" — language that guarantees teachers and state workers get the benefits promised when they are hired.

The law places teachers hired after Jan. 1, 2019, in a hybrid cash-balance plan, which is similar to a 401(k), rather than a traditional pension, and requires those teach-

ers to work longer before becoming eligible for retirement. It also caps the amount of accrued sick leave teachers may convert toward retirement to the amount accrued as of Dec. 31, 2019.

Under the new law, state employees hired between 2003 and 2008 are required to pay 1 percent more for health care in retirement.

"Today's decision is a win for open, honest, government, ruling that the Kentucky General Assembly violated the Constitution when it turned an 11-page sewer bill into a 291-page pension bill," Beshear

said. Bevin did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The case is expected to be appealed to the Kentucky Supreme Court.

Bevin has previously described Shepherd as an "incompetent hack" and unsuccessfully asked Kentucky Chief Justice John Minton to remove him from the case.

Kentucky's ailing public pension systems have an unfunded liability of more than \$40 billion.

Carter honored at convention

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Carter Funeral Home owner James J. Carter II was recently recognized for more than five decades of service.

Carter was recognized for 50 years of service as a licensed funeral director and embalmer during the 136th annual convention of the Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky, held earlier this month at the Kentucky Expo Center and Crown Plaza Hotel in Louisville.

The Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky represents licensed funeral directors and licensed funeral establishments throughout the state and promotes "high standard" in the funeral services field through continuing education programs, legislative representation and service to communities.

The convention, geared to give funeral directors a forum to receive and exchange information, featured presentations from local and national

funeral service experts, who offered information on topical issues related to business and management practices, regulatory updates, technical skills and training and other professional issues related to funeral service.

"FDAK members return home with new ideas that will allow them to better serve their families in their communities," a press release from Carter Funeral Home stated.

Carter graduated from Prestonsburg High School, earned his bachelor's degree at Eastern Kentucky College and the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1966. He's a long-time member of the Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky.

For more information about Carter Funeral Home, located at 234 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg, visit carterfuneralhomeky.com. For more information about the Funeral Directors Association of Kentucky, visit fdaofky.com.



Submitted photo James J. Carter II has been serving as an embalmer and licensed funeral director for 50 years.

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or four miles every day at Dawkins, or, occasionally at Dewey Lake, but on Monday, he only needed the 2.2 miles to meet his goal.

In April 2015, Ramey chucked off the pain he endured with two surgeries and six weeks of chemotherapy and decided to walk — or run — away from stage two testicular cancer, which had spread into his lymph nodes before he was diagnosed. Two weeks later, he

started training for his first marathon.

He was not a runner before he was diagnosed with cancer in October 2014, but he decided to take up the hobby to relieve stress and find a healthier way of life.

"I started running after cancer so that I could put all of this behind me," he said.

Since then, Ramey has maintained his daily run schedule and completed four full marathons as well as dozens of other races—5K events, 10K races and even a 100K relay race last summer.

All of that time, he's been clocking his miles with a running app on his cell phone.

That 2.2-mile stretch he finished on Monday, June 18, gave Ramey a total run of 2,892 miles since 2015.

After beating cancer, he wanted to run the distance of 2,892 miles because it equals the distance between what some websites refer to as the farthest points located on the east coast and west coast in the southern part of the United States. That distance, Ramey reports, is 2,892

miles between West Quoddy, Maine and Point Arena, California.

He announced the accomplishment on social media Monday.

"For my morning run today I ran 2.2 miles, because that was the distance needed for me to reach 2,892 post-cancer miles ran," he wrote. "I have now officially ran the distance of the United States from Coast to Coast since BEATING CANCER! Thank you cancer for being the Goliath that made me find the David inside of me! To GOD be the glory!!!"

Through this journey, Ramey has improved his physical health, but he has also influenced his six-year-old daughter Adalyn, a Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry Junior Pros member, who now also enjoys running. She has won awards in her age group in a few 5K races she has participated in, Ramey said.

"She loves it," he said.

Although he met that 2,892-mile goal, Ramey is not planning to slow down anytime soon.

When asked if he has a new goal now, he

said, "Just to keep running. Keep beating cancer. Keep putting cancer behind me, one mile at a time."

He said running is a good stress reliever.

"It helps me stay tough mentally," he said.

Ramey has been the pastor at Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church for 13 years and the chaplain at Riverview for five years, where he leads a program built to improve the quality of lives of Riverview residents. He lives in Johnson County with his wife Melanie and his daughter.

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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

Marty Lynch, age unavailable, of Varney; flagrant non-support

Charles W. Allen, 34, of Ivel; receiving stolen property under \$10,000; theft by deception (cold checks) under \$10,000

Charles Halsey, 52, of Pikeville; flagrant nonsupport

Andrea Derosssett, 30, of Topmost; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance under two grams of methamphetamine

Josh Hanson, 33, of Myra; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance under two grams of methamphetamine, tampering with physical evidence, possession of marijuana, second-degree possession of a controlled substance

Amy E. Adams, 41, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, first-degree fleeing, evading police, resisting arrest, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree and second-degree possession of a controlled substance, failure to maintain insurance, second degree disorderly conduct

Ronald Williams, 52, of McDowell; third degree trafficking in a controlled substance

Ricky Gene Hall, 49, of Malie; third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance

Qwantazz M. Holloway, 28, of Pikeville; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (cocaine), possession of marijuana

William D. Castle, 39, of McDowell; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, under two grams of methamphetamine

David Allen Campbell, 60, of Warfield; first-degree stalking

Billie Eslwick, age unavailable, of Printer; two counts of flagrant nonsupport

Evan Swigart, age unavailable, of Betsy Layne; theft of property over \$500, third-degree terroristic threatening

Joseph Young, age unavailable, of Pikeville; flagrant non-support

Christopher Hopkins, age unavailable, of Tram; flagrant nonsupport

David Puente, 37, of Printer; failure to comply with sex offender registration

Misdemeanor charges filed

Merlin O. Conn, 44, of Printer; two counts alcohol intoxication in a public place

Tammy Glover, 35, of Bevinville; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (under two grams, methamphetamine), possession of drug paraphernalia

Melodie Patton, 42 of Allen; endangering the welfare of a minor.

Joseph Tyler, 18, of Harold; rear license not illuminated, driving under the influence, trafficking in marijuana, under eight ounces, failure to wear seat belts

Joshua Hopkins, 27, of McDowell; second-degree fleeing or evading police, violation of an emergency protective order

Terry Ramey, 37, of Garrett; second-degree fleeing or evading police, resisting arrest

Benji Samons, 30, of Ivel; endangering the welfare of a minor

Stephanie Damron, 30, of Ivel, second-degree wanton endangerment

Steven Chad Castle, 34, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Austin Barnette, 33, of Martin; fourth-degree assault

Demetrius McDowell, 19, of Louisville; harassment

Misty Dawn Huff, 30, of Hazard; driving on a suspended or revoked license, possession of license when privileges are revoked

Gary T. Wolfe, 63, of Prestonsburg; driving on a suspended or revoked license, possession of license when privileges are revoked

Larry Lewis, 34, of Prestonsburg; harassing communications, third-degree criminal trespassing

Joshua Hopkins, 28, of Lexington; third-degree criminal mischief, second-degree wanton endangerment

Misty Lamartz, 32, of Betsy Layne; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct

James Slone, 53, of Prestonsburg; second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest,

alcohol intoxication in a public place, third degree criminal mischief

Brenda Fugate, 37, of McDowell; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Candy Compton, age unavailable, of Wheelwright; third-degree terroristic threatening

Brandon H. Johnson, 31, of Weeksbury; improper registration plate, no registration plates, failure to maintain insurance, driving on a revoked or suspended license

James Bailey 47, of Banner; violation of an emergency protection order

Danny Ray Tackett, 51, of Banner; failure to or improper signal, driving under the influence, possession of synthetic drugs

Jerri Reed, 39, of Paintsville; second-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving under the influence, receiving stolen property under \$500, license to be in possession

Joshua M. Bentley, 34, of Garrett, theft by unlawful taking or failure to make disposition under \$500

Brent Vanover, 35, of Pikeville; public intoxication

Joey Grey, 45, of Wayland; harassment

Eric Brandon Gayheart, 32, of Hi Hat; receiving stolen property under \$500

Candy Hamilton 44, of Teaberry; failure to send child to school

Ashley Adams, 32, of Allen; harassment

Rita Michelle Slone, 37, address unavailable; fraudulent use of a credit card

Christopher M. Hopkins, 33, of Blue River; second-degree fleeing or evading police

Misty Morrow, 34, of Galveston; second-degree hindering prosecution or apprehension

Brian K. Nantz, 50, of Morehead; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Thomas J. Sallisbury, 20, of Estill; second-degree wanton endangerment, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication of a controlled substance

Kimberly Lashae Patton, 19, of Estill; second-degree wanton endangerment, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication of a controlled substance

William Nathan Hall, 36, of

Shelbyville; driving with one headlight, driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, third degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container, possession of drug paraphernalia

Gregory K. Tackett, 35, of McDowell; public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Kelly Harvey, 27, of Allen; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Chad B. Jarrell, 33, of Printer; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Wynonna Vanderpool, 30, of Gunlock; harassing communications

Bradley Williams, 33, of Grethel; public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jeffrey Kent Hall, 61, of Versailles; possession of marijuana

Lawsuits filed

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Pricie Goble vs. Glenda Hughes; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

387 WATCH Minnie Warren vs. Highlands Regional Medical Center, Big Sandy Health Care, Dr. Antara Pothuloori; personal injury complaint

Brenda Hinkle, for herself and as executrix of the estate of Larry Dean Hinkle vs. Kyle Collins, Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance

Ally Bank vs. Patti H. Rose; complaint concerning agreement

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

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Kelly C. Isaac 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

Jerry Pelphrey, Brandon T. Conn, Zurich Universal vs. State Auto Insurance; personal injury complaint

Burl S. Scott vs. Ricky L. Goble; personal injury complaint

Lisa K. Hunt vs. Jonathan T. Johnson, Blackburn Contracting; personal injury complaint

Kelly Jackson vs. Charles Shannon Jackson; domestic and family case transferred from Michigan

Wells Fargo Bank, Betty Jean Moore, also known as Betti Jean Reid, also known as Betty Jean Reid, unknown spouse of Vernon Blackburn on Oct. 13, 1952, Vernon Blackburn; foreclosure

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Darlene McNeil vs. Tommy Mulkey; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Corey Tyler Castle vs. Chasidy Bentley; two cases regarding petition for custody

Rickey Slone vs. Selina Lawrence, Kelly Bryant; petition for joint custody and visitation

Tax Ease Lien Servicing, LLC vs. Sabrena J. Stepp, unknown heirs of John G. Stepp, Freedom Financial Services, City of Prestonsburg, Mid South Capital Partners LLP, MTAG as Custodian for MGD-KY LLC, Floyd County; foreclosure

Ronda Caudill and Bayli Jenkins, individually and as guardian of an infant vs. Ledford T. Rose; complaint concerning contract

Aaron Cantrell vs. Pop's Chevrolet; property damage complaint

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Amanda Woods vs. Shane Slone; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Combs Brothers Investments Company, David Betscher vs. Metelectric Energy LLC

Anthony Osborne vs. Ashland Hospital Corporation, King's Daughters Health Systems, King's Daughters Medical Specialties; personal injury complaint

Ashley Renee Coburn vs. Donovan Coburn; divorce

Hannah A. Thomas vs. Brenda Moore and Tim Short, doing business as Tim Short Honda; personal injury complaint

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Break fixed on Ky. 404



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Repairs on this portion of Ky. 404 hampered traffic for much of the day on Tuesday, June 19, as state highway officials and contractors worked to fix a break. The installation of steel beams in this area caused a power outage that lasted hours for some Big Sandy RECC customers last week.



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EDITORIAL:

It just does not make sense

Boy, the Floyd County Fiscal Court has really been hitting it out of the park lately.

First, the members repeal an insurance premium tax and wipe out \$1.4 million in revenues for the incoming fiscal court, citing their need to serve "the will of the people," without — as County Attorney Keith Bartley noted — implementing a plan to cut expenses or gain revenues.

And, in addition to that, the fiscal court also decided to walk back, once again, to its old practice of accepting all bids and/or the more expensive bids for projects within the county.

These two actions were taken during the fiscal court's

June 15 meeting, and neither of them make any sense.

Bartley was the only fiscal court official to raise questions about how the new fiscal court will cope with the \$1.4 million hole that will be left in 2019 when the insurance tax is off the county's books.

And that, folks, is one sad fact, not just because he's the only one to voice concerns about the need for a plan, but because he doesn't have a vote on this local government body.

It's as if the elected officials who do have a voice on that board pretty much said what Magistrate Randy Davis said, "That's their problem. They can figure it out," talking about how the incoming fiscal

court will cope with the financial strain.

In that same meeting, Bartley reminded fiscal court members that the state auditor's office previously cited the fiscal court for accepting all bids. One fiscal court member, Ronnie Akers, voted against awarding the bids for pipes to a more expensive bidder, and the rest of them ignored it, with Judge-Executive Ben Hale saying it doesn't matter because the county doesn't spend \$20,000 annually on these vendors for pipes.

And all fiscal court members present voted to award the laying of asphalt to all three companies that submitted bids. One of those bids was

\$12.75 per ton, while the other two were for \$20 per ton.

It completely dumbfounds us as to why the fiscal court made these decisions this week.

No, we don't like taxes. We'd rather not pay them.

But with a budget that's still \$1 million less than the current year, and loads of services provided to Floyd County citizens, how can the fiscal court wipe out \$1.4 million in revenue without figuring out how to make up for that loss? And how can they agree to pay more for the same types of products?

We just don't get it.

One has to wonder whether these members — three of

whom were ousted by voters in the primary election — are trying to set the incoming fiscal court up for failure.

That may be a good tactic at a ball game. But this is no ballgame. This is life. The lives and livelihood of Floyd County residents are at stake.

Much like the voters, we're beyond believing this current fiscal court will make the right decisions, so we're challenging those who are still in the running to begin the process of figuring out how they're going to make the best of a number of bad situations when they get into office.

They will be forced to hit the ground running, so they better get training now.

LETTER:

Thanks for support

The Floyd County Housing Authority would like to thank our community partners and community service agencies for supporting our recent Strong Families events.

We also wish to thank the following local businesses for their generous donation of prizes, as well as many others who helped make the events successful: Advance Auto Parts of Martin, Dairy Queen of Martin, Jenny Wiley Florist, Ace Hardware, El Azul, Martha's Pizza, Hi-Lite's Pizza, Walmart of Prestonsburg, Jenny Wiley Theater, McDonald's of Martin, Peking,

Martin Fire Department, Betsy Layne Fire Department, Kentucky State Police, First Commonwealth Bank, Turning Point, Carl Perkins Job Corps, Passport, Big Sandy Health Care, U.K. Extension Office-Floyd County, McDowell ARH, Floyd County Health Department, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Saint Joseph's of Martin, and those who made individual donations.

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Dana Linn, Langley

GUEST COLUMN:

Guest column: General aviation vital to Kentucky

By **ROBERT RIGGS**
KENTUCKY AVIATION ASSOCIATION

Kentucky is known for a few things; bourbon, bluegrass, barbecue, horses and college basketball. However, many may not realize it is also known for aviation. Of the 98 high schools in the U.S. that teach aerospace and aviation skills, 25 of them are in our commonwealth. Our number one export is aerospace products at \$11.7 billion in 2017. While we are landlocked, Kentucky is the only state that can have three international freight forwarders call Kentucky home (UPS, DHL, & Amazon).

Our general aviation airports are an important economic driver for our rural communities.

Here in Kentucky, we have one of the best helicopter evacuation systems in the world, our vast aerial medical network gives us the ability to respond to nearly any accident in Kentucky within 10 minutes - this is crucial for a state as large and rural as ours. Our network of general aviation airports plays a vital role in responding to accidents when they happen. In fact, a recent study commissioned by the Kentucky Department of Aviation found that general aviation airports serve a critical role

during disaster relief. Our local, public-use airports provide a location for the deployment of rescue operations and the evacuation of those in need. Plans have been drawn up for all 53 general aviation airports in the event of a disaster and play a vital role in providing a place for air operations to land or takeoff and allow disaster relief workers to react to a crisis quickly and effectively.

The versatility of general aviation also makes it an important resource for businesses. There is no other form of direct, point to point transportation that matches the speed of general aviation. When businesses need

to execute quickly general aviation is there for them. Take for instance the blizzard we had in Jan 17-19, 1994. It is largely believed to have been one of the worst snowstorms of all time. Nearly two feet of snow fell between Shelbyville and Cynthiana, with Louisville receiving a record breaking 16 inches of snowfall in a single-day, followed by an intense cold air mass on the 21st coming south that plunged temperatures as low as -37 degrees and many roads were either frozen or covered in snow. Interstates 175, 164, and 165 were closed the whole week. This situation was particularly bad for the Toyota plant in Georgetown, KY which utilizes just-in-time production to manufacture their vehicles. Just-in-time production, sometimes known

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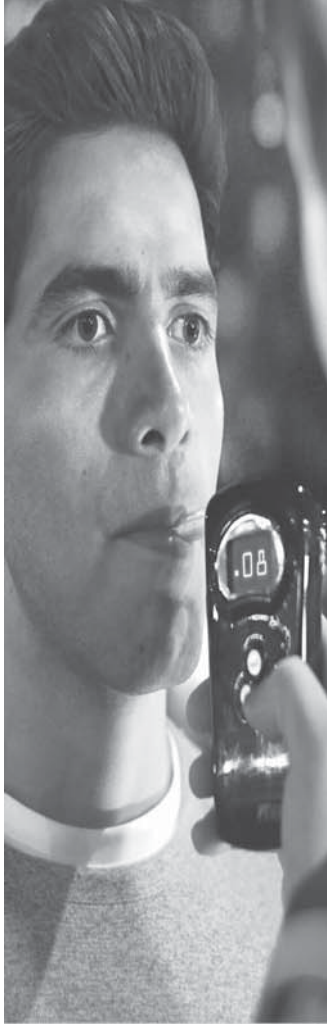
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Prestonsburg partnership discussed

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission is considering a partnership with Prestonsburg and entities that receive proceeds from the city's restaurant tax to improve marketing.

During a special meeting on June 18, Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West suggested the possibility of ending the agency's relationship with a Mt. Sterling company, Print & Pixel, that handles social media posts and other promotions.

"Since August for Print & Pixel, we have spent \$35,983 with this contract since August 2017," she said. "I feel that we could do more with that amount of money that will be coming from it. We can do more local and we have the talent, the education and the training here now that would support it."

She said the commission should continue its digital advertising push with someone who specializes in it. She noted, however, "I don't think it covers all of the bases that should be covered for that amount of money, in my personal opinion. And you guys can make that decision, but in my personal opinion, I don't think that it covers everything that I think that others could, locally and have expertise in it."

West said the commission has several options, including rehiring Print & Pixel or hiring an individual whose job centers on the agency's digital marketing. She pointed out a general job description for a branding specialist.

"The city also needs somebody that can take care of the electronic stuff, the website, Facebook, social media, as does the Mountain Arts Center," Mayor Les Stapleton said. "I think this is an opportunity for all three groups to work together to come up with a position that's just basically going to be a resource for all three of us, to be able to access and get the information."

He said this person would create posters, promote events and concerts, record promotional videos, and do other things for each of these

agencies, pointing out that he or she would be dedicated to the online presence of the agencies. He said the city and the MAC would agree to partner to fund the position.

The question of who would supervise that employee, however, raised concerns.

West said the best thing to come from the Print & Pixel relations is "a singular Prestonsburg brand," and noted the need to continue that direction.

Commissioner Cliff Latta praised Print & Pixel's work, but pointed out the need to hire locally. He asked, if a position is created, who that employee would report to.

Shelly Crisp, assistant director of the MAC, said, "In the meetings that we have sat in, it will be a city-created position, and of course, the Mountain Arts Center will pay some of the salary, tourism will cover some of the salary, and then the city will cover the benefits. But they would report to Samantha or Joe (Campbell) or Clayton (Case), whoever would be our direct person, as far as our side goes."

She said if it's a city's employee, they would report to the mayor.

Latta said those things "need to be ironed out."

"That's my whole problem with it," Commissioner Julian Slone said. "I mean, you're not going to take \$36,000 and find somebody that's good to do this. They ain't even going to touch it."

Commissioner Rocky Rowe said in a joint effort, officials could offer a higher salary and the city could offer a benefits package.

"We don't have a problem at all with picking that up," Stapleton said.

West said there are different options, including bringing in an individual or a team who would not require a larger salary or a benefits package, talking about local companies that do that type of work.

"As far as reporting, they really don't have anybody to report to," Stapleton said. "Their job is if Sam takes them something, fix it. If somebody from the city takes them something—"

He was interrupted by Latta, who asked who would fire this em-

ployee if he or she didn't do the work.

Latta said he likes the concept and he and others pointed out it's a "great idea."

"In my lifetime, in whatever I've worked, I've never seen any position that worked fully efficiently with no real designated boss or multiple bosses," Latta said. "That's just my own opinion. I love the idea...I think there's a lot of details that have to be worked out."

Crisp said she believes appointing a supervisor for this employee would be easy. Slone voiced several concerns.

Slone said he didn't understand how the agency would fund a position when promotion is tourism job. West said, however, that each agency is still doing its own social media work and other types of marketing. Stapleton talked about the need for "better quality." He asked if the commission can afford to carry the position on its own.

Rowe asked about the Print & Pixel contract, which ends in July.

"There's already been another contract signed, if it's my understanding, but, looking at it, we think we can break it," West said.

Lemons said former director Mitchell Pearson signed the contract after he submitted his resignation, saying she doesn't believe he had the authority to do so. Slone said, however, that the commission gave him that authority.

He said he doesn't want the commission to lose the investment it has already placed in Print & Pixel, saying "the smartest way is not to throw away what we've already spent."

"These things that they have designed for us is what's getting us noticed out there. These posts they're doing is what's getting us noticed out there," he said. "So, if we're going away from them, I'm good with that, but if we take and throw away this \$60 or \$100,000 we've been spending for the last three years or whatever, just completely drop it...I think that's wrong."

Latta said the commission has not formally approached Print & Pixel about the issue.

"They may offer a different solu-

tion," he said.

Rowe said if the commission does not make a decision before it starts paying on the new contract, it will be "locked in" for a year.

"We don't even know if we can get out of next year right now," Gardner said.

After the meeting, West could not confirm whether the commission sought bids to hire the company. State law requires bids to be sought for vendors who receive more than \$20,000 per year, but exceptions are made for some services.

The matter was tabled.

Commission members Rick Hughes, Tim Branham and Jim Ousley were absent from the meeting.

During the meeting, the commission also:

- Discussed an increase in tour bus groups, with West reporting that four tours had come through the city by this time last year and by this weekend, Prestonsburg Tourism will have hosted 10 tour groups. West talked about partnering with local businesses for small gifts and/or coupons that could be given away to tour guests.

- Approved financial report and bills, which included restaurant tax payments of \$84,500 to the MAC, Prestonsburg Parks Commission, Prestonsburg Tourism and Stone Crest.

- Discussed the opening of the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry at the Mountain Arts Center and the Jenny Wiley Theatre's opening play at the amphitheater, with visitors and commissioners praising each for those shows. Tourism commissioner Julian Slone, the manager at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, praised the play and the city for making repairs to the amphitheater, saying it brings visitors to the park. Steve Russo, East Kentucky Science Center director and Mountain Arts Center board member and volunteer said about the opry, "Every year I say it's the best one I've ever seen, but I think the group of people we've got up there just keep raising their own bar to make it better every year."

P'burg tourism discusses financial issues

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Settling into her new role as Prestonsburg Tourism director, Samantha West suggested this week that the agency may be having financial problems.

During a special meeting on June 12, the commission spent several minutes discussing financial issues caused by what West said appears to be an overpayment on grants.

West said, "I can pretty much tell that it's likely that we've overpaid on our grants from our budget of last year, and that's kind of where we are right now, so we should be cautious of it, moving forward ... They've started working with us on it, so that's better, but it's going to be an uphill battle until we catch up on those."

The commission bud-

geted \$55,000 in grants for this fiscal year, which ends June 30, but it appears to not have enough funding to pay all of the pending grants at this time.

West said the Prestonsburg has agreed to allow the commission to move a \$10,000 grant approved this fiscal year for the repairs at Jenny Wiley Theater into the upcoming fiscal year to "allow a little wiggle room and allow us to take care of others."

She said that would bring the grant part of the budget down to \$45,000. Officials at the Mountain Arts Center have also agreed to move payment of the grant it was approved to receive this fiscal year into the new fiscal year.

West reported the commission paid off \$5,500 on a grant to the Jenny Wiley Festival, made a \$1,500 payment

but still owes \$4,700 on a grant approved for Stonecrest, and still owes the MAC \$7,500.

"We're working very, very hard on it right now, getting it caught up," she said.

There was no mention of amending the current fiscal year budget to account for the excess grant expenses or the reduction of grants allotted due to overspending.

It is not clear whether the changes mentioned at the meeting were added to the next fiscal year's budget, which was already approved by the commission and as part of the city of Prestonsburg's budget. That budget shows expenditures of \$870,000 and lists grants at \$55,000.

When Commissioner Julian Slone asked how much carry-forward the commission would have for the new fiscal year, Administrative Assistant Brooke Lemonds said, "It's going to be pretty close to zeroed out."

She noted, however, that finishing out 2017-2018 fiscal year the commission should be "pretty much right on hitting on our budget, number-wise, the final number."

West said the commission is not able to do as much as they were

planning to do because of "large bills" that came in.

"So, yes, that's been probably one of my biggest focuses over the last two weeks of really jumping right into it. We've made really good work on organizing and figuring out where we actually are, with numbers," she said.

After the meeting, West said officials are still organizing everything "to see exactly where we're at."

"I think we may have possibly given more grants (than budgeted), but it's not finalized because there's still a lot of organization that has to happen," she said.

When asked about the need to postpone payment of grants approved this fiscal year into next fiscal year, West talked about the \$10,000 grant approved for the work on the theater.

"It was actually approved in 2018, so it's one that could be put to 2018-19, based on when the grant was given, so we've decided to put it onto next fiscal year so that we can make sure we take care of everyone that came a little bit later," she said. "So, we're going to take care of the ones that were approved, and that one's able to come to the next

fiscal year."

When asked about whether the commission amended its current budget for these changes, West said, "So, the way it was put there, I don't know if the organization was there to completely approve it. So, that's why to make sure that our accounts from 17-18 are taken care of, that's one we do have the freedom to move into 18-19."

She said part of the transition has been "nailing down what we have, what we still need, all of that." She said taxes the commission receives are delayed by two months, so the fiscal year won't be finalized until August.

In the June 12 meeting, the commission approved providing grants of \$325 to the East Kentucky Science Center for a "Birds of Prey" exhibit on July 7, \$1,000 to Brother's Keepers for its annual burn run on July 27-28, \$1,000 to Appalachian Hospice for its "Moonlighting for Hospice" full moon 5K and pontoon cruise, which will be held Aug. 25 and \$1,000 cash and \$3,000 in-kind for the annual Battle of Middle Creek Reenactment in September. All of those grants, they reported, will be part of the 2019 fiscal year budget.

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P'burg annexations, vacant property registration order finalized

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The city limits of Prestonsburg grew and owners of vacant foreclosed properties will now pay more, following actions taken by the Prestonsburg City Council this week.

During a June 18 meeting, the city council voted unanimously to approve four ordinances—one declaring the city's intent to annex property, two finally annexing property and one that requires the creditors or owners of vacant properties to register them with the city.

The council approved the second reading of an ordinance securing its intent to annex property stretching from South US

23 at Watergap to North US 23 at the Town Branch intersection into the city limits. This process will proceed in future meetings with the adoption of an ordinance to finally annex that property.

The council also approved ordinances finally annexing the right-of-way along Rt. 302, which stretches from the lake intersection to just past Brandy Keg, and the right-of-way of Rt. 321, which stretches from the city sewer plant to Bays Branch near the hospital intersection.

These annexations take in the roadway only, and residents who live alongside them may voluntarily request annexation.

The city's ordinances securing the intent to an-

nex properties along Rt. 302 and Rt. 321 were approved in 2014 and they were not finalized, officials said. First readings of these ordinances were held last month.

Answering a question from Council Member Harry Adams, Mayor Les Stapleton said these annexations come as the city works to close gaps left by sporadic annexations in the past. He previously reported that some areas of the city have been annexed in such a way that unincorporated "holes" are surrounded by annexed areas.

The vacant property ordinance, which was also unanimously approved during this meeting, defines vacant or abandoned property as

having no legal resident or tenant, citing overgrown grass, the lack of window coverings, disconnected utilities and other issues as things that would lead a reasonable person to believe the property is vacant.

This ordinance establishes a vacant and abandoned residential property registration program for properties in foreclosure "as a mechanism to protect neighborhoods from becoming blighted through the lack of adequate maintenance and security." It only impacts residential homes pending or in foreclosure.

It notes that the presence of vacant residential property in foreclosure may depreciate property values in neighborhoods and that the lack of prop-

erty registration on these properties hampers code enforcement officials in enforcing building and nuisance codes.

The ordinance requires creditors or owners to inspect properties that face foreclosure to determine whether they are vacant prior to filing a foreclosure complaint in court, and, if the property is vacant, to register

that property with the city's code enforcement officer within 10 days. The registration fee is \$150 annually. Any owner or creditor — including companies that own foreclosed properties — that fails to register vacant residential foreclosed property is subject to a fine of \$100 per day.

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Community calendar

• June 22; 7 p.m.: Front Porch Pickin', free admission, Mountain Arts Center

• June 23; 8:30 a.m.: Levisa Fork Paddlefest, River Park, behind Billy Ray's Restaurant. (606) 886-1341

• June 23; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open, 713 South Lake Drive. Floyd County Health Department officials will be providing information, conducting a survey about local food and food access.

• June 23; 7:30 p.m.: Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry's summer season, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com

• June 23; 7 p.m.: 80's Blackout Dance, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

• June 25; 2:30 p.m.: Pet Rocks, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

• June 25, 5 p.m.: Southern Water meets, Southern offices, McDowell.

• June 26, 11:30 a.m.: Big Sandy Area Development District meets, Big Sandy ADD office. (606) 886-2374.

• June 26; 2 p.m.: Kentucky Historical Society presents Bluegrass music, a Kentucky tradition, Eastern library. (606) 377-2860

• June 26; 5 p.m.:

Kentucky Historical Society presents Bluegrass music, a Kentucky tradition, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981

• June 26; 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• June 26; 6 p.m.: Martin City Council meets, city hall.

• June 27; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Drop-In for Science, East Kentucky Science Center. (606) 886-7398

• June 27; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Women of the Bible Quilt Group meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• June 28; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center hosts Itty Bitty Nano Science camp, open to kids in 2nd and 3rd grades. \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Registration needed. Lunch provided. (606) 886-7398

• June 28; 5 p.m.: Highlands Health to host Diabetes Support group in meeting rooms A & B. (606) 886-7490

• June 28, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193

• June 29; 2 p.m.: Eastern library hosts "grand finale" for summer reading program.

(606) 377-2860

• June 29; 7:30 p.m.: Exile in concert, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com

• June 30; 7:30 p.m.: Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry's summer season, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com

• 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

• 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

• Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center Job Corps Center in Prestonsburg, offers free certification training programs through Big Sandy Community & Technical College in welding, diesel, auto tech/collision repair,

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• 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.



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Prestonsburg projects moving forward

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Officials report that Prestonsburg is moving forward with several projects that would protect residents and provide new amenities.

During a June 18 meeting, Mayor Les Stapleton reported that the plan to reopen the swimming pool at Dewey Lake is moving forward. His comments came as the city council welcomed David Freeland, who works for the US Army Corps of Engineers there. Stapleton said Freeland has "had his hands full" dealing with that city project since he started working with the Corps last fall. The city is working to lease property in the swimming pool area to convert it into a beach, and there are also plans to install zip lines and other amenities there.

"He has worked feverishly with us and we've had some setbacks due to government bureaucracy, and I will say it has not come from the Corps of Engineers," Stapleton said. "They've been wonderful to work with. They've got things out quickly. They've got things out effectively, and they've got it back in our hands. We ran into stalls in Frankfort ... but I think those stalls in Frankfort has been opened up for us."

After the meeting, the city

reported on social media that bid packages are forthcoming for the pool, which will be "open as soon as possible." It also reported that funding is being sought for the zipline project, and the beach area work will take place after the lake is lowered to its winter pool level. The statement said the paperwork needed for that project was "held up due to a misunderstanding" of the city's plans, but the issue has since been worked out.

Cliff Latta, a Prestonsburg Tourism Commission member who works for Vaughn & Melton, provided an update on several other projects his company is planning with the city.

Latta reported that a flood reduction project on Trimble Branch will "go out to bid very soon," and a flood project on Mays Branch is in the engineering and design phase. He said some changes have been proposed and will be addressed soon.

Latta said the city's rails-to-trail project — the construction of more than 11 miles of trail between West Prestonsburg and David — is "moving along really well."

He said the environmental studies on that project have been submitted to the federal government.

"I don't anticipate any environmental problems whatso-

ever," he said. "And so, it's just a matter of jumping through a few hoops, once you get permission, to really kick that thing into high gear."

US Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers announced in August 2017 that Prestonsburg was given preliminary approval for a \$1.95 million grant for the trail project from the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Abandoned Mine Lands as part of a federal pilot Abandoned Mine Land program to spur economic development in Eastern Kentucky.

John A. Murra, director of communications with the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet reported on Tuesday that final approval is still pending on this grant. The final authorization to proceed has not been requested, he said, as the completed design has not yet been submitted.

These are just some of the projects that Prestonsburg has on its to-do list.

The city is also planning a community center as well as others projects.

Latta reported that he and Stapleton have been doing a lot of work "behind the scenes" on the restoration of the city's official emblem, the West Prestonsburg Bridge—a historic structure that spans across the Levisa Fork in Prestonsburg

that is closed.

Latta said a "timing issue" with this project will be arising soon.

During the meeting, the council also:

- Took no action following a closed session discussion, citing KRS.61.810 (B) — to discuss the future acquisition or sale or property only if publicity would likely affect the value of property to be bought or sold.

- Paid \$42,000 in bills.
- Approved buying insurance from Maverick Insurance, reporting that the policies cost \$270,566 — about five percent more than the current policy. Doug Hyden of Maverick Insurance reported that the city's workers compensation premiums increased by nine percent, but reductions in other areas of the policy brought the city's overall increase to five percent. Citing claims, he suggested the city initiate loss prevention or other programs that could reduce costs in the future.

- Approved two resolutions, seeking funding to purchase new police cars. Police Chief Larry Woods reported that the city's vehicle maintenance costs were between \$3,000 and \$4,000 monthly but has been reduced to \$1,100 recently, following the addition of new vehicles. Stapleton reported that the grants

would fund 45 percent of a vehicle's cost.

- Approved a resolution related to the city's receipt of municipal road aid. The city has received about \$66,000 this fiscal year in municipal road aid through a coop it has with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Stapleton reported that the Kentucky League of Cities is working to change disbursements for road aid — gas tax revenues that are divided up via a formula that has not been changed since 1948—so that allotments are more equitable for cities and counties. Last fall, the KLC reported online that cities receive about 15.4 percent of road fund money, while counties collect about 84.6 percent. Kentucky's highest year of revenues from the gas tax was 2014. That fiscal year, Prestonsburg received about \$80,000 in road aid. The year prior, the city received more than \$90,000. The KLC believes the funds should be more equitably dispersed because it says, among other things, that cities are growing faster than counties.

- Stapleton commended Steve Russo, director of the East Kentucky Science Center, for creating a community events listing page, "Rocketing around the Star City" public group on Facebook.

LAWSUIT

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company which had received the loan. Hall mentioned that he had been instructed by the court to file a lawsuit against the company, but had not taken the action and needed guidance from the court.

"We have a pending lawsuit that I've been ordered to file ... we'll discuss that in executive session," Hall said. "There's been some action in that case, there's been some payments made. I do need a mo-

tion from the court on whether to not file that action. If you choose for me not to, I need a formal vote by the court."

Pike Deputy Judge-Executive Herbie Deskins asked Hall if he was referring to RCC Big Shoal.

"Right now, I'm under an order from you all to do that," he said. "I need something to stop me from doing that."

"I think that would be proper, to clear up the situation," Deskins said. "We're receiving payments from Big Shoal."

Deskins, who told the News-Express in an earli-

er interview that he represented RCC Big Shoal as an attorney for one day, said he has a letter from the company setting forth payment plans and that he believes it would be proper for the fiscal court to hold off on further action until or unless the company fails to make the scheduled payments.

Dist. 6 Magistrate Bobby Varney made the motion to hold off on legal action unless the company fails to make payments.

"If they break their agreement, then we will pursue the lawsuit," he

said.

The company announced recently that it had found a funder, Y2X Infrastructure, and would be going ahead with construction of a \$325 million facility in Floyd County.

According to a letter from RCC Big Shoal which was referenced by Deskins at the meeting, a copy of which was provided to the News-Express by Deskins, the company wrote last month that it would be making full repayment of the \$400,000 loan initially received from the county, with accrued interest.

The schedule laid out

in the letter, however, only provides for half of the loan, \$200,000, to be paid back by October 30.

"The remaining principal balance and accrued interest due will be repaid at construction financial close, expected to be later in 2018 or early 2019," RCC Big Shoal President and CEO David L. Farmer wrote in the letter.

Farmer also wrote that Y2X is in the process of finalizing the initial fundraising effort and that effort is expected to be completed this month.

"While the process took longer than expect-

ed, as a show of commitment to the project, the principals of Y2XI are willing to personally fund a good faith payment schedule to the court until such time as the funding raise has closed, at which time the project will take over payments," Farmer wrote.

The project has been a point of controversy since the announced move to Floyd County, particularly after years of inaction since the initial loan was granted by the administration of former Judge-Executive Wayne T. Rutherford.

CHARGED

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on Ky. 302/Watgap Road near Wilson Equipment.

A caller, Frasure wrote in the citation, stopped and checked on the children, then agreed to stay with them until an officer arrived. Floyd County Sheriff's Lt. Teel arrived on scene, Frasure wrote, and contacted the children, the caller and the person in charge of the children, Melodie Patton, 42, of Ashlay Lane, Allen.

Melodie Patton, the citation said, told police that she was watching the children while their mother was at work and that this was the second time the children had

"done this on her watch." Melodie Patton said she had fallen asleep both times this had happened.

The children, the citation said, claimed they were walking to their mother's place of work.

Melodie Patton was arrested on a charge of endangering the welfare of a minor and lodged in the Floyd County Detention Center. Documents show she was later released on a surety bond.

Another arrest also stemmed from an incident June 11, court documents show, and resulted in the arrest of Benji Samons, 30, and Stephanie Damron, 30, of Ivy Creek Apartments, Ivel.

According to the arrest citation, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office responded to the Ivy

Creek Apartments in reference to a complaint of a child, identified as Damron's son, showing up at an apartment without an adult. The citation said officers contacted the resident to whose door the child had come and she reported the five-year-old child had showed up at her apartment at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Officers, the citation said, spoke with Samons and Damron, who told them the child had been at a different apartment, but the residents there said the child had not been over at their apartment that evening. Damron, court documents said, was found to be under the influence of Su-boxone and gabapentin. The arrest citation said

this was the second situation in a week involving the child in which law enforcement was contacted.

Samons was arrested on a charge of endangering the welfare of a minor and lodged in the Floyd County Detention center, from which he was later released after posting a surety bond, court documents show. Damron was arrested on a charge of second-degree wanton endangerment and ordered held on a \$2,500 partially-secured bond.

Two other Floyd County residents were arrested June 15 after Floyd County Sheriff's Deputy O. Little responded to a call from child services workers who reported they had encountered a strong

smell of marijuana at the residence of Kimberly Lashae Patton, 19, and Thomas J. Salisbury, 20, at Estill. The workers, the citation said, also said a two-year-old child was present in the residence.

Little wrote that, upon his arrival, Salisbury and Salisbury's live-in girlfriend, Kimberly Patton, were standing outside the residence. The citation said Little performed field sobriety tests, to which both Salisbury and Patton showed signs of being under the influence of drugs.

The officer wrote they both stated they had smoked marijuana two hours before child services arrived.

Little wrote that he entered the residence, the citation said, and en-

countered a strong smell of marijuana. The deputy wrote he also found a marijuana bong and a meth pipe, as well as several small baggies with residue which appeared to be methamphetamine lying next to the child's crayons. In addition, Little wrote, he found three other meth pipes in the child's crayon box.

Both were arrested on charges of second-degree wanton endangerment, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication, the citation said, while the child was placed in the care of a family member. Both were released from the Floyd County Detention Center after posting surety bonds.

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BIDS
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next year.

Last June's decision to accept only the cheapest and best bid for most of these items came from recommendations in county financial audits. In 2015, Artie White of White & Associates called the county's blanket-acceptance of all bids and other findings "significant deficiencies." That audit of the 2013-2014 fiscal year said the county's procedure "seems to satisfy bidding requirements, but misses the point of the statute." In the 2012 fiscal year, the fiscal court's practice of accepting all bids increased the cost of one project from \$99,000 to \$197,000, one auditor pointed out.

On June 15, the fiscal court unanimously approved accepting all three bids received for the placement of asphalt, although two companies submitted bids that were \$7.25 higher, per ton, than the cheapest bidder.

With this vote, the fiscal court agreed to pay Mountain Enterprises \$12.75 per ton to lay asphalt, \$20.75 per ton for patching and \$3.60, minimum, per ton, to haul. They also agreed to pay Highlands Paving and Mike's Sealing and Striping \$20 per ton to lay asphalt, \$20 per ton to patch asphalt and 20 cents per ton per mile to

haul it.

Last year, all of these companies submitted bids, but the fiscal court selected Mountain Enterprises, the lowest bidder in this category.

This year's bid award for gravel was the same as last year's bid award, with Mountain Aggregates, an affiliate of Mountain Enterprises, winning the bid for gravel delivered and both of those companies getting the winning bid for gravel picked up at the plant — although one is much cheaper than the other.

The fiscal court voted 3-1 on the bid for gravel picked up at the plant, with Magistrate Randy Davis opposing. Mountain Enterprises submitted a bid of \$30 per ton for all types of limestone gravel, as well as about \$38 for sand and \$7 for scrap. Mountain Aggregates submitted a bid with prices ranging from \$13 to \$15.50 per ton for the pick-up of gravel.

A county official reported after the meeting that the county gets small loads of gravel from Mountain Enterprises, the more expensive bidder, because it is more expensive to drive to Jenkins for small loads at Mountain Aggregates, an affiliate company.

If more than 10 tons of gravel is needed, the county gets that gravel from Mountain Aggregates, the official said. That statement, how-

ever, is contrary to this month's bill list.

In this month's bill list, the fiscal court paid for 49 separate gravel purchases that totaled \$14,000. Three of them were paid to Mountain Aggregates, and each were over 10 tons. One was to Blackstorm Energy, which didn't submit a bid last year, and it was 75 tons. And 37 of those purchases for more than 10 tons of gravel went to Mountain Enterprises.

Last year, the fiscal court approved buying pipes from the highest bidder, Grayco Rentals, a Floyd County company registered with the state by Roland Gray of Prestonsburg. At the time Davis said the vote came because Grayco was the only Floyd County company submitting bids.

That wasn't the case this year, as two Floyd County companies — Grayco and Drains Unlimited, which is registered with the state by Henrietta Pennington — submitted bids alongside a Pike County company, Huntington Steel in the pipe category. Fiscal court members approved Grayco's bid, even though it was more expensive than Drains Unlimited.

After bids were presented, Magistrate John Goble said Grayco's bid appears to be the cheapest and best bid. But that was not the case, according to a review of the bids submitted.

Only two companies, Grayco and Drains Unlimited, submitted bids for metal pipes, the kind of pipes Judge Executive Ben Hale said the county no longer wants to use because they don't last as long as double-wall plastic pipes.

Grayco's metal drain pipe bid was \$90 per ft. and \$188 per ft. for the connecting band. Drains Unlimited priced the same size metal pipe for about \$74 per ft. and \$147 for the connecting band—a price that is \$16 less per ft. and \$41 less for the connecting band than Grayco.

Grayco's bid was approved, 3-1, with Magistrate Ronnie Akers opposing the vote.

In that same vote, the fiscal court also awarded Grayco the bid for double-wall plastic pipe — the kind of pipe that is currently used most in Floyd County.

Drains Unlimited submitted the lowest of all three bids submitted for this pipe — with prices ranging from \$4.95 per ft. to \$74 per ft. Grayco's bid ranged in price from \$5.64 per ft. to \$86.67 per ft. Huntington Steel submitted the highest bid in this category, with prices ranging from \$6.45 per ft. to \$87.45 per ft.

During this discussion, Akers and Goble, who made the motion to accept Grayco's more expensive bid, suggested accepting all bids in this

category.

Akers said, "But we've got to accept them all because there's instances where one of them ain't got it and you have to go to another one to get it."

County Attorney Keith Bartley, however, reminded fiscal court members about prior county financial audits in which state auditors said approving all bids is "inappropriate."

He pointed out that if the winning bidder does not have the pipe needed, county officials may get that pipe from another business.

"If you accept a bid today from one company and six months from now you needed an item that that company doesn't have, there's no problem going somewhere else and buying it. None whatsoever," Bartley said. "If they don't have it, they don't have it. You're not bound by that bid."

Goble made the motion to award the bid to Grayco, but the discussion continued for several minutes.

Akers repeatedly asked if Grayco is the cheapest bidder, and Hale took a few moments to evaluate all bids. He then reported that Drains Unlimited is cheaper than all bidders.

Goble said that bid didn't include cost of the connecting band, and Hale corrected him, telling him it did.

"Well, I vote to accept

them all," Goble said.

"You can't," County Treasurer David Layne told him.

"Well, I can. I just did. That's the way we've done it for 100 years," Goble said.

"You will be written up on it," Hale said.

Akers made a motion to award the bid to the cheapest, which would have been Huntington Steel, but Goble's motion to award the bid to Grayco had not yet been voted on.

Upon a second from Davis, the vote to award the bid to Grayco passed, 3-1.

"I want to get it at the cheapest place. That's the purpose of bidding," said Akers, explaining his vote against the measure. "We're only wasting our time here if we're not going to get them at the cheapest place."

Hale suggested it "wouldn't make a difference," reporting the county doesn't spend \$20,000 annually per vendor for pipe.

Davis suggested that Akers could get pipe for his district from Huntington Steel because of costs associated with travel. Hale corrected him, however.

"It's usually not something that we can plan on," he said. "It's usually a culvert that has collapsed and the school buses can't run. I mean, that's just the way it is on those type of items."

VITAL
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Toyota production system, is a lean produce-as-needed system designed to reduce the amount of time a product sits before being sold. General aviation

was there to support the plant with planes flying into the Georgetown Scott County Regional Airport and Blue Grass Airport to deliver necessary component parts and ensure that the plant maintained its production schedule. Were it not for gener-

al aviation, it's hard to say what would happen but it certainly wouldn't have been good.

Between the economic benefits and the public services provided, it's clear general aviation and local airports play an important role in both growing busi-

ness and saving lives across our commonwealth. This lifeline is an economic driver, allows farms to protect their crops, survey their land, and increase their food production. The services that general aviation provides every day are an important re-

minder that our support is vital to the prosperity of communities across the country. Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin calls the state's general aviation airports the front door to their communities and a vital link to economic development.

Robert Riggs is the

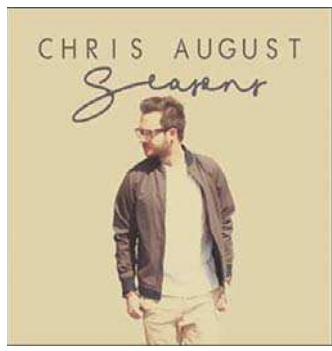
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11	12 Catch A Sound Wave Science Experiment 2 PM (EB) & 5 PM (P) 	13	14 Pete The Cat Visits 2 PM (EB), Libraries Rock: Hair Bands 7 PM (P) 	15 Pete The Cat Visits 3 PM (P)	16
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25 Pet Rocks 2:30 PM (P) 	26 Bluegrass Music Presentation 2 PM (EB) & 5 PM (P) 	27 	28 Libraries Rock: Game Shows 7 PM (P)	29 Summer Reading Grand Finale 2 PM (EB)	30 (EB) - Eastern Branch (P) - Prestonsburg

FAITH

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June album releases



Seasons

by Chris August
Genre: Pop/Rock



Cinematic

by Owl City
Genre: Pop/Rock



Son of '61

by Jet Trouble
Genre: Rap/Urban



Sweetness and Sorrow

by Jonny Diaz
Genre: AC/Inspo



History's Anthem

by Antioch Live
Genre: Praise & Worship



The Songs You Leave Behind

by Jonathan Cain
Genre: Pop/Rock



Breakthrough

by Chris McClamey
Genre: Praise & Worship

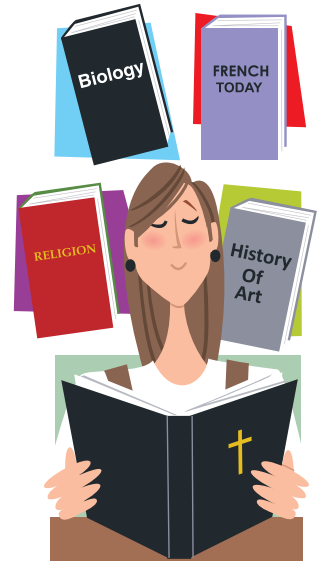


Beautifully Broken

by Plumb
Genre: AC/Inspo

Study

The discipline of study is an important part of one's religious formation. Anyone who is serious about religion should take the time to study and think about the central texts and tenets of their religion. Study consists of several elements, the first of which is repetition. One rarely learns anything on the first reading, and most books require several readings, including reading with commentaries or other aids to understand what is being said. A second element of study is concentration, the ability to focus. One needs to delve deeply into the area of study without being distracted by extraneous matters. Trying to study while music is playing or one has other things on one's mind dissipates concentration. After repeated and concentrated studying, one should understand the subject matter, which is the third element of study. And finally, one needs to reflect on what one has understood. How does this new knowledge affect one's life and one's relationship with God? The purpose of study, as with all the spiritual disciplines, is to transform one's life. One shouldn't just study for the purpose of knowing more facts, and certainly not for the purpose of showing off how much one knows, but rather to make oneself a better person, and to have a better understanding of one's place in the cosmos.



— Christopher Simon

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

—John 8:31-32 NIV

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WEDNESDAYS

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WEDNESDAYS

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Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

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Bible Study - 7 p.m.

Youth/Children - 7 p.m.

"It Is Well with My Soul"



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, / When sorrows like sea billows roll; / Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, / It is well, it is well with my soul."

"It Is Well with My Soul" is a well-known hymn. Most of us have at least heard the chorus: "It is well with my soul, / It is well, it is well with my soul." Sometimes when we sing a familiar song, we often do it by memory, not giving much thought to the lyrics. However, if we stop and really consider this piece's title, saying those words can be difficult. When life is hard, it's hard to say "it is well with my soul" and actually mean it. And yet, the man who wrote these words suffered great loss.

Horatio G. Spafford penned this hymn. He was a prosperous lawyer and a Presbyterian church elder.

He lived in Chicago with his wife Anna and four daughters. However, beginning in 1871, Spafford dealt with tragedy after tragedy. The events that occurred are recorded in the online exhibition "The American Colony in Jerusalem" by the Library of Congress.

In 1871, Chicago was devastated by the great fire. According to history.com, the fire burned for two days, "destroyed thousands of buildings, killed an estimated 300 people and caused an estimated \$200 million in damages." Among those destroyed buildings was real estate owned by Spafford. He was a senior partner in his law firm and had invested in real estate in the northern part of Chicago, which was expanding. His sizable investments were reduced to ashes.

The exhibit documents the family made arrangements to have an extended stay in Europe two years after the great fire. It was to benefit his wife's health, whose condition isn't revealed. The family was scheduled to set sail to Paris on the steamer Ville du Havre. "At the last moment Spafford was detained by real estate business, but Anna and the four girls" went on. On November 21,

1873, the luxury steamer was rammed by the Lochearn, a British iron sailing ship, in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean. Within 12 minutes after being hit, the steamer sank. "Anna was picked up unconscious by the crew of the Lochearn, which itself was in danger of sinking." Fortunately, another ship arrived to assist with survivors. However, their four daughters, Annie, Maggie, Bessie, and Tanetta were not included. They had drowned.

Anna landed in Cardiff, Wales nine days after the shipwreck. On December 1 she sent a telegraph to her husband. It began, "Saved alone. What shall I do..." Anna wrote she would travel onto Paris and wait for Spafford's reply.

Upon receiving the message, Spafford left Chicago immediately, traveling to bring his wife back home. "On the Atlantic crossing, the captain of his ship called Horatio to his cabin to tell him that they were passing over the spot where his four daughters had perished." Spafford returned to his cabin and penned the hymn "It Is Well with My Soul" on what appears to be letterhead of the Brevoort House of Chicago.

In the midst of great tragedy, Spafford's faith remained intact. He relied on God. "He wrote to Rachel, his wife's half-sister, 'On Thursday last we passed over the spot where she went down, in mid-ocean, the waters three miles deep. But I do not think of our dear ones there. They are safe, folded, the dear lambs.'" "A fellow survivor of the collision, Pastor Weiss, recalled Anna saying, 'God gave me four daughters. Now they have been taken from me. Someday I will understand why.'"

Three years after the tragic shipwreck, the couple welcomed a son, also named Horatio. However, he passed away in 1880 at the age of four.

Horatio G. Spafford is a great example of faith in God. He suffered through financial loss and then even more terrible, the loss of his children. And yet, in the midst of such horrible tragedies, he was actually able to pen the words "It Is Well with My Soul." What a testament of faith! Both husband and wife knew that God was in control. They put it all in God's hands. Likewise, may we have such great faith, that we too can say "it is well with my soul."

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UK offers short course on woodland care and management

By CAROL LEA SPENCE

Woodland owners who are wondering how to get the most from their property can benefit from attending one of three University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service short courses tailored to their region.

"Folks aren't always aware of all the resources that are available to help them achieve their objectives," said Billy Thomas, UK extension forester in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "The Woodland Owners Short Course connects landowners with professionals to help achieve owners' particular management goals, whether that's recreation, timber harvesting or wildlife management."

About 48 percent of the land in Kentucky is woodlands, whether it be large forest tracts or small woods surrounding a house. Well-managed forests are rife with possibilities, including extra income, recreational opportunities and a beneficial environment for wildlife. The 2018 Woodland Owners Short Course will cover those areas of interest for both novice and experienced landowners.

The one-day course is offered once in each of the three geographical

regions of the state. Local planning committees have developed the regional programs with local needs in mind, so each region's course will vary slightly from the others.

Participants can choose from two concurrent tracks, green for woodland owners just getting started and gold for those already actively managing their woodlands. Past attendees of the short course will also find valuable information by returning to the program through the gold track.

Depending on the track and the region, sessions will cover such topics as tree identification, timber harvesting, sales and trespass issues, woodland management practices, rural and urban wildlife habitat management, invasive species, native warm-season grasses and pollinators, white oak and bourbon opportunities, financial assistance programs and estate planning.

Each short course begins at 9 a.m. local time, with on-site registration at 8:30 a.m., and concludes around 4:30 p.m. Lunch is included. Due to limited space, organizers strongly encourage preregistration.

In the central region, the course is scheduled for July 28 at the Shelby

County Cooperative Extension office, 1117 Frankfort Road, Shelbyville. There will be a field site visit to Portia and Jerry Brown's farm. Register by July 20.

The west region course is Aug. 4 at the Marshall County Extension office, 1933 Mayfield Highway, Benton, with a field visit to the Rick Mohler farm. Deadline for registration is July 27.

In the east region, the Aug. 18 course will take

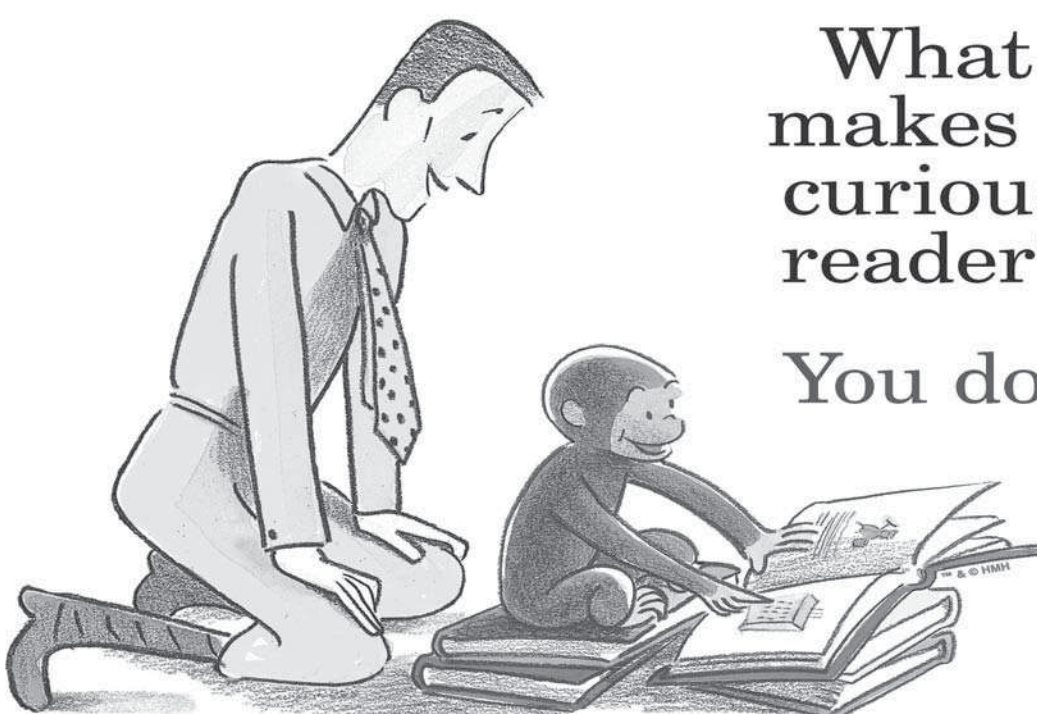
place at the Morgan County Cooperative Extension office, 1002 Prestonsburg St., West Liberty. The Greg Lewis farm will be the site for the field visit. Registration deadline is Aug. 10.

For a detailed listing of course topics at each location and to register, visit the short course website at, <http://forestry.ca.uky.edu/wosc>. Registration is also available by phoning, (859) 257-7597. When preregistering, sessions are

\$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. The day of the program, sessions are \$30 for individuals and \$40 for couples.


The 2018 Woodland Owners Short Course is a partnership between the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service, UK Department of Forestry in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Kentucky Division of Forestry, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Kentucky

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Jason Clark to take over at Pikeville

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Pikeville has a new volleyball coach.

Jason Clark recently took over head coaching duties at Pikeville.

"I'm really excited for this opportunity," Clark said. "I'm thankful for this opportunity to coach in a school system that expects big things and gives you the resources to reach your goals. I think there are big things to come from this pro-

gram. We are extremely talented and we're working hard to make our goals come true."

Clark coached Floyd Central last season and was Pike Central's coach the year before that.

Clark and his squad have one goal in mind — to win a 15th Region title.

"We talked about being the only team that doesn't have a banner hanging in the gym," Clark said. "We want to hang a banner in here with everyone else. Pikev-

ille's fallen short in the All 'A' and the 15th Region Tournament. They've always been right there, but never have been able to get over that hump. We feel like if we work hard and get better, then championships will come. The school is ready to have this program reach that level."

Floyd Central had a 32-8 record last season. The Lady Jaguars finished as the 15th Region runner-up to Paintsville. Before that, Allen Cen-

tral had won six straight region titles before the consolidation with South Floyd.

Clark has an intense coaching style to which the Lady Panthers are still adjusting.

"They've responded to me really well, so far," Clark said. "I'm a little more energetic than what've they've been used to in the past. I think they have responded well and are learning more and more what I'm about. I coach with

a passion and drive and it does take time to get used to."

Pikeville will have five seniors, but other than that the Lady Panthers are extremely young. Pikeville only has one junior and the rest of the team is sophomores and under.

"It's a very unique roster," Clark said. "We are extremely old and young. We have five seniors and one junior. The rest of the team is sophomores, freshmen and

middle school girls. It's a really good mixture.

There is a lot of talent on this team. There is a lot of excitement around the program."

Pikeville finished the 2017 season with a 29-9 record. The Lady Panthers won the 59th District title, but fell in the 15th Region semifinals to Paintsville.

Three consecutive away games await Blackcats

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg football program has been conducting its final practices before the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period begins. New head coach Brandon Brewer and his staff will face a tough early stretch during the upcoming campaign. Prestonsburg has finalized and released its schedule for the 2018 high school football season. With Brewer headed into a debut campaign, Prestonsburg will have the challenge of opening the 2018 season on the road with three consecutive non-district games.

As a head coach at Powell County, Brewer compiled a 20-16 record over three seasons, guiding the Pirates to an 8-5 overall mark, a Class 3A District 7 championship and a region runner-up finish in 2017.

Brewer replaces long-

time Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett. In DeRossett's final season in 2017, Prestonsburg captured the Class 2A District 8 championship and finished 7-5. DeRossett exited as the Prestonsburg football program's all-time winningest head coach.

After the early stretch on the road, Prestonsburg will have the luxury of hosting opponents in three of the regular-season's last four weeks.

Following an open date in Week 0, Prestonsburg will kickoff the 2018 season on the road at North Laurel on Aug. 24.

The Blackcats will then remain on the road for games versus Lawrence County (Aug. 31) and Breathitt County (Sept. 7).

Prestonsburg is due to host newfound rival Floyd Central for its home opener in a Class 2A, District 8 clash on Sept. 14.

The Blackcats have additional away games

scheduled against Hazard (Sept. 21), Leslie County (Sept. 28) and East Ridge (Oct. 12). Prestonsburg has other home games slated against Shelby Valley (Oct. 5), Betsy Layne (Oct. 19) and Perry Central (Oct. 26).

Prestonsburg High School Football 2018 Schedule

Aug. 24 at North Laurel, 7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31 at Lawrence County, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7 at Breathitt County, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14 Floyd Central, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21 at Hazard, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28 at Leslie County, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5 Shelby Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12 at East Ridge, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 Betsy Layne, 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26 Perry County Central, 7:30 p.m.



Prestonsburg's Ethan Varney

Combs captures Late Model feature win at 201 Speedway

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

SITKA — Veteran driver Chris Combs drove to a feature win at 201 Speedway on Saturday night, prevailing in the Late Model class.

Combs outlasted Terry Hicks to win the Late Model feature race.

In addition to Combs, Michael Paul Howard (Open Wheel Modified), Shane Bailey (Pro Crate) and Daniel Stamper (KDR Super Stock) claimed feature wins at the Johnson County track.

Complete results from 201 Speedway's latest racenight follow.

Late Model A-Main: 1. 47-Chris Combs, 2. 9H-Terry Hicks, 3. 11-Lee Logan, 4. 17S-Steve Stollings, 5. 5B-Stephen Breeding, 6. 8-Anthony Adams, 7. 73B-Charles Mullett, 8. 57S-Bryan Salisbury, 9. 44-Roger Stacey, 10. 22M-Joe Mayabb, 11. 21-Claude Spence, 12. 22C-Brent Cornette, 13. 192-David Fields.
Open Wheel Modified



Chris Combs won the Late Model feature race at 201 Speedway on Saturday.

photo courtesy of 201 Speedway

fied A-Main: 1. 24H-Michael Paul Howard, 2. 42-James Gregory, 3. 122-Mike Pratt, 4. A85-Brandon Hutchinson, 5. 53-Austin Francis, 6. 21-Jim Barnett, 7. 191-Kevin Mayabb,

8. 19-Cody Mayabb, 9. 7-Henry Sizemore, 10. C21-Chat Yates, 11. 702-Kent Keyser, 12. 13-Michael Teegardin, 13. 36-Eulis Combs, 14. 44-Jimmy Collins, 15. Z28-Logan Burke, 16.

B4-Jarred Blair.
Pro Crate A-Main: 1. 1-Shane Bailey, 2. 64-AJ Hicks, 3. 46-Stephen Martin, 4. 002-Tyler Arrington, 5. 5C-Jacob Curnette, 6. 11-Beadie Blackburn.

KDR Super Stock A-Main: 1. 62-Daniel Stamper, 2. S17-Reggie Ritchie, 3. 7A-Glenn Patton.
Sport Mod A-Main: 1. 70-Sam Hobbs, 2. 72-Daniel Webb, 3.

5M-Garet McCloud, 4. 34C-Corey Conley.
Historic 201 Speedway will host a \$10,000-to-win Late Model feature race during its next event on Friday, June 29.

KHSAA state softball tournament moves to single-elimination format

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON — Scott County capturing the 2018 Owensboro Health/KHSAA State Softball Championship earlier

in the month marked the last state title in the event's double-elimination format as the softball tournament will transition to single elimination in 2019. The 2018 championship also marked the

final year of the Association's contract with the city of Owensboro, leaving the future site of the tournament up for consideration. The KHSAA will begin the RFP process this summer for a future

site with the matter to be reviewed by the Board of Control during its September meeting in conjunction with championship discussions in other spring sports.

"Since I became Commissioner, I have been working with the Board of Control on various changes and improvements to tournament formats and new offerings," said KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett. "Softball has presented continual challenges during that time, largely due to its format. The overwhelming majority of our softball schools had long favored our sixteen team, double elimination format. While this format allowed for a great level of participation, it certainly placed restrictions on many aspects of the tournament including schedule, format and location.

"Our staff and Board have worked collectively in demonstrating the need for change as the game, its participants and all aspects around the event continue to evolve. These discussions culminated in the Board's February approval of moving the softball tournament away from a double-elimination event after our contracted period was up with the current site. I am pleased the Board has allowed for transformational discussions of both our baseball and softball state events. There are lots of factors to consider and discuss, but if all goes according to plan, we will collectively end up with a product that will allow our student-athletes the best possible participation experience regardless of the eventual tournament format or location.

"I, along with the Association and its Board of Control and member schools, will be forever grateful to the City of Owensboro and all of the past sites of our tournament over the last twenty-four years of fastpitch softball. Owensboro, its Parks Department and their great staff, Convention and hotel industries and the business community at-large, have been ultra-supportive of the event including funding tens of thousands of dollars in improvements to the local facilities in addition to significant sponsorship dollars. I am hopeful, and will make efforts to ensure, that they have a desire to be involved with this and many other KHSAA events and undertakings for the foreseeable future."

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Soccer By Sniatecki Camp to be held at Archer Park

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Former college player and licensed coach Kyle Sniatecki will host the Soccer By Sniatecki Camp at Archer Park July 11-13.

The camp is for boys and girls ages 6-12 and will be held from 8:30-10:30 a.m. each day. The fee for the camp is \$75 and includes three days of instruction and a training shirt.

Sniatecki has competed on all levels, from leading his high school to representing his country overseas on

itches across Europe. He was captain of the NY-West Olympic Development Team and Region 1 Regional Team during matches in Germany, England and Scotland. In 2007, Sniatecki was recognized as one of the top 150 players in the nation when selected to participate in the Elite Soccer Program camp. Sniatecki came to Marshall University to continue playing soccer and ultimately made Huntington, W.Va., his home. He was a co-captain of the Thundering Herd soccer team during

his senior year. Sniatecki holds a USSF National C License, NSCAA Premier Diploma, NSCAA Level 3 Goalkeeping Diploma, NSCAA Mental/Physical Player Development Diploma and Coerver Coaching Youth Diploma. The Soccer By Sniatecki Camp is open to all soccer players ages 6-12. Registration for the Soccer By Sniatecki Camp is available by emailing kyle.sniatecki@gmail.com. For more information, call 716-207-0272.

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for a total of 976.45 acres. The operation is located approximately 1.84 miles northwest from KY Route 194's junction with Wolf Branch Road and located 0.9 miles northeast of Wolf Branch. The operation is located on the Thomas U.S.G.S. 7.5 min.

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quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour, auger, area, mountain top and steep slope methods of mining. The surface area is owned by Pocahontas Development Corporation. The renewal application has been filed for public inspection at the

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Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6,

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) - If you repeatedly say what you want to do, you'll be forced to make it come true. The pressure to live up to your word can be a powerful motivator.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Consider your options and put some muscle behind the choices you make. Saying is one thing, but achieving is everything. Set guidelines and stick to them. Avoid waste.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Participation will be what brings about change. Whether you are making personal changes or helping a cause, the hard work you put in will make a difference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Keep moving, as idle time will be what gets you into trouble. If you stop procrastinating and start doing, you will deter others from complaining. Improve your spending habits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Embrace life, and consider the best way to move forward. Changing your lifestyle or beliefs will be enlightening for you, but will probably cause a problem for someone close to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Get in the game, but don't buy your way in. Hard work, dedication and willpower, not over-spending, will be your ticket to success. You should walk away from anyone trying to convince you otherwise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Size things up and get started. You have plenty to

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



gain if you dig in and don't stop until you are finished. Celebrate your accomplishments with someone special as the day comes to an end.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - An emotional incident will create havoc in your personal life if you overreact. Don't drown your sorrows in melodrama or indulgent habits. Make positive changes.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - A change at home will improve your standard of living. Getting your house and finances in order will ease stress and encourage you to relax and have a little fun.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Stay focused and tend to your responsibilities. If you are diligent about getting things done, you will receive the right kind of attention. Strive for perfection.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Don't go looking for trouble. Taking on too much and stressing about it will lead to discord with someone asking too much of you. Say no if demands are too great.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Creative solutions will help you bring about positive change at home and work. Your energetic input and diverse way of doing things will be praised by some and criticized by others.

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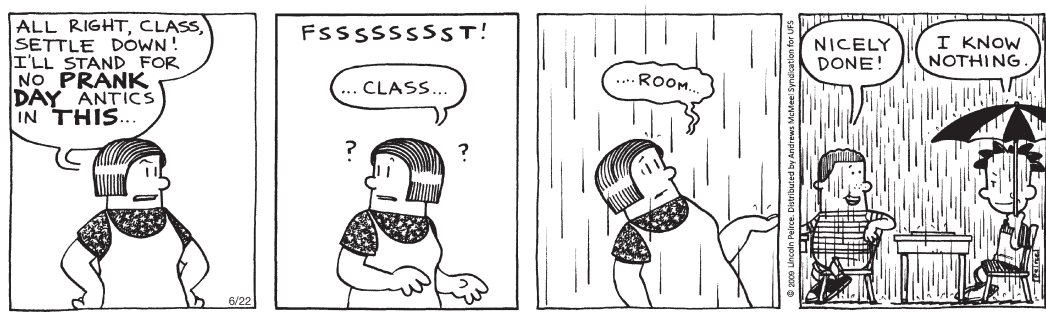
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 - Portend
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 - Mil. rank
 - Barbecue spits
 - Heavy weight
 - Sacred statue
 - so much
 - Gold unit
 - Innocent and trusting (hyph.)
 - Holds, as attention
 - Fishing gear
 - Robin Cook novel
 - Sentence ender
 - Do lacework
 - Get poison ivy
 - Hero's tale
 - Ancient port near Carthage
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 - Type of explorer
 - Test
 - Finalize
 - Clever ruse
 - Low beams
 - Some wines
 - Skywalker's father
 - Clear
 - Form a gully
 - Softly lit
 - Thrilled
 - Shocking
 - Depth charge target (hyph.)
 - Hikers' shelters
 - Slanting edge
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 - Thumb through
 - Melodious
 - Took advantage of
 - Want-ad letters
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 - Tree with pods
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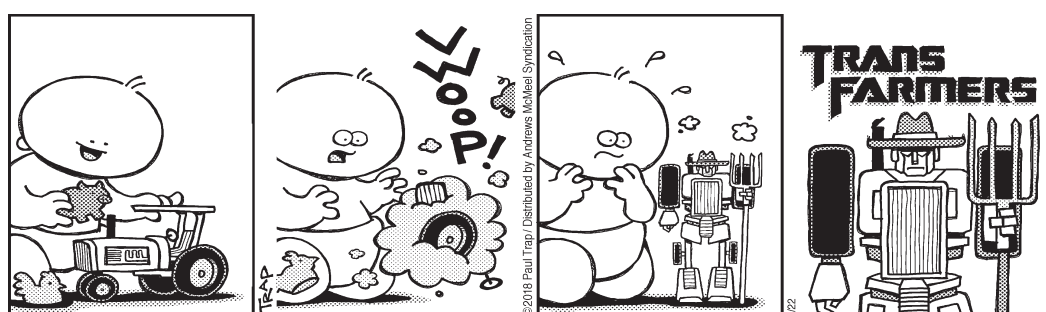
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PMC Expands Black Lung Screening Services



By Amy Charles

The Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Radiology Department is continually working to care for the mining population of Eastern Kentucky. It is digitally accredited by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to perform black lung screenings.

“We have two dedicated black lung exam rooms here on the main campus at PMC,” said Joni Fields, Assistant Vice President of Imaging & Interventional Radiology. “Our machines were subject to specific testing and are accredited to perform the screening.”

The Coal Workers Health Surveillance Program mandates that employers provide free screenings for coal miners. Anyone who is or has been a coal worker, or is suspected to have pneumoconiosis (also known as black lung), is eligible for this service. Black lung is a serious, but preventable occupational lung disease caused by breathing coal mine dust.

“Any current or former coal miner can walk-in any-time, 24/7 and get a chest X-ray to screen them for black lung,” explained Donetta Chaney, Radiology Manager. “They are entitled to a free chest X-ray annually, to monitor their health and screen for black lung.”

Not just anyone can read an image and make a recommendation on black lung. That can only be done by a B-reader. A physician certified by NIOSH as demonstrating proficiency in classifying radiographs for pneumoconiosis is called a B-reader.

“There are only 11 B-readers in Kentucky and PMC has one,” said Fields. “Dr. Kendall is our B-reader here at PMC and he has to test every four years.”

If a patient’s black lung case is in litigation, their tests are ordered by the attorney who is handling their case.

“Specially certified physicians visit the hospital and perform a full work-up, including a breathing test, blood pressure and bloodwork,” said Fields. “This is in addition to the chest X-ray they would receive as a walk-in.”

“We can see up to 8-10 patients a day on the weeks they are scheduled,” added Chaney. The turnaround time on results is less than 16 hours for final report on results.

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PMC Welcomes Dr. John Triplett

By Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) proudly announces the addition of John Triplett, D.O., Hospitalist.

Dr. Triplett received his Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Kentucky and his medical degree from the University of Pikeville School of Osteopathic medicine. He completed his residency in Family Practice, right here at PMC. He is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians.

Dr. Triplett has a genuine compassion for people and shows true empathy for his patients in their most sick and vulnerable states.

He received the Floyd County Times Readers Choice General Practitioner of the Year in 2012 and 2013.

Throughout his practice, he has continued to give back to the field of medicine by contributing to the education of future physicians. He currently serves as an associate professor of Family Medicine for the University Of Pikeville School Of Osteopathic Medicine. He also maintains his position at the Big Sandy College and Technical Institute as Medical Director of Respiratory Therapy Program.

He looks forward to providing care to the region.



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