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A Trans-Star Ambulance unit rushes through Wheelwright responding to an emergency call in April. Questions have been raised about the service and its response times.

Ambulance response time complaints issued

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Complaints about the response time for ambulance service in the Wheelwright area was among the topics discussed at a recent fiscal court meeting.

Magistrate

Tackett talked about the need for quicker ambulance services in that city during a July 20 court meeting, joining several other officials who have complained about ambulance service times there this year.

Mike

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Attorney general asks to intervene in Southern Water's case

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Attorney General's office is seeking to intervene in Southern Water & Sewer District's application to increase customer rates.

On Wednesday, Attorney General Andy Beshear's Office of Rate Intervention filed a motion with the Kentucky Public Service Commission to intervene in the case.

Southern Water filed its case with the PSC earlier this month, seeking rates that could increase customer bills between 30 and 40 percent. The PSC initially rejected the application, reporting Southern did not provide all of the required paperwork, but the agency ruled on July 20 that those deficiencies were corrected and the case may move forward.

Southern explained in its application that it is in "dire need" of higher rates because of a "deteriorated" financial condition alleged to have been caused by the sale of parts of its customer base to Prestonsburg

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Board of Education members honor the Allen Elementary Student Technology Leadership Program students during a July 23 meeting.

Allen Elementary students honored

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

It may be summer break, but some students at Allen Elementary have spent much of their summer improving — and showcasing — one of their projects.

The school's Student Technology Leadership Program team members Allyssa Dixon, Bradley Jervis, Olivia Dixon, Ethan McIntosh, Reese Music, Keegan Farley and Tanner Skeens recently returned from a trip to Chicago, Illinois, where they displayed

their award-winning STLP project at the International Society for Technology in Education conference.

The conference attracts more than 15,000 people from around the world, including "leaders and key influencers for education technology."

Earlier this year, the team won first place in the middle school grade level at the Kentucky STLP championship for its "I Can Perform My Way" project.

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BOE still seeking approval for property sales

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education is still seeking approval from the Kentucky Department of Education to sell three district properties, Superintendent Danny

Adkins confirmed this week.

In interviews following the board's July 23 meeting, Adkins and Board Chairperson Sherry Robinson both reported that the KDE sent an email to the district, announcing the approval of

the sale of the former Allen grade school, the former maintenance building in Allen and Osborne Elementary to three individuals who submitted bids this year.

Adkins, however, reported on July 24 that the KDE sent another

email, telling district officials to "disregard the approval of the sales of the properties as they had reviewed some wrong information."

"So they are going to look at it again and we are back to waiting for KDE approval," he said in

a text message.

The KDE emailed a letter to the district on July 16, approving the surplus of the old Allen grade school, Osborne Elementary and the maintenance building in Allen, but an official there

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Floyd County Community Health Fair held



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More than 100 people received free health screenings and informational resources at the Floyd County Community Health Fair, hosted on July 26 by the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program at Graceway Methodist Church in Langley. The free event featured free health services from nearly 40 vendors and numerous free health screenings and services, including care from Big Sandy Health Care's mobile dental unit. It's one of four health fairs Big Sandy CAP hosted this year in the counties it serves.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

A child gets a high-five after completing an eye exam at the Floyd County Community Health Fair, hosted on July 26 by the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program.



Submitted photo

Two people were charged with criminal littering after Code Enforcement Officer Randy Bryant allegedly found documents with their names and addresses on them in this illegal dump earlier this month near Ky. 777.

Three people charged with littering

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Three people are facing criminal charges for littering, and one of them is accused of throwing garbage out of a car window and hitting a police cruiser.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department served criminal complaint summons on Melissa R. Dunn, 42, and Ciera Roby, 30, both of Garrett, recently, and Rodney Tackett, 38, of Jenkins in Letcher County, was also cited for criminal littering by the Kentucky State Police for a separate incident that is alleged.

The charges against Dunn and Roby were filed by Randy Bryant, the county's code enforcement officer, following an investigation into an illegal garbage dump at Ky. 777 near the Elkhorn Educational & Recreational Park earlier this month.

The citation alleges that Bryant examined the contents of bags of garbage thrown in that area and discovered names and

addresses of Dunn and Roby on several documents. Bryant reported that eight or more bags of household garbage were found at that location. He said the women claimed to have paid someone to haul off the garbage.

The charge against Tackett came from Kentucky State Police Trooper R. Newsome. According to that citation, Newsome was preparing to conduct a traffic stop in a work zone on U.S. 23 on a vehicle in which Tackett was a passenger. He claims Tackett threw litter and paper out of the passenger-side window and struck his cruiser.

Dunn and Roby are scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd County District Court on Aug. 8. Tackett is scheduled to be arraigned on the charge on Aug. 22.

Criminal littering is a class A misdemeanor. People found guilty of the charge in Kentucky face fines of up to \$500 and up to a year in jail.

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Board attorney resigns; Hunt considered

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER



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Floyd County Board of Education Attorney Jonathan Shaw, left, speaks to Superintendent Danny Adkins after he was hired during a meeting in May at May Valley. The school board accepted Shaw's resignation this week and voted to seek a contract with attorney John Earl Hunt.

The Floyd County Board of Education is changing paths with its legal representation.

During a June 24 meeting, the board discussed the resignation of its attorney Jonathan Shaw and voted, upon the recommendation of Chairperson Sherry Robinson, to hire Floyd County attorney John Earl Hunt instead.

"We have all received a letter stating that our attorney, Shaw, will not be seeking a renewal of a contract for legal services for the upcoming school year," Robinson said. "So, we as a board need to decide about searching and looking for an attorney for the upcoming school year."

She said she'd turn the discussion over to Superintendent Danny Adkins, but he declined to make a recommendation.

He told her, "I don't know, because it's an action that you guys take, that I can make a recom-

mendation. I think it has to possibly be a motion or recommendation from you."

Robinson responded, "Oh, OK. I would like to make a motion that the board consider, and I guess, once this passes we will then contact the attorney and find out the contract information. So, I'd like to make the motion that we consider John Earl Hunt for the board attorney for the upcoming school year of 2018-2019. I need a second."

Board member Junior Newsome seconded

the motion and it passed unanimously.

Shaw, who works at

a Johnson County law firm, sent a letter to board members on July 17, announcing that he will not seek a renewal of the contract he currently has with the district. He did not provide a reason for his resignation and did not want to comment when asked about why he decided to resign.

He was not a school district employee, and provided legal services, instead, on a contract basis.

In the letter, Shaw said it "has been an honor to serve and work" with the school board and the district team

for the past 19 years in "various representative capacities," and said he appreciates the "opportunity and confidence" the board had in him as board attorney for the past few years. He cited several cases he worked on for the district since 2000, including one case the Supreme Court upheld in the district's favor last year regarding a student who committed suicide after being bullied.

Shaw offered to help the district, if requested, on a case-by-case basis in the future.

"You have my deepest respect and admiration

for the courage shown in leading this district to where you are today," he wrote in the letter. "May you continue to exhibit the wisdom, strength, and faith needed to lead this district forward."

After the meeting, Robinson said she made the motion to seek Hunt as the board's new attorney because of his experience as a former commonwealth's attorney in Floyd County and former administrative law judge for workers compensation.

Officials plan to approve a contract with Hunt at a later date.

INTERVENE

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last year.

The company 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 that 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.

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

The full case is available online under case number 2018-00230 at, psc.ky.gov.

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St. Vincent Mission celebrates 50 years this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

One of Floyd County's oldest assistance organizations is celebrating 50 years of service this weekend.

St. Vincent Mission of David is marking the milestone with a reunion for current and former volunteers on July 27-28 and a public celebration on July 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Brothers of Charity from Pennsylvania opened the mission in June 1968 in Martin at the request of a bishop from the Diocese of Covington, Kentucky.

Since then, St. Vincent has been led by seven directors and countless volunteers who have supported the pledge of founding director Brother Matthew Burns, who wanted the mission "to always be there for the poor."

The mission moved to David in the 1970s, and it played a significant role in developing the town.

According to a 50th anniversary booklet written by Sister Kathleen Weigand, who served as director there from

1999 to 2016, St. Vincent Mission was at the forefront of the effort to give the former coal camp its independence.

Weigand wrote that the mission sought help from the Appalachian Research and Defense Fund of Kentucky to form a community development organization geared to revitalize the town in the 1970s. In 1974, that corporation bought the town from the former coal camp owners for \$110,000 and then sold homes and lots to repay the loans. David celebrated with a "re-birth-day" party in 1976, her research says.

That book highlights droves of donors and volunteers who have helped the mission over the years, including people like Allie Sarvey, who started volunteering there at the age of seven and continued to bring her family there to volunteer, year after year, until she started college.

Erin Bottomlee, who was hired as the mission's director in 2016, said she is excited about meeting volunteers like that during this celebration.

"I'm excited to meet and talk with people who were

here in the very beginning, to see how it started and why they served here and just what the foundation of the mission is," Bottomlee said. "We know it's founded on Christ, but I'm looking forward to talking to those who were here in the beginning just to see how that torch has been passed down over the years."

At least 100 people are attending from outside the area, Bottomlee and Weigand said, and many of them helped start the mission in 1968.

Activities that are open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday include music, games and activities for children, prize drawings, and other activities. David resident Greg Shepherd has donated a hog that he and Carl Woods will roast as part of a free lunch that will be offered, beginning at noon. Music and games for kids begin at 10 a.m. and continue after lunch from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the mission.

Reunion attendees will continue activities later that day at the Foley Mission Center in Martin, where mass will be held at 5 p.m., followed by a

slideshow presentation, dinner and music.

Weigand said this 50th anniversary celebration will highlight the dedication of all the people who have been part of the mission.

"It's one way to highlight all of our volunteers, for sure, and it's another way to highlight our donors, the board and the staff," she said. "Because everybody had a part in helping us over these past 50 years."

She talked about how the mission has changed over the years, and how, with those changes, the nonprofit organization is still working to ensure that the immediate needs of clients are met.

"The board and staff looked at what services we were delivering and they also looked at what other services were needed," she said. "So, our emergency assistance program increased, the home repair program, I think they've got 25 or 27 groups this year who are working on repairing substandard housing, working to help people who are underemployed, unemployed or disabled."

She said it's "become a partnership" because those who receive help at St. Vincent "become participants in what we do" through helping others, if they're able to do so. The mission recently opened a volunteer house, funded by donations, to support the home repair program.

Today, the mission offers a food pantry, second-hand boutique, emergency assistance program and HAP fund, home repair program, Grow Appalachia program, a Christmas Store for people in need and a Career Readiness program. The mission also hosts community gatherings and events, like workshops and Family Fun Day activities. This month, the mission gave away school supplies for children.

For more information about the celebration or the mission, call, (606) 886-2513, or visit St. Vincent Mission on Facebook. More information is also available online at, stvincentmission.org.

Paddlefest will change this weekend

By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

Officials with the City of Prestonsburg and Prestonsburg Tourism are gearing up for this month's Paddlefest.

The event will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 28, at River Park, located behind Billy Ray's

restaurant in Prestonsburg, but the route will be shorter than usual.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West told the tourism commission recently that Paintsville Tourism no longer wants to partner with Prestonsburg for Paddlefest, so officials are planning to host Pad-

delfest in different locations in Floyd County.

Paddlefest previously started at River Park and included a 16-mile river tour through Paintsville, but this week's event will end at eight miles at the Paintsville-Prestonsburg Combs Airport, West said Wednesday.

West said the end

of the partnership with Paintsville does give Prestonsburg the opportunity to offer different Paddlefest courses, as discussed previously at tourism meetings. Plans are underway, she said, to change the Paddlefest route next month.

Approximately 35 people attend Paddlefest monthly, West reported.

This month will mark the first month that Prestonsburg Tourism will

start collecting taxes on Paddlefest ticket sales, a requirement of a law passed during this year's legislative session.

"With the new tax law, that will effect Paddlefest, so we will have to start charging taxes," West said. "We are sorry about that, but we are required to do that."

The cost is \$10 per ticket before taxes, and it includes a catered lunch and a shuttle from the

end of the tour back to Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg Tourism sells Paddlefest T-shirts during the event and kayaks and canoes are also available for rent.

West said Prestonsburg Tourism will be able, starting Saturday, to accept credit card purchases at this event.

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Martin meeting cancelled

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Martin City Council cancelled its regular meeting this month.

Only two council members, Mayor Sam Howell and council mem-

ber Harold Case, showed up for the meeting on July 24.

City Attorney Doug Adams was also there, but the meeting was cancelled for lack of a quorum.

Council members April Gayheart, Charles Justice, Gary Akers, James Reynolds and Eulene Ratliff were absent.

The council's meeting was also cancelled in

May for lack of a quorum, and the city held a special meeting the following month to hold first readings of a smoking ban ordinance and the new fiscal year budget.

Howell reported Tuesday that city officials are working to move into the new city hall building on top of Varia Mountain. He does not expect a special meeting to be called.

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EDITORIAL:

Woofstock a win-win for the region

The partners who plan to come together at the Mountain Arts Center on Aug. 18 to host Woofstock, a funding concert series that benefits the Animal Alliance of East Kentucky, are doing a great service to the region.

The line-up includes a slew of well-known local musicians who are participating to help raise funds for the

nonprofit animal assistance group, which is working to educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering, as well as offering funds to help low-income residents in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties to spay and neuter their pets.

The lack of spaying and neutering causes a pet overpopulation problem and, ulti-

mately, neglect of dogs and cats throughout Eastern Kentucky. We've seen this problem tax the efforts of volunteers at local animal shelters, including the one right here in Floyd County, which is funded, in part, by tax dollars.

There are other animal rescue groups in Floyd County and the region whose volunteers are doing important

and vital work, but the pet overpopulation problem will continue because some people cannot afford to spay or neuter their pets. That's why the work of the Animal Alliance is so important, and it's why the partners in this concert should be commended.

Headliners for this event include Bek & The Starlight Revue, and performers will

also include Nicholas Jamerson, Luna & The Mountain Jets, Sean Whiting, Jen Tackett, Josh Nolan and Chelsea Nolan and one "Laid Back Country Picker" who is "rumored" to be on the lineup as well. We encourage our readers to buy a few tickets and support this event and the MAC.

GUEST COLUMN:

Thai cave rescue spurs memory of Kentucky inventor Garrett Morgan

By **STUART W. SANDERS**
KENTUCKY HISTORICAL
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The world watched in awe this month as divers rescued 12 boys and their soccer coach from a flooded cave system in Thailand.

Residents of Kentucky — the land of Mammoth Cave, Lost River Cave, Diamond Caverns and other natural wonders — are familiar with cave rescues. One of the most famous attempts occurred here in 1925, when cave explorer Floyd Collins became trapped in Sand Cave (also known as Crystal Cave).

Like the recent Thai rescue, extensive media coverage made the Collins's episode an international story.

After the entrance to Sand Cave collapsed, rescuers tried to tunnel

over to Collins. Sadly, their efforts failed, and he died after being trapped for nearly two weeks.

While the death of Floyd Collins (and the passing of one of the Thai divers) serves as a reminder of the difficulty and danger of cave rescues, the recent incident in Thailand also showcased invention. As authorities made rescue plans, engineers from several companies owned by entrepreneur Elon Musk developed a small submarine to extricate the soccer players.

Although Musk's miniature submersible was never used, the episode harkens back to Garrett A. Morgan, an African American inventor whose work aided a dangerous rescue during the early 20th century.

The son of a freed

slave, Morgan was born in Paris, Kentucky, in 1877. After a local education, he moved to Cincinnati, where he ran several businesses. He also became a noted inventor and owned several patents.

Among Morgan's inventions was a "safety hood," a breathing device that later evolved into the modern-day gas mask. Morgan personally demonstrated the effectiveness of this apparatus when he rescued victims from a collapsed tunnel in Cleveland, Ohio.

On July 25, 1916, workers were digging a tunnel under Lake Erie as part of a waterworks project. A pocket of gas suddenly exploded, killing dozens of the workers and trapping survivors in the collapsed tunnel, which filled with toxic fumes.

Multiple rescue efforts failed. In several instances, those seeking to save the trapped men also fell victim to the poisonous air.

When authorities learned of Garrett Morgan's safety hood, they contacted him and he rushed to the site to help. Morgan, along with two of his brothers and a handful of volunteers, donned the hoods and took turns entering the tunnel. Sadly, about 20 men perished in the disaster — but Morgan and the brave men who endured the burning, toxic tunnel saved several others.

Although Morgan eventually received a gold medal for his bravery, because he was African American he received little credit for his role in the rescue. Of the dozens of period newspaper accounts about the incident, few

mentioned Morgan or his invention.

Morgan died in 1963. Among his other inventions was the three-position traffic light. He also founded a newspaper, the Cleveland Call, and established several community organizations.

His legacy also lives on in the modern-day gas mask, a device that has saved the lives of innumerable soldiers, firefighters and rescue workers.

More recently, however, communities have recognized Morgan, his efforts and his innovations. Several years ago, for example, the Garrett A. Morgan Water Treatment Plant in Cleveland was named in his honor.

The Garrett Morgan Elementary School (GME) in Lexington also commemorates his memory. According to the school's website, "Morgan represents the

innovation, diligence, and creativity which we will seek to instill and cultivate in all of our students at GME."

Studying the history of great Kentuckians like Morgan allows us to embrace the inventor's pioneering spirit and bravery. Digging into our state's past also allows us to fill the proverbial well of ideas so that invention and creativity can take place. Studying this history can inspire students and show the important legacy that Kentuckians like Morgan have left modern-day Kentuckians.

We should also remember that, because of his race, Morgan's efforts largely went unrecognized during his lifetime. Therefore, we should continue to commemorate Morgan and other Kentuckians who face great odds yet transform our communities through innovation and good works. Morgan's history stands as a critical lesson for our future.

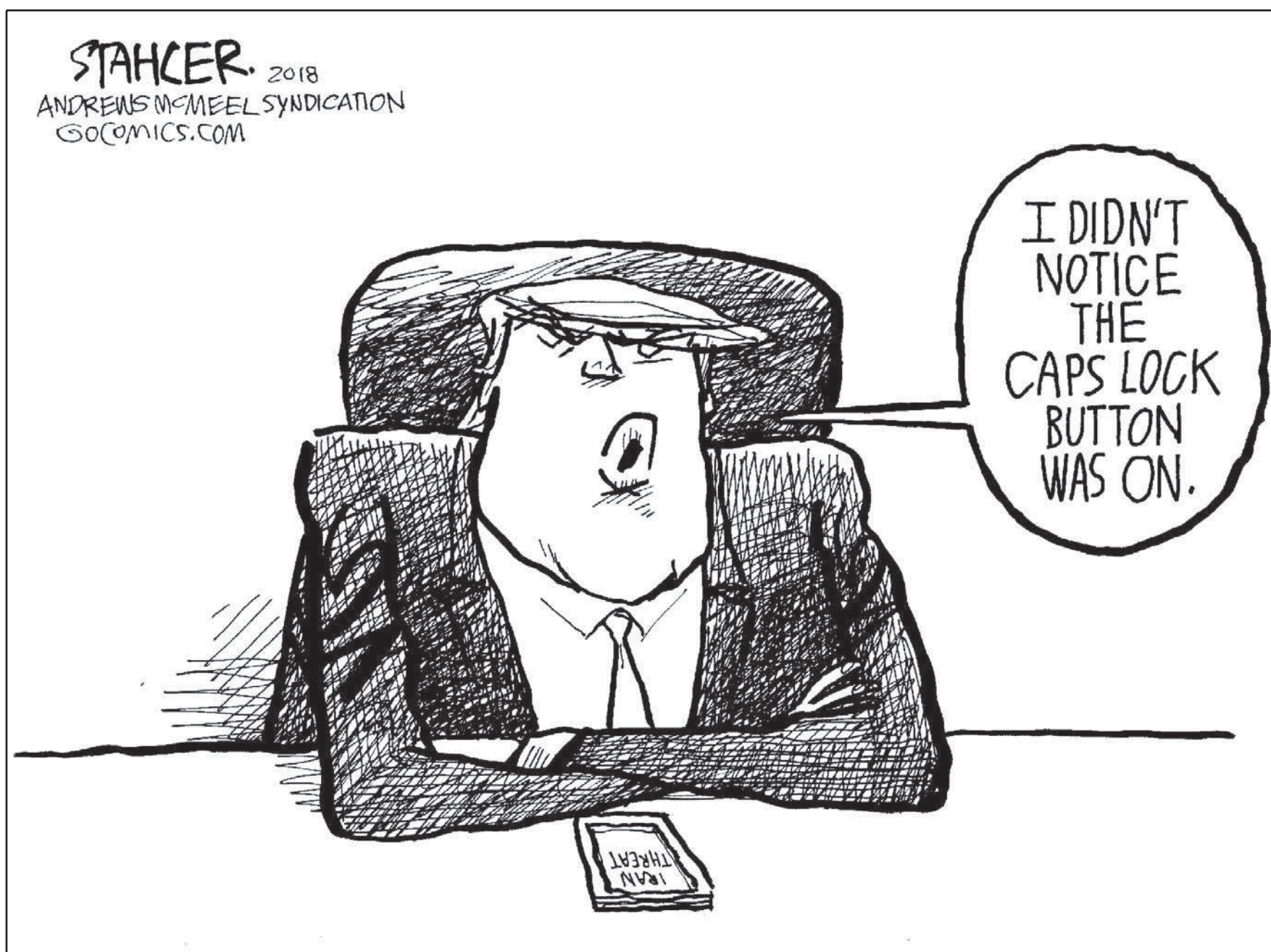
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Juanita Collins
Juanita Scalf Collins, 92, of Stanville, died Tuesday, July 24, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

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Arash "Jeremy" Karimian, 37, of Pikeville, died Saturday, July 21, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of

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Edgar Lee Rister, 80, of Garrett, died Wednesday, July 25, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of

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Evelyn Sweeney, 73, of Church Hill, Tenn., died Tuesday, July 24, 2018.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.
Bonnie Shepherd
Bonnie B. Click Shepherd, 83, of Pierce-

ton, Ind., died Sunday, July 22, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Floyd residents face felony charges after traffic stop

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

An alleged seatbelt violation led to felony charges against two Floyd County residents this week.

On July 24, Kentucky State Police Trooper Rick Newsom pulled over a vehicle on Rt. 979 after he observed a passenger not wearing a seatbelt, and both adults in that vehicle now face felony charges related to illegal drugs and wanton endangerment.

Richard J. Salisbury, 39, of

Harold, and Michael D. Johnson, 28, of Melvin were arrested following that traffic stop.

Salisbury, identified by Newsom as the driver, is charged with failure to wear seatbelts, failure to use child restraint, driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence, second-degree wanton endangerment and first-degree possession of a controlled substance.

Johnson, identified by Newsom as the passenger, is charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, tampering with

physical evidence, second-degree wanton endangerment, third-degree possession of a controlled substance and public intoxication of a controlled substance.

Newsom alleges in the citation that Salisbury and Johnson appeared to be intoxicated and Salisbury had "fresh puncture marks in the bend of his arms."

He alleges that during the traffic stop, he saw a set of scales at Johnson's feet with what appeared to be residue on it, and Johnson's four-year-old child was in the back seat without any type of restraint.

Newsom reported that he found a plastic bag containing pills under the seat where the child was sitting and he also located a pipe, a plastic baggie with a crystal-like substance in it believed to be methamphetamine in a bag that Johnson claimed was his.

Newsom also claims that after Salisbury was arrested, he found another small plastic bag containing what is believed to be methamphetamine on the floor of his cruiser. He claims Salisbury told him he had gotten the bag out of his shoe.

Social services was contacted on behalf of the child, Newsom reported.

Both Salisbury and Johnson pleaded not guilty during their arraignment hearings on July 25, court documents show. District Judge Jimmy Marcum scheduled preliminary hearings in these cases for Aug. 1.

He set a \$20,000/10 percent property bond for Johnson and, a \$10,000/10 percent bond for Salisbury. He amended the driving under the influence charge against Salisbury to his second offense.

Community calendar

- July 27-29, July 31-August 4; 8:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Theatre performs "Hair-spray," at the amphitheater, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. jennywileytheatre.com
- July 28: Family Dollar, 5245 Ky. Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, will host a grand opening celebration for the community on July 28.
- July 27; 6 p.m.: Special Front Porch Pickin' hosted by the Mountain Arts Center for the Burn Run, Archer Park.
- July 27-28: Brothers of the Wheel Motorcycle Club to host Burn Run Weekend at Archer Park from 4 p.m.

- to 10 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, featuring a carnival, vendors, live music, hog roast, car show other activities. bkmc-2018burnrun.wixsite.com/ytiliba
- July 27; 8:30 p.m.: Sons of FM perform at Stoncrest Bar & Grill.
- July 28; 8 a.m.: Brothers Keepers Motorcycle Club hosts inaugural BKMC Camp Ytiliba 5K Run/Walk, Prestonsburg parking lot. Registration begins at 7 a.m.
- July 28; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Kentucky Blood Center blood donation drive, Archer

- Park
- July 28; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open, 713 South Lake Drive.
- July 28; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: St. Vincent Mission celebrates 50 years, 6369 Rt. 404, David. (606) 886-2513
- July 28; 8:30 a.m.: Paddlefest, Prestonsburg
- July 29; 7:30 p.m.: Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry, Mountain Arts Center.
- July 29-Aug. 3; 6 p.m.: Free "Jump Start Reading Camp," a speech therapy, language/Dyslexia tutoring camp for children hosted

- by the Sandy Valley Scottish Rite Club, Mountain Arts Center.
- July 30; 11:30 a.m.: Bubble-ology, Prestonsburg library. (606) 886-2981
- July 30-Sept. 4; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Free workshop for people with chronic disease like diabetes or COPD to be offered at the Floyd County Extension Office by Big Sandy Health Care's Chronic Disease Self Management program.
- Aug. 2, 5:30 p.m.: The Floyd County Extension District Board will meet at the Extension Office. Education-

- al programs of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service serve all people regardless of race, color, age, sex, religion, disability, or national origin.
- Aug. 3; 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Prestonsburg Merchants Network to host "Let us pay your sales tax" customer appreciation event with sales, live music and door prizes at Wildfire Designs, Kickin' Ash, City Perk, Lou's Place for Pets, Dafodils, The Mountain Muse, Prestonsburg Running Company, Ritchie's Hallmark, Little Rascals, Lad n Lassie and

- Sew-N-Love.
- Aug. 3; 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Night Market, featuring vendors, music and activities will be held in Prestonsburg.
- Aug. 3; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Cruise-in, downtown Prestonsburg. Free.
- Aug. 4; 7:30 p.m.: Final Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry summer season show, Mountain Arts Center.
- Aug. 6; 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets, city hall
- Aug. 8; 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meets, city hall

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sent another email to district officials on July 23, telling him to disregard the approval.

"Please disregard the surplus properties approval letter sent July 16, 2018," Denise Hartsfield of the KDE wrote in the email. "We have just been informed that we did not have accurate information."

The approval letter listed most recent bids received for these properties to collectively total \$61,300, and it listed the bids received by the district in June as the "initial bids" on these properties. But the school board agreed to sell these properties for \$61,250 in June and the initial bids reported in the approval letter collectively totaled \$21,800 — or, about \$91,350 less than the actual initial bids the district received for these properties in January.

In January, prior to Adkins' employment with the district, the board re-

jected three bids totaling \$113,150 from individuals and companies wanting to buy these three properties, and they voted to seek more bids for them, reporting that all bids were too low to be considered.

After those second bids came in, the board voted in June to sell the properties, instead, for less than half of the original bids — \$61,250, with one of the highest bidders offering about \$50,000 less than he did in January.

Adkins reported that District Facilities Manager Greg Adams reviewed the approval letter and contacted the KDE to make them aware of errors, prompting the KDE to send the second email asking officials to disregard the approval.

The board of education approved selling the former Osborne Elementary, the old Allen grade school and the old maintenance building in Allen as part of its consent agenda, without public discussion, at a special meeting in June, and that

approval was contingent on the approval of KDE.

The selling price agreed upon was about half the total for bids the board received on the same properties earlier this year.

Collectively, these schools were appraised by Redd, Brown & Williams in March at more than \$1 million.

In January, the board rejected a \$100,000 bid from Danny Meade and Mike Vanderpool of H&C Construction to buy the former Osborne Elementary, which was appraised for \$775,000. In June, the board approved Meade's bid for half that amount: \$50,000.

The KDE approval letter reported the bid approved by the board for this property was \$50,000 and the initial bid was \$10,500 — the total of another bid received for this property in June, not January.

In January, the board rejected an \$8,100 from J&S Property Management, located on the Left Fork of Toler Creek, for the old Allen grade

school, which appraised for \$180,000. In June, the board approved a \$6,200 bid from its former chairman Jeff Stumbo for this school.

The KDE approval letter lists totals for the approved bid and the initial bid of this property at \$6,200 each.

The bid for the former maintenance building in Allen, appraised at \$128,000, is the only bid that increased in price between January and June, but it was also incorrectly reported in the approval letter.

In January, the board rejected a \$5,050 from John Campbell, a maintenance department technician, for this property. In June, the board approved a bid for \$50 more from Campbell, agreeing to sell it to him for \$5,100.

The KDE approval letter lists totals for the approved bid and the initial bid for this property at \$5,100 each.

The approval letter, signed by Gregory C. Dunbar, manager of the KDE's District Facilities Branch, states that the board decided these properties "have little real value to the educational needs of the district and they are spending more funds per year than the properties are actually worth."

"Because the usual course of property disposal did not reap a buyer for the appraised value of the properties, at this point, in actuality, the

'fair market value' of the properties is the value the 'market' will pay for that property," Dunbar wrote in the letter. "In this narrow instance, it appears that the district has met the Kentucky Constitution requirements of the disposal of the surplus properties."

School board officials cite the cost of property and flood insurance on these properties as a reason for the need to sell them well below their value, with officials saying publicly that insurance costs range from \$200,000 to \$300,000 for them.

However, this month, the district's Finance Director Matt Wireman estimated insurance costs at all three properties to total only \$16,520 annually. He estimated insurance costs to total \$9,227 for the maintenance building and \$7,293 for Osborne, and he reported the district has no insurance costs for the former Allen grade school, which has been empty and in disrepair for years.

Wireman noted, too, that the district pays approximately \$108,012 in flood and insurance costs at McDowell Elementary, another surplus property the district has. That property, however, was not part of the sales approved with these three other properties in June.

The board sought approval to transfer that school, valued at more than \$975,000, to the Floyd County Fiscal

Court, following a presentation this year from Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale, who reported the county wants to use that property for community benefit. The approval of that transfer came months after the board also rejected a \$7,000 bid for the McDowell property.

School district officials have said that they don't believe KDE will approve the transfer of that property because the district cannot give the property away, but Hale believes there is a state law that allows inter-governmental transfers like that.

Hale said this week that the county is still interested in the McDowell property, reporting that the state completed an environmental assessment there and turned in a 155-page report about it. Hale and school district officials said some buildings on the McDowell property contain areas and/or tiles with asbestos and those buildings cannot be torn down or damaged by construction unless the asbestos is removed.

Hale said the county is starting the process to seek grant funding to get that asbestos removed and the environmental assessment was the first step. He said officials would plan to tear down McDowell properties that are located in the flood plain and utilize other buildings on the property.

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COMPLAINTS

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"Judge, we need to get an ambulance service up my way," Tackett said to Judge-Executive Ben Hale during that meeting.

Hale told Tackett the topic can be discussed, but noted the county might not be able to do anything about the issue.

"Mike, we'll talk about that, but you realize that most of these counties that's got ambulance services, that's not gone broke, they've got a five percent special ambulance tax that is charged in order for them to be able to run the ambulance service," Hale told him, suggesting that the fiscal court does not want to implement a tax for ambulance services.

That's when Tackett said, "It takes them about two or three hours to get up there, on my end."

His statement was denied this week by Trans-Star officials and Wheelwright Fire Chief Daniel P. Gullett.

Trans-Star, the county's only ground ambulance service, expanded operations to Wheelwright and other communities in the southern end of the county last September, after the closure of the

Left Beaver Ambulance. Since then, the company officials report an ambulance has been stationed in the building that houses the McDowell Courthouse annex — renting the space off a private property owner — but Wheelwright officials claim ambulances are not located there at all times.

Wheelwright Fire Department Chief Daniel P. Gullett said that Trans-Star does not keep an ambulance at the McDowell annex at all times. He does not, however, blame Trans-Star or its employees.

"They're supposed to have a unit at McDowell, but they don't keep one there because they're run so thin, in my opinion," Gullett said. "This is a regional issue now. It's not just a Wheelwright issue. I truly believe the reimbursement you're getting from most now with the government, it's not sufficient to maintain an ambulance service."

Gullett said Trans-Star's response time is an average of about an hour to Wheelwright when they are dispatched from Prestonsburg.

He and other city officials in Wheelwright complained about a lag in response earlier this year, after a woman experienced a heart attack in

Wheelwright in January. The Wheelwright Fire Department responded with its rescue truck and conducted CPR on this woman for "50 minutes to an hour," Gullett said, and Trans-Star Ambulance responded to the scene from Prestonsburg.

The woman died, he said, but he does not believe the lag in the response time had anything to do with her death. The fire department used its AED to help her, but it didn't work, he said.

"I was director of a rescue squad and ambulance service for 15 years, and it hits home when I start seeing these things happen," Gullett said, talking about ambulance services shutting down in Kentucky because of the lack of funding.

"The bottom line is there is just not enough reimbursements to service all the costs of running an ambulance service," Gullett said. "There may be some management issues with Trans-Star, but in my opinion, the big problem is reimbursement. There's just not enough reimbursement."

He said the federal government changed reimbursement rates for some services provided by ambulance services in the early 2000s, around

the same time that the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks happened, which he said also caused a "huge impact" on the insurance industry across the U.S.

"That sent shockwaves throughout the insurance industry. You started seeing changes all across the board after that," he said. "Not just with the regulations, but with slow returns."

He said the Left Beaver Ambulance service received reimbursements of up to \$90,000 a month when he was director three years ago, but reimbursement rate formulas changed and that dropped to \$30,000 or \$40,000 a month—eventually leading to the closure of that service. The change in reimbursement rates came after Medicare changed the way ambulance services were reimbursed for Advance Life Support services, he said.

He expects ambulance service to continue to decline in rural areas across the country.

"There's no way with the reimbursements the way they are that you can run an ambulance service in Wheelwright itself, and it truly is a scary thing, if you look locally, as well as nationally," Gullett said. "I think we're looking in the future, if

things don't change in the future, in changing how ambulance services respond. In my opinion, most of your rural areas are going to be without an ambulance. You will be back like it was in the old days."

Wheelwright Mayor Don Hall also complained about ambulance response times in Wheelwright this year. He said in April that the city commission would do anything it can to help Trans-Star increase response times in that city — even if it meant providing space for an ambulance station there.

The city commission, however, has not talked publicly about the issue or reached out to Trans-Star about the allegations.

Allen Lafferty, president/CEO of Lafferty Enterprises and Trans-Star Ambulance, denied allegations that response times span from one to two hours to Wheelwright, as reported by Tackett and other Wheelwright officials. Lafferty said he's only been contacted by one person about requests for quicker ambulance response in the Wheelwright area — a candidate for county judge-executive.

On July 24, he said that candidate ap-

proached him and asked for another unit to be stationed at the McDowell annex and said his company committed to stationing a second ambulance there because of that request.

"We do service that area. We do have an ambulance stationed at McDowell and we have just committed to have a second unit up there," he said.

He said no one has reached out to the company to complain about response times and complaints about long response times allegations are inaccurate. If that were true, he said, the public outcry would be huge.

He provided a spreadsheet estimating average response times for all of Floyd County to be about 18 minutes, and 24 percent of those response times are under eight minutes, the document shows. He said he had not calculated response times specifically for Wheelwright.

Bert E. Absher, the regional director of operations for Trans-Star, said the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services recently completed an audit of its service in Floyd County and found "zero deficiencies and zero errors."

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The assistive technology project, funded by the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative's Race to the Top grant, was created by the team so that all AES students, including those with special needs, could participate on stage alongside others in the school's annual performing arts shows. The students used wheelchair-accessible, adjustable hospital tables for this project, which includes an iPad board that allows students who are non-verbal to select buttons to create music and/or use words. The invention uses a circuit board that sends sound to anything conductive. I pads are secured to the board with rubber bands and the students fixed circuitry on the bottom of the table.

Since the team's win at state, however, AES STLP team members have continued to improve the project. Coach Mike Bell said team members had issues during this year's performing arts show, so they decided to make the system wireless, a goal that required some of them to improve their coding and wiring skills. They've spent much of their summer break making those improvements, he said.

On Monday, the Floyd County Board of Education honored this group of students for their efforts, presenting them with a plaque of recognition as well as certificates of honor signed by Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg.

"The students wanted to find a way so that every single child could be in the performance with everyone else," District Community Li-

aision Pam Caudill said, describing the hospital tables used for the project. "And, along the way they've made many changes. That's one of the things that I think is the neatest that you may not hear enough about, is all the times that they didn't get it right, but they didn't quit. They figured out what needed to be done and they did it, and that means a whole lot because they ended up going to state and they won first place."

Bell said the team's trip to Chicago, funded by the board of education, was "phenomenal."

"They represented Floyd County to a level that I, from sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders, that I've never seen before. It was quite amazing," he said. He commended the students.

"These kids behind me are some of the most

amazing middle schoolers I've ever seen and worked with in my life," he said. "And, not just because of what they can do, but what they wanted to do and at the level they wanted to do it at."

He said people tried to recruit these students in Chicago, and the students spent 35 minutes with an Apple representative who heads the company's educational component.

"She went with them one-on-one. They didn't flinch," Bell said. "And, they just kept doing the thing that they've been taught to do."

He shared a video that the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative produced for the team.

"Well, you all set the bar pretty high," Board Chairperson Sherry Robinson said after watching the video. "What are you going to do next year? It's amazing. Very amaz-

ing."

Superintendent Danny Adkins also praised the students and the school, telling Bell he is "excited" about the school's accomplishment and saying

the board only played a small part in it.

"I want you to know the experiences you sat here and described to us, are why we do this," he said. "We do it for our

kids. We do it for the opportunity for them to have these experiences. It gives them a better opportunity for the future, so thank you for everything you've done."

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FAITH

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Quoting Beth Moore

"You cannot amputate your history from your destiny, because that is redemption."

"May God remind us daily—no matter what kind of obstacles we face—that we are loved and empowered by the One who brought the universe into existence with the mere sound of His voice. Nothing is impossible for Him."

"You have been audaciously searched for and passionately found."

"Faith is a game changer."

"There is not a single darkness in your life that God can not bring His light upon."

"Sometimes it takes more faith to feel forgiven than it does to feel healed."

"There is only one love that saves absolutely and that is the love of Christ. And that's enough."

"Your weakness can not trump God's strength."

"Every present moment has future implications."

"We can miss something good waiting for something



perfect."

"Good humor and laughter are far too wonderful not to come straight from the heart of God."

"God is never more glorified than when he brings an oak of righteousness out of what was once a damaged root."

"If Jesus gives us a task or assigns us to a difficult season, every ounce of our experience is meant for our instruction and completion

if only we'll let him finish the work."

"Courage comes from a heart that is convinced it is loved."

"You have a Savior who has been pursuing you all your life and it is time to slow down and let him catch you."

"Something has got to be worth it to you to push past your fear. And that's Jesus."

"God knew everything I did

and would do, and yet He still called out my name."

"Only God can set you free! No human can do that."

"When the stakes are high, bow down low."

"Either worry yourself sick or trust your God well. That's what it's going to come down to."

"We are never in greater need of humility than when we are confident someone else is wrong."

Self-justification

How much of our daily speech is devoted to justifying ourselves to others, explaining why we did something or trying to correct possible misunderstandings? We really should stop justifying ourselves. If others think poorly of us, so be it. Self-justification is an ego trip and is almost always an attempt to salvage our pride or manipulate others into thinking well of us. Others are usually not thinking enough about us for there to be a need to justify ourselves; they are busy thinking of themselves! Keep things simple, and let your yes be yes and your no be no. Perhaps the best example of this was how Jesus responded to Pilate's questions, when he knew that his very life was at stake. (Matthew 27:11-14) He wasn't quick to justify Himself and appeared to not even defend himself. Others may tear you down and go to great lengths to damage your reputation or assassinate your character, but trust that God knows the truth, and you won't need to justify your motives to Him. He knows the truth and sees your heart more clearly than even you do.



— Christopher Simon

"You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight."

— Luke 6:15 NIV

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Struggling with our battles



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

(Note: Article contains spoilers and mature subject matter.)

I stayed up way too late on Saturday night reading "The Pact," by Jodi Picoult. It is the reading for our July book club meeting. Once I got caught up in the story, I couldn't put it down.

The story is about two families living next door to each other. The parents are good friends and their two oldest children Chris and Emily, who are only 3 months apart, become best friends. Chris and Emily do everything together. They can finish each other's sentences. And when one of them hurts, the other one experiences sympathy pains. Once they became teenagers, their relationship changes from friends to boyfriend and girlfriend.

Life seems perfect for both families. But in reality it's not. Their lives are shattered one night when both sets of parents receive phone calls stating their child has been taken to the hospital due to an accident. Chris has a cut on his head, requiring stitches. Emily is dead from a gunshot wound to the head. As the story unfolds, we

find Emily is suicidal. Near the end of her life, she tells Chris.

Emily doesn't share her suicidal thoughts with anyone but Chris. And even then, she won't disclose why. But along the way, the reader discovers parts of her past. At age nine, Chris and Emily went through a "dare" phase. At a fast food restaurant, Chris dares Emily to use the men's restroom instead of the women's restroom. Emily, also up for a challenge, agrees. However, once behind the closed door, she is molested. The incident scars her for life, but she tells no one – not even Chris. As a teenager, Emily describes herself as being dirty. She will never live up to the expectations that everyone has set for her. She keeps her pain and despair bottled up, not allowing anyone inside. Therefore, she sees suicide as her escape and takes her secret to the grave.

I finished the book and couldn't help but feel as though something could have been done to avoid her suicide. I know these are fictional characters, but people in life deal with problems on a daily basis. There are people dealing with sexual abuse such as rape and molestation. It's horrible that such things occur. But I believe that with help, it is possible to continue with life. After all, we all face problems. There's verbal abuse, money problems, job loss, loss of loved ones, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder,

drug addiction, lack of self-confidence, physical health issues, etc. There are a host of problems that invade our lives. Each of us struggle with our own battles.

Our battles may take different forms. But here's the thing:

We can overcome. No, it's not easy. Just as Emily had problems dealing with mental issues as a result of the sexual abuse, we too may experience various issues steaming from one underlying problem. It can infiltrate our entire life. But we can choose a different path. We can choose to rise above it. Even if we feel alone and isolated, we are never alone. First and foremost, Jesus is with us every step of the way (Matthew 28:20). If we feel we have no one to confide in, we have Him. Secondly, there are professionals to help deal with our problems. There are shelters, therapists, doctors, ministers, work retraining/rehabilitation programs, drug addiction programs, etc. Whatever the problem is, there is someone out there to help. We don't have to struggle alone. We don't have to allow our problems to consume us.

Beth Moore, a well-

You can thrive, you can have joy and you can be full on for the abundant life of Christ because of what he's done for you.

— Beth Moore

known Christian writer and speaker, shared the stage in February speaking about sexual abuse. She herself was a victim of sexual abuse and speaks publicly about it. Writer Bob Ditmer says Moore told the audience that exposing the truth can be hard. When she first revealed the truth, it caused a division between Moore and her mother that never completely healed. When trying to deal

with the abuse, Moore says she thought she would lose her mind. However, she said she "found her mind as Jesus became her Redeemer." She reminded other victims that "you can thrive, you can have joy and you can be full on for the abundant life of Christ because of what he's done for you."

When we find ourselves in the darkness, dealing with the issues of this life, remember there is more than one path to choose. Jesus is there for you, with you. Regardless of what has happened or what will occur in the future, if you belong to Christ, there is nothing that can strip you of His love, His grace and His mercy. May we look to the Redeemer today and find the healing we seek.

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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

Marriages

Barbara Ann Slone, 52, of Harold, to Bradley Roberts, 46, of Harold
 Sheena D. Shelton, 32, of Prestonsburg, to Charles Linden Ashley Yates, 30, of Prestonsburg
 Brent Edward Meade, 35, of Paintsville, to Samantha Ellis, 37, of Paintsville
 Micaya Lynn Carlisle, 36, of Paintsville, to BJ Thomas Daniel, 34, of Prestonsburg
 Vicki Lynette Owens, 48, of Garrett, to Kenneth Ray Perry, 51, of Prestonsburg

Tabitha Dawn Allen, 24, of Melvin, to Lawrence Gregory Neeley, 25, of Banner
 Christina Anne Pula, 41, of Drift, to Clifford Ernie Martin, 30, of Drift
 Brian K. McKinney, 46, of Harold, to Madonna G. McKinney, 57, of Harold
 Shania Cole Edmonds, 20, of Virgie, to Wendell Tyler Lewis, 24, of Dana
 Brandi Nicole Johnson, 25, of Minnie, to Gregory Gerald Scott, 26, of Minnie
 Michael E. Tackett, 21, of Prestonsburg, to Morgan Danielle Hancock, 19, of Prestonsburg

Property transfers filed

Olivia J. Newsome, Cindy A. Stewart to Olivia J. Newsome (Deeds Book 638; pg. 434)

Barbara Caldwell, Gregory Dixon, Kathy Dixon, Betty Hackworth, Dianna Hackworth, George Hackworth, Homer Hackworth, Lydia Hackworth, Mitchell Hackworth, Shonna Rose to Della Brown, Jimmy Brown (Deeds Book 638; pg. 438)
 Amanda Chaffins, Amanda Jarrell to Ricky Robinson, Tonia Robinson (Deeds Book 638; pg. 443)
 Jeanette Cochran, Scott Cochran, Arthur Devore, Delonda Devore, Irene Mitchell to Jeanette Cochran, Delonda Devore, Irene Mitchell (Deeds Book 638; pg. 449)
 Clyde Preston Lewis to John K. Lewis, Lucreasie Lewis (Deeds Book 638; pg. 454)
 Laurnea Danielle Harvell, Laurnea Danielle Vanderpool to James Michael Vanderpool

(Deeds Book 638; pg. 458)
 Christene Layne, administrator, to Sharon Cook, Travis Cook (Deeds Book 638; pg. 466)
 Aileen Hall to Niles Nancy Lee Hall (Deeds Book 638; pg. 469)
 Brittany Peppi Meade, Lydon Blake Meade to Aaron Maynard, Kristian Waugh Maynard (Deeds Book 638; pg. 473)
 Anna Lou Hamilton, Darvene Hamilton to Dorothy Hall (Deeds Book 638; pg. 480)
 Christine Kelly to Lisa Kidd (Deeds Book 638; pg. 485)
 Chester L. Petry, Margaret L. Petry to Susan R. Ellis, Chester R. Petry (Deeds Book 638; pg. 489)
 Angela Johnson, Vernon Johnson to Austin Johnson, Miranda Johnson (Deeds Book

638; pg. 494)
 Douglas Gene Keathley to Charles Heath Keathley, Douglas Todd Keathley, Helen Keathley, Tristian Michael Keathley (Deeds Book 638; pg. 497)
 JP Morgan Chase Bank National Association to Kerry Johnson; property at Abbott Creek Rd.
 Marie Hall to Frona Hall, Vernis Hall (Deeds Book 638; pg. 506)
 Earleen Darby, Huey Darby to Trio Reality LLC (Deeds Book 638; pg. 510)
 James V. Hall, executor, Vernon Hall estate to Barbara Shepherd, Larry Shepherd (Deeds Book 638; pg. 515)
 Linda Hall Woods to Michelle Kidd (Deeds Book 638; pg. 521)

Rescue squad radio auction begins next week

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad is gearing up for its annual radio auction, which will be held next week.

The annual radio auction, in its 51st year, will be broadcast by WQHY Radio (95.5) in Prestonsburg. It is the squad's biggest annual fundraiser and it features hundreds of items that have been donated by rescue squad supporters.

The four-day event is set to begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 1, Thursday, Aug. 2, and Friday, Aug. 3 and at noon on Saturday, Aug. 4. The auction will continue until all items are sold.

Rescue squad Captain Ritchie Schoolcraft and other volunteers have spent the last couple of months gathering donations of items that will be auctioned during this event, and they report that the number of donations has dwindled over those donated in previous years.

He expects donations to continue to pour in even as the auction is broadcast, and welcomes all donations at the rescue squad building on Cliff Road.

"It's extremely important because it's our main fundraiser," Schoolcraft said Wednesday. "We depend on what we make off the radio auction to get us through the whole year. People can still donate, if we haven't been to your business, you can still donate."

In the 1990s, the auction provided \$30,000 for the squad, but donations have declined over the years. In 2016, it generated about \$19,700, officials previously report-

ed. Last year, donations totaled around \$15,000, Schoolcraft said.

Schoolcraft said the rescue squad needs at least \$25,000 from this auction to get it through the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The decrease in donations last year makes providing services at the squad more difficult, he explained.

"Things are really tight right now because we didn't raise enough money last year," he said. "Things are really tight, so we're depending on the auction to get us through next year."

He also said, "Everything's down, people struggle. But we're hoping the auction ends up being a good one. We need to the money to survive."

The all-volunteer squad was founded after the 1958 school bus disaster, which killed 26 children and their bus driver, and people who lost children in that disaster are among the founders.

In addition to items donated by local businesses and individuals, the squad is selling raffle tickets for a Henry Golden Boy 22 Long Rifle that will be given away on the last day of the auction. Tickets are \$5 for entry into that contest.

This year, the squad has a new phone number for all auction bids, (606) 886-8881. The line will be open during the auction and bidders are also welcome to come to the squad to view items and/or submit bids in person during the event.

Donations may be dropped off at the squad at, 132 Cliff Road in Prestonsburg or mailed to: Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad, P.O. 681, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. For more information, call, (606) 886-8114.

Free speech therapy camp for children next week

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES** STAFF REPORT

A local Masonic lodge is hosting a free speech therapy camp for children in Floyd County next week.

The Sandy Valley Scottish Rite Club and the Covington Scottish Rite Foundation are sponsoring a free "Rite Care: Jump Start Reading Camp" from July 29 through Aug. 3 at the Mountain Arts Center. The day camp is geared to provide free speech, language and dyslexia tutoring to children in grades one

through four.

The camp is open to children in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, Knott and Letcher counties.

It will start with a "kick-off barbecue" at 6 p.m. on July 29 at the MAC, and tutoring sessions are offered in four different sessions that start at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and a game night at 6 p.m. during the duration of the camp.

For more information, visit the Sandy Valley Scottish Rite Club on Facebook.



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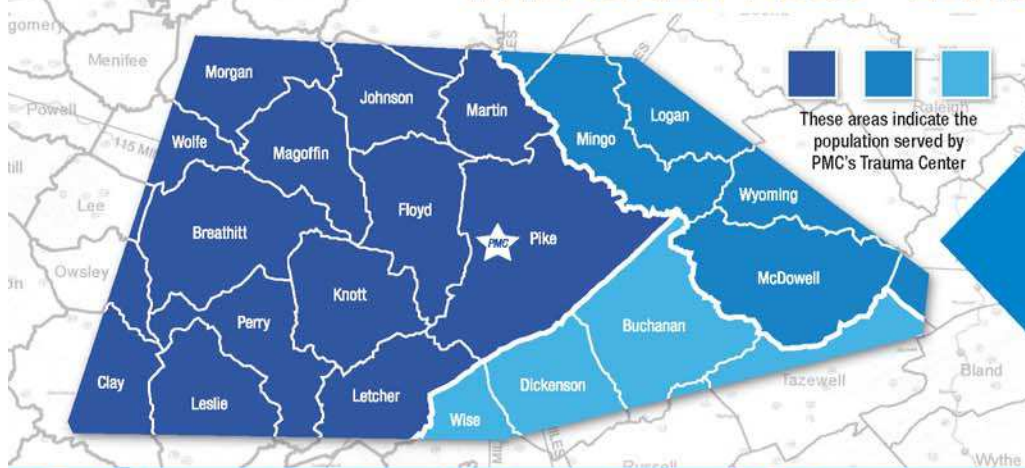
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PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



THE ONLY ACS-VERIFIED LEVEL II TRAUMA CENTER IN KY



By: Amy Charles

The trauma services at Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has, once again, been verified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and enjoys the continued recognition and distinction as the only ACS-verified Level II Trauma Center in Kentucky. This verification recognizes the Trauma Center's dedication to providing appropriate care for traumatically injured patients.

As a verified Trauma Center, PMC is equipped and staffed to provide comprehensive emergency and inpatient care to those patients suffering traumatic injuries caused by vehicle crashes, gunshots, assaults, falls or other incidents. The spectrum of care encompasses the pre-hospital phase through the rehabilitation process.

"By being verified as a Level II Trauma Center, PMC has proven its commitment to providing another vital service to the region," said William Peery II, MD, trauma surgeon and medical director of Trauma Services at PMC. "When trauma patients can receive critical medical care within the first hour of injury, known as 'the Golden Hour,' it dramatically increases their chance of survival."

"We operate much like a Level 1 Trauma Center, due to the availability of various specialty services," explained Olivia Akers, trauma program manager.

PMC offers trauma care 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In 2017, PMC's trauma team treated more than 1500 patients. Being an ACS-verified Level II Trauma Center means that PMC has met and exceeded the extensive re-verification criteria set by the ACS-Committee on Trauma. During that review, there was an evaluation of the facilities trained staff, necessary services, comprehensive hospital care, and efficiency of processes that need to be in place for traumatically injured patients.

"Prior to our verification in 2015, a trauma patient would have been transferred out to receive care that was not provided locally, but now we can keep those patients close to home," said Akers.

Regulations require that trauma victims be transported to the closest trauma center, either by ground or air ambulance. With the verification, PMC's Trauma Center is now serving a population of more than 400,000 people, increasing their chances of survival should they be injured.

PMC now receives traumatically injured patients who are transferred in from at least different 29 different hospitals, including level 3 and level 4 trauma centers, from surrounding counties.

"Pikeville is situated in a region in definite need of this service, as we have seen through an increasing volume of patients," continued Dr. Peery. "We hope the community feels a sense of pride and security in the availability of this service, just as we are honored to be able to provide it."

PMC's trauma team is comprised of physicians specializing in trauma surgery, emergency medicine, general surgery, neurosurgery, orthopedic trauma surgery, orthopedic surgery, vascular surgery, hand surgery, plastic surgery, oral/maxillofacial surgery, anesthesiology, interventional radiology, radiology, physical medicine and rehabilitation, urology, podiatry and pulmonology/critical care as well as mid-level healthcare providers, a trauma program director, manager, and nursing, respiratory, laboratory, radiology and case management staff.

For more information about PMC's trauma services, contact Sandy Tackett, trauma program director, or Olivia Akers, trauma program manager, at 606-218-3586.

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PMC WELCOMES NEW CARDIOLOGIST SYED IMAM, MD

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) proudly announces the addition of Syed Haider Imam, MD, general cardiologist.

Dr. Imam received his medical degree from Aga Khan Medial University in Karachi, Pakistan. He is board certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and he completed his residency and fellowship in SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY.

Dr. Imam specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiovascular disease.

"Cardiac physiology has always fascinated me and made perfect sense, even while I was in high school and college," said Dr. Imam. "This passion grew stronger as I started medical school."

He says before he began his formal education he enjoyed visiting the cath lab just to watch actual cardiac procedures.

"I feel cardiology is a very rewarding field in many ways," said Dr. Imam.

He credits his father, a retired hematologist and oncologist, as his mentor. Dr. Imam said, "He taught me to never give up on life goals and to always give 100 percent towards anything you do." He says he is passionate about helping patients prevent heart disease.

"My patients are my top priority and I want them to feel welcome at all times," he said. "Together, the patient and I work on strategies for lifestyle modifications with an emphasis on exercise, diet and stress reduction."

He says he finds immense pleasure in making his patients feel better and he focuses heavily on patient satisfaction. When asked why he chose PMC he said, "I was amazed to see this state-of-the-art facility in Pikeville. There is a great camaraderie among physicians who bring a wealth of experience from different places."

He says he can see himself growing as a person and as a physician at PMC and is excited about working with the technology available for patient care. Dr. Imam is an avid sportsman. He enjoys playing sports especially soccer, cricket and table tennis. He is a foodie and loves exploring eastern Kentucky with his wife, Arzoo.

Dr. Imam's office is located in the PMC Heart and Vascular Institute on the first floor of the Elliott Building and he will also be seeing patients at the PMC Specialty Clinic at Whitesburg, KY. For more information visit www.pikevillehospital.org or to schedule an appointment call 606-218-2201.



Several charged in Floyd District Court

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony charges filed

Leroy Prater, 38, of Auxier; flagrant nonsupport
 Steven Chad Caste, 35, of Prestonsburg; receiving stolen property (automobile)
 Michael Carver, 18, of Dwale; receiving stolen property (automobile)
 Landon Geoffrey Frazier, 37, of Hi Hat; second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, two counts of second-degree fleeing/evading police, public intoxication of a controlled substance
 Thomas Tussey, 58, of David; theft by failure to make required disposition of property over \$500
 Michael T. Wells, 39, of Langley; first-degree fleeing/evading police, first-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Jonathan Watkins, 37, of David; third-degree assault on a correctional officer, menacing (inmate)
 Jessica E. Twiss, 30, of David; first-degree and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of a legend drug, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication of a controlled substance, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain required insurance
 381 Shawn M. Spurlock, 26, of Martin; first-degree and

third-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance.
 Nikki N. Spurlock, 28, of Martin; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, trafficking in marijuana, less than eight ounces, trafficking in a legend drug, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Devon Johnson; age unavailable, of Nicholasville; flagrant nonsupport
 James D. Keen, 42, of Hager Hill; flagrant nonsupport
 Michael D. Johnson, 28, of Melvin; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, second-degree wanton endangerment, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication of a controlled substance
 Richard J. Salisbury, 39, of Harold; failure to wear seatbelts, failure to use child restraint, driving on a suspended license, driving under the influence, second-degree wanton endangerment, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Gary Layne Hale, 37, of Martin; theft by failure to make required disposition of property over \$500
Misdemeanor charges filed
 William Jonathan Patton, 48, of Hueysville; fishing without a license
 Bryan K. Johnson, 38, of Prestonsburg; failure to illuminate navigation lights
 Timothy Branham, 56, of Prestonsburg; no approved fire extinguisher on a vessel
 Tiffany Hall, 29; of Wayland; harassment
 Rebecca Collins, 52, of

Prestonsburg; third-degree terroristic threatening
 Randall A. Hayes, 68, of Stanville; failure to show proof that motorboat is registered
 Todd Lowe, 45, of Pikeville; no fire extinguisher on a vessel, failure to show proof motorboat is registered
 Mark E. Collins, 50, of Prestonsburg; second-degree criminal trespassing
 William Skeens, 54, of Auxier; second-degree criminal trespassing
 Billy Tackett, 32, of Harold; harassment
 Amanda Hatfield, 40, of Harold; harassment
 Wince Thacker, 32, of Prestonsburg; harassment
 Dana Branham, 43, of Prestonsburg; harassing communications
 Ricky Riley, age unavailable, of Harold; harassing communications
 Gage Parsons, 24, of Allen; harassment
 James Ramey, 53, of Hueysville; violation of an emergency protection order
 Nathaniel R. Petersen, 31, of Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Prentiss D. Crum, 38, of Martin; fishing without a license
 Gary Jarrell, 48, of Dana; failure to provide personal floatation device for child under the age of 12
 Melissa R. Dunn, 42, of Garrett; criminal littering
 Gregory A. Griffith, 48, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, failure to notify Department of Transportation about change of address
 Bobbi Murphy, 38, of Martin; endangering the welfare of a minor

Justin C. Boyd, 25, of Drift; public intoxication of a controlled substance
 Pic Ciera Roby, 29, of Garrett; criminal littering
 Christopher W. Hensley, 46, of Red Jacket, W.Va.; failure to show proof of boat registration
 Sharon Dotson, age unavailable, of Ransom; harassment, second-degree criminal trespassing
 James J. Spurlock, 46, of Prestonsburg; failure to maintain insurance, driving on a suspended license, failure to wear seat belts, giving officer false information
 Christopher C. Justice, 41, of Harold; theft by unlawful taking over \$500
 Criscella Robinette, 25, of Pikeville; disorderly conduct, giving officer false information
 Elray Collins, 34, of Prestonsburg; trafficking in marijuana under eight oz., third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance
 Rodney Tackett, 38, of Jenkins; criminal littering
 Nathan Salisbury, 42, of Harold; second-degree wanton endangerment
 Selina Lawrence, 24, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Tiffany Hall, 49, of Wayland; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 David Twiss, 39, of Langley; public intoxication of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container, third-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Jimmy Austin Earnest, 20, of Paintsville; third-degree terroristic threatening
 Brandy L. Carr, 33, of Hueysville; speeding, driving on a suspended license,

failure to surrender revoked license, possessing license while privileges are revoked
 Mary F. Johnson, 50, of Martin; harassment, third-degree terroristic threatening
 Lenny J. Little, 38, of Allen; failure to illuminate light/no navigation lights
 Timmy Senters, 54, of Banner; fourth-degree assault
 Walker Ratliff, 36, of Martin; violation of an emergency protection order
 Tabitha Lemieux, 30, of Richmond; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Misty A. Brown, 33, of Paintsville; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Timothy Thomas, 27, of Blue River; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Kenneth Boyd, 25, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Justin Bryant, 28, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Michael D. Case, 56, of Harold; fourth-degree assault, violation of an emergency protection order
 Richard B. Mullins, 33, of Harold; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Norman Webb, 34, of Paintsville; theft of property

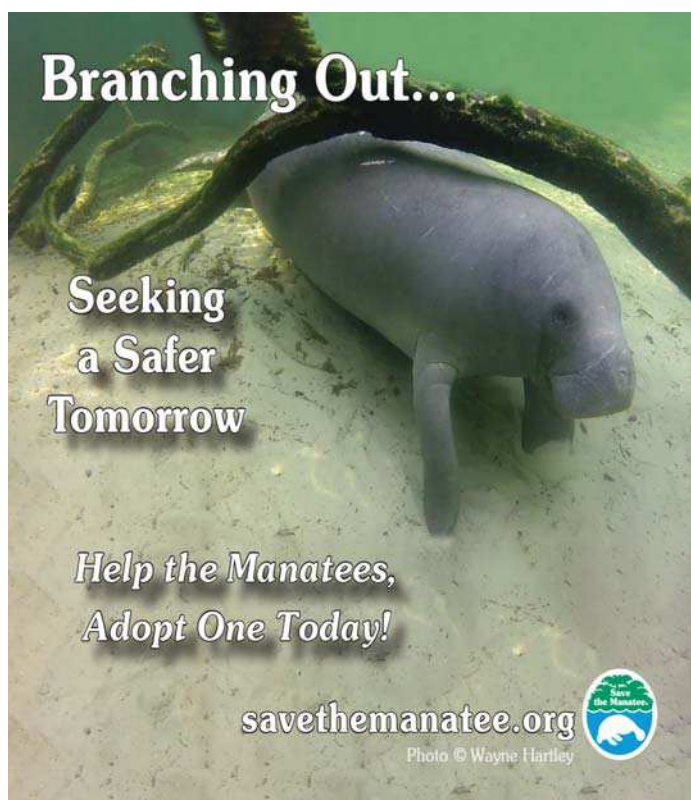
Editor's note: *The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court and those listed in lawsuits in Floyd Circuit Court. The charges and lawsuits filed against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent or not liable until proven guilty.*

Free course to teach residents how to cope with chronic disease workshop

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Big Sandy Health Care is offering a six-week course to help local residents cope with chronic diseases. The organization's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program will help people who have diabetes, COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) and other chronic illnesses.

The program will be offered free to any resident for two hours for six months, beginning next week. The course will be held at the Floyd County Extension Office from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Monday from July 30 through Sept. 4. Participants do not have to register to participate. For more information, call, (606) 886-8997.



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Lady Blackcats entering season as reigning region champ

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg is preparing to take the field as the reigning 15th Region champion. The Lady Blackcats are due to open the 2018 girls' high school soccer season on the road at 15th Region Belfry on August 14.

Prestonsburg opened preseason practice shortly after the conclusion of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association Dead Period.

"Practice is going well," said Prestonsburg coach Paul Burchett. "They are working hard and learning. We have a lot of new girls and a lot of young girls. We do have some experienced players that are returning as well, though."

Junior Beth Burchett has scored 95 goals over the past two years and was named Honorable Mention All-State as both a freshman and a sophomore. Beth Burchett and seniors Jillian Kidd and Makayla Slone are expected to lead the Prestonsburg attack. Kidd was an All-Region selection in 2017 and is a returning starter.

Junior midfielder Makayla Ousley, who was named First Team All-15th Region each of the past two years, will be counted on to control the

middle of the field for the Lady Blackcats.

Another junior, Grace Trusty, who is one of the top central defenders in the region, leads the Prestonsburg back line. Trusty is joined by a pair of returning starters and seniors, Sierra Crawford and Haley Shepherd.

Defensively, Chelsea Samons leads a trio of players that are attempting to fill a void at goalkeeper after longtime leader Hannah Stratton graduated.

Returning upperclassmen that will be vying for playing time and starting roles for Prestonsburg include Arrington Wright and Shae Robinson. The Prestonsburg freshman class is inexperienced but athletic.

"It will be fun to see how the freshmen progress through the season," added Burchett. "It's going to be a great class for our soccer program over the next four years and we will be counting on some of them to provide some minutes even this year."

Freshman Chloe Collins is expected to contribute early for Prestonsburg in the middle of the field beside Ousley.

Less than one month after opening the season, Prestonsburg will compete in the 15th Region All "A" Classic in early-September.



Prestonsburg's Beth Burchett

2018 Blackcat Soccerama

Blackcat Soccerama (Boys)

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Boys' high school soccer teams from the 15th and 14th Regions will visit Floyd County for the 2018 Blackcat Soccerama at the Prestonsburg Sportspark on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Along with host Prestonsburg, boys' soccer squads set to compete in the preseason event are Belfry, Powell County, Shelby Valley, Jackson City, Sheldon Clark, Hazard, Johnson Central and upstart Lawrence County, which is preparing for its debut season. Lawrence County will take the field for its inaugural campaign as a member of the 57th District in August.

Boys' soccer matches will follow a girls' session.

The boys' schedule for the 2018 Blackcat Soccerama follows.

Field 1 (Game Field)

2:30 p.m. — Belfry vs. Powell County
3 p.m. — Shelby Valley vs. Powell County
3:30 p.m. — Belfry vs. Johnson Central

4:10 p.m. — Jackson City vs. Lawrence County
4:40 p.m. — Prestonsburg vs. Shelby Valley
5:10 p.m. — Belfry vs. Shelby Valley
5:40 p.m. — Prestonsburg vs. Powell County
6:10 p.m. — Belfry vs. Sheldon Clark
6:40 p.m. — Hazard vs. Sheldon Clark

Field 2 (Practice Field)

2:30 p.m. — Prestonsburg vs. Jackson City
3 p.m. — Prestonsburg vs. Hazard
3:30 p.m. — Lawrence County vs. Sheldon Clark
4:10 p.m. — Hazard vs. Johnson Central
4:40 p.m. — Powell County vs. Sheldon Clark
5:10 p.m. — Lawrence County vs. Hazard
5:40 p.m. — Jackson City vs. Johnson Central
6:10 p.m. — Shelby Valley vs. Jackson City
6:40 p.m. — Johnson Central vs. Lawrence County

Blackcat Soccerama (Girls)

By **STEVE LeMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg High School will host the 2018 Blackcat Soccerama at the Prestonsburg Sportspark on Saturday, Aug. 4.

The Soccerama will include girls' soccer teams from the 15th and 14th Regions.

Host Prestonsburg is the defending 15th Region girls' soccer champion.

Perry Central is the reigning 14th Region girls' soccer champion but won't be in attendance for the Soccerama.

Girls' high school soccer matches will be played on two fields at the Prestonsburg Sportspark.

The schedule for the girls' version of the 2018 Blackcat Soccerama follows.

Field 1 (Game Field)

8:55 a.m. — Johnson Central vs. Lawrence County
9:25 a.m. — Sheldon Clark vs. Lawrence County

10 a.m. — Prestonsburg vs. Hazard
10:30 a.m. — Johnson Central vs. Belfry
11 a.m. — Sheldon Clark vs. Belfry
11:30 a.m. — Lawrence County vs. Prestonsburg
Noon — Shelby Valley vs. Prestonsburg
12:30 p.m. — Shelby Valley vs. Powell County

Field 2 (Practice Field)

8:55 a.m. — Prestonsburg vs. Belfry
9:25 a.m. — Belfry vs. Powell County
10 a.m. — Sheldon Clark vs. Shelby Valley
10:30 a.m. — Powell County vs. Lawrence County
11 a.m. — Hazard vs. Shelby Valley
11:30 a.m. — Powell County vs. Johnson Central
Noon — Johnson Central vs. Hazard
12:30 p.m. — Sheldon Clark vs. Hazard

UK Football Fan Day set for Aug. 4

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

LEXINGTON – The University of Kentucky football program has set a date for Fan Day. The popular annual event is set to take place on Saturday, Aug. 4.

Fan Day will kick off with an autograph session at Nutter Field House from 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. All UK players and coaches, including head coach Mark Stoops, will be available for autographs. Following the autograph session, fans are invited to an open practice starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Joe Craft Football Training Facility practice fields.

In the case of inclement weather, the autograph session will go on as planned and information about the open practice will be announced the morning of Fan Day.

Fan Day is open to the public and admission is free. Free parking will be available in the Texas Roadhouse Blue, Texas Roadhouse Green and Texas Roadhouse Red lots surrounding Kroger Field.

Kentucky football schedule posters for the 2018 season presented by Kroger will be available at Fan Day. Additionally, UK's ticket office staff will on hand to discuss ticket packages for the 2018 season with interested fans.

Fan Day will coincide with the opening of fall camp as the Wildcats prepare for the 2018 season. Kentucky will feature a talented group of returners from last year's team, which reached a second consecutive bowl for the first time in seven years, including Benny Snell, Jr., Josh Allen, C.J. Conrad and Mike Edwards.

Season tickets re-

main available at UK-FootballTix.com for \$329 apiece with corresponding K Fund donations attached. Fans are able to use the Kentucky Football Virtual Venue to view and compare available seat locations and see a 360-degree virtual view from the seats inside Kroger Field. Payment plans will be available for new purchases and renewals.

Public season-ticket packages in Sections 201-203 and 209-211 are \$254 apiece. Fans can view a seating chart with the various pricing levels here. The Kentucky Football Pocket Pass will also return for the 2018 season, which includes a mobile ticket to all seven home games for a discounted price of \$217 while supplies last.

Kentucky will host Central Michigan for its season opener on Sept. 1 at 3:30 p.m. at Kroger Field.

Impact Classic Battle for Rings scheduled for weekend

By STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Impact, one of the state's top 8U baseball teams, will host a tournament at Prestonsburg Sportspark Saturday-Sunday.

Area teams as well as a squad from Central Kentucky are in the field for the Impact Classic Battle for Rings.

The 8U baseball tournament will include the host team along with

Beaver Creek, Martin County, Johnson County and the Paris/Bourbon Bandits.

USSSA bats are allowed in the Impact Classic Battle for Rings.

The tournament will move to a double-elimination format on Sunday.

The champion of the Impact-hosted tournament will receive rings.

The runner-up in the Impact Classic Battle for Rings will receive medals.

The schedule for

Saturday's games in the Impact Classic Battle for Rings follows.

Noon — Beaver Creek vs. Martin County

1:30 p.m. — Johnson County vs. Paris-Bourbon Bandits

3:00 p.m. — Impact vs. Martin County

4:30 p.m. — Beaver Creek vs. Johnson County

6:00 p.m. — Impact vs. Paris-Bourbon Bandits

Tug Valley Bass Anglers Ohio River Tournament

Presented by Freedom Outdoors

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

On July 22nd the Tug Valley Bass Anglers held its fifth tournament of the 2018 season on the Ohio River at Ashland, Ky.

The Ohio River was in great shape for the tournament. The water was pretty close to normal elevation with stained to heavily stained water and a moderate current.

Weather for the tournament was good with rain that persisted off and on throughout the day, light winds and an air temperature around 85 degrees.

The fishing was really pretty good. Reports all summer and comments from the local fishermen indicated the fishing was slow but the club weighed in a lot of

fish.

Because of a recent shad hatch the main pattern for this tournament was to fish baitfish imitating lures around any hard cover, wood or rocks in 1 to 4 feet of water on the main river. Lures that imitated crawfish also produced a few fish.

The top finishers are as follows.

1st Kevin Marcum — (3 fish) 7.28 lbs.

2nd Kevin Runyon — (5 fish) 5.47 lbs.

3rd Lacy Edmiston — (5 fish) 5.06 lbs.

4th Brandon Staten — (5 fish) 4.67 lbs.

5th Steve Cullop — (3 fish) 4.01 lbs.

6th Greg Maynard — (3 fish) 3.64 lbs.

7th MO — (3 fish) 3.31 lbs.

8th Mike Cullop — (2 fish) 2.38 lbs.

9th Mike Patrick — (1

fish) 2.22 lbs.

10th Keith Pacific — (2 fish) 2.21 lbs.

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Kevin Marcum, three fish, 7.28 lbs.

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Welcome Baby Smith



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

Birth Announcements

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

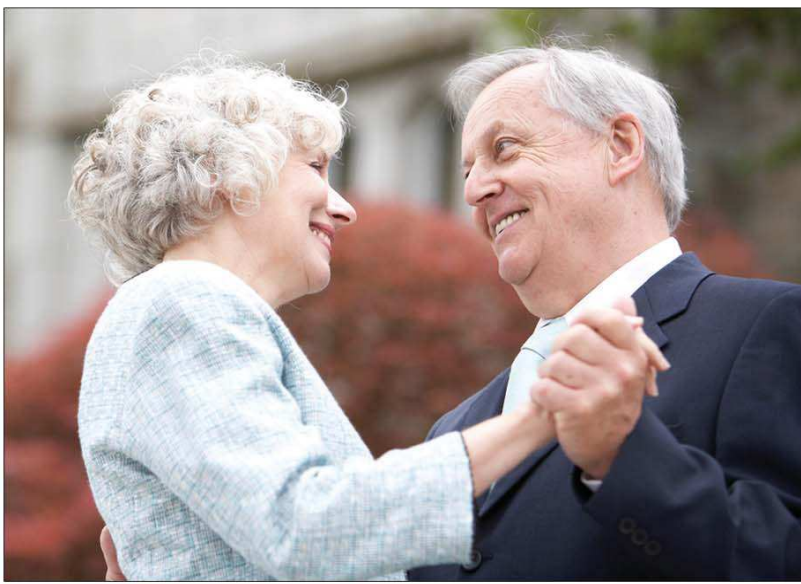
Celebrating Birthdays



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

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



Celebrating 55 years

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

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Dotson-Simpkins



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

Engagement

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

Wedding

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

Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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Keep life simple. Taking on too much or lacking moderation will cost you time, money and your reputation. Handle matters of concern discreetly, and be objective about how best to get what you want. Baby steps now will begin to pay off later as the year comes to a close.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't make a lot of noise over nothing. Initiating changes that aren't necessary will leave you in a quandary when someone affected by your decisions questions what you are doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Put your energy into bringing about positive change. Whether at home or with your peers or relatives, offer solutions that are solid and will benefit everyone involved. Expand your interests.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Spend more time at home with family, or make adjustments to your living arrangements that will help ease financial stress or concerns you have about your health and physical priorities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Too much on your plate will bog you down. Stick close to home and avoid conflicts while traveling or when dealing with relatives or friends who are difficult to get along with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Rely on past experience for insight. Look over contracts or find a way to use your money more efficiently. Don't trust anyone else to take care of your personal affairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Get more out of life. Look for ways to improve your strength and stamina. Proper diet and exercise will make you feel and look your best. A change will do you good.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) –

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



Partnerships will need to be handled with care. If someone makes a fuss, try not to retaliate. Remaining calm and offering sound solutions will promise higher returns.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Offer your services and participate in community events that will shape the changes you'd like to see occur in your neighborhood. A romantic gesture is encouraged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Take part in activities that excite you. Spending time with someone you enjoy being around will bring you closer together. Don't let an unexpected change ruin your plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Learn all you can about a place you want to travel to or a skill or qualification required to point you in a new and exciting direction. Romance and personal improvement are highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Travel plans or visiting friends or relatives will be informative. Attend a reunion that offers insight into options you haven't considered in the past. Opportunity is within reach.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Look for an unusual opportunity. Taking part in something you've never done before will be gratifying, and encourage you to bring about positive lifestyle changes. Altering your living arrangements is favored.

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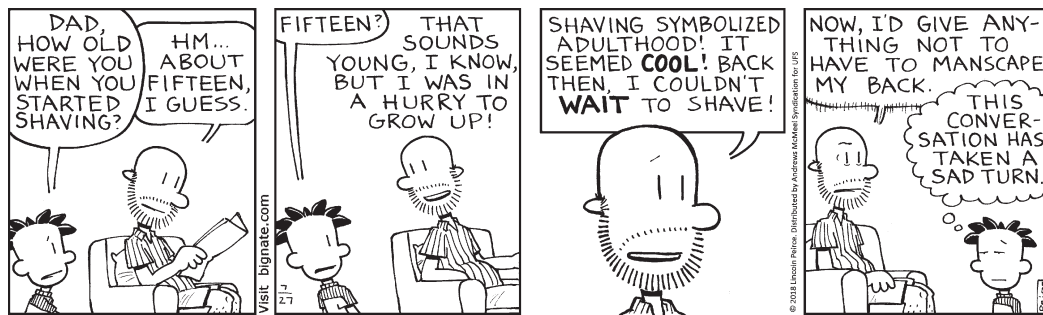
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All answers are in today's edition

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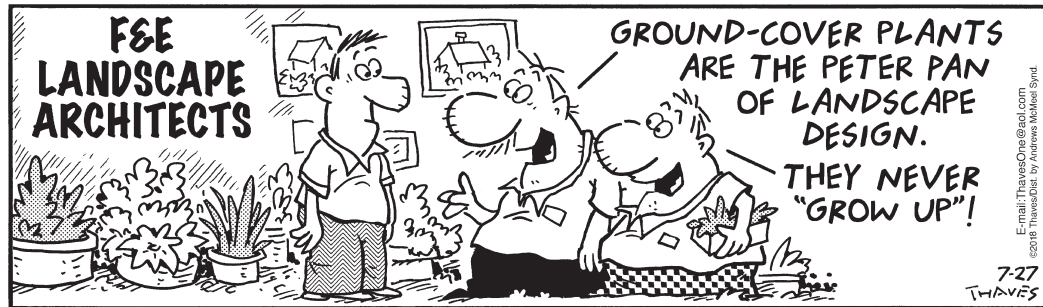
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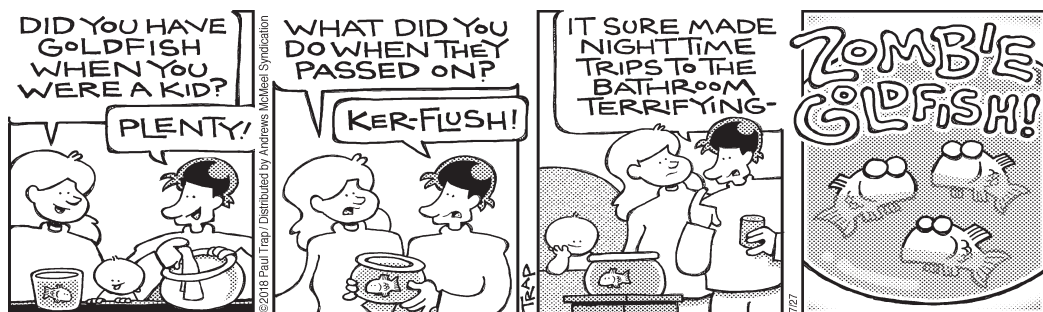
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 - Erelong
 - Finger opposite
 - Follows upon
 - Made by hand
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 - Long-plumed heron
 - Mannequin
 - Pilot's dir.
 - Must-have
 - Old Norse poems
 - Use a spoon
 - Last mo.
 - Did an office job
 - Snickers (hyph.)
 - Clock numeral
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 - Gore —
 - Oahu beach
 - Undamaged in any way
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 - Agreement
 - In the distance
 - Plain as day
 - Period of quiet
 - Terse refusal
 - Savage
 - Canal of song
 - Go sour
 - Short-tempered
 - Weakens
 - Used a firehouse pole
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 - Gobble down
 - Road map nos.
 - Tennessee — Ford
 - Farm implement pioneer
 - Territories
 - Grant money for
 - Ms. Davis of films
 - Pass catchers
 - Manifolds
 - Bogie role
 - Navigators' aids
 - In an inaudible manner
 - Decade number
 - Authors' concerns
 - Jeweler's unit
 - In a tangle
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 - General direction
 - Subtle emanation
 - Cut, as coupons
 - Poetic adverb
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