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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Two women suffered serious injuries and were airlifted for emergency care on Tuesday after a wreck on Arkansas Creek. Floyd County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Kevin Shepherd said it appears the women were traveling out of Arkansas Creek when the vehicle left the road, spun around, veered over an embankment and hit a tree.

Wreck injures two on Arkansas Creek

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT
Two Floyd County women were transported via helicopter for emergency medical care following a wreck Tuesday that occurred on Arkansas Creek. Shepherd reported Floyd County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Kevin Shepherd and Deputy Justin Szymchack are continuing the investigation into the single-vehicle wreck, which occurred at around 4 p.m. on July 31. Shepherd reported

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BOE surplus property sales approved

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Department of Education approved selling three Floyd County Schools District properties appraised for more than \$1 million for \$61,000.

On July 27, the KDE approved the sales of Osborne Elementary, the old Allen grade school and the old maintenance building in Allen for the collective total of \$61,300. Superintendent Danny Adkins said Thursday that the district's new attorney John Earl Hunt is drafting the agreements to finalize the sales.

"The agreements, once they are completed and signed and the deeds have

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad started its annual radio auction on Wednesday with more than 550 items that had been donated for the fundraiser. Volunteers expect more items to be donated during the auction, which is being broadcast on Q95 FM, beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, and beginning at noon on Saturday.

Rescue squad radio auction underway

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad's annual radio auction is under-

way.

The event — the squad's biggest annual fundraiser — started on Aug. 1 and continues until all items are sold on Aug. 4. Broadcasts will start at

6 p.m. on Aug. 3 and noon on Aug. 4 on WQHY Radio (95.5) in Prestonsburg.

Squad volunteers kicked

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Allen mourns loss of assistant clerk

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Allen community is mourning the loss of a longtime resident who worked with the city government there.

Bill Parsons, 84, died on

July 27 at his residence in Allen.

The husband of Judith Elder Parsons, he previously served in several roles in city government in Allen, including time he spent as a water commissioner and former city clerk — roles in

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Property value assessment decreases again in Floyd

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Property values have decreased for the second consecutive year in Floyd County, and

that decrease may require taxing districts to increase tax rates in order to generate the same amount of revenue.

Floyd County Property

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Photographer Allen Bolling of A.B. Pro-Photo donated three guitars for this year's Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad radio auction, signed by musicians who have performed in local venues. These guitars are autographed by Brad Paisley, who wrote "Stay County," Pam Tillis, who recently performed at the Mountain Arts Center, and bluegrass musician Larry Sparks.

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off the radio auction with about 550 items that had been donated, and they expect to see more items donated during the event.

As usual, the list of items to be sold at this auction is varied. In addition to dozens of gift cards from local businesses and restaurants, volunteers will also be auctioning off everything from toys to furniture.

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County," Pam Tillis, who recently performed at the Mountain Arts Center, and bluegrass musician Larry Sparks.

Tim Cooley, who retired from 16 years of service as captain of the squad in January, also donated several items for this year's radio auction. He built a wooden bench decorated with the squad's emblem, a chair painted as Darth Vader from Star Wars and two wooden planters to help the squad raise money this year.

Prestonsburg resident Carolyn Ford donated a large water fountain for this year's auction, and other items include hand-crafted lures by JD Lures, and a basketball signed by the University of Kentucky's 2015 team, which was donated by Rodney Nelson.

Layne's Ace Hardware

is continuing its tradition of donating the door prize for the auction, a Pergola-style grill gazebo. The squad is also raffling off 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.

People interested in bidding on items that are to be sold during the auction may call, (606) 886-8881, during the broadcast or they can visit the squad on Cliff Road to view the items and bid on them in person.

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

Pikeville Police: Man had meth, more than 100 pills at Walmart

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS
 STAFF REPORT

A Floyd man who was attempting to claim a lost wallet with a large amount of cash inside of it was arrested at Walmart in Pikeville Tuesday morning after officers with the Pikeville Police Department were called to verify his identity and allegedly located him with an amount of methamphetamine and a large number of prescription pills.

According to the citation in the case, Walmart associates called the PPD near 2 a.m. Tuesday in reference to an allegedly intoxicated male, identified as Gregory Phillip Chaffins, 42, of Webb Street, Garrett, who was attempting to claim a wallet from customer service. The associates told Chaffins that, since the wallet had more than \$500 inside of it, so they would need to see identification and would need to call PPD to verify his information before releasing the wallet, the citation said.

When informed of police involvement, Chaffins replied, "No, don't do that," and walked away, the citation said. Officers Joe Slone and Billy Ratliff arrived and located Chaffins inside of the home decor department and noted in the citation that Chaffins was "intoxicated at the time," the citation said.

During a search following Chaffins' arrest for his intoxication, officers initially located a pink, clear baggie with a substance believed to be crystal methamphetamine, the citation said. During further search,

officers located an orange cylinder, a prescription bottle belonging to a female and a black zipper pouch in Chaffins' possession, the citation said.

The three separate packages held 117-and-a-half prescription pills, of 19 different variations, a pink baggie with a substance believed to be meth and a clear baggie with a substance believed to be meth, the citation said.

Chaffins was arrested on charges of first-offense first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine), first-offense first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, illegal possession of a legend drug and public intoxication, court records show.

Pike District Judge Kelsey E. Friend Jr. ordered Chaffins held in custody of the Pike County Detention Center on a \$15,000 cash bond after Chaffins appeared at arraignment Tuesday morning to enter a plea of not guilty to his charges, court records show.

Additionally, Floyd Circuit Judge Thomas Smith ordered a \$2,500 cash bond through Floyd County for a contempt of court charge and Chaffins was ordered held as a fugitive from Whitfield County, Georgia, according to court documents.

Chaffins remained in the custody of the PCDC as of presstime Wednesday.



Gregory Chaffins

Health inspections released in Floyd

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND
 TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Health Department released scores given to local businesses in its most

recent health inspections this week. They include: Weeksburry Trading Post: score, 95; violations: 3

Lake Drive Pizza: score, 86; violations: 7; critical violations: 2

Appalachian Meats: score, 98; violations: 2

Martin Senior Citizens: score, 97; violations: 3

McDonalds, Martin: score, 99; violations: 1

Quick Mart #1, Ky. 321: score, 95; violations: 5

Speedway, Prestonsburg: score, 97; violations: 4

Food City, Prestonsburg: score, 94; violations: 5

Subway, Allen: score, 98; violations: 1

RediMart, Garrett: score, 91; violations: 6

Save a Lot, Prestons-

burg: score, 93; violations 5

Gas Mart: score, 94; violations: 4

Adkins Kwik Stop: score, 92; violations: 4

Pig in a Poke: score, 91; violations: 5

Subway, McDowell: score, 97; violations: 2

Dollar General, McDowell: score, 98; violations: 3

Maddy's Pizza, Hueysville: score: 98; violations: 2

Wayland Quick Mart: score: 90; violations: 8; critical violations: 1

Campbell's Grocery: score, 93; violations: 5

Save a Lot, Martin: score, 92; violations: 5

Quick Mart #9, Ky. 114: score, 94; violations, 4

Stone Crest Grill: score, 93; violations: 4

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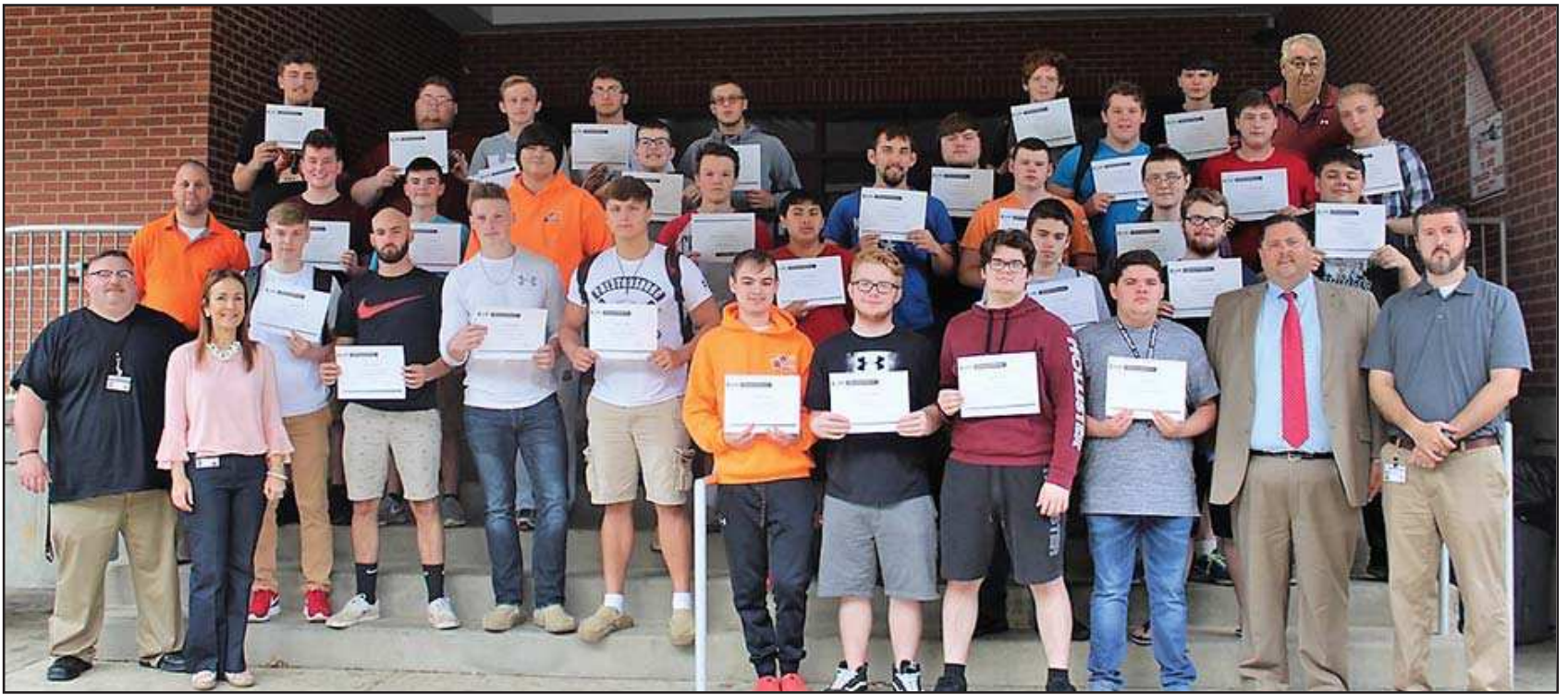
Floyd County Schools: 43 earn lifetime computer certifications

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Superintendent Danny Adkins congratulated 43 information technology students this week who have become Certified Internet Webmaster coders.

Adkins said in a press release, "Congratulations to our Information Technology students from Prestonsburg High School on passing national computer lifetime certifications. PHS, through our Floyd County Area Technology Center, now has 43 CIW Certified coders and our Floyd County team is very proud of them. This is another example of our district providing amazing opportunities for all students."

CIW is a lifetime certification that will accompany these students for the duration of their careers. The exam itself is widely accepted in the IT field and is considered an industry standard for web development. Having the certification allows these future technicians to earn college credit (as a test-out exam), and as it aligns with relevant industry practices, it also strengthens their resumes.



Submitted photo

Prestonsburg High School students Aaron Shepherd, Adam Philpot, Alex Scott, Austin Ford, Austin Smith, Blake Tarver, Cameron Collins, Cameron Smith, Chandler Newsome, Cory Goble, Ethan Spears, Gregory Powell, Jacob Pitts, James Dunbar, James Ousley, Jason Ratliff, Jonathan Sizemore, Kane Scarberry, Kendall Fletcher, Kinsey Hall, Kristopher Howard, Logan Goble, Malcolm Lombardi, Mark Fraley, Mark Puckett, Mark Vance, Michael Shepherd, Patrick Tuttle, Peyton Wright, Samuel Carroll, Tanner Gibson, William Jervis, William Reid earned certification as webmasters. They are pictured with PHS Principal Lori Bricken, Floyd County Area Technology Center Principal Lenville Martin, PHS Assistant Principal James T. Allen, PHS Assistant Principal Ricky Thacker, Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins and IT Instructor Dr. Jeff Shannon.

IT instructor Dr. Shannon said, "Having these talented, new coders in our community brings a much-needed facet to our area. I am so proud of our IT students this year. They have won national app competitions, regional Skill-SUSA championships, and

now computer certification." The students include Aaron Shepherd, Adam Philpot, Alex Scott, Austin Ford, Austin Smith, Blake Tarver, Cameron Collins, Cameron Smith, Chandler Newsome, Cory Goble, Ethan Spears, Gregory Powell, Jacob Pitts,

James Dunbar, James Ousley, Jason Ratliff, Jonathan Sizemore, Kane Scarberry, Kendall Fletcher, Kinsey Hall, Kristopher Howard, Logan Goble, Malcolm Lombardi, Mark Fraley, Mark Puckett, Mark Vance, Michael Shepherd, Patrick Tuttle, Peyton

Wright, Samuel Carroll, Tanner Gibson, William Jervis, William Reid, Austin Blankenship, Brhett Moore, Zachary Flannery, Jeffery Gayheart, Bradley Goble, Jonathan Dotson, Jacob Gardner, Michael Ratliff, Zack Link and Braxton Lewis.

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that Tanda Conn was driving a Toyota 4Runner out of Arkansas Creek, where she and her passenger, Lexie Taylor, lived, and for an unde-

termined reason, Conn crossed the center line, and went over an embankment. The car landed next to a tree and it was turned facing the opposite direction.

Allen Volunteer Fire Department Chief Randall Mulkey said the women

were unconscious when his team arrived. He initially requested backup, reporting one of them was trapped, but said his team was able to rescue her from the other side of the vehicle. They were unconscious at the scene, Mulkey said.

Shepherd said it does not appear that the women were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash, but his investigation continues.

He and Szymchack measured the length of skid marks on the roadway to determine the

speed of travel of the vehicle. They also searched the vehicle to determine whether drugs or alcohol could have played a factor in the wreck, but that determination had not been made prior to deadline.

"We don't know what

took place or what led to them having an accident," Shepherd said.

Both women were still in critical condition on Thursday in an intensive care unit at Pikeville Medical Center, Shepherd said.

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Several charged in Floyd District Court

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony charges filed

Willis Lewis, 44, of Prestonsburg; flagrant nonsupport

James K. Rister, 42, of Garrett; failure to wear seatbelts, second-degree fleeing/evading, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, driving under the influence, tampering with physical evidence, menacing, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container

Samuel W. Thompson, 43, of Kite; driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container, rear license not illuminated

Andy Craft, 60, of Wayland; flagrant nonsupport

Donald Quillen, 48, of Blue River; flagrant nonsupport

Jonathan L. Mullins, 37, of East Point; first- and second-degree promoting contraband, first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession

of marijuana

Misdemeanor charges filed

Joy Jervis, 35, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication

Christopher P. Mackey, 31, of Central City; public intoxication of a controlled substance, first-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing

Tammy Barker, 56, of Harold; harassment Shawn Spurlock, 26, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)

Kenneth F. Spurlock, 28, of Printer; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)

Kevin D. Moore; 28, of Hi Hat; third-degree terroristic threatening

Krista N. Garrett, 31, of Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance, third-degree terroristic threatening

Rachel Tackett, 38, of Bevinsville; second-degree disorderly conduct

Rexford Phillips, 51, of Beaver; harassment

Dinah Anderson, 63, of Harold; harassment

Joshua Frank Rudder, 28, of Martin; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana

David D. Bentley, 38, of Georgetown; first-degree disorderly conduct, public intox-

ication of a controlled substance, third-degree terroristic threatening

Rebecca L. Tackett, 35, of Hi Hat; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct

Heather Slone of Wheelwright; theft by unlawful taking under \$500

James Hunter, 35, of Martin; violation of an emergency protection order

Lonnie M. Howard, 40, of Paintsville; fishing without a license

Larry A. Marsillett, 33, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance, second-degree disorderly conduct, fourth-degree assault

Roger L. Collins, 31, of Auxier; possession of drug paraphernalia; second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in proper container

Lawsuits filed

Amanda Adkins vs. Joey Lewis, Tracy Lewis; petition for custody

Synchrony Banks vs. Rebecca Wells; complaint concerning contract

Lillian Hopkins vs. Joshua Lewis Hopkins; divorce

Dixie Prater vs. Christopher Prater; petition for custody

Phillip M. Holbrook vs. Brandy Jane Justice; divorce

Aleshia Hall vs. Geico Indemnity Company; personal injury complaint

Jeremy D. Tackett vs. Kara Dean Tackett; divorce

Corey Terry vs. Kaitlin Terry; divorce LVMV LLC and T. Kidd; application for approval of transfer of structured settlement payment rights

Community Trust Bank vs. Rocky Morrow; complaint concerning contract

George Edward Meade vs. Taulbee Goodman; complaint concerning contract

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Coreen Hayes vs. Jeremy Hayes; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Justine M. Mullins vs. Tommy Baldwin; petition for custody

Caitlyn Le'Shae Tackett vs. Robert J. Collins; petition for custody

Community Trust Bank vs. Justin Dye, Jessica Dye; foreclosure

Tiffany Burchett, Michael Maynard vs. Josh Ison, Core Appalachia Operating LLC; personal injury complaint

Melissa Farrell, Douglas Martin vs. Janet Compton and a child;

petition for custody

Tammy Murphy vs. Charles Murphy; divorce

Tonya M. Gevedon vs. Bethany D. Emmers, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Citizens Bank vs. Cecilia Lemaster, Priscilla G. Meade; complaint concerning contract

Sabrina N. Shortridge Crider vs. Randall C. Crider; divorce

Discover Bank vs. Sherry Bowman; complaint concerning contract

Highlands Hospital Corporation doing business as Highlands Regional Medical Center vs. Ricky Dale Johnson; complaint concerning contract

Sarah Prater vs. Linda Music, United Parcel Service Inc.; personal injury complaint

John Akers vs. Randall Matthew, Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Edgar Ray vs. Nathan Hall, Kentucky Farm Bureau Insurance Agency; personal injury complaint

Dr. Philip Simpson, Christina Simpson vs. LP Prestonsburg Riverview LLC, doing business as Riverview Health Care Center; LP O Holdings LLC,

Signature Healthcare Clinical Consulting Services LLC, Signature Healthcare Consulting Services, Administrator Missy Allen, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Chad Patterson, MD, Larry Leslie, MD, Jennifer Moore, APRN, and Kim Bates, Debbie Hall, Vivian Boyd, Krystal Collins, Stephanie Greer, Tracy Lemaster, Jessica Slone, Vhonda Dotson, Deborah Ousley, Tena Bailey, Jessica Hackworth, Heather Brumbaugh, and Joyce Bitten, individually and as an employees of Riverview Healthcare Center; personal injury complaint

Wanda B. Harmon vs. James Arthur Harmon Jr.; divorce

Harley Davidson Credit Corporation as assignee of Eglemark Savings Bank vs. Dennis Johnson, Sheryl Johnson; complaint concerning contract

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

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EDITORIAL:

School will soon be back in session, be careful

Soon, another milestone will be reached for children across Floyd County.

Children in the Floyd County Schools District will be back in school for the year beginning Aug. 8, ready to learn, grow and play.

While this can be a great time in the lives of these children, it can also quickly turn tragic, if we don't all do our part.

The fact is that, with increased activity at our schools, there will be increased traffic on the roads during those times.

From school buses, to parents taking their children to school, to older teens driving themselves to and from school and sporting events, there will simply be more activity going on in our county.

Invariably, there will be crashes as a result. In most cases, the wrecks won't have much more impact than a bent fender and an increased insurance bill. However, in some cases, it's possible that adults and children could be injured or even killed as a result of bad choices made on the roads.

It's taken us a long time to get decent roads throughout our community. And, while some roads remain in questionable or downright bad shape, most will travel to and from school on highways in great condition.

And that's where we all come in. Even if you don't have children in school, you have a part to play if you're behind the wheel during the hours when increased traffic is focused on the schools and school-related activities.

It's simple: Slow down, take your time, be careful,

wear your seat belt and pay attention.

The best way to prevent crashes is to take to heart all those rules that have to be learned in order to get a driver's permit, then driver's license during the teenage years.

There's also some other factors to remember: School buses are not able to stop as quickly as other vehicles and there is precious cargo inside. Also, when a school bus is stopped in front of you, follow the law; don't pass the bus or take other actions which endanger the

lives of those getting onto and off of the vehicle.

And, unfortunately, with so many young drivers on the road at one time, it can be expected that they often can't drive as well as those with experience, so the older drivers need to be the ones to set the example and be prepared to react to their mistakes.

Going back to school can be a wonderful, exciting experience. Don't make it one of fear and tragedy.

GUEST COLUMN:

The last straw

By JK COLEMAN
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A bunch of atheists with too much time on their hands raised Cain a while back when an Ohio restaurant offered a discount to all Sunday diners who could produce a church bulletin.

Come to find out, pitch fork wielding judges had already ruled that an eatery can't cut Jesus a break while snubbing the Devil, so the business owner

caved in and cancelled the heavenly gesture. To make matters worse, some outfit called the Freedom From Religion Foundation had threatened to sue the poor guy straight to hell and back. It's getting to where if you're a Conservative and/or a Christian, a restaurant is the last place you want to break bread, for it's become a place where liberals and/or atheists are apt to break bad. What

exactly will conservatives consider the last straw?

Now liberals with too much time on their hands want to ban plastic straws due to a few sea turtles getting them stuck in their noses. Are we really about to stand by and let nutty environmentalists tell millions of kids they can't slurp a Disney World Slurpee through a crazy straw because a few turtles in the Indian Ocean have a stopped up nose? And this won't just affect children in Florida and California

fun parks to be sure. Here in the Appalachian trailer parks, grownups whining about having to suck a peanut butter milkshake through a collapsing paper straw won't even know the struggle compared to those who'll have to snort a pill through one. This is going to suck for everyone people, and in the bad way.

Maybe this one is the last straw?

I have to admit that when Sarah Sanders got kicked out of a Virginia diner recently it made me mad, but I still

think a restaurant owner should be able to refuse service to whomever they choose. Even if the customer is a Republican White House Press Secretary and even if the business owner is an intolerant snowflake. I can deal with that. In my opinion a private business should be able to hire and fire whomever they want, and serve or not serve whomever they feel like.

But don't dare lecture me about a plastic straw and don't tell me I can't buy a supersized

soda pop if I'm plenty thirsty.

If I didn't have to work I'd put a MAGA cap on my head, a Big Gulp in one hand and a church bulletin in the other and drive my black-smoke-bellowing diesel from here to California in protest. Slurping 24-ounce sugar packed courage through red, white and blue striped crazy straws along the way.

But most liberals are full of rage these days and it's too dangerous out there. Get caught in a restaurant sucking your Mountain Dew through plastic, it may turn out to be the last straw.

And for a Republican with a church bulletin, it could just be your last supper.



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Dr. "Bert T." Adkins

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"Bert T." Adkins, 87, a retired Professor Emeritus of Business Communications, at Eastern Kentucky University (23 1/2 years), and a United States Air Force Policeman, Recruiter and retiree (20 years), died Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, at the U. K. Medical Center, Lexington, following a brief illness.

He was the son of the late Carl and Byrd Kidd Adkins, of Harold. He was born at Harold, Dec. 3, 1930. He attended Betsy Layne High

School, Pikeville College, Brescia College, University of Maryland in Japan, Golden Gate College in San Francisco, Eastern Kentucky University – BS and MS degrees, and the University of Kentucky -- Doctoral degree. As a believer in education, he created several endowments as scholarships for Betsy Layne High School, University of Pikeville, and E. K. U., to mention a few, to help educate young people.

His wife, (the former Ms. Retta Faye Jett, of Oliver Springs, Tenn.), died in August 2013, and is buried in the Camp Nelson Cemetery.

He is survived by his brothers, Charles Adkins, of Madison County, and Ray Adkins, of Johnson County, as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by one sister, Helen George; and one brother, Emmit Eugene Adkins.

He was a fun-loving man, who enjoyed meeting people and talking at length. He will be missed by all of his family and friends. Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018, at the Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home.

Funeral services will

be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Aug. 6, at the funeral home, with his brother, Charles Adkins, officiating. Burial will follow, with military honors, at the Camp Nelson National Cemetery, 6980 Danville Road, Nicholasville, Kentucky. Arrangements are under the direction of the Oldham, Roberts & Powell Funeral Home of Richmond.

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

This is a paid obituary.

Christa Gertrude Wagner Akers

Christa Gertrude

Wagner Akers, 91, of Harold, died Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

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

Ed Caudill

Ed Caudill, 96, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, August 1, 2018.

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

Gina Hall

Gina Delise McCoy Hall, 43, of Wayland, died Monday, July 30, 2018.

Arrangements are under the direction of

Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Bill Parsons

Bill Parsons, 84, of Allen, died Friday, July 27, 2018.

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

Margaret Wright

Margaret Lee Cornett Wright, 91, of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Monday, July 30, 2018.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carter Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

Bank employee sentenced to 18 months in BB&T fraud case

By CHASE ELLIS
APPALACHIAN
NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — A former loan officer of the BB&T branch in Pikeville was sentenced to serve 18 months in prison Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville for his role in a federal bank fraud case.

Brent M. Lee was recommended to serve a sentence of 18 months, which was a downward variance of the federal guidelines that recommended between 30 and 37 months in prison. U.S. Chief District Judge Karen K. Caldwell ordered the sentence and also ordered Lee to have five years of supervised release. He was ordered to pay a restitution amount of \$248,368.60, payable to BB&T.

According to the indictment, in September 2014, BB&T downgrad-

ed the loan status Paul D. Fannin, of Van Lear, former owner and developer of StoneCrest Properties, and Lee was prohibited from giving Fannin any new loans. Shortly after, Fannin and Lee allegedly worked with Fannin's daughter, Chelsea Stone, to take out a \$100,000 loan in Stone's name that was later deposited into Fannin's account, according to the indictment. Much of that money was then used by Fannin to make expenditures at casinos, among other things. In November 2014, a second loan was taken out in Stone's name to pay off the first loan. A loan modification was made in January 2015 to disburse an additional \$150,000, the indictment said.

During sentencing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Kate Anderson had argued for an enhancement penalty, citing Lee

as having a leadership role for the fraudulent loan plans.

Lee "put others in a position to be indicted ... and directed how it would play out," Anderson said. Additionally, Lee had other bank employees, including his secretary, "draw up ... and sign" documents pertaining to the fraudulent loans, Anderson said.

Lee's defense attorney Bernie Pafunda stated Lee did not profit "from the fruits of the labor," and if not for Fannin "gambling the money away" instead of paying monthly payments on the loan, "we (the court system) may have never been involved." Caldwell overruled the leadership enhancement, but did apply an enhancement for Lee's abuse of a position of trust.

Both Stone and Fannin entered into plea

agreements early in the case, but Lee elected to go to trial. Stone and Fannin testified on behalf of the prosecution at trial and Lee was found guilty of each of his nine counts; one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud, two counts of aiding and abetting bank fraud, two counts of theft, embezzlement or misapplication by a bank officer and four counts of unauthorized obligation by a bank employee in February.

Stone entered into a pretrial diversion in the case, meaning, if she follows conditions, her charges will be dismissed. Fannin was ordered to serve 180 days of home incarceration, five years on supervised release and pay the restitution amount to BB&T.

At sentencing Wednesday, Lee took the opportunity to speak saying, he "wanted to pub-

licly apologize to my wife and three daughters." Lee also thanked his mother, father and church family for their "love, prayers and support through this nightmare."

Pafunda and Caldwell both mentioned how Lee was set apart "from the rest of the pack," as so many people took the opportunity to write letters of support on his behalf. Caldwell called the letters "voluminous."

"When you look at him, he's not that old, but look at the positive impact he has had on this community for such a young age," Pafunda said of Lee.

Anderson also acknowledged Lee's actions and lack of criminal background, but also cautioned against leniency.

"He has spotless character and a spotless record. But he was a banker for a decade; he knew better," Ander-

son said. "The levels of deception ... cannot be tolerated."

Caldwell referenced Lee's statements at trial, in which he had acknowledged that he was "under pressure to produce ... (and) wanted job security and advancement" while at BB&T.

"This type of crime completely undermines the very security of our financial institution," Caldwell said. "I do believe there is a low risk for recidivism. He is very remorseful and he can, and will, be a productive citizen after sentence."

In addition to the 18 months in prison, Lee was ordered to perform 40 hours of community service for each year of his five years of supervised release. Caldwell ordered Lee to report to serve his sentence with the U.S. Bureau of Prisons on Oct. 1.

Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

Marriages filed
Bonnie Lee Little, 74, of Price, to Herman Stumbo, 76, of Fairborn, Ohio
Sally Ann Maynard, 56, of Prestonsburg, to Romeo Samson DeRosario, 70, of Prestonsburg

Property transfers filed
Rita Ridgway to Brandy F. Little (Deeds Book 638; pg. 524)
Michelle Kidd to Amanda Osborne (Deeds Book 638; pg. 526)
Tom McKinney to Charles R. Hall (Deeds Book 638; pg. 529)
Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance to Richard Franklin Hamlin (Deeds Book 638; pg. 534)
Freda Smith, Larry Smith

to Lonnie Martin, Tina Martin (Deeds Book 638; pg. 540)
Crystal M. Horn to Anissa M. Doan, Shaun M. Doan (Deeds Book 638; pg. 544)
Jason P. Bakers, Shellie L. Hayes Baker, Shellie Hayes to Harriet E. Hayes, Keith Hayes (Deeds Book 638; pg. 548)
Margaret Case, Michael Case to Billie Carroll (Deeds Book 638; pg. 554)
Sharlene Burchett to Ashley Burchett, James A. Burchett (Deeds Book 638;

pg. 562)
Christopher Akers, Tracy Akers, to John Hunt, Marcia Hunt (Deeds Book 638; pg. 566)
Archie Sturgill, Lowene Howell Sturgill to Darlene Howell, Jeff Howell (Deeds Book 638; pg. 571)
Freddie L. Newsome, Millison Newsome to "McIntosh" (Deeds Book 638; pg. 574)
Margaret A. Preece to Rebecca N. Harris (Deeds Book 638; pg. 583)

John Robert McIntosh II to Krissy Goble, Krissy L. McIntosh (Deeds Book 638; pg. 606)
Patricia May Gibson, Billy Johns May estate to Patricia Gibson (Deeds Book 638; pg. 608)
Christopher O'Quinn to Danny O'Quinn (Deeds Book 638; pg. 612)
Billy Buchanan, Branham Buchanan, Bryanna Buchanan to Kevin R. Powers, Whitley Robinson (Deeds Book 638; pg. 619)

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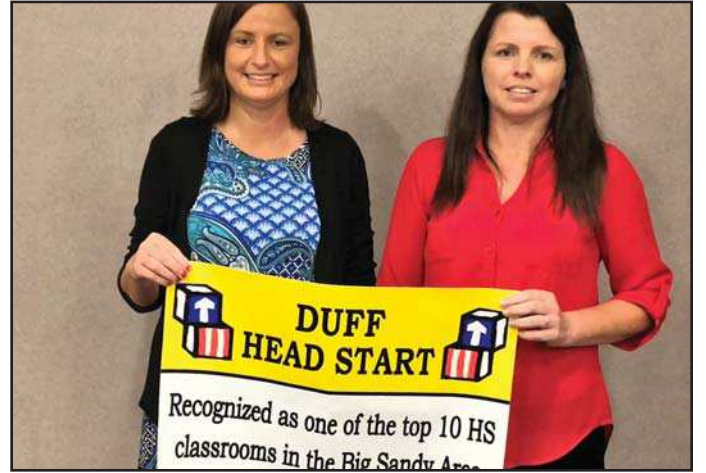
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Jessica Kiser and Amanda Patrick from Allen Elementary



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April Borowski and Brittany Tackett from Betsy Layne Elementary



Submitted photo
Misty Howell and Stacy Paige from Duff-Allen Central Elementary

Head Start classrooms honored in region

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Floyd County Schools District Superintendent Danny Adkins announced in a press release on Wednesday that the district's Head Start program earned multiple honors.

Four Head Start classrooms in Floyd County were among the Top 10 Head Start classrooms selected by the program's Big Sandy region grantee, the Big Sandy Community Action Program.

"Four of the Top 10 Classrooms in the region are in our district and that's outstanding," Adkins said in the press release. "Of the 65 regional classrooms, Jessica Kiser

and Amanda Patrick from Allen Elementary, April Borowski and Brittany Tackett from Betsy Layne Elementary, Misty Howell and Stacy Paige from Duff-Allen Central Elementary and Ashley Fite and Shonna Hall from May Valley Elementary rank among the top and our Floyd County team is very proud of them."

Adkins congratulated Kiser and Patrick as the regional Head Start Teaching Team of the Year, as well as Fite, Hall and Family Advocate Jennifer Woods for having the highest average daily attendance in the region at May Valley.

"Having 97 percent average attendance in your classroom is wonderful," Adkins' state-



Submitted photo
Ashley Fite and Shonna Hall from May Valley Elementary

ment said. He also congratulated other Head Start teachers at Allen Elementary, May Valley and Duff-Allen Central for ranking second, fourth and fifth in the region, as well as May Valley staff for having the highest

parent participation in meetings.

"That's simply fantastic and means that more parents were actively involved with their children's education and parent involvement contributes to kids' success,"

he said in the statement.

He also commended Woods, who was honored as Family Advocate of the Year for the second year, calling her "commitment to serving our families and students second to none."

"Just to be considered for this award, Jennifer had to meet goals and other requirements concerning referrals, home visits, time lines, assessments, screenings and more," he said. "Not only did she meet these requirements, she went beyond because she cares for our students and families and understands that she can help these children start their educational careers in the best possible way."

He also said, "We're

very proud of this team and their continued accomplishments. Our

Head Start program does a great job of laying the foundations and expectation of Floyd County Schools. We also want to congratulate our Early Childhood Director Anna Shepherd for her outstanding leadership and support for her team. Anna's passion for and commitment to the education of our students is amazing and we thank her for empowering her team to be successful."

The Head Start program is possible through federal funding that is disbursed in the Big Sandy Region by the program grantee, the Big Sandy Community Action Program.

Fundraising event set for woman who needs brain surgery

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The family of a Floyd County resident who needs brain surgery is seeking community support this weekend.

The Angels for Angel's 5K and Fundraising event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 4, in downtown Prestonsburg. Activities will begin at 2 p.m. with live music from several different musicians, food, face painting and vendors in the Prestonsburg city stage area. The inaugural Angels for Angel's 5K will begin at 2 p.m. as well. At 7 p.m., organizers are also raffling tickets for items that have been donated by local businesses, including a \$200 gift certificate from Small Town Tattoos,



Angel Griffith

a \$50 gift certificate from Pink Elephant Gun and Pawn and other items.

All donations and proceeds will be used to pay expenses related to brain surgery that Angel Griffith will undergo in Columbus, Ohio on Aug. 17.

Griffith, 42, of Goble Roberts, was diagnosed more than two decades ago with Chiari malformation, a condition that causes her brain tissue

to grow into her spinal canal.

"After five mini strokes and a heart attack she was forced to quit working," her daughter-in-law Ashley Griffith said. "This is only one of the many things that Chiari has taken from her. There are tons of everyday activities that she used to enjoy but is now unable to tolerate due to her constant pain."

She said Griffith recently learned that the condition is damaging her central nervous system and "crushing her mid-brain" and making her symptoms worse. Griffith is scheduled to undergo decompression brain surgery on Aug. 17, and it requires four trips to Columbus, Ohio,

for pre- and post-op appointments.

All funds raised at the Aug. 4 event in Prestonsburg will be used for travel costs, food, hotel stay and the medical bills

associated with Griffith's surgery. Registration for the race is available at the Prestonsburg Running Company, located near the city parking lot area where the fundraiser will

be held. Participants may also sign up on race day.

Family members area also seeking donations on a GoFundMe page dedicated to Angel Griffith.

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changed hands, they have to be turned over to KDE," Adkins said.

He said the school district is "excited" to get out of the burden associated with these vacant schools, highlighting liability concerns officials have with these properties.

"We're very excited to be out from under the liabilities of the surplus properties," Adkins said. He said the buildings in Allen have been a "community eye sores" for years and the district is having "issues with trespassers" on the properties.

"Two weeks prior to the board accepting those bids, it was approximately two weeks, (Sheriff) John Hunt, we had a call that homeless people were staying in the old McDowell building and were seen around some of the other buildings, the other surplus properties," Adkins said. "So, we sent a deputy up there to have those people, to ask them to leave. So, he asked them to leave. The next day

they go back with the drug dog and they had been making meth in there, in the McDowell building for sure."

The properties were appraised by a real estate firm hired by the district for more than \$1 million, and the final sale price of \$61,300 is more than \$50,000 less than the initial bids the Floyd County Board of Education received in January.

School district officials rejected the bids of \$100,000 for Osborne, \$8,100 for the old Allen grade school and \$5,050 for the maintenance building in January, with former Superintendent Steve Trimble, saying bids came in much lower than anticipated and reporting that the district will seek recommendations about moving forward from the KDE.

The board approved the sales of Osborne for \$50,000, Allen grade school for \$6,200, and the maintenance building for \$5,100 in June with recommendation from Adkins, who talked about the costs associated with insurance on these prop-

erties. Finance Director Matt Wireman previously estimated insurance costs at all three properties to total \$16,520 annually, with estimates of \$9,227 for the maintenance building and \$7,293 for Osborne. There was no insurance costs at the Allen grade school, which has been empty for years.

Wireman reported, too, that the district pays more than \$100,000 in flood and insurance costs at McDowell Elementary, which is not part of the approved sales. 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. Adkins said Thursday that the KDE approval of that property transfer is still pending.

Aside from the liability concerns and costs associated with insurance, district officials say another reason the schools were sold well below appraised

values comes because properties like these don't sell well in Eastern Kentucky's economy.

"It's just a common theme in Eastern Kentucky because of the way the economy is," Adkins said.

Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator Connie Hancock reported this week that her staff are "still seeing properties sell" in the county, but noted lags in some areas.

"We're hearing from realtors that stuff is staying on the market maybe a little longer, and certain areas may not be selling, but the areas that are along U.S. 23 and in Prestonsburg, we're still seeing sale prices come in at or above our assessments," she said.

Her office does not update assessments on tax-exempt properties, like schools. She noted, however, that although residential properties are still selling, there "may not be a market" for the old school properties the district sold.

"What's somebody up in Wheelwright or McDowell going to do with it?"

she asked.

When asked why the KDE would approve sale prices that were less than those the district received earlier this year, Jessica Fletcher, the KDE commissioner's chief communications officer, said in an email that the bids rejected by the board in January are "no longer valid." She said the approved bid amounts appear to be the market value of the properties, not the appraisal.

"The first bids were rejected by the board, therefore these bids were no longer valid," she wrote. "Hoping to get higher bids, the properties were bid a second time. However, the aggregate amount of the bids was lower. Given the ongoing costs to own the buildings, the board accepted the second bids (June 14, 2018) and submitted them to KDE for approval. In both cases the process appears to have been followed — we have affidavits from the newspaper regarding the advertisement of each round of bids, the results of the bids and the action taken by the board. Having bid the properties

twice, the amount of the bids appears to be the market value of the properties, not the appraisal amount."

She cited state laws regulating the sale of surplus properties in school districts, as well a state auditor's office recommendation that school board members submit certification that he/she has no conflict of interest with any property owner, vendor or subcontractor involved in the transaction. Fletcher reported school board can sell properties by public auction, by accepting sealed bids or by setting a "minimum acceptable price," as authorized in a 1993 Kentucky Attorney General opinion.

The approved buyers were Danny Meade, whose bid in June was half of the bid he was part of in January, former Floyd County Board of Education chairman Jeff Stumbo and John Campbell, who works in maintenance in the district and represents Region 8 on the Kentucky School Plant Management Association.

VALUE

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Valuation Administrator Connie Hancock reported Wednesday that the state has released the annual equalized assessment for the county — the property valuation total that is used by all Floyd County taxing districts when they set tax rates.

The total equalized assessment, which includes the value of real estate that is assessed by Hancock's office, oil and gas properties that are assessed by the state, and self-reported personal property, totals about \$1.39 billion.

That's about \$24.3 million less than the county's assessment in 2017. Since 2016, the county's assessment has dropped by \$246.7 million.

The majority of the \$1.39 billion value comes in the \$1 billion real estate portion of the assessment, which includes properties assessed by Hancock's office as well as coal and gas properties, which are set by the state. The tangible personal property portion of the assessment, which is taxed differently than

real property, decreased by about \$15 million since 2017 to \$61.5 million, the assessment shows.

Hancock said the county's property values have remained about the same or increased slightly each year during her 18 years in office, but those values dropped dramatically last year after the state changed the way unmined coal, oil and mineral rights are assessed. The state exempted some owners of unmined coal, oil and gas properties last year, causing the decrease in those property values, as reported in the Floyd County Chronicle and Times last year.

"This was the first time we've ever seen this major drop in our assessment," Hancock said, talking about the decreases reported since 2016. "Normally, you have a little fluctuation, and it's a steady growth."

A comparison of the equalized assessment certifications from 2017 and this year shows that in Floyd County, real estate values assessed by Hancock's office increased by about \$2.2 million to more than \$643.5 million.

The value of Floyd County's farms and commercial properties also collectively increased by more than \$1.7 million since last year, with values of farms set at more than \$122 million and values of commercial properties set at more than \$281.9 million.

The value of unmined coal also increased by about \$1.9 million over the past year, with the state setting that value at \$17.2 million in this assessment. The value of unmined coal, however, has taken a nosedive over the past two years. In 2016, the unmined coal assessment in Floyd County was \$141.8 million.

The value of oil and mineral rights decreased by nearly half over the past year, the assessment shows. Last year, oil and mineral rights were assessed by the state at more than \$63.3 million. This year, they were assessed at \$34.4 million. That assessment is still far below the total for oil and minerals in 2016 — \$120.4 million.

With these increases and the decrease in the oil and mineral rights, the real estate portion of the total

equalized assessment decreased by \$23 million to about \$1.1 billion.

Hancock expects similar decreases in total equalized assessments in other Eastern Kentucky counties.

"With the drops we're seeing in the unmined coal and oil and gas, it is hard for me to fathom how their real estate values could grow enough ... It would be hard for me to fathom that they can overcome the loss in the unmined coal and the oil and gas in the real property," Hancock said. "Because I would have to have millions of dollars in new assessments to go up, to make up for that loss."

She said people don't understand how this assessment is used by taxing districts to set tax rates in the county. She said people ask her office to decrease the value of their property without understanding that if the total assessment decreases, like it has county-wide over the past two years, taxing districts can raise their tax rates to get approximately the same in revenues.

The state's compen-

sating rate law was designed to allow taxing districts to get the same amount of revenue if property tax assessments decline. If the assessment decreases, like it has in Floyd County, taxing districts may adopt the compensating rate so they can receive the same amount of revenues as the prior year.

"The rates are designed so that if my assessments go up, (tax) rates should be able to come down. It's supposed to be a balancing act," Hancock said. "But, yet, they're still having to raise them because those state rates figure in. If I go out and I say, 'I'm going to help everybody. The economy is bad. I'm going to go out and lower everybody's assessment. If I lower my values, and if I did that all over the county and I lose millions in the assessment, then what have I done? I'm still hurting the people because these districts, they're allowed to get the same amount of money. They're going to go back and raise their rate to make up for me lowering the value.'"

She continued, "And

people don't understand that. They come in wanting their assessment lowered, saying 'You got to help me. I'm struggling.' If I help you, I can help you and you think it's helping you, but overall, it all adds up and in the long run, that district is going to have to raise their rates to make up for what they're losing."

The decrease in the county's total assessment totaled \$222 million between 2016 and 2017, and that decrease caused three taxing districts to increase their tax rates to make up for the loss. The Floyd County Schools District, the county's highest taxing district, adopted a compensating rate last year. The Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District adopted a rate that was higher than its compensating rate last year, and the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office also increased its tax rate last year.

There was no change, however, in tax rates set last year by the fiscal court, fire department taxing districts, the health department or the public library.

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- August 3-4; 8:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Theatre performs "Hairspray," at the amphitheater, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. jennywileytheatre.com
- Mondays through Through-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. 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 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, Daffodils, The Mountain Muse, Prestonsburg Running Company, Ritchie's Hallmark, Little Rascals, Lad n Lassie and Sew-N-Love.
- Aug. 3; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Cruise-in, downtown Prestonsburg. Free.
- Aug. 4; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open, South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg
- Aug. 4; 7:30 p.m.: Final Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry summer season show, Mountain Arts Center.
- Aug. 4-5: Pig in a Poke presents its StoneCrest Invitational. (606) 886-1006
- Through Aug. 5: Fitzpatrick Baptist Church is offering a discounted ticket price of \$15 for its Women's Celebration, which will be held on Aug. 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. (606) 886-6204
- Aug. 6; 6 p.m.: Allen City Commission meets, Allen City Hall. (606) 874-2953
- Aug. 7; 6 p.m.: Floyd County Beekeepers meet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- Aug. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; 8:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Theatre performs "Hairspray," at the amphitheater, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. jennywileytheatre.com
- Aug. 8: First Day of School for students, Floyd County School District
- Aug. 8, 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meets, city hall. (606) 452-4202
- Aug. 8; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: The Wool Club meets, Floyd County Extension office. (606) 886-2668
- Aug. 9, 12 p.m.: Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets, Prestonsburg First Presbyterian Church
- Aug. 16; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Worldwide Equipment, Inc. to host blood drive with Kentucky Blood Center, 1999 Ky. Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg. Free T-shirts for those who donate blood and donors will be entered to win a Toyota 4Runner as part of the center's summer giveaway. 800-775-2522

Fall semester starts this month at BSCTC

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Big Sandy Community and Technical College will begin the fall semester on August 13 on all campuses.

"We are excited to start the fall semester and look forward to seeing new and returning students on campus," BSCTC President/CEO Dr. Sherry Zylka said.

BSCTC offers more than 32 pro-

grams with over 200 credentials. This list of courses includes workforce development training in some areas that help people get some certifications in as little as six weeks.

The college has also added a hybrid schedule for adult learners to help obtain their associate in just 4 semesters.

For more information, visit big-sandy.kctcs.edu or by call, (606) 886-3863

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in which he worked to help bring water and sewer services to the city.

Parsons was hired this year to work on a contract basis as an assistant city clerk in Allen. In that role, he helped the city complete delinquent financial filings and, in doing so, helped the city qualify to receive municipal road aid funding that had been held by the state for years.

Mayor Sharon Woods, who has known Parsons for decades, said he will be "greatly missed" in the city. She said he was one of the oldest residents living in Allen and talked about how she's asked him to write memoirs about the city's history several times over the years.

"He truly loved this city, he really did," she said.

"It's just a great loss," she said, "and I can't speak anything but highly of him. He was just an extraordinary person, caring not just for the city, but for ev-

erybody. He was an extraordinary person who loved the city and enjoyed working and doing things for the city."

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh credited Parsons and Allen resident Virgil Conn for getting him involved in politics. They asked Waugh to run for Allen City Council years ago and he later served as mayor in the city. Waugh said Parsons gave him "sound advice" when he worked on issues in Allen as mayor.

"He's just a very quiet man, a man of few words, but he was sure full of wisdom. I was always amazed at his wisdom," Waugh said. "He was giant in the community, for sure."

Allen City Clerk Krystal Spurlock, who has worked closely with Parsons at city hall, praised him for the things he has taught her during his time there.

"Bill has helped this city tremendously," he said. "We were negligent in a lot of things and when we agreed to hire Bill to help the city, he helped in many, many ways. He worked

just as hard as any other member of this city and I'm extremely thankful for everything that he brought to us."

She said Parsons "always helped in any way he could" and worked every day at city hall.

"I'm just forever thankful that we hired him and that he helped us the way that he did," Spurlock said.

She said city hall won't be the same without Parsons. She talked about stories he shared about the city's history.

"He told me a lot of stories about the city that nobody else ever did," she said. "He told me a lot of good stories, older stories, that I probably would have never known had he not told me. He was always pretty happy to share stories like that. He'll definitely be missed. That's for sure."

In addition to his wife, Parsons is survived by his daughter Debora Curnutte of Auxier and other family members. He was buried on July 31 in the Davidson Memorial Gardens in Ivel, under direction of Hall Funeral Home.

First-ever Night Market to be held tonight

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Tonight, Aug. 3, Floyd County residents and visitors will get to experience something new — the county's first-ever Night Market.

This event, set to take place from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in downtown Prestonsburg, will feature live music, vendors selling all sorts of items and activities.

Participating musicians include Connor Dale, Elizabeth Reed, Jason Goble, Troy Burchett and The Seth Ferguson Experience.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West, who helped coordinate Night Market events in Elkhorn City when she worked at a theater there, described this event as an "open air, pop-up market" that's geared to

showcase local artisans and businesses.

Several businesses that are part of the Prestonsburg Merchant Network are teaming up with this event to host a "Let Us Pay Your Sales Tax," customer appreciation event during the Night Market.

The city of Prestonsburg is also hosting a cruise-in that will be held at the same time that evening, weather permitting. Participation is free in the cruise in, and city officials will accept registrations on site. The cruise in is scheduled to be held on Ky. 1428 near the city parking lot area, but officials said the cruise-in will be cancelled if inclement weather arises.

For more information, visit Prestonsburg Tourism on Facebook or call, (606) 886-1341.

Science center gets funding for educational kits

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The East Kentucky Science Center has earned support from a national organization.

The East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium was selected by the National Informal STEM Education Network to receive "Explore Science: Let's Do Chemistry" education kits. The center is among 250

science centers in the U.S. to qualify to receive these kits.

The kits, offered by the educational network in collaboration with the American Chemical Society, are geared to offer "hands-on experiences designed to stimulate interest, sense of relevance and feelings of self-efficacy about chemistry among public audiences," a press release from Big Sandy Community and

Technical College said.

The science center will hold a "Let's Explore Chemistry" event sometime in the late fall, and these kits will also be used for classroom lessons and for future camps.

For more information, contact Steve Russo, director of the East Kentucky Science Center and Varia Planetarium, at, srusso0002@kctcs.edu, or, (606) 889-4809.

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Three Floyd County teams compete in Ohio Valley Regional tournaments



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Floyd County and East Kentucky were well-represented in the Ohio Valley Regional tournaments.

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

PRESTONSBURG — The Floyd County Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth League claimed three state championships in the 2018 season, competing in Ohio Valley Regional tournaments

against squads from several other states. Over the past two seasons, the Floyd County youth baseball league has captured five state titles.

Three Floyd County teams traveled to Ohio Valley Regional tournaments to represent Kentucky with East Kentucky Tribe squads competing

in Munster, Ind. (13U); Robinson, Ill. (14U), and Elkins, W.Va. (15U). The Tribe competed against teams from West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin for a chance to play in the World Series.

East Kentucky Tribe 13U, 14U, 15U and 18U All-Star teams consisted

of players from nine regular-season Babe Ruth teams that competed in Prestonsburg.

The 13U Babe Ruth All-Star team advanced to the Ohio Valley Regional after winning a state championship. Outstanding pitching performances from Nicholas Kidd and Dylan Thompson helped

to lift the 13U club. Both Sam Wright and Jackson Jarrell finished the state tournament with a batting average of .600. J.D. McKinney exited the tournament with a batting average of .500 and an on-base percentage of .857.

At the Ohio Valley Regional tournament, the

13U team finished with a 1-2 record after beating Southern Indiana and falling to Ohio and Northern Indiana. In the final game of pool play, Northern Indiana edged East Kentucky 5-4.

The 14U Babe Ruth All-Star team advanced

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courtesy photo

Tournament host Impact finished runner-up to the Paris/Bourbon Bandits in its tournament at the Prestonsburg SportsPark on Sunday.

Impact finish runner-up in tournament

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Impact, an 8U baseball team made up of players from Floyd County, finished runner-up in its tournament held over the weekend. The Paris/Bourbon Bandits upended Impact in the tournament's title game on Sunday.

The Floyd County squad

fell after defeating the Paris/Bourbon Bandits in pool play one day earlier.

The tournament dubbed The Impact Classic Battle for Rings featured five talented 8U baseball teams.

"Impact Classic Battle for Rings was a great tournament," said tournament director Greg Horne. "We had five 8U teams — Impact, Beaver Creek, Martin Coun-

ty, Johnson County and the Paris/Bourbon Bandits. There were great crowds both days and everyone had the chance to watch some exceptional young players.

"The Bandits defeated Impact in the finals. I've been around travel baseball the past five to six years and this was one of the best travel teams I've seen. They really had all the tools. Hitting was

great from top to bottom of their order and their fielding was exceptional, but the most impressive thing to me was the arm strength of their outfielders. Those kids had everyone at the tournament talking about some of their throws from the outfield. The Bandits are coached by former Hazard Bulldog Brandon Francis. The Bandits' coaches and parents all raved about

our facilities at StoneCrest and it really gave us a chance to show off what we have to offer here in East Kentucky. We want to give a special thanks to Brad Reynolds, the general manager of StoneCrest, for all his efforts with the tournament to help make sure everything went smoothly. I've held many travel tournaments and this was one of the best I've been a part of."

Burchett preparing to guide Fordham offensive unit

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

BRONX, NY — With college football teams opening preseason camps, Prestonsburg High School graduate Michael Burchett is preparing to guide the Fordham University football team's offensive unit in his first season as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach.

Burchett was named offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Fordham in March. He ventured to New York after spending the past three years at West Virginia University, the past year as the offensive analyst where he was responsible for advanced scouting, preliminary game planning, and offensive self-scout. Burchett also assisted in developing weekly game plans, specifically the pass game plan, and scripted the defensive scout team based on the offensive game plan.

In his first two years in Morgantown, Burchett served as an offensive graduate assistant where he was responsible for coaching the quarterbacks under the supervision of head coach Dana Holgorsen. He also



Michael Burchett

conducted all position meetings and daily drills with the Mountaineer quarterbacks and assisted in developing weekly pass game plans. Burchett's in game duties included assisting with play calling and communicating with the head coach and quarterbacks.

Prior to his stint at West Virginia, Burchett was an offensive graduate assistant at his alma mater, the University of Kentucky in 2014 where he assisted the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach in providing detailed breakdowns of opponent's coverage tendencies, first down tendencies and opening drive tendencies. He also compiled opponent scouting reports, composed daily quarter-

back cut-ups for position meetings and coached the scout team, defensive secondary and linebackers.

A 2014 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in mathematical economics, Burchett was a preferred walk-on for the Wildcats in 2010 and 2011, being a part of the 2011 team that appeared in the BBVA Compass Bowl. He transferred to West Virginia in 2011 where he served as the backup to Geno Smith for two years as the Mountaineer won the 2011 Big East championship and the 2012 Orange Bowl.

Burchett returned to Kentucky in 2013 where he served as a student assistant while finishing his undergraduate degree. He also earned a master's degree in corporate and organizational communication from West Virginia in 2016.

The Rams compete in the Patriot League, which also includes Bucknell, Colgate, Georgetown, Holy Cross, Lafayette and Lehigh. Burchett will face a tough test in his first outing as the Rams' offensive coordinator. Fordham is scheduled to visit Charlotte for its season opener on Saturday, Sept. 1.

It's all in the numbers



Racin' Steve Mickey

Sunday's results from Pocono Raceway's Gander Outdoors 400 once again had a member of the sport's "big three" standing in victory lane as Kyle Busch posted his sixth win of the season tying him with fellow "big three" Kevin Harvick for the series lead. This may have been one of his toughest wins of the year as both Busch and Harvick posted the two fastest laps in qualifying on Saturday but their cars failed inspection which sent both drivers to the rear of the field for the start of the race. They were joined by eleven other drivers who had their qualifying times disallowed because of inspection failures.

Martin Truex Jr. is the third member of the elite "big three" and between them they have won sixteen of the twenty-one races so far this season. Since a win automatically puts you into the playoff round of sixteen drivers you might think that these three drivers along with Clint Bowyer, Joey Logano, Eric Jones and Austin Dillion who have also won at least one race would be content to just show up and race until the playoff round of

ten races begin. That statement could not be further from the truth as we see these drivers race like it is the playoffs at Las Vegas.

There is so much emphasis being put on wins in the sport that the season long point standings seems to be an afterthought. Besides being used to fill out the remaining sixteen spots not claimed by a winning driver, it is also used to award a bundle of playoff points to the regular season points leader after the Indianapolis race in September.

Kyle Busch thanks to his win on Sunday now leads all drivers with 35 playoff points followed by fellow "big three" drivers Kevin Harvick with 33 and Martin Truex Jr. with 26. The three also sit one-two-three in the season long point standings and while they battle each and every race for the five playoff points awarded to the winner, they are also trying to gain points in the standings because of the playoff points that is awarded at the end of the 26-race regular season.

The first place driver in the points will be awarded 15 playoff bonus points at the end of the regular season with the second place driver earning 10 points. Third place is awarded 8 points with a sliding

scale being used that will give the tenth place driver one point. These points will be added to the bonus points a driver has earned during the regular season and will transfer with the driver as he advances throughout the playoffs.

If the playoffs started today, Busch would earn the 15 bonus points as he sits on top of the standings with a 48-point lead over second place Harvick who would receive 10 bonus points. Truex Jr. sits in a distant third 129-points out of the lead but he would earn 8 bonus points.

The amount of playoff points available through the point standings is more than enough of an incentive for drivers like Busch, Harvick and Truex Jr. to continue to drive hard for stage wins and race wins because the total of bonus points these drivers are putting in the bank is enough to cover them throughout the playoffs if they have one bad race in each of the first three rounds.

PIT NOTES: Hendrick Motorsports placed three drivers in the top-10 for the first time since last season's October race at Charlotte. Alex Bowman finished third, William Bryon finished sixth and Chase Elliott finished seventh. The only HMS driver to finish outside of the top-10 was seven-time series champion Jimmy Johnson who finished seventeenth.

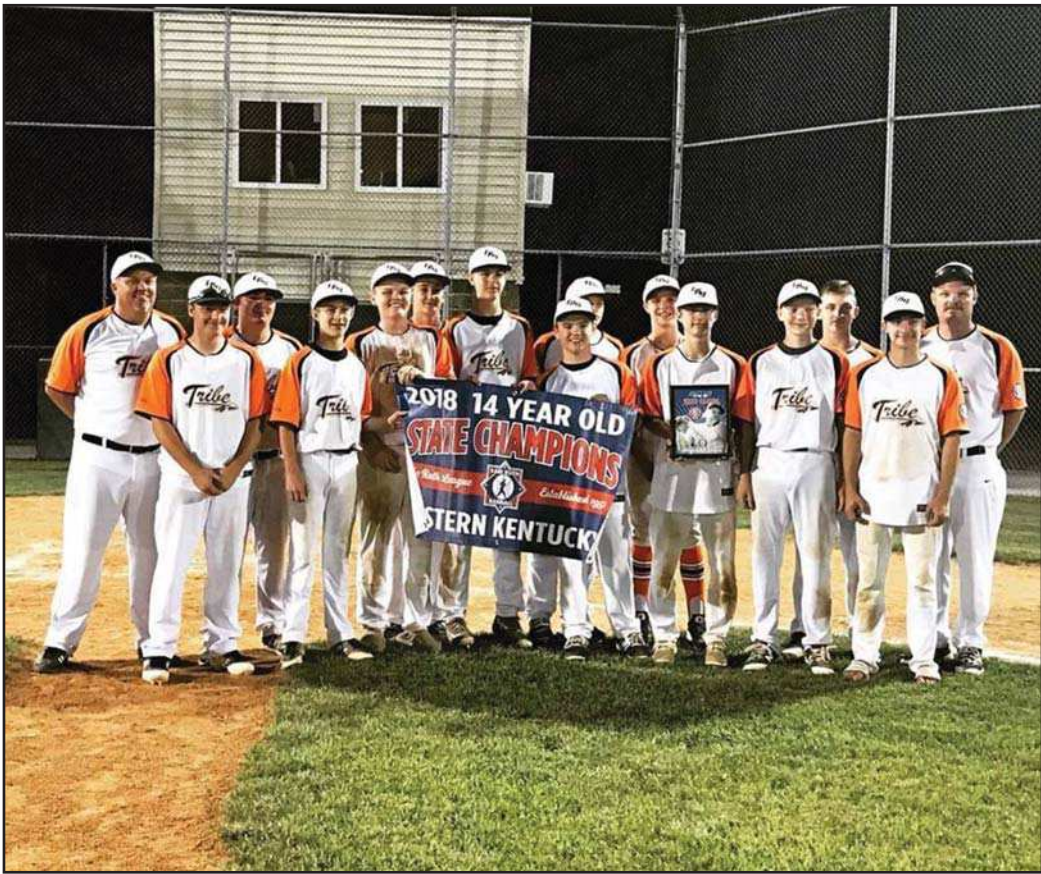


photo courtesy of Floyd County Cal Ripken Baseball & Softball League

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

Floyd County claims 14U state crown

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

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

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

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

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

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

	Race Preview	60 to 100)
	Event: Go Bowling at the Glen	Date: August 5, 2:30 p.m.
	Track: Watkins Glen International (2.45-mile road course with seven turns banked	TV: NBC
		Radio: MRN
		Defending race winner: Martin Truex Jr.

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to the US Ohio Valley Regional after outlasting Russell County 3-2 in the state championship game. Byron Tackett provided a stellar pitching performance while Byron Tackett delivered a walk-off double for the 14U team.

Payton Burke and Jon Kunkel both exited the state tournament with a batting average of .538.

At the Ohio Valley Regional, the 14U team was among the final six squads with a 2-1 record after beating Illinois, Ohio and losing to Michigan in

pool play. The 14U team blanked New Castle, Indiana 4-0. Byron Tackett, the player of the game, pitched a shutout, only allowing one hit in seven innings while throwing 64 pitches. On Monday, the 14U team moved on to the semifinals with a 3-1 record, facing Hammond Optimist, Ind. In a back-and-forth battle, Hammond owned 5-4 lead in the top half of the fifth inning when weather halted the game and caused the contest to have to continue the next day. After continuing on Monday, Indiana managed to pull away to win 10-5. The Hammond club advanced to the cham-

ampionship game and beat South Gibson, Ill., moving on to the World Series in Eagle Pass, Texas. Burke finished the Regional tournament with a batting avg. of .667 while Morgan Kunkel batted .555.

"We had a great run," said 14U Manager Kyle Welch. "It hurts to fall short knowing we were so close to the World Series but to even make it this far is an amazing accomplishment. I am proud of every player on this team. They are a great group of young men that never stopped playing. We expect big things for the future."

The 15U Babe Ruth

All-Star team advanced to the Ohio Valley Regional in neighboring West Virginia. The 15U team finished with a record of 1-2, falling short of advancing out of pool play. Indiana edged the Kentucky team 9-7. However, Kentucky bounced back to beat Southern Illinois 8-3. But West Virginia ended Kentucky's run, defeating the All-Star team from Floyd County.

The 13U All-Star roster was made up of the following players: Seth Fitch, Preston Helle, Camden Kelly, Cam Kelsey, Andrew Kidd, Matt Welch, Nick Kidd, J.D. McKinney, David Mullins, Cash Parks, Alex Puccio, Sam Wright,

Jackson Jarrell, Dawson Yearly, Trenton Sherman and Dylan Thompson. Coaches were Seth Setser, Will Harris and James Joseph.

The 14U All-Star roster was made up of the following players: CJ Akers, Lucas Combs, Payton Burke, Jacob Burgess, Byron Tackett, Samuel Brown, Hunter Mullins, Tate Walters, Jon Kunkel, Morgan Kunkel and Gavin Crum. Coaches were Kyle Welch, Tim Welch and Patrick Burke.

The 15U All-Star roster was made up of the following players: Bobby Anderson, Isaac Coleman, Zac Crum, Jordan Frazier, Cameron Kim-

bler, Connor Lemaster, Max Martin, Bryce Ousley, Nathaniel Spences, Jared Stanley, Josh Taylor and Luke Thornsbury. Coaches were Josh Crum and Shane Coleman.

The 18U All-Star roster was made up of the following players: Nick Caudill, Collin Ousley, Blake Sizemore, Ben Welch Jr., Matt Combs, Graham Burchett, Brayden Hamilton, Joseph Johnson, Owen Greene, Chase Conley and Aaron Shepherd. Coaches were Ben Welch Sr. and Sean Hamilton.

ANNOUNCE YOUR NEWS

Welcome Baby Smith



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

Birth Announcements

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

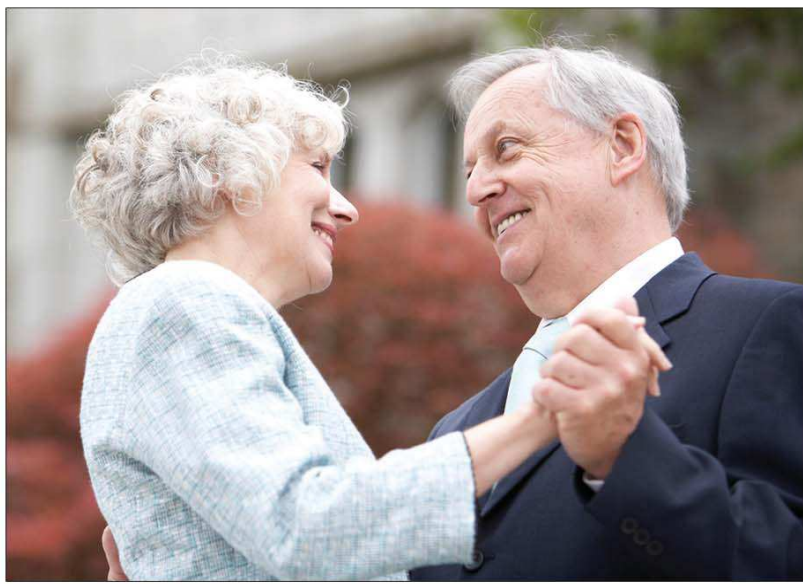
Celebrating Birthdays



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

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



Celebrating 55 years

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

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Dotson-Simpkins



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

Engagement

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Wedding

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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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Don't get discouraged when you can get moving. Make this a year of cleaning up unfinished business and clearing the way to head into the future with optimism. Turn the tables on any negatives in your life and invite positive and progressive influences. It's up to you to make things happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Use unique ways to settle differences at home or with friends. Know what you want and refuse to let anyone convince you to take on more than you can handle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Welcome change. Learn from new experiences and engage in activities and events that will allow you to appreciate what life has to offer. Expand your interests and friendships.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Stay on top of your responsibilities to ward off a challenging situation with a controlling person. An emotional discussion will help you gain favors and respect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – When in doubt, be an observer, not a participant. Consider your expectations as well as what others want you to take on. Promising too much will lead to a dispute.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Don't act in haste. Time is on your side, and your negotiating skills will be in tip-top shape. Consider your needs and don't be afraid to ask for what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – You can make positive long-term adjustments at home or to special relationships with friends, relatives or a loved one. Making special plans for two will encourage a closer bond.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Stay focused and intent on finishing what you start.

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



Don't let your emotions lead to erratic behavior or a costly mistake. Control and discipline will be required.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Turn your dream into a reality. Believe in your ability to make things happen. Use your intuition and determination to help your plans come to fruition.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Offer your assistance. How you deal with a friend, child or loved one will make a difference. Be willing to compromise to get things done.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – Your emotions will cause you to jump too quickly. Don't feel the need to accommodate someone else's schedule. If you feel uneasy about something, don't make a move until you feel comfortable.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Don't take a risk. If you want to travel or engage in talks that are of a sensitive nature, you are best off considering all the possibilities before moving forward.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Do your own thing and explore new ways to put your skills to good use. An adventure with someone you love will help bring you closer together.

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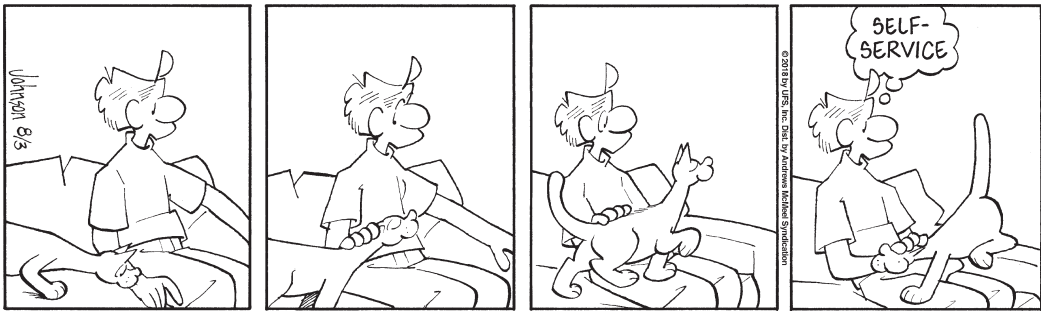
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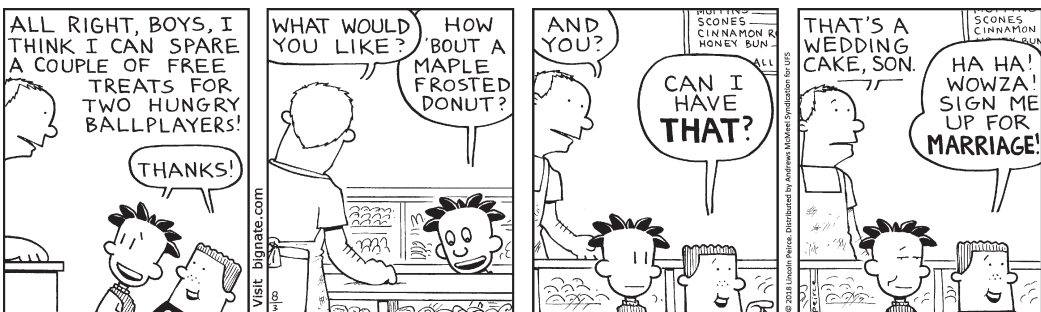
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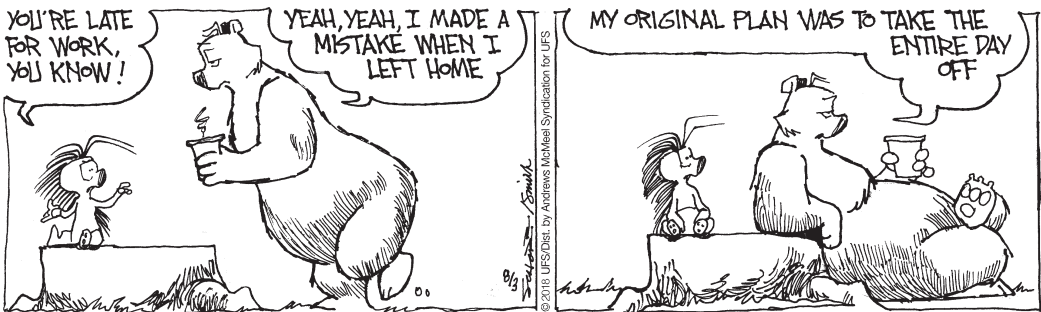
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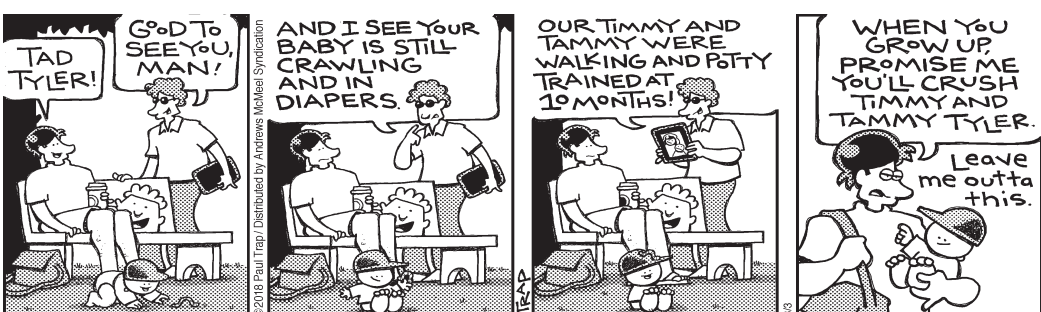
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HEALTH
NEWS @

PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



ANNOUNCING NEW CLINIC IN MARTIN



By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has expanded services in the region by opening a new family medicine clinic in Martin, Ky. The office is located in the Coal Building behind US Bank.

Patients of all ages can be seen in the clinic on a walk-in basis so there is no appointment required.

The new clinic in Martin will service patients who need urgent care, have minor cuts and abrasions, acute bronchitis, hyperlipidemia, hypertension, hypothyroidism, osteoarthritis, reflux esophagitis, urinary tract infections and much more.

PMC has provided specialty offices in Prestonsburg and Paintsville however, this is the first office location for the Martin area.

"It is a great day for us. We are really excited about the opportunity to bring PMC into the Martin community. We are excited to provide patients in that area the same kind of quality health care we bring to other patients throughout the region," said PMC Senior Vice President and COO Physician Practice, Melissa Thacker.

PMC Physician Assistant, Mike Williams will be seeing patients Monday through Thursday from 8am until 4:30pm and on Fridays 8am until 1pm. Williams is originally from Wheelwright, Ky and has been seeing patients in the Martin area for more than 20 years. He has extensive experience in clinical care and emergency care.

PMC Senior Vice President/Assistant Chief Executive Officer and Chief Medical Officer Aaron Crum, MD said, "I expect this clinic to be a staple of the Martin community. The physician assistant, Mike Williams, cares so much about his patients and his staff. He is going to be a huge success in Martin."

"I am excited to serve my established patients and I want to make sure new patients feel welcome in our clinic," said Williams. "The Martin community is a wonderful place for PMC to grow and expand services. I am looking forward to working in this new clinic and providing health care to the community I love."

Williams says he is proud to work with the PMC family. He says the resources that come through the hospital will be very beneficial for his patients.

"It is great to know my patients have the opportunity to see the PMC specialists when needed," said Williams. "I believe they will be excited to know they have better resources for health care and do not have to travel outside the region to receive the best possible care from these highly skilled specialists."

Dr. Crum remarked, "Are there services out there that are unmet or underserved? The answer to that is yes. We are really making an inroad in the area as our hospital continues to grow and expand. I believe our product is better than what anyone else has and our presence is being felt as we make a difference for our patients."

For additional information about the Martin Clinic, call 606-285-9006.

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PMC WELCOMES NEW HOSPITALISTS

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) proudly announces the addition of three new Hospitalist, Todd H. Nairn, MD, Maurice Uchenna Udechukwu, MD, MPH, FRC, FACP and Brittany Fairchild, DO.

Dr. Nairn received his Bachelor of Science from Emory and Henry College in 1988. He attended Graduate school at Marshal University. Dr. Nairn received his medical degree from University of Kentucky.

Dr. Nairn is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Udechuku received a Bachelor of Medicine Degree in 1987. He completed Graduate Education at the college of Medicine at University of Lago, Nigeria. Dr. Udechuku received his medical degree from University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

Dr. Udechuku is Board Certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

Dr. Brittany Fairchild received her Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Kentucky. She received her medical degree from Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Dr. Fairchild completed her residency at Pikeville Medical Center Family Practice.

All three of these physicians bring an extensive background and knowledge to PMC. The three look forward to providing care to the people of this region.

For more information about PMC, visit pikevillehospital.org.

