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\$50M spent to date, eight years to go in Martin



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Dilapidated buildings line the downtown area of Martin. The homes and businesses in this area will be torn down as part of the redevelopment project. Dirt piled about a mile away in Mayo Hollow more than a decade ago will be trucked into this area to raise it above flood level. Once finished, this area will sit as high as the senior citizens building in Martin, officials say.

Alternative school will not open until September

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The plan to move Martin to higher ground is years behind schedule and its price tag has increased by nearly \$60 million since the groundbreaking was held 14 years ago.

"They buried this

town," said Martin Mayor Sam Howell, talking about how property owners moved out and have not repaired dilapidated buildings because owners were told more than a decade ago that their properties would be appraised at the value they had when the project started.

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Southern Water proposes rate increase

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Citing a "deteriorated" financial condition alleged to have been caused by the sale of parts of its customer base, officials at Southern Water claim the company is in "dire need" of higher rates.

Southern Water filed an alternative rate adjustment request with the Kentucky Public Service Commission recently and, if it's approved, customer rates will increase between 30 and 40 percent, depending on the amount of water use.

The PSC, however, rejected this filing on July 9, reporting that Southern Water did not provide a detailed analysis of customer bills showing revenues of the present and proposed rates from each customer class. If Southern corrects that deficiency, the request will move forward in the PSC approval process.

In a letter filed with the PSC alongside a rate adjustment request

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Children learn about the stability of different materials during the "Sensational Science Camp with Ruff Ruffman" hosted by KET at MVES this week.

KET hosts camp at MVES

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

More than 30 children participated in the weeklong "Sensational Science Camp" hosted by Kentucky Educational Television at May Valley Elementary School this week.

The camp, modeled after PBS Kids cartoon

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Students who attended the "Sensational Science Camp" hosted by KET at May Valley Elementary received a "Ruff Ruffman" toy as a gift. The PBS cartoon character focuses on teaching kids about science, technology, engineering and math.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Local leaders address hepatitis A concerns

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Citing the need to prevent a hepatitis A outbreak, officials from the Floyd County Health Department, Floyd County Fiscal Court and City of

Prestonsburg announced a new initiative this week.

The announcement came as Health Department Director Thursa Sloan reported that four hepatitis A cases have been confirmed in Floyd County. She said the

department has no evidence that those cases are related to any restaurant, but her team is in the process of confirming that. They are also working to ensure that the people who have had contact with those four

individuals have been notified and screened and/or vaccinated, she said.

"The vulnerable populations that we know are IV drug users, inmates and the homeless people, so we're focusing on those groups," Sloan

said, reporting that her staff is already vaccinating Floyd County Detention Center employees and plans to start vaccinating inmates soon.

Sloan, health department employee Tammie

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Federal funding approved for Wayland drainage project

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission is a step closer to fixing its surface water drainage problems in Wayland Bottom.

Big Sandy Area Development Project Developer Regina Hall McClure reported on Wednesday that the Federal Emergency Management Agency has approved the award of \$363,500 to Wayland for the second phase of the city's drainage project.

Amanda LeMaster, who works with the grantee, the Kentucky Emergency Management's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, sent an email to the Big Sandy ADD announcing the approval that day. She reported FEMA will provide 75

percent of the project cost (\$272,625), while the state will provide 12 percent (\$43,620) and Wayland will provide 13 percent (\$47,255).

Once completed, the project will replace an "inadequate storm water system" from the intersection of Rt. 1086 with Rt. 7, solving a surface water drainage problem that residents of Wayland Bottom have dealt with for decades. McClure said it will take 60 to 90 days to finalize the process and she expects construction bids to be awarded after that time.

Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz was elated when he learned the news Wednesday. The night prior, he and other city commission members discussed the lag in the funding schedule for this project.

The city applied for this grant, which totaled more than \$400,000 in 2015, and approval was given in 2016. But it took a year for the city to get funds to award the contract for the first phase — the design of the city's new drainage system — and officials have been waiting for this final award since Feb. 2017.

"I cannot believe it. We have been sitting and waiting for that news all this time," Fultz said. "This is great news for our community ... This is a wonderful thing. It's a big step forward for us."

He said this project will alleviate surface water drainage issues, help flood waters recede more quickly when flooding occurs and give the city a "leg up" on obtaining funding

for a related project. Fultz said the city also wants to build a floodwall that will protect residents when the neighboring creek floods.

The city's current drainage system rests basically in one drain that funnels all surface water from the town down toward the Depot property and Wayland Bottom. This project will replace that "aging and inadequate" storm water control system with additional 12-24 inch HOPE piping and grated concrete drop junction boxes from the intersection of Rt. 1086 with Rt. 7 and within the city.

"It will create a dryer, healthier environment for people living in Wayland," Fultz said.

He learned about the avail-

ability of the grant in 2015, when he decided to attend a Hazard Mitigation Grant workshop in Hazard. He was the only person who turned out to that event, and, when no one else showed up, he asked FEMA officials to come to Wayland.

They took him up on that offer, and Fultz gave them a walking tour of the residential neighborhood impacted by the city's drainage problems.

"We showed them pictures and we walked the streets and they could see the need," Fultz said. "Four or five weeks later, I got a letter saying we were approved."

Homeowners can be fined for damaging utility, gas lines

Excavators, including homeowners, could be penalized for not calling 811

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
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Beginning July 14, the Kentucky Public Service Commission will investigate excavation damage to natural gas or hazardous liquid lines to determine whether it was caused by violations of Kentucky's call-before-you-dig law.

Under a change to the law that takes effect July 14, the PSC will be able to impose financial penalties if violations are uncovered. PSC Chairman Michael Schmitt said that the stepped-up enforcement of the call-before-you-dig statutes and regulations reflects a greater emphasis nationally and at the state level on pipeline safety.

"This new law brings

Kentucky into line with federal standards, which the PSC enforces under an agreement with the US Department of Transportation," he said. "More importantly, it is an effort to significantly improve public safety by reducing the unacceptably high number of dangerous dig-in incidents involving natural gas pipelines."

Like every other state, Kentucky has a statewide 811 service that, by law, must be called at least two working days prior to beginning excavation. This advance notification is intended to allow ample time for utility lines to be located and marked so that excavation can proceed safely.

Natural gas providers and hazardous liquid pipeline operators are re-

quired to provide the location of their lines to the 811 center. The new law (Senate Bill 104), enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly and signed by Governor Matt Bevin, gives the PSC the authority to enforce existing provisions in Kentucky statutes that are intended to protect natural gas and hazardous liquids pipelines.

The PSC will investigate incidents of damage to pipelines to determine whether a location request to 811 was made in a timely manner, whether the pipeline was located accurately and properly, and whether the excavation was conducted safely.

Excavators, including homeowners, could be penalized for not calling

811, ignoring location markers or using improper excavation methods. Operators could be penalized for not responding to requests to locate lines or for improperly or inaccurately locating or marking underground facilities.

Penalties are up to \$1,250 for a first violation, \$2,000 for a second violation, and \$4,000 for subsequent violations.

"Not every incident in which a gas line is hit will result in a violation being issued and a penalty assessed, especially if 811 has been called," said John Lyons, director of the PSC division of Inspections, which will investigate incidents. "However, a failure to call 811 will trigger an enforcement action."

About 240 entities operate natural gas or hazardous liquid pipelines in Kentucky. They include local gas distribution companies fully regulated by the PSC and municipal natural gas providers and other entities such as housing authorities that are regulated by the PSC for safety only. In 2017, there were more than 1,200 incidents in Kentucky in which a gas line was damaged during an excavation.

A PSC review of a sampling of the damage reports indicates that:

- Contractors and other professional excavators were responsible for 85 percent of the incidents, with water and sewer line repairs, building construction, swimming pool installation,

and irrigation system installation among the most common causes.

- Homeowners accounted for the remaining 15 percent of incidents. The most common causes were installation of mailboxes or fencing, landscaping work, and water or sewer line repairs.

- Causes of damage included a failure to call 811, improper location by the operator of the pipeline, or careless excavation.

PSC Executive Director Gwen R. Pinson said the PSC has begun making organizational changes in order to fulfill its new responsibilities to investigate and enforce the requirement to call 811 prior to beginning an excavation.

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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

Deeds marriages

Brett Lee Roberts, 23, of Hueysville, to Lexee Ann Blackburn, 18, of Hueysville, Jimmy Harold Derosssett, 42, of Prestonsburg, to Andrea Suzanne Riffle, 40, of Clarksburg, W.Va. Cheyenne Neshia Conn, 22, of Pikeville, to Carson Grant Blair, 25, of Pikeville Magalene Wright, 80, of Prestonsburg, to James Harold Watkins, 74, of Prestonsburg Brittanie Nicole Hall, 30, of Martin, to Joseph Cline Howell, 30, of McDowell Kierra Taylor Shelton, 21, of Georgetown, to Bradley Michael Stanley, 26, of Georgetown

LeAnn Michelle Keens, 21, of Harold, to Earl Ray Slone, 25, of Harold Samantha Joyce King, 26, of Prestonsburg, to Vanessa Marie Skeens, 25, of Prestonsburg

Property transfers

Mabel Hall, also known as Mabel Doris Hall to Alvin Ray Hall; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 134) Fletcher Gayheart Jr., Linda Sue Gayheart to Paul D. Francis Jr., Whitney Francis; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 136) Saint Joseph Health System to CHI Kentucky Inc. ; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 142) CHI Kentucky Inc. to ARH Mary Breckinridge Services, Mary Breckinridge; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 146) US Bank NA to Steve R. Montgomery; property loca-

tion unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 155) US Bank NA to Rushmore Loan Management Services; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 161) Bobby Gene Justice, Louise Justice, Mary L. Justice, Carol Justice Stevens to Katherine Justice Adkins; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 169) Bayview Loan Servicing LLC to Samantha Little; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 176) Brent Tackett, Kathy Tackett to Bonita Jarrell, Warren Jarrell; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 191) Donna Kay Conn, Jacqueline Conn, Phillip Conn, Karl Herzer, Stella Herzer, Ronald Jones, Vetta Jones to Mark Conway, Mindy Conway; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 195) Brenda Vance to Christo-

pher Scott Hamilton, Tabatha E. Hamilton; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 200) Charles Ed Lewis, Elmer Lewis, Jackie Lewis, Jella Lewis, Joe Lewis, Melvin Lewis, Ricky Lewis, Roy L. Lewis, Samuel Lewis to Freda Smith, Larry Smith; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 205) Amy Lewis, Gary Lewis, James D. Lewis, Kathleen Lewis, Leo Lewis, Kenneth Lewis, Lila Lewis, Ralph Lewis Jr., Doug Salisbury, Janet Salisbury, Elsie Smith, James Smith to Freda Smith, Larry Smith; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 212) Norman Bailey, Ruby Bailey, Lita Hamilton to Andrea Conn, Caleb Conn; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 221) Elizabeth Thornsberry to Tammy Thornsberry; property location unlisted (Deeds Book

638; pg. 225) Klass Investments LLC to Larry J. Cox, Jon G. Hall; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 229) Jimmie R. McCarty, Karla McCarty to Heather D. McPeck; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 237) Glen Blackburn, Hilda Yavonne Blackburn, Debbie Hunt, Debbie Y. Hunt, Drema Hunt, Freddie Hunt, Jack Paul Hunt, Jan Hunt, Mark A. Hunt, Virgial L. Hunt to Robert G. Daugherty; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 241) Edalene Damron, Ronald Damron to Jordan Newman, Katey Newman; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 247) Darlene Howell, Jeffery Howell to Jordan T. Curry, Whitney S. Curry; property location unlisted (Deeds Book 638; pg. 250)

DeRossett hired as assistant principal at AMS

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Superintendent Dany Adkins announced on July 11 that Karen DeRossett was hired as the assistant principal at James D. Adams Middle School. Adkins said in a press release, "Our Floyd County team is excited to have Karen return to an administrative role for the district. Karen is head-

ing into her 27th year as an educator and has the knowledge, experience and passion to be excellent for students." DeRossett replaces former assistant principal Johnene Ison, who retired. She began her career in Berea, and has taught at the middle and high school levels. She taught biology and Earth science at Prestonsburg High School and then served

as guidance counselor for nine years. She became assistant principal at Allen Central High School and most recently served as a Gifted and Talented Coordinator for the district. She also worked as building assessment coordinator, Science Olympiad coach and a liaison for the Floyd County Early College Academy. "I have enjoyed every role I have been in

as an educator but this past year being assigned to the district instead of a particular school made me realize just how much I miss being part of a school family," DeRossett said in the press release. "I'm thrilled to be joining the team at Adams Middle and can't wait to work with the students." Adkins said, "We're glad to see Karen move into an administrative role again and look for-

ward to working with her in this capacity. Her experience in different roles make her a great addition to the team at Adams Middle." She and her husband Doug live in Prestonsburg with their son Cole, who worked with the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office to create the Floyd County Seed Depository this year to preserve heirloom seeds.



Karen DeRossett

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EKSC hosts 'Birds of Prey' show

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Approximately 70 people turned out to learn about "Birds of Prey" at the East Kentucky Science Center last weekend.

The organization, part of Big Sandy Community and Technical College, hosted a presentation from the Liberty Nature Center, a Somerset organization that specializes in wildlife rehabilitation, education and conservation. The 27-acre facility offers sick and injured wildlife a second chance at life and provides educational opportunities for local students and community groups.

Liberty Nature Center's Wildlife Education Manager Erin Lowery said the center's release rate for birds is about 45 percent, one of the highest rates of release for centers that rehabilitate birds of prey.

The center provided a Great Horned Owl, screech owl and other birds that could not be rehabilitated to the Letcher County Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. The visit to the EKSC was one of three presentations the center has hosted in Floyd County this year.

The center exhibited a barred owl, a barn owl, two Eastern screech owls, an Eurasian tawny owl, Great Horned Owl, American Kestrel, broad-winged Hawk, Northern Harrier Hawk, red tail hawk, a black vulture and an bald eagle during the event, which attracted around 70 people.

That Eagle, named Patriot, is a crowd favorite, Lowery said. She said the center has hosted three eagle releases this year. They released "Eleanor," "Teddy" and "Jefferson" back into the wild.

Prestonsburg Tourism provided funds for this exhibit.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
 This bald Eagle, known as Patriot, was a crowd favorite at the East Kentucky Science Center's "Birds of Prey" exhibit on June 7.

Elderly man gets probation in sex abuse case

By MARY MEADOWS
 STAFF WRITER

An elderly man who pleaded guilty to sexually abusing a child received a probated sentence last week.

On July 5, Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris adhered to a recommended sentence from Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner's office when he sentenced Norman

Bentley to an amended second-degree sexual abuse charge, a misdemeanor.

Bentley was indicted in 2017 for first-degree sexual abuse, a felony. As part of his plea deal with the commonwealth, he admitted to second-degree sexual abuse of a child under the age of 12 and was sentenced to serve one year, a sentence that was suspended and he was placed under supervised probation.

Bentley agreed to register as a sex offender and to participate in a sex offender treatment. Harris also ordered him to have no contact with the victim and to pay court costs within six months.

He was represented in court by attorney Jerry Patton, who did not return calls seeking comment.

Turner said the victim's family is satisfied with the outcome of this case.

"Essentially, the allegation was that there was a one-time incident where he inappropriately touched an under-aged victim," Turner said. "It was not a prolonged incident. This was something that happened in a matter of seconds, basically."

"The big factor in this one was the wishes of the victim and the victim's family," he said. "This was a disposition that they were on board with and wanted to see the case

resolved. The victim did not want to have to go to trial. The family did not want the victim to have to go to trial, as long as he admitted his guilt and would be a registered sex offender. So, they felt like the public would be protected that way. That was their main concern, more so than any more jail time."

Bentley spent more than a year in jail after he was arrested.

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COLUMN:

Liberal serenade

By JK COLEMAN
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Remember back in 2015 when apology tours were all the rage and American taxpayers flew John Kerry and James Taylor to Paris to serenade the French?

Well I do, and you can Google it yourself should you need a refresher, though I wouldn't recommend it if you've just eaten. Watching Kerry stand there with Taylor strumming through a pathetic group hug will make you almost as embarrassed to be an American as Michelle Obama was up until

she moved into the White House. Even today when I view it I have to run outside, shoot a gun, start a chainsaw and crush a beer can on my forehead to make sure I'm still a man.

The only positive thing about the 2015 French Tickling Tour was that at least Kerry just stood there and let James handle the microphone. Evidently John's throat was still sore from wailing the blues, no doubt one of his trademark ditties lamenting how he mistreated the Vietnamese during his four months in the war. Speaking of Vietnam, with Kerry actual-

ly doing the singing back then, if Jane Fonda could have only played a guitar, the first liberal apology serenade would have taken place right then and there in 1971. But I digress.

The United States of America sending James Taylor to sing "You've Got A Friend" in the conference room at city hall in Paris was the goofiest thing I've ever watched in my life, and it was unnecessary. It was done in response to hurt feelings over Barack Obama refusing to march in a parade denouncing terrorists after an attack in France. The French got all ruffled, not realizing that Obama and his Democrats had a scheduling conflict,

having previously committed to marching against the police in America on that same day. So Obama told Kerry to find a crooner, jump on Apology 1 and wing it on over to Paris. Word is Kerry found Taylor at the last minute after learning that Barry Manilow was busy apologizing to the Germans that week.

I'm betting that the French acted like they were over it just to get James to shut up. So the gesture may have been effective after all. Come to think about it, had they blared non-stop John Kerry and James Taylor at the Waco compound that time, those Branch Davidians would have come out with their hands over

their ears and maybe we wouldn't have had to burn the place down.

With Democrats like Mad Max Waters inciting violence by directing her clan to accost Republicans and throw them out of restaurants, maybe some calming charm from James Taylor is just what the Democrats themselves need about now. John Kerry could even gather his colleagues for a liberal serenade of "The Way We Were."

For if there was ever a time when we all just need a friend it's these days, and I've always heard that music hath charms to soothe the savage beast.

GUEST COLUMN:

Faith restored

By SJ RUTH
APPALACHIAN
NEWSPAPERS

You'd think there'd be something to write about after a week off. In our reality TV world something breaks every 15 minutes, right before the commercial break.

There are so many things to comment on our mainframe in corporate headquarters can't crunch the alphabet enough to cover it all in only 500 words, not even in 5,000. It locked the whole thing up.

You didn't think

this column was still written by a human did you?

This column has been produced by artificial intelligence for years. With that other AI taking over D.C. and most of the state capitals, what else could headquarters do?

They just keep old S.J. on retainer for appearances and emergencies. Like when the big computer locks up.

And no wonder. From lost children to Supreme Court nominations to vindictive governors to Russian meddling to trade

wars to assaults on tourists to newsroom massacres, how could anything choose which crazy news item gets priority over the other crazy news item.

It's system overload for the simple supercomputer in this situation. But not for S.J.

I took all those things and put them in the ignore pile.

There is only one story worth talking about. A story of human ingenuity and spirit, of cooperation and faith, of reaching for success when odds call for disaster.

When 12 boys and their coach were extracted from a flooded cave in Thailand, some of my faith in what people can do when they work together for a worthy goal was restored.

Imagine being trapped in a small dry space in a flooded cave for 10 days with little food. Imagine not knowing if you'd be found before you drown or starve. Imagine being the only adult in a group of children in this situation.

Think about the volunteers who entered the flooded cave in scuba gear with no indication of survivors,

who kept coming back for 10 days searching. Think about them coming from all over the world to help when all looked hopeless.

Think about the planning, the process of teaching a group of hungry, lost kids to swim long distances underwater through dark narrow passages when the slightest mistake means certain death.

Think about a retired Thai diver who gave his life helping set up oxygen tanks for the rescue process.

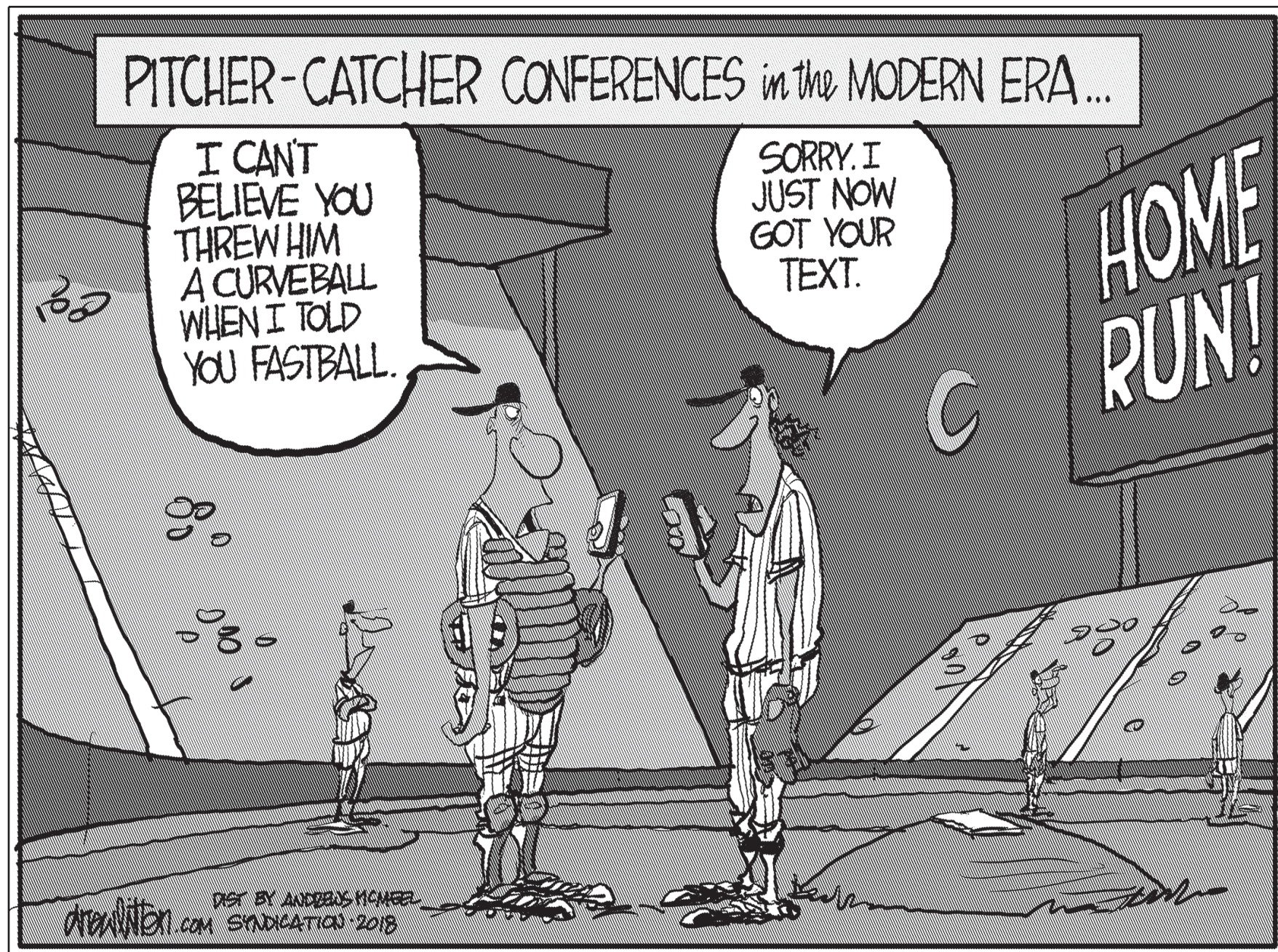
Think about the ingenuity to pump the water, to partially dam and reroute inflow and

keep searching for a way when most of the ways fail. Think about all the ways the plan can go wrong.

The ways it could all go wrong were endless. Nevertheless, a handful of people working together pulled off a miracle. It wasn't divine intervention, it wasn't prayer, it wasn't blind faith.

It was human perseverance, human courage, human ingenuity and human cooperation that brought the 13 out of the cave. Faith in one another is the greatest faith we can have.

When the tide of events locks us up, the world needs a reminder that people working together can make the impossible possible. These days, we Americans need that reminder most of all.



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Edward Hale Sr.

Edward Glen Hale Sr., 86, of St. Helen, Mich., died Sunday, July 8, 2018.

He was born in Floyd County, March 1, 1932, the son of the late Andy and Anzie Sloan Hale.

Glen and Opal married on Nov. 14, 1950, at the young ages of 18 and 16. He retired from General Motors Corporation in Pontiac, Mich., with 30 years of service. He traveled the United States with Opal until they set-

led in Summerfield, Fla., where Glen retired from Wynn Dixie grocery store with 23 years of service. Glen and Opal came home to St. Helen, Mich., to live out their golden years, in their knotty pine home, they built together.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Opal; two brothers, Oscar and Marcus Hale; and four sisters, Willadean Collins, Erma Smotherman, Martha Howard and Mary Sue Brown.

He is survived by his four children, Debby DeHaven (Dale), Shelia Arnett (Michael), Edward Hale Jr. and Michael Hale; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren, with whom Glen's love and laughter was

shared and felt with each one of them.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the Ball Branch Old Regular Baptist Church, Mousie, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial will follow at the Stephens Whitaker Family Cemetery, Hueysville.

Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., Friday, July 13, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

The guestbook may be signed at hallfuneral-service.com.

This is a paid obituary.

Cleo Johnson

Cleo Johnson, 77, of Martin, died Tuesday,

July 10, 2018.

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



Dr. Edward Leslie

Dr. Edward D. Leslie, 76, was born on Dec. 2, 1941, at Weeksbury. He died Sunday, July 8, 2018.

He resided in Frankfort and Debary, Florida. He was a graduate of

Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky School of Medicine. He practiced as an orthopedic surgeon for 30 years. He served his country proudly in the Vietnam War, as a surgeon. His greatest loves were practicing medicine, family, history, horses, dogs, golf and martinis.

His distinct personality and intellect generated respect and his love and caring ways towards others demonstrated his heart. He was a great man and enjoyed a life well lived.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Leslie; and his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Rondall H. Leslie.

He is survived by his faithful and loved companion of 38 years, Judy

Wellman; five grandchildren; Judy's two children, Brad Wellman and Lori Denton, and their spouses; his two brothers, Dr. Larry Leslie and Dr. Keith Leslie; his sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

The guestbook may be signed at www.hallfuneralservice.com.

This is a paid obituary.

Ira Rose

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ARH Scholar employed in McDowell

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Appalachian Regional Healthcare recently announced its latest round of ARH Scholars, and one of them was also hired recently at McDowell ARH.

Matt Williams, one of 11 applicants chosen for the scholarship during this round, was recently hired as a nurse extern at McDowell ARH.

As an ARH Scholar, Williams will receive \$5,000 toward tuition and living expenses while finishing his associate's degree in nursing at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. He plans to continue his education to

receive his bachelor's degree in nursing and eventually his master's degree.

"I feel like ARH overall in the last two months has impacted my life in a way outside of healthcare tremendously," Williams said in a press release. "Things would be very different if I hadn't received this scholarship and if I hadn't received this job through them."

His interest in the medical field, specifically biology, started at a young age.

"I've been interested in (the medical field) really since sixt



Matt Williams

grade," he said. "I had a teacher who introduced all of us to biology and there was a lot of emphasis on human anatomy. This interest has carried on throughout my entire life."

He has worked in various fields including insurance and construction. He spent a portion of his life watching and working for his father's construction and excavation business where he says he learned to have a good work ethic.

Before pursuing nursing, he gained a bachelor's degree in Biology from More-

head State University. After graduation, he began working outside of the medical field, but ultimately followed his passion deciding to pursue a nursing degree.

"I think my life developments and the things I've done, even though they may not be medical, have really prepared me to be a great nurse rather than just coming straight out of high school and becoming a nurse," he said. "I would have missed out on a lot of personal development. I really feel like my life events have built me up to make me uniquely capable of taking care of people."

He is excited to work at ARH.

"I'm absolutely thrilled because I'll get all of these opportunities to practice my skills...I don't have any experience as a nurse aid or really any medical experience other than volunteering and clinicals. I felt like at 34 years old it was really important that I be ready to hit the ground running when I graduate," he said.

He encourages others to seek opportunities at ARH.

"I recommend other students look into the opportunities ARH offers, whether it be for employment or a scholarship or anything else," he said. "They're really great for the area. I think things would be very different without them."

INCREASE
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on July 3, Paula Johnson, chairperson of the Southern Water & Sewer Commission, wrote, "As a result of relinquishing 1,200 customers to the City of Prestonsburg, which had the approval of the PSC, our financial condition has deteriorated considerably. We are in dire need of this rate adjustment."

Southern is currently operating in a deficit of nearly \$465,000, according to the filing. The company is seeking an alternative rate adjustment to raise \$953,409

in additional revenues, which would increase its total revenues to more than \$4.1 million. Of that amount, more than \$3.8 is requested in revenue from its rates.

The company serves 5,435 customers in Floyd and Knott counties. It asked the PSC to approve a 41 percent increase in water rates for the first 2,000 gallons sold, from \$24.60 currently to \$34.60 requested, as well as a 19 percent increase in rates charged for those who use more than 2,000 gallons of water, from the current rate of \$8.40 to a proposed rate of \$1.60.

Southern reports in the filing, bills for customers using an average of 4,000 gallons a month will increase from \$41.40 to \$54.60.

"This is an increase of \$13.20 or 31.88 percent," the filing states.

There is no change requested for wholesale rates for water Southern sells to the Knott County Water District and the cities of Wheelwright and Hindman.

The rate increase request comes about a year after Southern sold a portion of its system, and lost revenues from 1,160 customers, to Prestonsburg.

"The transfer was

made because Southern did not have the personnel or equipment to operate the wastewater treatment plant and system in the Harold area in addition to two other wastewater plants," the filing states. "In order for Prestonsburg to assume ownership of the wastewater system they took the water customers also. The loss of 1,160 customers has severely harmed the District's financial situation."

The filing also mentions two projects pending with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's Drinking Water Loan Fund as being "critical" to Southern's operations. One water main replacement project is geared to reduce water loss in the Wayland and Lackey areas and the other, a storage tank replacement on Mink Branch, is set to improve operations and "ensure a safer volume" of water in Mud Creek.

"These two projects come with new debt," the filing states.

According to the filing, Southern expects a decrease of about \$700,000 in its total operating expenses, and a decrease of about \$656,000 in revenues, caused by the loss of water sales.

"Prestonsburg is paying the district for the value of the assets turned over to the city," the filing states. "The payment for the assets have not made up for the loss in revenue but very shortly the payments will cease as the district has reached the amount of the assets. However, the agreement between Prestonsburg and Southern has not been finalized so the total amount to be paid could change."

Southern expects to pay \$113,000 less for water, the filing states, and, among expenses, it lists a depreciation expense reduction of about \$579,000.

"The amount of the assets turned over to the City of Prestonsburg has not been finalized so the impact on the

depreciation schedule is not known at this time," the filing states. "Also, originally, depreciation was listed at 100 percent as the Alternative Rate Filing indicates should be done. However, this resulted in a rate adjustment requirement that the Southern Board felt was too great to pass on to its customer base at one time. They determined what they thought would be acceptable and the Alternative Rate Filing was adjusted to match this amount."

Southern's revenue requirement calculation shows a need for about \$3.5 million to cover operating expenses and \$634,000 to cover debt. Its requested revenue increase of \$953,000 is about 33.12 percent higher than its current revenues.

The company is currently selling off assets to raise revenues. It is seeking bids through July 25 on five vehicles and 1.25 acres of land at Cold Water in Harold.

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CONCERNS

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Ratliff, Judge-Executive Ben Hale and Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton announced the new initiative during a press conference held on July 11, the same day these officials met with between 40 and 50 restaurant owners and managers from Floyd County.

Sloan said restaurant owners are eager to be part of this initiative, through which any restaurant or business that employs food handlers would ensure they receive a hepatitis A vaccine and, in turn, that business will receive a sticker they could place at the entrance of their business to let customers know all employees are vaccinated. She said several restaurants have already requested vaccinations and one Prestonsburg restaurant, Pig in a Poke, has already had the vaccinations or is in the process of getting them for employees.

"I think that they're looking at what's happening around us and they're concerned, because this is their business and it could be impacted," Sloan said about the restaurants.

Every official who spoke at this press conference repeatedly said that there is currently no hepatitis A problem in Floyd County. They emphasized that Floyd County is being proactive and this program is being implemented to prevent an outbreak from occurring.

"It's healthy for the businesses, to make sure that people can feel comfortable, when they go out to eat, that they don't have to worry about any of this stuff," Hale said, explaining that officials "hesitated" about deciding to host the press conference because they didn't want to "bring an alarm" about hepatitis A in Floyd County.

Sloan said the county's public health board invited Stapleton to its most recent meeting to start planning the initiative and the plans were finalized during the meeting with the restaurant owners on July 11.

Prestonsburg is funding the purchase of stickers that will be given to participating businesses, and Sloan said her team will confirm the vaccinations of employees of those businesses—regardless of whether the vaccinations are provided by the health department or through other health-care providers.

Stapleton warned, though, that stickers won't be placed on business windows for at least a couple of weeks, so customers should not think employees are not vaccinated if they arrive at any business this week or next week and there isn't a sticker posted.

"The stickers won't be out tomorrow," Stapleton said. "As of right now, across the board, assume that every restaurant out there is clean and safe. It will take a couple of weeks to get in the process, then

you'll start seeing them pop up, and then you'll start noticing them. You'll notice them, I promise you, when you go in....But just because they don't have one this week, or next week, does not mean anything negative."

He said customers should start looking for the stickers around the first week of August. The stickers include a red letter "A" that has a slash through it.

Sloan said there have been 964 cases of hepatitis A since the outbreak started Kentucky last fall, causing the hospitalization of 566 people and the death of six others. Boyd County, which has been experiencing an outbreak of hepatitis A for months, passed an ordinance requiring all food handlers to be vaccinated, but Sloan said local officials did not want to mandate that requirement.

"Boyd County went the ordinance way, county and city," she said. "And, you know, that forces people into doing things and I think that Mayor Stapleton and Judge Hale wanted to take the position that we should reach out first and see if they would voluntarily do this. So that's what we've done, and they have responded."

Sloan explained that hepatitis A is transmitted via an "oral, fecal route," and this outbreak has not been associated with food. It's transmitted by people, she said, and, in other counties, restaurant workers have been among those who tested positive

for hepatitis A.

"We want to emphasize, the hep A is not coming from a food source," Sloan said. "The source is an individual. It's coming from people, but when you look at where this vulnerable population of people work, they are working primarily in restaurants and other places that typically do not do drug screenings and those kind of things, or criminal background checks."

She said restaurant visitors only have a two-to three-percent chance of getting hepatitis A from a restaurant's food handlers, and going to restaurants that have vaccinated all food handlers will "drastically" reduce the probability of getting hepatitis A that way.

"I think it can actually be stopped in its tracks," she said.

The health department provides a two-shot series to vaccinate people for hepatitis A. Sloan previously reported the cost for this vaccine more than \$60 per shot, but on Wednesday, she said the health department joined a purchasing cooperative that drove the cost to about half of that amount. She said the health department is waiving the department's fee for vaccinations given at the jail and the health department will seek reimbursement from insurance companies for these vaccinations. She reported that most insurances will pay for this vaccine.

She said the shot gives between 85 percent

and 90 percent protection from hepatitis A and reported that some officials believe it could last 20 years.

The vaccination is available at the health department and local doctor's offices. Sloan said officials are considering the possibility of providing a list of businesses that have gotten all employees vaccinated.

When this outbreak started last year, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services updated a report each week online. Since a recent change in the website, however, the reports have not been posted as frequently.

The most recent reported online confirmed numbers provided by Sloan on Wednesday, but a copy of a more recent report provided by the cabinet to the newspaper on Thursday shows that as of June 30, the number of cases increased from 964 to 1,034 cases statewide, the number of hospitalizations increased from 566 to 603 and the number of deaths increased from six to seven. The cabinet officials said that reported will be updated online today, July 13, at, chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Pages/hepatitis.aspx.

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FAITH

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Embracing change

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.
— John 14:27

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
— Philippians 1:4-6

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.
— Psalm 55:22

For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.
— Isaiah 41:13

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.
— 1 Peter 5:7

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

Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."
— Luke 18:27

And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
— Philippians 4:19

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.
— 1 Corinthians 1:3

I can do all this through him who gives me strength.
—Philippians 4:13

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. — Romans 8:28

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."
— Hebrews 13:5

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
— Jeremiah 29:11

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
— Proverbs 3:5-6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.
— Deuteronomy 31:6

I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.
— Psalm 9:1

Those who know your name trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.
— Psalm 9:10

Teach me knowledge and good judgment, for I trust your commands.
— Psalm 119:66

Submission

Submission is a spiritual discipline that is quite out of tune with the modern ethos. Submission requires us to be obedient and has a strong note of self-denial. Our age is more likely to celebrate self-fulfillment and self-actualization than self-denial. Submission also has some rather negative connotations due to its association with the correlative term "domination." For one to be submissive usually requires giving in to someone or something that is dominating. While that may be true in wrestling or martial arts, in the spiritual realm submission involves more of a "giving over" than a "giving up" or "giving in." In spiritual submission we are giving our lives over to a higher power and trusting that God will take care of us. But it must be admitted that there is clearly a directive to deny oneself in Jesus' call to follow him: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." (Mark 8:34 NIV) And in the very next verse, Jesus reveals the central paradox of self-denial and submitting yourself to God: "For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it." (Mark 8:35 NIV) In the end, self-fulfillment only comes through self-denial. Those who seek only their own interests end up empty and miserable, while those who serve the interests of others, and ultimately, serve God, find that their lives are thereby fulfilled.
— Christopher Simon



"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and always to be gentle toward everyone."
—Titus 3:1-2 NIV

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Shift gears and make a u-turn



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I pulled to a stop at the red light. A nice, shiny pickup truck rolled up in the lane next to me. For the first time in a long while, I felt like gunning it on the green light. Dark had already fallen and for a moment it felt like years past. (Though to be honest, I've never raced on a green light. I may have put a little gas to it, but no drag racing.) It took me back to the days of wanting a Pontiac Trans Am with honeycomb taillights. My choice was a metallic blue – which appeared to be either blue or purple depending on how the light hit it – 310 horsepower V8 complete with dual exhaust and hood scoops. And of course don't forget the stick shift.

I never got the Trans Am I dreamed of, though I did get to drive in the same car complete with the WS6 package which packed 325 horses. In those days I had a love for cars and was heartbroken not getting my very own Trans Am. But time passes and things change.

In retrospect, I was blessed to not get a Trans Am. Of course the cost

of fuel increased and it wouldn't have been fun buying gas for that V8. And maybe it wouldn't have exactly been safe with me having that many horses under foot.

When I finally had the opportunity to buy a car myself, V8s and horsepower weren't even a consideration. (Also, the Trans Am was no longer in production.) Instead, I was focused on other features. What was the fuel efficiency? How many airbags did it have? Was there a knee airbag? What was the safety rating of the car? Gone were my dreams of a muscle car. In its place came a Camry with the highest safety ratings in its class. (Ok, so maybe it has racing pedals.) Gone was a V8, replaced with the more fuel efficient four-cylinder, which quite frankly has plenty of pep.

In my "Trans Am" days a four cylinder wouldn't have even been on the radar. However, my values changed. After my husband suffered injuries from a head-on collision with a drugged driver, safety was my greatest concern. So, I drove home perfectly content – and loving – my Camry.

Life has a way of changing our opinions and perspective. Sometimes events can make us reevaluate what is truly important. For me, a Trans Am wasn't important anymore. And to be honest, if they still made them today, I wouldn't buy

one. Life is more important than a muscle car with too many horses. And we shouldn't allow ourselves to be strapped to the same ideas we once had. We have the ability to change our minds, change our lifestyles and change our opinions of what is important.

But this is just a superficial example of something bigger. For a better example of our ability to change look at Saul.

Saul was a Pharisee and persecuted Christians because he thought he was doing God's will. Saul was present at the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. After that, Saul grew worse. "...Saul began to destroy the church. Going from house to house, he dragged off both men and women and put them in prison (Acts 8:2)."

"...Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice

say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'

"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. 'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do' (Acts 9:1-6)."

On the road to Damascus, Saul was given the truth by the Lord Himself. The encounter with Jesus

completely changed his life. Saul went to the home of Ananias and was baptized into Christ, becoming a Chris-

tian. Saul didn't just switch lanes, he made a u-turn.

We, too, can do a 180, just as this former persecutor did. We can shake off the dust – the old, incorrect ideas that we've had for too long. We can be washed anew and shine brighter than any shiny muscle car on the road. We can replace the unimportant with something better. We can shift gears and see that Christ tells us what is really of importance – that the road we travel with Him is far greater than the one without Him. Don't be deceived by something just because it looks good (like a fully loaded Trans Am). Choose what is better. Choose what is greater. Choose Him.

Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?

— Acts 9:4

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Legislators: Bevin's dental, vision cuts 'spiteful' and 'immorally wrong'

By JOSH LITTLE
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — Democratic leaders gathered at the Pikeville Public Library Tuesday for an event hosted by local representatives Chris Harris and Angie Hatton to address dental and vision cuts made by the Bevin administration.

Harris said Tuesday that nearly 500,000 people lost vision and dental benefits as the result of a federal judge ruling against Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin's proposed Medicaid changes.

"Just in my house district alone, the 93rd House District, which is all of Martin County and most of Pike County, dental and vision benefits are being stripped from thousands of people, over 10,000 people in Pike and Martin Counties alone," said Harris. "That's about 15 percent of the population of those two counties that will now be without dental or vision coverage."

Harris said not only is eliminating those benefits harmful to those who will no longer have them, but he said it will also mean more costs for taxpayers than it will save the state.

"The governor knows this, yet he continues along this path," said Harris. "The truth is, eliminating oral health services for Kentucky's working families who qualify for expanded Medicaid coverage amounts to a 1 percent savings in the expanded Medicaid budget."

Harris said those patients, without benefits, will now be treated in a hospital emergency room as opposed to a dental office, which he said costs three times more. Harris said by treating oral patients in an emergency room, as opposed to a dental office, it will only add to the opioid crisis the state faces.

"Hospital emergency rooms don't treat the underlying problem, what they do instead is they treat the patients pain that they're in with more opioids, or more pain medicine," he said.

Harris said another important cut that will effect many in Eastern Kentucky is non-emergency medical transportation services.

"It's estimated that about 43,000 people of the nearly 500,000 Kentuckians impacted by this decision don't have access to a car. They can't get to the doctor to get the services they need," said Harris. "This may not be a big issue in more urban areas that have public transportation, but here in Appalachia, in rural districts ... many are dependent on these non-emergency medical transportation services."

Another topic representatives discussed Tuesday were the economic repercussions of the cuts. Rep. Hatton said job creation in Kentucky requires making sure citizens are healthy enough to take those jobs being created. She said expanded Medicaid coverage in Kentucky not only allowed people to be



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Democratic Rep. Chris Harris, center, addresses the audience at an event he hosted with Rep. Angie Hatton at the Pikeville library Tuesday. The event focused on the estimated 500,000 Kentuckians who were recently cut from their dental and vision benefits. Pictured with Harris, from left to right, are: former State Auditor Adam Edelen, Rep. Hatton and two candidates for the House of Representatives, Ryan Mosley and Craig Lindon.

healthy enough for work, but also created jobs across the state. Hatton said the expanded coverage added \$3.5 billion to the state's economy.

"People, these are jobs. Keeping clinics open saves and creates jobs," she said. "The Affordable Care Act, in one clinic system in my counties, was able to hire over 100 people. They expanded dental coverage, they expanded mental health services and they expanded drug treatment programs that were available for the very first time, to a population that (contains) some of the unhealthiest people in the world."

Hatton said there was no warning that the cuts were coming. She said the act of cutting those benefits seemed

"spiteful" and "immorally wrong."

Pikeville Dentist William "Bill" Collins, DMD, outgoing president of the Kentucky Dental Association, said Tuesday that an oral surgeon he is acquainted with had to cancel six operations in the first week of the cuts. He said another oral surgeon he knows has canceled more than 200 appointments as of Tuesday morning.

"Medicaid should not be a way of life, I do agree with that, but as a way out of poverty by increasing their quality of life," said Collins. "It should not be used as a hand out, but as a hand up."

Rep. Rocky Adkins of the 99th District said a letter was sent to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

to find out how and why dental and vision benefits were cut. According to a statement released Tuesday, all 37 house Democrats signed the letter which was initiated by state representatives Joni Jenkins and McKenzie Cantrell of Louisville. In the letter, representatives ask about the process used to remove benefits; how the new benefit structure is affecting recipients and providers; the expected impact of removing dental and vision benefits; and how premiums already collected will be returned, the statement said.

Harris, Hatton, Adkins and Collins were joined by former state auditor Adam Edelen and state representative candidates Ryan Mosley and Craig Lindon at Tuesday's event.

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KY Power: Tree trimming helping to improve reliability

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Kentucky Power said in a statement this week that its "aggressive efforts to improve tree trimming" have reduced outages by trees inside the right of way by 70 percent over seven years.

According to the company, in 2010, customers experienced 2,250 outages when trees within the right of way contacted overhead powerlines. That number dropped to 660 in 2017. The dramatic improvements are the result of steps Kentucky Power took with approval from the Kentucky Public

Service Commission to increase spending on vegetation management, according to Kentucky Power.

Since 2010, Kentucky Power has cleared 9,853 miles of overhead lines in eastern Kentucky. That distance is equal to nearly four coast-to-coast trips across the United States.

"Kentucky Power has made significant progress in removing vegetation from within the rights-of-way to improve reliability for our customers," said Greg Bell, Kentucky Power's region support manager. "There are more opportunities in front of us with our five-year

trimming cycle."

Kentucky Power recently completed the first phase of its efforts to trim every mile of its lines. Trimming every mile of line at least once during the first phase was necessary before moving to a five-year trimming cycle.

Kentucky Power said it has made such good progress on its trimming plan that the Kentucky Public Service Commission earlier this year approved a proposal to scale back vegetation management spending to save customers money. The plan reduces annual spending from \$27 million in 2017 to about \$21.5 million in 2018.

The first five-year cycle will begin in January 2019.

"We are proud of this achievement," Bell said. "But we are far from done. We remain focused on widening opportunities, dead tree abatement and removal of overhanging branches."

Before 2010, Kentucky Power said, the company cleared vegetation, including trees, brush and other growth based on performance. Lines that showed poor reliability and frequent outages were scheduled for clearing. The five-year trimming cycle is proactive rather than reactive, Bell said.

Bell said Kentucky Pow-

er could not have been successful without its forestry contractors. Kentucky Power partners with several vegetation management companies to support clearing efforts: Asplundh Tree Expert Co., Nelson Tree Service, Wright Tree Service and Davey Resource Group.

Kentucky Power, with headquarters in Ashland, provides electric service to about 168,000 customers in 20 eastern Kentucky counties. Kentucky Power is an operating company in the American Electric Power system, one of the largest electric utilities in the U.S.



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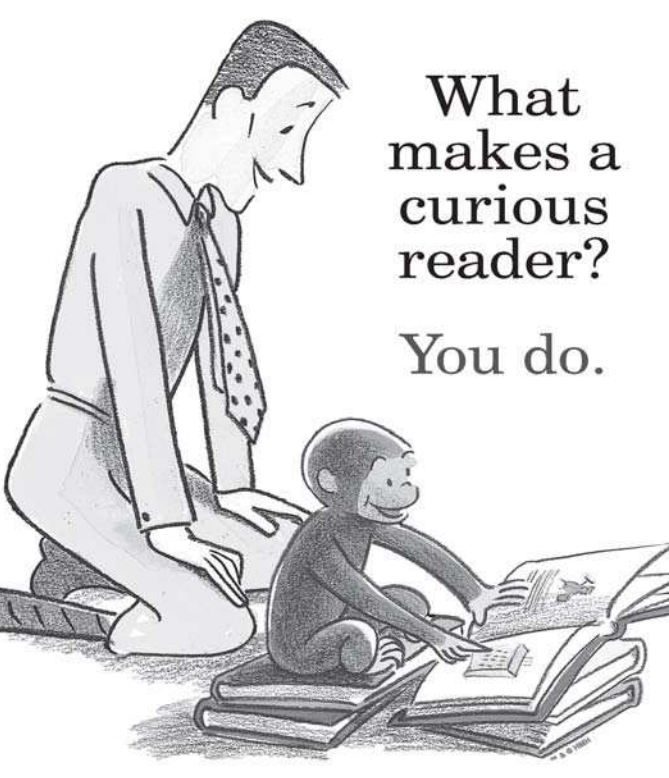
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MARTIN

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When the Martin redevelopment project was first proposed, it was set to cost around \$92 million, according to the project website that has not been updated for years. When city council approved the project plans in 2003, it was set to be finished in 10 years and the price tag was around \$95 million dollars. Officials hosted a groundbreaking ceremony in 2004, and in 2005, a completion date of 2016 was announced. Up until a couple of weeks ago, officials reported the total cost of this project at \$97 million.

But things haven't worked out as initially planned or reported by those officials.

With funding delays winding out the timeline and the budget, the project is now expected to cost \$155 million and that 10-year completion timeline is no longer valid — nor are the original plans to help property owners rebuild or flood-proof homes that remain.

The project was changed years ago, Project Manager Cpt. Eric McKinney said, so that four phases initially planned have been narrowed down to three, and the rows of residential homes once planned to be rebuilt there will now be replaced with flat land that will be about 12 foot higher, out of the floodplain.

That raised property, McKinney said, will have infrastructure needed for individuals and businesses to start building in what will become the new downtown of Martin. The project's fourth phase, which was eliminated from the project, included a voluntary floodproofing program and voluntary buy-outs to get people out of the flood-prone areas.

McKinney said a couple of weeks ago that the total project cost was around \$97 million. He also reported that \$50 million has been spent to date on this project and the current completion date, originally set for 2016, has been postponed until 2024. He said the lag in the deadline was caused by the lack of funding.

"When we build a schedule for a project, we assume there will be efficient funding, and we went through a patch of about four or five years where there wasn't much funding," he said.

But McKinney updated those numbers this week, after U.S. Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers reported in a press release the approval of \$80 million — enough funding to finish the project. That statement, which came weeks

after Rogers announced another \$4.4 million award, reported that Rogers has announced \$75 million in funding since 2004 for this project, setting the deadline for completion in 2025. U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell also announced the approval of that \$80 million in funds the following day.

When questioned about those differences in the project cost and timeline Thursday, McKinney said that \$97 million project cost "came from an estimate we have from 15 years ago." He explained that inflation, regulatory changes and other issues increased the cost of the project to the \$155 million reported by Rogers.

"So, to date, the project has received about \$68 million and the addition of this \$80 puts us at around \$148-\$155 million," he said, reporting that \$50 million has been spent to date in Martin.

In his statement, Rogers said this "unique project" has been a "massive undertaking, met with criticism for long delays and unexpected challenges." He noted, however, that the \$80 million announced on Wednesday is "good news for the people of Martin."

"This community has suffered ten major floods in its history, but completion of this critical flood control program is finally in sight," Rogers said in the statement. "Our region has suffered deadly and damaging flash flooding for decades as a result of our mountainous terrain across southern and Eastern Kentucky."

He commended the US Army Corps of Engineers for "prioritizing completion" of the project.

U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell also voiced his support for the funding approval.

"After a season of severe flooding throughout this region, I welcome the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' further investment in to Floyd County's flood control project," McConnell said in the statement. "These resources, which came from an agreement I negotiated called the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, will help complete the flood control plan to assess how to best protect Kentuckians and the local economy. I look forward to working with the Army Corps to complete more important projects like this one that will benefit the people of Eastern Kentucky."

The funding announced Wednesday will finalize all real estate acquisitions, demolitions, the relocation of Rt. 1428, the removal of a bridge and complete the second and third phases of the downtown site construction.

During his interview

last month, McKinney said he, too, understands the frustration of Martin officials who complained recently about delays in this project. This latest funding award is enough to finish the project, he said.

"That is enough funding for the entirety of the project in Martin there," he said. "That's enough funds to get us through completion."

Officials 'circling back around' to address water issue, again

The funding delays that have held up this project are evident on the city streets in downtown Martin.

Those streets are lined with homes and businesses in disrepair. Buildings have windows boarded up and homes sit with roofs partially missing. Howell said the homeowners saw no point in repairing them because of the buyout. Even the building adjacent to the Floyd County School District's Renaissance Learning Center has broken windows.

McKinney said those dilapidated buildings is why the project changed.

"The makeup of the town has changed from when we started it," he said. "There was a lot more people living downtown when we started, but after we started, people moved out. Then, around 2010, we decided we wouldn't build a new house for one that's been abandoned."

McKinney said the area around the current location of the alternative school is where the second phase of the project will begin.

School officials previously reported a possible opening of the new school, which is being built on Varia Mountain, in August, but he reported a water issue has pushed the opening of the new school to September.

McKinney — the latest in a long list of project managers who have overseen this project — told the Martin City Council recently that the Corps got bad results when they tested waterlines at the school on June 8.

"It was actually the worst testing that we have done so far on the system," McKinney said. "I'm not entirely sure what it is, but I suspect that somewhere else in the system, you've probably got some other leaks somewhere. And then, talking with our lawyers, until we get a utilities relocation agreement, we're not really far enough in the project yet to have that, we're not allowed to modify or repair the existing utility system."

He suggested that the Corps create a new waterline that will serve the school and be expanded in the future for the sec-

ond phase of the project. He said the Corps would likely ink a contract with Prestonsburg City Utilities to construct the line, and then turn the line back over to Martin once the work is completed.

City Council Member James Reynolds and City Attorney Greg Adams said, however, that Martin already discussed this issue with the previous project manager. That discussion took place last year, they said, and the city already has a contract ready to be signed.

"We went through this. It was a done deal," Reynolds said. "There was an agreement that was drawn up between the city of Prestonsburg, Southern Water. We discussed all of this. We got everyone together and discussed this and drew up an agreement. Then they said, nope. We're not going to do that. So, if you all are going to do it, that's what we were trying to do."

McKinney noted an issue trying to locate easements from Southern Water, reporting the plan is to tie this new line near Bucks Branch on Ky. 80.

"Sounds like we're circling back around to do the same thing we were trying to do a year ago," McKinney said.

Matt Martin, who specializes in drafting utility relocation contracts for the Corps, said this new line will service the school being built and would later provide water to downtown.

McKinney reported after the meeting that Martin's water system has caused problems with the construction of that school for at least a year. The school has a modern fire suppression system and officials have not been able to get the amount of water volume needed for that system.

"Seems like every time we tested the water pressure, we found out there had been a major leak in town," he said, reporting the last test caused a fire hydrant leak.

He said the redevelopment was designed when Martin had its own water tower, but plans changed because the city now buys its water from Prestonsburg.

In the second phase of the project, the Corps will seek utility relocation contracts with the city for

its water, sewer and storm sewer lines in the downtown area and those contracts will be executed like those that were used to relocate the fire station and city hall to Varia Mountain.

The Corps is also expected to follow up with a request made by council members who are worried about the city's liability with a water meter that's set to be located inside the new school. The city is required to maintain waterlines on the supply side of the meter, and if there's a problem with a meter inside the school, Howell and others worry that the city will have to repair building damage.

Corps official Bradley Stark said officials previously discussed modifying that contract so a meter could be placed outside of the school. He noted, however, that the design of the school was approved by the state years ago.

"But that was just a discussion. I don't know how we're proceeding with that, but we understand your concern. You shouldn't be responsible for the inside of the building," he said.

Howell complained about a water loss problem he claims the Corps caused in Martin years ago because contractors did not cap waterlines placed on Varia Mountain.

"We lost probably 30,000 gallons of water a day for God's know how long because the line wasn't put together," Howell said. "We couldn't figure out where the leak was. We lost that forever. We checked this whole town, walked lines, and we couldn't ever figure it out."

He said he stumbled upon the leak while working in the back of city hall and officials installed a valve to turn off water to Varia Mountain, causing the contractors working there to dig down and find the leak.

"It took so much water from the system that you couldn't flush the toilets in the fire station," Reynolds said. "It completely dried the lines, that's how bad it was, and it stayed that way for nine months."

Howell said the city ate that expense.

Stark said the problem was likely caused because they left lines open for future development, reporting that at one time, a church and post office were to be relocated there. Those

plans, however, changed, with Council Member April Gayheart reporting the church couldn't not afford to spend \$250,000 for a plot of land on Varia Mountain.

Answering questions from council members last month about when the post office building will be bought so it can be relocated, McKinney said it will take years.

"Talking to our real estate people, they said probably a two- to three-year timeframe before we start doing anything with the post office, so that building, we're not really doing anything with it right now," he said.

The Corps is focusing on acquiring property in the phase two site for the construction of a road to re-route Rt. 1428. The construction of a road that is set to lead from Varia Mountain to the redevelopment site is also planned.

McKinney said the city should have the deed for the fire station property within a month, but the deed for the town hall and police station cannot begin to be finalized until 30 days after it has been vacated. Howell said the city hasn't completed the move to the new building yet because a radio tower must be moved.

In 2004, the assessed property value for the city of Martin was \$10 million. It increased to \$12 million in 2010 and to \$14.5 million in 2017, Property Valuation Administrator Connie Hancock said. She said the increase is likely due to businesses built in areas of the town that aren't impacted by the redevelopment. This year, she expects the assessment to drop to \$14 million — a decrease caused, she believes, by the buyout of properties, which removes those properties from the tax rolls.

The US Army Corps of Engineers used to maintain an office in Martin to answer questions for residents and updates, including photographs and design documents, were once regularly provided online. The project website is currently being updated, McKinney said.

He encourages anyone who has questions about the redevelopment to attend Martin City Council meetings or call him at, (304) 399-5382.

CAMP

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character Ruff Ruffman, focused on teaching children science, technology, engineering and math skills. Campers learned about mixtures, materials, friction and structures while doing several activities. The camp is set to end today with a celebration that parents are also invited to attend.

The camp, provided free to children through a Ready to Learn grant KET received, is being implemented in Eastern Kentucky and Louisville. The event at MVES was held in partnership with the Floyd County School District and its Family Resource Youth Services

Center programs. Local parents and teenagers from a Tennessee church group volunteered.

"The grant allows us to pilot these camps to see how they work, and then, we're providing feedback to PBS Kids, and then these resources will be available nationally for free, for anyone to be able to implement these camps," Camp leader Amanda Wright said.

Jordan Koskoski of Martin brought his five-year-old son Elijah to the camp. He volunteered as part of the camp at May Valley because he said his son and a friend of his enjoyed a similar "Odd Squad" camp KET hosted last year at the East Kentucky Science Center.

"I just love seeing

the smiles on all of these kids' faces, and interacting with them and seeing how smart they really are and how they really work together as one to solve problems," he said.

He said his son loves science, and the camp helped build his son's social skills, calling it "absolutely magnificent."

"I just hope they keep doing this. We need more of this in our region. We need this across our country. We just need more of it, and I thank them for that," he said.

He said both he and his son are Ruff Ruffman fans. When a camp volunteer asked campers if they'd like to take home their very own plush Ruff Ruffman toy, they all raised their hands.

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All-Mountain First and Second-Team

By **RANDY WHITE**
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Appalachian Newspapers recently named its All-Mountain Teams.

The All-Mountain team will consist of Player of the Year, Coach of the Year, First-Team, Second-Team, Third-Team and Honorable Mentions.

The All-Mountain Teams consist of players from Mingo County, Pike County, Floyd County, Johnson County and Perry County and entire 15th Region coverage areas.

The All-Mountain Team was voted on by Appalachian Newspapers sports writers: Randy White, Cory Vance, Steve LeMaster, Trevor Thacker, Mike Muncy and Cody Davis.

All-Mountain First-Team

Mason Moore
Devin Morris
Seth Williams
Kevin Justice
Ryley Preece
Nate Brown
Ben Daniels
Ryan Gibson
Seth Conn
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Andrew Allen
Bryson Parks
Ronnie Long
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Paintsville
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Prestonsburg – Ben Welch

Floyd County 13 year-olds capture state title

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON — Floyd County captured the Babe Ruth Baseball East Kentucky 13 year-old state championship at Veterans Park on Tuesday. The Tribe, the 13 year old team out of Floyd County, prevailed in a state tournament

which also featured Russell County and Southeastern (Lexington).

Floyd County won via forfeit in the title game after a Southeastern player was ejected from the game.

The Floyd County 13 year-old team is made up of the following players: David Mullins, Trenton

Sherman, Dylan Thompson, Matthew Welch, Samuel Wright, Robert Yearly, Seth Fitch, Jackson Hall, Jackson Jarrell, Cam Kelsey, Andrew Kidd, Nic Kidd and Jeffrey Douglas McKinney.

Floyd County will compete in the Ohio Valley Regional in Munster, Ind. July 26-30.



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Floyd County captured the East Kentucky Babe Ruth 13 year-old state championship in Lexington on Tuesday.



photo courtesy of Floyd County Cal Ripken Baseball & Softball League

Floyd County captured the East Kentucky Babe Ruth 14 year old state championship in Lexington on Wednesday.

Floyd County claims 14U state crown

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON — Floyd County took another title on Wednesday as the Tribe won the Babe Ruth Baseball East Kentucky 14 year old state championship.

The Tribe used a walkoff double in the eighth inning to edge Russell County 3-2 in the 14 year old state title game at Veterans Park.

Samuel Brown, Hunter Mullins, Tate Walters, Payton Burke, Morgan Kunkel, Lucas Combs,

Jonathan Kunkel, CJ Akers, Jacob Burgess and Gavin Crum make up the Tribe 14U baseball team's roster.

Floyd County will compete in the Ohio Valley Regional in Munster, Ind. July 26-30.

Floyd Central football schedule finalized, released

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central's 2018 football schedule has been finalized and released. The Jaguars are scheduled to kick off the upcoming high school gridiron campaign at home versus Harlan on August 17.

Floyd Central finished 7-5 in its debut season in 2017. The Jaguars, under the direction of head coach Shawn Hager, placed second behind perennial state title contender Belfry in Class 3A, District 6. Floyd Central advanced to the second round of the 2017 Class 3A State Playoffs.

The Jaguars outlasted visiting Henry Clay 43-

35 in the opening round of the 2017 Class 3A Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl. But Central, a powerhouse out of Louisville, ended Floyd Central's inaugural season, blanking the Jaguars 50-0 in the second round of the Class 3A State Playoffs.

Floyd Central's first-ever season included additional wins over Harlan, Betsy Layne, Breathitt County, Lynn Camp, Sheldon Clark, Lawrence County and Letcher County Central. The Jaguars dropped games to Prestonsburg, Pike County Central and Belfry in 2017.

Following the 2018 season opener versus Harlan, Floyd Central

will take to the road for six straight away games versus Betsy Layne (Aug. 24), Breathitt County (Aug. 31), Lynn Camp (Aug. 31), Lynn Camp (Sept. 7), Prestonsburg (Sept. 14), Pike County Central (Sept. 21) and Belfry (Sept. 28). The Jaguars are due to close the upcoming game at home with games against Sheldon Clark (Oct. 5), Lawrence County (Oct. 19) and Letcher County Central (Oct. 26).

Floyd Central competes with Belfry, Lawrence County, Pike County Central and Sheldon Clark in Class 3A, District 6.

The Jaguars opened preseason practice under Hager and his coaching staff earlier in the week.

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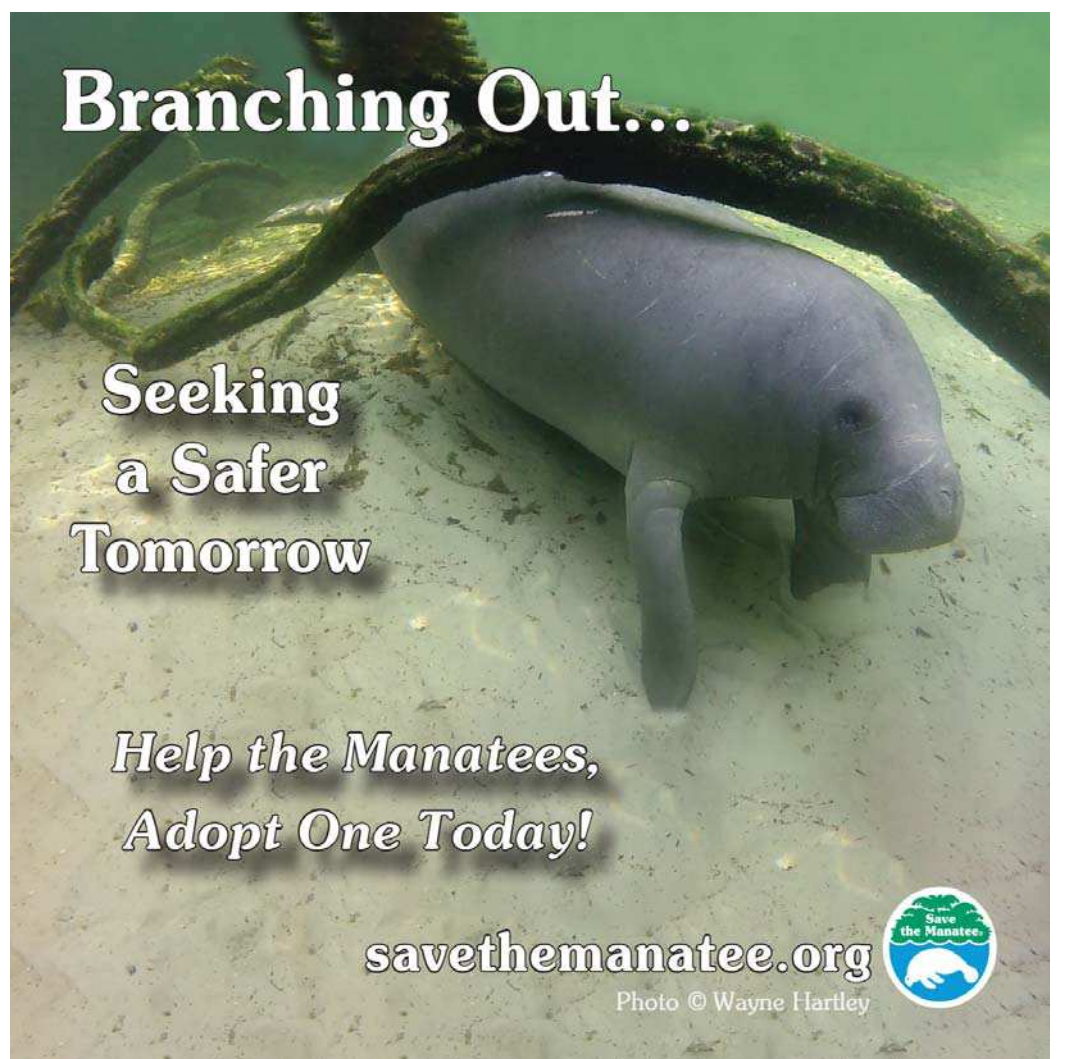
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) - An unexpected opportunity will give you a chance to use your talents in diverse ways. Expand your resume to include qualifications that boost your marketability and ensure higher returns.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Stay in control, budget carefully and do your best to get along with the people who can influence the outcome of what you are trying to achieve.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Pay close attention to detail. A positive change to your appearance or presentation style will drum up interest. Socializing, romance and pleasure trips are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Make your position clear and follow through with your plans. Don't let opposition cause uncertainty. Adjust to situations you cannot change and keep moving forward. Avoid anyone trying to meddle in your affairs.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Learn from a quickly developing emotional situation. Draw on your intuition to help you sidestep a smooth talker trying to take advantage of you. Choose your friends and partners wisely.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Don't make a spur-of-the-moment purchase. Discuss your plans with someone you know you can count on. Someone from your past will want to reconnect.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - A domestic change will make you feel good. Rearrangements or updates that will make

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



your home run more efficiently should be put into play. A personal commitment can be made.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Listen to what's being said and respond appropriately. Don't overreact or let anyone pressure you to get involved in something that you cannot afford or simply don't want. Speak on your own behalf.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Do things your way. You'll stand out and make an impression on someone who will help you bring about a positive personal change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Don't let your emotions interfere with what you are trying to accomplish. Take care of your responsibilities regardless of what's going on in your personal life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Added discipline will help you start and stick to a new diet or fitness regimen. A new look will boost your confidence and encourage you to make a romantic gesture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Before you make changes based on someone's suggestion, find out how much it will cost. Ask questions and make decisions based on facts, not on assumptions. Keep your possessions in a safe place.

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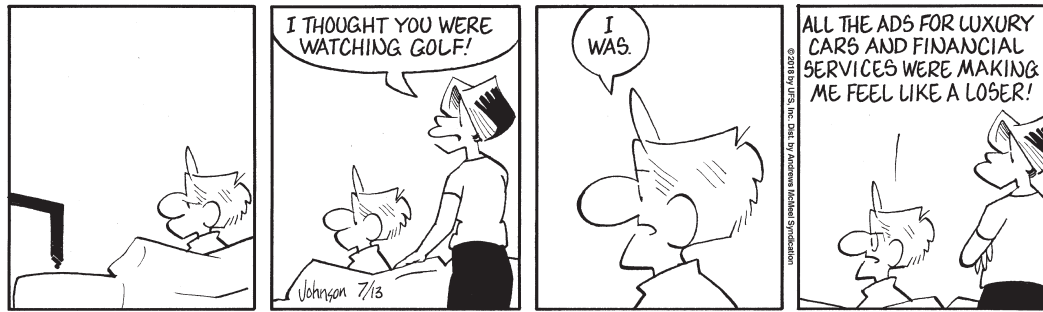
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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Beetle larva
 - 5 "Time is money," e.g.
 - 10 Fem. saint
 - 13 Zeus' shield
 - 15 Wild
 - 16 Mauna —
 - 17 Ocean, in Mongolian
 - 18 Like the Tower of Pisa
 - 20 Fleming forte (2 wds.)
 - 22 Malediction
 - 23 Prompt
 - 24 Move lightly and swiftly
 - 26 Dry red wine
 - 30 Usher's quest
 - 31 Principle
 - 32 Waxing
 - 37 Tortilla snack
 - 38 Apportion
 - 39 Lotion ingredient
 - 40 Discharge
 - 42 Overlord
 - 43 Alphabet enders
 - 44 Give a hard time
 - 45 1066 conquerors
 - 49 Triangular sail
 - 50 Self-move firm (hyph.)
 - 51 Ebony (2 wds.)
 - 56 Risky
 - 59 Caesar's tongue
 - 60 Work unit
 - 61 Distinctive qualities
 - 62 Chew the scenery
 - 63 Take in
 - 64 Cherry center
 - 65 Eject
 - 29 Raucous diver
 - 30 Recital pieces
 - 32 Layers
 - 33 Frau's abode
 - 34 Troubles
 - 35 Carol
 - 36 Actor Richard —
 - 38 Ra's symbol
 - 41 Shrubs in the heath family
 - 42 Mob
 - 44 Big success
 - 45 Birthday suit wearers
 - 46 Chicago's airport
 - 47 Target-practice area
 - 48 Coffee holder
 - 49 Helms or Owens
 - 51 San — Capistrano
 - 52 Takes a powder
 - 53 Up above
 - 54 Quote
 - 55 Had learned
 - 57 Wheel track
 - 58 El Dorado loot
- DOWN**
- 1 Is on the go
 - 2 Cut grain
 - 3 Ill-favored
 - 4 One-sidedness
 - 5 Ignited
 - 6 Say no
 - 7 Part of a circle
 - 8 Square-dance partner
 - 9 Brings forth
 - 10 Mini or maxi
 - 11 Uptight
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 - 25 Cafe au —
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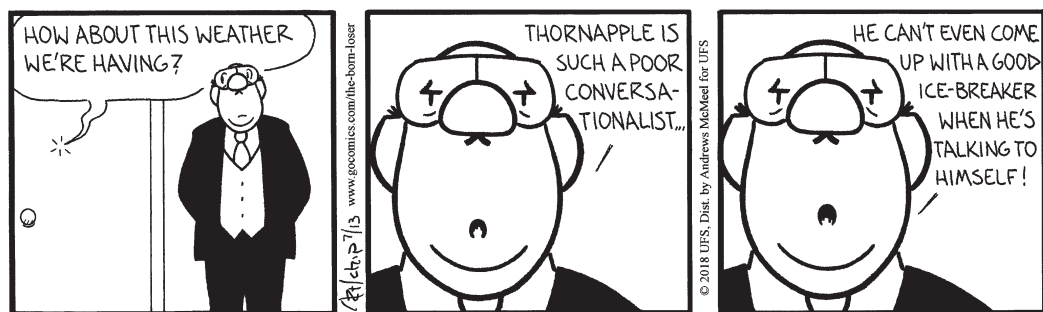
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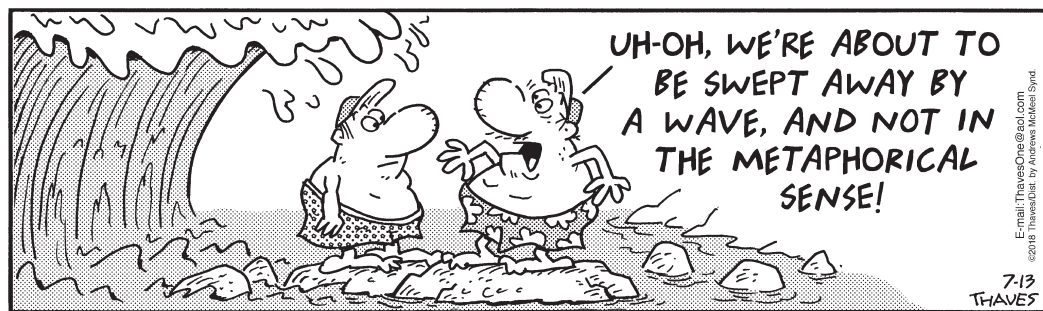
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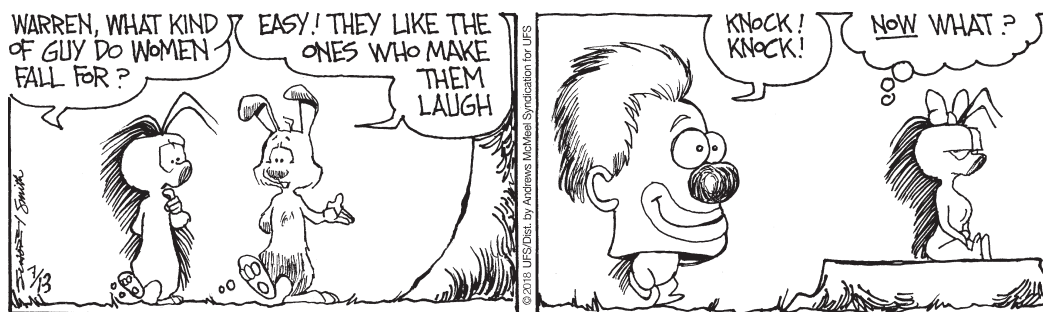
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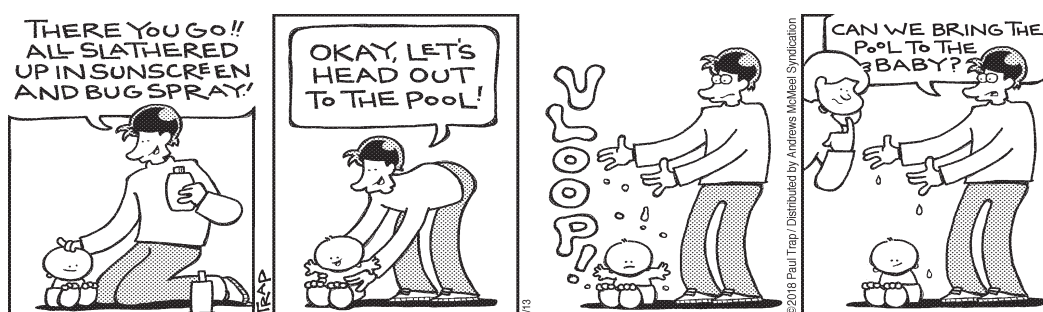
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NOTICE OF SALE

The City of Wheelwright will be accepting bids for a **1970 Ford 900 series fire truck**. Said vehicle has a 100 gallon tank and will pump 750 gallons per minute. Said vehicle comes with hose reel, emergency lighting, hard junction hose, and 150 ft. booster hose. Minimum bid will be \$2,000.00. Bids will be received by the City of Wheelwright, at the city hall, 1479 KY RT 306,

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Wheelwright, KY 41669, until July 30, 2018. The City of Wheelwright reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. Awarding of the bids shall be made on the basis of best value.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Bull Creek Coal Corporation, 750 Town Mountain Road, KY, 41501, has applied for Phase I/II/III Bond Release on Increment 2, **Permit Number 836-8028** that was last issued on April 24, 2017. The application covers an area of approximately 3.47 acres located 0.5 miles south of Lancer in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 1.8 miles north from KY 302's junction with US 23 and located on Bull Creek. The surety bond now in effect is on Increment No. 2 for \$75,000, 100 percent of the

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original bond amount is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding, fertilizing, and mulching completed in 2012. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY, 40601, by August

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20, 2018. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for August 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY, 41501-9331. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by August 20, 2018.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 880-0124 Renewal #5 In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Czar Coal Corporation, 81 Enterprise Drive, DeBord, Kentucky 41214 has filed an application for a renewal of a surface coal mining and reclamation operation located

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approximately 1.82 miles northwest of Thomas in Martin and Floyd Counties. The operation will disturb 760.50 surface acres and will underlie 230.63 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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PUBLIC NOTICE

Southern Water & Sewer District has 5 vehicles and approximately 1.25 acers of property located at the mouth of Cold Water in Harold Kentucky and will be excepting sealed bids on July 25th at 10:00 am. The reserve shall be met on each item listed before final sale. Southern Water & Sewer District has the right to refuse any and all bids. Items up for bid 3- 2011 ford ranger pick up trucks, 1995 F-350 Power Stroke dump truck, 2009 Dodge Ram 1500, and approximately 1.25 acers of property. All Items must be paid for in full and transferred within 5 days of the bid date. Bids will be opened at 10:00 am on July 25th, 2018 at our office. For further information call (606)377-9296

CUSTOMER NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Southern Water & Sewer District expects to file an application on or about June 29, 2018 with the Kentucky Public Service Commission seeking approval of a proposed adjustment to its water rates. The proposed rates shall not become effective until the Public Service Commission has issued an order approving these rates.

Monthly Water Rates

	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
First 2,000 Gallons	24.60	34.60	10.00	41%
Over 2,000 Gallons	8.40	10.00	1.60	19%

If the Public Service Commission approves the proposed rates, then the monthly bill for a residential customer using an average of 4,000 gallons per month will increase from \$41.40 to \$54.60. This is an increase of \$13.20 or 31.88%.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by the Southern Water and Sewer District. However, the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from these proposed rates. Such action may result in rates for consumers other than the rates shown in this notice.

Southern Water & Sewer District has available for inspection at its office the application which is submitted to the Public Service Commission. A person may examine this application at the Southern Water & Sewer District office located at 245 KY Route 680, McDowell KY 41647. You may contact the office at 606-377-9296.

A person may also examine the application at the Public Service Commission's office located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort KY 40602; Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM or through the Public Service Commission's website at <http://psc.ky.gov>. Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission through its website or by mail to Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort KY 40602. You may contact the Public Service Commission at 502-564-3940.

A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, PO Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Public Service Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within 30 days of the initial publication of this notice, the Public Service Commission may take final action on the application.

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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 Department for Natural Resources Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or request for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Fort, KY 40601. **This is the final advertisement of this application;** all comments, objections and/or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

INVITATION TO BID

The City of Allen, Kentucky, requests bids for resurfacing city streets for the fiscal year 2019. The successful bidder will furnish labor, equipment, and materials. All materials shall meet or exceed the requirements specified in the Department of Highways Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, most current edition State Specifications, including current supplements. Materials will be placed at the direction of the City subject to inspection and approval. The bid opening will begin July 13th, 2018 at 8:00 A.M., and will end July 20th 2018 at 1:00 P.M. The bid will be opened at 6:00 P.M. local time July 23rd, 2018 and read during the special called City Council meeting. The method of award will be the lowest and best evaluated bid. Incomplete bids will not be accepted. Specifications may be obtained Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., local time from Elmer "Fudd" Parsons, Maintenance Supervisor, Allen City Hall, 22 Main Street, Allen KY, or by calling (606)874-2953. Bids can be submitted in person, or by fax: (606)874-2952. The City of Allen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Krystal L. Spurlock, City Clerk
22 Main Street
Allen KY. 41602
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by CHRIS MC-KINLEY. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is SEASON'S INN, the nature of the business will be LIVE MUSIC,

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POOL TABLES, RESTAURANT, MOTEL, LIQUOR BY THE DRINK, BEER AND WINE COOLERS. Location is 8550, Ky. Rt. 1428, Martin, Ky. 41649. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant lacks good moral character, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with County Clerk no later than August 16, 2018, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for August 16, 2018, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit. **HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by COYOTE DEN INC. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is SEASON'S INN, the nature of the business will be LIVE MUSIC, POOL TABLES, DJ. Location is 2813 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant lacks good moral character, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with County Clerk no later than July 19, 2018, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for July 19, 2018, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit. **HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by MICHAEL GAYHEART. The name of the proposed business of entertainment is KHOSSCATS, the nature of the business will be LIVE MUSIC, POOL TABLES, AIR HOCKEY. Location is 14165, Ky. Rt. 979, Beaver, KY 41604. Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicant lacks good moral character, or whether the applicant will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant lacks good moral character, within the last two (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with County Clerk no later than July 19, 2018, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for July 19, 2018, at the hour of 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the Floyd County Judge/Executive at the Floyd County Justice Center, 2nd Floor in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. The Floyd County Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit. **HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY**

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PMC HOSTS CLINICAL JOB FAIR

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Due to the rapid growth of several service lines, Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has immediate openings for a number of clinical jobs throughout the organization. To meet the immediate demand, PMC is hosting a clinical job fair on Tuesday, July 17 from 7am to 8pm on the fourth floor of the Landmark Inn, located at 190 S. Mayo Trail in Pikeville, KY.

Many departments at Pikeville Medical Center have open clinical positions including: the nurse float pool, respiratory therapists, pharmacy techs, staff development specialists, nursing assistants, registered nurses, critical care nurses, cardiovascular techs, radiation therapists, medical technologists, medical laboratory technicians, discharge planners, home health RNs, EKG techs/EEG technicians, and nurse externs.

PMC recently made the necessary decision to reduce overstaffing. Those unfortunately impacted were mainly non-clinical personnel.

"We are focused on putting patient healthcare first. Because of PMC's continued growth, we have a great need for highly-qualified clinical personnel to assist us with patient care. Filling these open positions, with qualified clinical staff, will allow us to continue providing our patients with world-class quality healthcare. We will also be able to see them quicker and more effectively," said PMC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Donovan Blackburn. He added, "As we continue with our aggressive plan to expand our clinical services into existing and new markets, the demand for experienced staff will also continue to grow."

Senior Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Rainey agrees, "I have been at PMC for over 20 years and where we are now is amazing. We are continuing to offer more and more services. Adding experienced clinical staff is something we have to do so we can offer the best care to our patients."



PMC Senior Vice President, Assistant CEO and Chief Medical Officer Aaron Crum, MD, stated, "PMC continues to be the region's leading healthcare employer of choice by those who have chosen this amazing and noble profession." Dr. Crum added, "PMC provides the best benefits and opportunities, second to none. Our equipment and facilities are far superior to most, giving our clinical professionals the tools and confidence to master their skills, while providing our patients with the best possible care. We invite those interested in becoming part of our organization to the upcoming job fair and look forward to welcoming new clinical leaders to our organization."

Job fair attendees will have the opportunity to apply for open clinical positions on-site.



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PMC RECRUITS NEW SPECIALTY PHYSICIANS

By: Carol Casebolt

Health care in eastern Ky continues to be plagued with cancer, diabetes and heart disease. As the patient population dealing with these life threatening diseases continues to grow Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) plans to expand their service lines.

PMC Senior Vice President, Assistant Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Office Aaron Crum, MD said, "We need new physicians because the hospital is continuing to grow and our community's needs continue to grow. These new physicians are going to have a huge impact on the community."

The PMC Heart and Vascular Institute has added two new physicians:

General Cardiologist Abdel-Ghani Anabtawi, MD and Interventional Cardiologist Deepak Jayananda Pattanshetty, MD who is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

The Leonard Lawson Cancer Center also has a new physician: Hematologist/Oncologist Mohamad Khasawneh, MD. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Hematology and Medical Oncology.

Serving the diabetic patients is Endocrinologist Maali Milhem, MD who is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism.

Dr. Crum said, "In our region we are a hot bed of diabetes and cardiac disease and we are responding to those needs. The addition of our endocrinologist is going to be tremendous for diabetes care, but what people do not realize, her contribution for other care is tremendous as well."

Rounding out the group of new physicians are two hospitalists: Maurice Udechukwu, MD, who is board certified with the American Board of Internal Medicine, and Brittany Fairchild, MD.

Dr. Crum says the hospital is also shoring up some super-specialty service lines at this time.

The forecast for the future of PMC and the surrounding region is bright as new physicians move into the community to care for those who need them most.

Most recently, PMC has experienced immense growth through adding new physicians, updating and expanding the lab, opening a new state-of-the-art data center and a new Black Lung Clinic proving, once again, PMC is committed to providing outstanding patient care and convenience to the community.

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