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Fiscal court backs Bartley

Officials complain about state funding lag

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court pulled its support behind County Attorney Keith Bartley, voting on Friday to hire a law firm to represent him in a lawsuit he filed against the state.

The action came as county officials complained about state funding disbursements that are delayed.

On Aug. 17, the fis-

cal court unanimously approved a resolution to hire the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor and Preston, of Lexington, to represent Bartley in a lawsuit. An attorney from that firm, Masten Childers III, sued the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, its commissioner Adam Meier, and Bryan Hubbard, the commissioner for the cabinet's department

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley, right, watches Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale read a resolution to hire a law firm to represent Bartley in a lawsuit he filed against the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.



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Chelsea Nolan and Josh Nolan perform during Woofstock 2018 at the Mountain Arts Center. They were among several bands to take the stage to raise funds for the Animal Alliance of East Kentucky.

Woofstock raises funds for Animal Alliance

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A local nonprofit organization that works to reduce the number of stray animals in four Eastern Kentucky counties brought supporters together Saturday for its first "Woofstock" event.

Sha Reynolds, president of the Animal Alliance of East Kentucky, said she hopes the fundraising concert is the first of many

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Luna and the Mountain Jets performs during Woofstock 2018 at the Mountain Arts Center. The fundraising concert featured music from seven bands and performers.

Nearly 30 indicted on drug charges

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County grand jury issued more than 40 indictments last week, and the majority of the charges filed are allegations of drug-related crimes.

The stack of indictments released Thursday by the Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney office include 14 indictments against individuals accused of drug trafficking and more than 13 indictments against individuals accused of illegally possessing drugs.

Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said it's no surprise that more than half of the indictments issued last week included drug-related charges. He said indictments alleging other types of crimes can also be indirectly related to drug use.

"Drugs and illegal drug use seems to be a part of just about everything we see," he said. "Certainly, the trafficking and so many people being stopped in their vehicles who are arrested with drugs and things, they have drugs on them. And even in cases where you don't see it mentioned, whether it's a theft or burglary or forged checks, any number of things like

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Prestonsburg continues Air Evac program

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council voted to help its residents with emergency air medical transportation costs this week.

On Monday, the city council voted to renew its contract with AirMedCare Network, (Air Evac) at a cost of around \$15,000, with Council Member Harry Adams voting against the measure.

"It's a program where, basically, the city pays just under \$15,000 and anybody that lives inside the City of Prestonsburg will not be charged any more than what their insurance pays if they

have to be flown out," Mayor Les Stapleton said. Network members can receive emergency medical transport by an AirMedCare Network provider to the "closest appropriate medical fa-

cility" for life-threatening injuries. Members will not have out-of-pocket costs for the flight, as the company will not bill above the cost that insurance

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for income support this month on behalf of Bartley.

The lawsuit alleges that the cabinet unlawfully attempted to end its child support enforcement contract for Floyd County. Bartley oversees that office in his official capacity as county attorney.

Fiscal court members discussed the lawsuit in executive session, and afterwards returned to approve a resolution, which said "it is in the best interest of Floyd County and its citizens, and children in need of services of the Child Support Enforcement office, to have the local county attorney perform the services."

According to filings in the lawsuit, filed in Franklin Circuit Court, Hubbard sent Bartley a letter on July 16, announcing that the state plans to terminate the county's contract within 30 days. After Bartley sued alleging the state could not legally end the contract for "convenience of the Commonwealth," as stated in the termination letter, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services sent Bartley another letter on Aug. 13, reporting that the first termination letter was replaced with a new one that ends the Floyd County Attorney's child support enforcement contract immediately "for cause." That letter alleges Bartley threatened to choke a state employee and burn down the governor's house and it also alleges that Bartley failed to meet performance

goals, is unprofessional and it cites his alleged "deliberate staff mismanagement."

The resolution to hire the law firm to represent Bartley passed unanimously without public discussion, but the topic arose indirectly in other areas of the meeting.

Bartley and Hale hinted that this lawsuit and Bartley's outspokenness against the state administration could be a reason why state funds are being withheld from the county.

During the meeting, Emergency Management Director Tim Fields reported he is still waiting on funding from Homeland Security for a project.

"We're finding ourselves waiting on a lot of different things right now," Hale said. "It's just, we'll just let it go at that, for the time being."

Jailer Stuart "Bear" Halbert also said he the jail hasn't received a payment from the state since April for housing state prisoners—a problem he described as routine at the beginning of each new fiscal year.

But that wasn't the end of the discussion about state funding at the meeting.

Magistrate Mike Tackett asked, "What's the holdup on the Flex money?"

Hale told him, "Well, I think we kind of touched on it a little bit earlier. For whatever reasons, Mike, I don't want to, I'm not going to go into detail on anything, but there's a lot of things are being held up right now, or just not being done."

He said the county

usually gets a memorandum of agreement for its Flex funding by July or early August, but he has been informed that the state won't provide that MOA until the end of August. The county is expecting \$147,000 in Flex funding for road repairs and around \$200,000 in Flex funding for bridge repairs, Hale reported.

Hale told fiscal court members that he was informed by state officials that the delay in the MOA comes as the state is working on state road projects. He described the issue as "frustrating," saying it leaves less time for the county to get asphalt work done before the asphalt plant closes in November.

Hale said he's sent in all of the paperwork for the county's participation in these programs, but "they're just holding up on everything."

He said he is also seeking \$250,000 in discretionary funding for the county.

"It's the way things work in this administration," Bartley said. "They can pick at me all they want, but that's the way things are done with this administration. I've said it from day one, and I'll keep saying it."

Hale said he has "pushed" to try to get the funding, talking about how the state will no longer allow counties to carry its Flex funding for bridges into the new fiscal year. Hale said the county had about \$200,000 in carry-over funding in the 80/20 bridge program, and for the first time, the state is requiring counties to use all funds in the year

they are received instead of saving the funds from year to year for larger, more costly projects.

"We're just waiting for that to be signed, Mike, quite honestly," Hale said. "I've got no control over that. I'll keep asking my friends down there ... but they're told that they're not sending any of these out at this time, then there's not a whole lot we can do about it. I hate that."

He went on to say that he's "trying to do this in a nice way" because he will begin his job as director of the Big Sandy Area Development District in January and he'll be working with state officials in that role.

When asked after the meeting whether he believes these funding issues are related to the lawsuit, Hale praised Bartley's work.

"I think you can probably say that, is it paranoia that we're thinking that, or is it actual facts? I don't know," Hale said.

"Because there's a lot of other counties that having similar situations. I don't know if that is factual or not, but obviously, our county attorney is, I don't agree with what's going on with our county attorney. I think he's doing a heck of a job in that program here for the past 22 years, and there's never been a problem. And for whatever reason, as he put it, if you stand up to them and you try to

get — they try to knock you back down. And so, he's not the type of person that's going to stand by and take something without a fight, and that's where we're at right now."

A hearing in Bartley's lawsuit will be held Sept. 14 in Franklin Circuit Court.

Fiscal Court members did not disclose the cost of hiring the law firm.

In other news, the fiscal court also:

- Approved the financial report and paid \$400,000 in bills, including \$216,000 in general fund expenses, \$88,000 in jail expenses, \$9,000 in Local Government Economic Assistance funds, and about \$92,000 in the road fund.

- Approved receipt of a \$21,800 Rural Development grant and agreed to issue two checks totaling nearly \$40,000 for to Paul Miller Ford (\$29,700) and the sheriff's department (\$9,900) for the purchase of a new vehicle and equipment. The sheriff's department agrees to reimburse the county for \$17,900 by Dec. 10, the resolution states.

- Approved setting trick-or-treat for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, the same time and day as Prestonsburg.

- Agreed to spend \$250 for two bicycles that will be given away during the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Harvest in the Park event, which will be held Oct. 9 at the Dewey

Lake Downstream Recreation Area.

- Approved a resolution to accept Standifer/Rice Lane, a road that stretches 250 ft. in length on Little Paint Creek into the county road system. It serves residents of two homes there.

- Received a comments from Magistrate Mike Tackett, who asked for an update on a bushhog that's needed in District 3. Hale told him it is being repaired. Tackett said Ky. 979 at Ligon has not been cut once this year.

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Prestonsburg Tourism plans website redesign

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg Tourism Commission is updating its website.

During a meeting last week, the commission voted unanimously to spend \$15,100 for six months for website redesign and a six-part email funnel program through Print & Pixel, a Mt. Sterling company that has a contract in place with the commission.

"They were great to work with. They cut it in half," tourism director Samantha West said about the company. "You'll see the numbers, both on the website redesign and the email funneling. That will start in November, is when we're looking at that, from November to March. It will be billed on a six-month place for somewhere around \$15."

This contract has been discussed since June, when commissioners talked about possibly ending the contract and implementing a local-

ly-based marketing strategy.

Last month, West reported the agency has a \$34,800 contract with Print & Pixel for marketing and other services, but had paid the company \$36,000 since August 2017. Commission members gave her authority to negotiate a new contract with the company.

The vote to accept the new contract with Print & Pixel was unanimous. When asked for a copy of the contract after the meeting, West said a "Payment and Details/Schedule" page specifying the costs of website redesign (\$12,300) and six-part email funnel (\$2,880) was "all there is." The cost is approximately \$2,500 per month for six months, the document says.

During the meeting, the commission also:

- Received an update about the Mountain Arts Center from Joe Campbell, who reported the Crowder concert is sold out and said MAC is pro-

moting several upcoming concerts, including the Brandy Keg Crossroads, a "blue-tinged festival," set to be held Sept. 22 at the amphitheater during the two-day Russell May Retrospective at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Campbell said the headlining band is Short & Company, a blues trio out of Ashland/Huntington W.Va. area. "It's going to be a cool weekend," Campbell said.

- Received an update from Clayton Case, director of the MAC, who said the Billie Jean Osborne summer concert series went well, and the opy will perform during the Shaping Our Appalachian Region conference this month.

- Received a funding request from Gina Rose, who is helping coordinate the Russell May Retrospective, set to be held Sept. 21 through Sept. 22 at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. The group is seeking \$2,500 for the event, which will feature a fundraising din-



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Prestonsburg Tourism Director Jim Ousley, right, listens as Director Samantha West talks about a contract to redesign the agency's website.

ner, an exhibit of the artwork of Russell May and other artists, appraisals of Russell May artwork, art activities for children and lectures. Rose also talked about establishing a permanent exhibit of Russell May artwork at the MAC, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park and/or elsewhere.

- Received an update from Steve Russo, East Kentucky Science Center director, who talked about the new "Mars

Quest" planetarium show. Russo also mentioned the need to ensure that the May House is open on Mondays and Tuesdays, as promoted by the Floyd County Historical Society, asking whether more than one volunteer is available if the person who usually offers tours there is unavailable.

- Approved the financial report and payment of bills, including disbursement of more than \$83,000 in tax-

es collected to the MAC (\$21,400); parks commission (\$27,000); tourism commission (\$27,000) and Stone Crest (\$6,600).

- Approved travel to the state fair for tourism officials and travel for West to upcoming conferences.

- Received a suggestion from commissioner Cliff Latta, who suggested tourism start buying tickets for concerts at the MAC as promotional giveaway items.

Two charged with growing pot

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Kentucky State Police have charged two Floyd County residents with illegally growing marijuana in separate incidents.

Eric Lee Meade, 36, of Printer, and Lequita S. Robinson, 45, of

Hunter, are each facing misdemeanor charges of cultivating less than five marijuana plants. Both citations were filed in Floyd District Court by the Kentucky State Police Marijuana Suppression team at Post 9 in Pikeville.

According to the cita-

tion filed against Meade, on Aug. 14, the Governor's Marijuana Eradication Detail for a Drug-Free Kentucky located four marijuana plants growing on property near Meade's residence. The citation said Meade confessed that the plants belonged to him.

The citation in the other case claims officers in a helicopter spotted two marijuana plants growing in Robinson's garden on Aug. 14.

Neither of them were arrested. Meade and Robinson are each scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on Sept. 19.

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that, it's been my experience that a large percentage of those have some sort of drug component to them."

Drug-related crimes fill up list of cases on the dockets in both district and circuit courts in Floyd County, and some of those individuals indicted last week have faced similar crimes in the past.

"Local agencies can make just about as many trafficking cases as they want to spend time and money doing," Turner said. "I mean, there's so much drug trafficking going on everywhere that even what we're seeing with large number of indictments is really just a tip of the iceberg."

He said these cases "are the result of a lot of hours, manpower and investigative time."

The individuals accused of illegally trafficking and possessing drugs are from all areas of the county, with addresses listed in Auxier, Banner, David, Martin, Harold, Weeksbury, Prestonsburg, Grethel, as well as areas of other counties.

Those accused of drug trafficking include:

- Ricky Crider, 30, and Ashley Crider, age unavailable, who both live at the same address in Auxier, were each indicted on charges of trafficking marijuana for allegedly possessing less than eight ounces of marijuana in February with the intent to sell. The charges against them also include first-, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled

substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and prescription in improper container.

The grand jury also served Ricky Crider a second indictment, in a case in which he is charged with trafficking more than two grams of methamphetamine on a different day in February, as well as second-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He is also accused of being a persistent felony offender.

- Latitia Gillespie, 31, of Banner, was indicted for allegedly trafficking more than two grams of methamphetamine on Feb. 18 and for possessing drug paraphernalia.

- Ricky Lewis, 43, of David, was indicted on a second-offense charge of trafficking over two grams of methamphetamine on May 22, as well as a charge of tampering with physical evidence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Jan M. Hicks, 29, of Martin, was indicted on a charge of first-degree trafficking for allegedly selling more than two grams of methamphetamine on March 1, third-degree trafficking for allegedly selling prescription pills, and she was also indicted for allegedly trafficking less than eight ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

- Paul Nichols, 44, of Harold, was indicted for allegedly trafficking in more than two grams of methamphetamine on Feb. 18, as well as possession of drug paraphernalia driving under the influence, and traffic-related violations.

- Jeffrey N. Slone, 25, of David, was indicted on a charge of first-degree trafficking more than two grams of methamphetamine, third-degree drug trafficking for unlawfully possessing Gabapentin and second-degree possession of a controlled substance for possessing Suboxone with an intent to sell. He was also indicted on charges of possessing a handgun as a convicted felon, for driving under the influence and for being a second-degree persistent felony offender.

- Austin Bowling, 22, of Shelbiana was indicted on a charge of trafficking marijuana for allegedly selling eight ounces or more of marijuana on Feb. 21, and he's also facing two traffic violations in his case.

- Aaron Williams, 38, of Pikeville, is accused of first-degree trafficking for allegedly selling less than 10 doses of Oxycontin last August. He is also accused of driving on a suspended or revoked license.

- Jeffery Tackett, 43, of Weeksbury, is accused for first-degree trafficking for allegedly selling more than two grams of methamphetamine on March 3. He also faces a tampering with physical evidence charge and several traffic-related violations and misdemeanors in the indictment.

- Myrtle C. Little, 40, of Prestonsburg, was indicted on a charge of first-degree trafficking for allegedly trafficking more than 10 doses of methadone. She was also indicted on the misdemeanor charges of third-degree trafficking for allegedly

selling two other types of drugs, driving under the influence, possession of drug paraphernalia and not having prescription medicine in the original container.

- Jody Carroll, 40, of Prestonsburg, was indicted on a charge of first-degree trafficking in less than two grams of methamphetamine in March, as well as trafficking less than eight ounces of marijuana, and first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance.

- Darvin Shepherd, 44, of Grethel, was indicted on a charge of trafficking in marijuana for allegedly possessing between eight ounces and five pounds of marijuana with intent to sell. He was also indicted as a first-degree felony offender.

The 13 indictments issued for drug possession charges include the following allegations:

- Angela C. Owens, 28, of Pine Top: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended/revoked license and several traffic-related charges.

- Jeremy Lovely, 21, of Salyersville: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving on a suspended/revoked

license, driving under the influence

- Michael B. Allen, 38, of Prestonsburg: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, giving officer a false name/address, fourth-degree assault, driving on a suspended/revoked license and a traffic violation.

- William N. Hall, 36, of Shelbyville: driving under the influence, fourth offense, possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in proper container and a traffic violation.

- William Osborne, 50, of Auxier: cultivating more than five marijuana plants, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

- Thornton Watts, 38, of River: possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon and first-degree persistent felony offender

- Heather Halcomb, 44, of Prestonsburg:

first-degree possession of a controlled substance

- Danielle M. Miller, 26, of Salyersville: first-degree possession of a controlled substance

- Caleb M. Tackett, 37, of Paintsville: first-degree and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, tampering with physical evidence, first-degree promoting contraband and possession of drug paraphernalia

- Michael T. Wells, 39, of Langley: first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication

- Seth Ousley, 28, of Prestonsburg: first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and prescription not in original container

- Timothy Mosely, 27, of Minnie: first-degree possession of a controlled substance

- Brittany Hall, 24, of Prestonsburg: first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia

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EDITORIAL

Way to go, Wayland

Wayland may be one of Floyd County's smallest communities, but that fact doesn't stop officials there from working toward big goals.

Wayland is what you would call a one-horse type of town. It isn't big enough to have a stoplight. It's home to just a few hundred people and a handful of businesses. The city earns only about \$280 a month from its restaurant tax and sales tax, and to make up for that revenue loss, the city has the second-highest property tax rate in the county—more than double the tax rates of all other cities.

But size apparently does not matter in Wayland. It doesn't stop the leaders there from understanding that the people who live in Wayland should not resign to live in a place where they don't have the same kind of opportunities that are available in larger cities.

If you walk into the city's community center, you'll find more than just relics of the city's past that are on display there. On the second floor, there is a display of several artistic renderings of projects the city hopes to accomplish in the future — updated parks, sidewalks, community areas

— things Mayor Jerry Fultz described as ways to improve the quality of life for its residents.

This month, the Wayland City Commission also received a strategic plan that outlines steps the city can take to provide high-speed broadband services to residents. The plan suggests a wireless system, and it emphasizes the need to ensure that residents can access this broadband service for low rates.

Fultz said the goal of this project is to bring economic development to Wayland, and give residents there the opportunity to work from home if

they so chose.

Over the past several years, Wayland has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants for various improvement projects, and Fultz is already eyeing a few grants for this broadband project. The city received its latest grant recently for a badly-needed drain replacement project that's been planned for years.

The leaders of this town should be proud of themselves for this kind of forward-thinking, for this ability to see and understand that despite its rural location, despite the poverty and other problems the city

and all local communities face, Wayland can grow and it can provide a good quality of life for people who live there.

The Wayland City Commission, through these and other efforts, is doing just what the good folks in that city elected them to do, and the residents there should be proud of them. They should support the important work they're undertaking. They should get involved in the city's growth, too.

If that goal is like the other goals Fultz and the commission have been dreaming about of late, Wayland residents can rest assured they'll get there.

GUEST COLUMN

A key to civic involvement

By **RUSS CASSADY**
REGIONAL EDITOR

I love the Internet. The idea that the collective knowledge of humanity can be in one place — that I can access nearly any piece of information almost instantly is staggering.

But there is a link between the means by which people get their news and civic engagement and I'm afraid that the balance is leaning the wrong way.

A local newspaper is a unique thing. If it's done well, the principle which guides the news coverage is not necessarily interest. That sounds odd, but bear with me.

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Or, you could buy it to find out about candidates for a local election and also find out as a bonus that your neighbor has a hidden talent that has developed into a bustling arts and crafts business.

The Internet, and what you receive from

the Internet, however, is guided by interest.

The way that works is the Internet only gives you what you give it. You input the type of data you're seeking and it returns exactly that. Then you start receiving recommendations. Oddly enough, however, those recommendations are tied directly into the information you've sought in the past. In other words, if you go to search out information on the local high school football game, websites and social media immediately pick up that interest and start sending you back information in the form of advertisements and recommendations related to that.

If I rely only on the web and social media to get all my news, then I am reducing the like-

lihood that I'll see the story about the local government's community project because I'm more likely to see advertisements and stories that algorithms and other data tell my browser or social media app I'm more likely to have an interest in.

It may be that the local government is planning to put a four-lane highway through my property and my house lies right in the way, but the Internet doesn't care. It just cares that a particular manufacturer of a certain product has paid money to the person running the social media platform to target fans of high school football.

So you may lose your house because you failed to know about what was going on, but the media company which paid to get its ads in front of you

is hoping you'll become a return customer.

It's somewhat the same with politics. If you're concerned about money being a corrupting influence on the political process, then hold on to your hat, because the political news, views and information you're receiving solely through your web-connected device may likely have come to you because someone paid for it to be there.

That's even beyond the very real possibility that the information you're seeing has been planted by a troll of the Russian or even American variety, instead of vetted and verified information in this newspaper.

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get it wrong.

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Ricky Donald Farmer

Ricky Donald Farmer, 57, of Martin, died Sunday, August 19, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Lawrence Hall

Lawrence (Larry) Birchell Hall, 70, of Ft. Myers, Fla., died Thursday, August 16, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Millie Jean Mullins

Millie Jean Mullins, 73, of Melvin, died Saturday, August 18, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Patsy Sue Mullins

Patsy Sue Mullins, 78, of Hi Hat, died Sunday, August 19, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Riley Newsome, Jr.

Riley Newsome, Jr., 73, of Hi Hat, died Saturday, August 18, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Marjorie Sparks

Marjorie Sparks, 68, of Martin, died Monday, August 20, 2018. Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Martin County man indicted on stalking

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Martin County man is facing a felony charge for allegedly stalking a woman in Floyd County. David Campbell, 60, of Warfield, was indicted last week on a charge first-degree stalking, for

allegedly stalking a female in June by "making an explicit or implicit threat with the intent" to place her in "reasonable fear of physical injury or death." Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said the alleged victim in this case has had prob-

lems with Campbell over the past several years. He was previously convicted of a misdemeanor or stalking charge and spent six months in jail for similar crimes against her, Turner said. "He even served some jail time and then after he got out of jail,

the allegation is that the stalking resumed," he said. Turner said Campbell and the alleged victim were never in a relationship. He said Campbell has allegedly been leaving the woman "love notes" and "showing up at her

house" and doing other things to make her concerned. "She never had anything to do with the guy," Turner said. "I think that is what made it so alarming to her. He just wouldn't leave her alone." If found guilty, Campbell could face between

one and five years in jail. He is scheduled to be arraigned in the case on Sept. 17. *Editor's note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.*

Community Events

- Every Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market, 713 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Seth Ferguson will perform live on stage, beginning after 10:30 a.m. The Sept. 8 event is the market's "First Responders Day," and all first responders are invited to attend.
- 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.
- Through Aug. 25; 2 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center & Planetarium to host its new planetarium show, "Mars Quest."
- Aug. 22; 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission meeting, city hall
- Aug. 23; 5 p.m.: Betsy Layne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization meets on the third Thursday of each month in the school library. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.
- Aug. 23, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- Aug. 23; 5 p.m.: Highlands Health to host Diabetes Support group in meeting rooms A & B. (606) 886-7490
- Aug. 24; 7:30 p.m.: Crowder performs, Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
- August 25; 8:30 a.m.: Levisa Fork Paddlefest (606) 886-1341
- Aug. 25; 10 a.m. to 2p.m.: St. Vincent Mission, David, to host crocheting, knitting, quilting and sewing class. Free.
- Aug. 25; 7 p.m.: Moonlighting for Hospice, a "full moon 5K" and a "full moon pontoon cruise," with live music, post-race party activities to be held at Dewey Lake. All proceeds benefit Appalachian Hospice. Register at appalachian-hospicecare.com or call (606) 789-3841
- Through Aug. 26: Kentucky State Fair, Louisville
- Aug. 27; 6:30 p.m.: Floyd County Board of Education meets at Stumbo Elementary School. (606) 886-2354
- Aug. 28; 6 p.m.: Martin City Council meets, city hall.
- Aug. 28; 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene at Dewey's, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. (606) 230-0368
- Aug. 28; 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- Aug. 29; 6 p.m.: Friends of Jenny Wiley meets, May Lodge
- Aug. 30-31: Soar Summit 18, East Kentucky Expo Center. thereisafuture.org
- Aug. 30; 5:30 p.m.: Floyd County ANR Council meeting, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

PPD: Man stole wheelbarrow, jumped into river to evade officers

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Prestonsburg Police Department claims a Floyd County man accused of stealing an ornamental wheelbarrow jumped into the river on Saturday to evade capture.

According to a citation filed Monday in Floyd District Court, Prestonsburg Police officers arrested Roger Case, 40, of Martin,

on Aug. 18, charging him with misdemeanor theft and second-degree fleeing or evading police. The citation claims that officers were investigating the theft of an ornamental wheelbarrow in Prestonsburg, which was later located in a yard near the area from which it was stolen. "I pursued the accused to the river bank, at which time he began swimming across the riv-

er," R. Frasure of Prestonsburg Police wrote in the citation. "I again advised the accused to stop. Accused swam to the other side and while Sgt. Frasure had eyes on him, I traveled to Ky. 114 bridge and began down the river bank." The citation claims Case was spotted on the railroad tracks and allegedly continued to avoid capture by going up a hillside. He was later arrest-

ed on Ky. 114 near Archer Park, the document says. He told police that he was "just looking" at the wheelbarrow when a civilian confronted him and he "began running with the item." He also claimed he didn't hear police officers tell him to stop, the document says. Case was released on his own recognizance this week. He's scheduled to be arraigned on Sept. 5.

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policies cover for these flights. Membership for Prestonsburg residents is covered by the city's \$15,000 annual payment, and those members are covered for AirMedCare Network flights that begin in five counties in the Big Sandy region, Stapleton said. Prestonsburg residents may also pay more to enhance their membership so that they are covered nationally by this policy. Prestonsburg Fire Chief Mike Brown reported that in the past year, the company has provided about 20 emergency air medical flights for Prestonsburg residents. He initially reported 10-12 flights in the past year, but later reported calling AirMedCare to learn around 20 flights were made for Prestonsburg residents. The vote to approve the contract was approved with Adams voting against it. He asked what residents would have to pay to sign themselves up to be part of the network. "The point is, for \$89 you can buy it yourself, and the city doesn't have

to," he said. "And I was wondering if we need to start buying, helping people with their ambulance service also. Since we're doing the helicopter, do we need to do the ambulance service, too?" Adams asked. Stapleton said, "If we have an ambulance service that offered us a deal like this, I think it'd be something we'd have to look at." Council Member Shag Branham pointed out that ambulances operate with a certificate of need from the state, and that certification is not required for medical helicopter transportation, suggesting that the certificate of need prevents ambulance services from offering a partnership network like AirMedCare. Adams, however, said that has "nothing to do with" the city's partnership with the AirMedCare. "I don't know where you draw the line on what we do, and I've never been for this, I'm glad it's here, but for \$89 you can buy it yourself," Adams said. "I don't know why it's the city's-" He was interrupted by Stapleton and others who said that annual membership fee was more expensive.

A company pamphlet discussed at the meeting set the price for full coverage at \$219 per household per year, Adams said. The AirMedCare Network website lists pricing at \$85 annually for each household for three years and \$395 per household for five years. The cost for senior citizens is \$65, \$185 and \$300 in those categories, the website said. Stapleton said the city has about 3,500 residents living in 1,485 households. The membership also serves residents in nursing homes, he said.

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Allen awards bid, without bid

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Allen City Commission approved this month spending the first municipal road aid funds it has received in nearly a decade.

The commission appears to have awarded a portion of those funds, however, to a company that did not provide a written bid to the city, while ignoring another bid that was received for a street repair project.

The vote to contract Highlands Paving for \$17,500 to complete patching and paving work in the city was unanimous earlier this month, with city commission members talking about the need for paving.

Mayor Sharon Woods started the discussion, asking commissioner Elmer Parsons about the name of a Left Beaver resident who owns the asphalt company he recommended during the commission's meeting in July.

Parsons confirmed that Highlands Paving submitted a bid for \$17,500, and Woods mentioned another bid the city received for the asphalt work.

"And then, we had one other bid come in and it was from Mountain Enterprises, but they didn't give us a bid on what it would cost. They just gave the price on what they charge to do certain things, you know, not a total price," Woods said.

"We sure do need that blacktop," Commissioner

Clyde Woods said.

"Well, we need to vote on it right now," Mayor Woods said.

Commissioner Dr. Eilene Kinzer asked to review the bids and Mayor Woods responded, "I don't have them out here. I don't know what she did with them." She was talking about the clerk, who did not attend that meeting.

The commission discussed the patching work that would be completed with this bid on several streets in Allen, with Parsons reporting again, that it would cost \$17,500.

"Is that a different bid, Fudd, that you had mentioned in last time's meeting?" Eilene Kinzer asked. "Last time, you said the bid was \$16,500."

He confirmed the Highlands Paving bid was \$17,500. The motion to hire the company was approved. Mayor Woods said the commission would disregard the Mountain Enterprises bid because it did not list a total cost.

Officials could not provide a copy of either bid immediately after the meeting. City Clerk Krystal Spurlock provided a copy of the bid provided by Mountain Enterprises the following day. She reported, however, that she did not have a copy of the Highlands Paving bid at city hall, saying either Mayor Woods or Parsons had it.

Spurlock responded to an Aug. 8 open records request for a copy of the Highlands Paving bid on

Aug. 17, reporting in an email that Parsons gave her the bid that day.

It was an invoice dated for Aug. 10 — four days after the city commission meeting was held. The invoice, signed by Jimmy Johnson, lists "blacktop street patching, curve work, stripe work, stone to level" for a total cost of \$16,500. It doesn't mention the tonnage of asphalt and it doesn't break down the cost of any materials to be used in the project.

The Mountain Enterprise bid, submitted on July 20, lists three types of asphalt materials for between \$89 and \$94 per ton and notes it will cost additional funds for any street that requires more than 300 tons.

The city is not required to seek bids on projects that cost less than \$20,000, but city commissioners decided to advertise and seek bids for this project earlier this year to get the work completed at the lowest cost possible for the city.

The bid request sought vendors for the "resurfacing city streets" in Allen and it noted that the method of award would be for the "lowest and best evaluated bid." It noted that "incomplete bids" won't be accepted and said all bids would be opened during a special-called meeting.

That meeting, however, was not called in July, and the bids were not opened publicly.

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Woofstock events the group will host in the future. It was held at the Mountain Arts Center on Aug. 18 — the 49th anniversary of final day of Woodstock music festival, held in 1969 in New York.

Performers included Chelsea Nolan, Josh Nolan, Luna and the Mountain Jets, Sean Whiting, Jen Tackett, Nicholas Jamerson and Bek and the Starlight Revue.

Reynolds said the total raised at Woofstock won't be available until later in the week. The concert was sponsored by 17 businesses in the region, and donations were also raised through T-shirt sales at the MAC.

"We cleared a profit, which was our goal," she said. "We had a lot of good community support ... It's a needed service and people love what we do. It is needed, and they see how it's making the world a better place by preventing all these unwanted strays and not causing animals to suffer, where they're just being abandoned after they're born because people don't know what to do with them."

Reynolds said the Animal Alliance is in "constant fundraising mode." Since it was founded more than two years ago, the nonprofit has provided more than 130 vouchers so residents in Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties can receive low-cost spay and neutering for their pets.

"When you think of those puppies and kittens having more, you know, we have prevented thousands of puppies and kittens from being just dumped or abandoned," Reynolds said.

That's why the Animal Alliance of East Kentucky was founded. Volunteers there work with Highlands Veterinary in Johnson County and Country Hills Veterinary in Floyd County, which offer reduced prices to the Animal Alliance for this program.

Reynolds said clients who fill out an online application with the Animal Alliance will pay between \$15 and \$40 for spaying and neutering. The Ani-

mal Alliance pays a portion of the bill for its clients, who never have to pay more than \$40.

"We work on a sliding fee scale, according to your income," Reynolds said. "It's not just low income. It's anybody. Depending on your income, you either pay anywhere from \$15 to \$40. So, the most you would pay is \$40, and that includes the spay and the neuter, a rabies shot, which is required in the state of Kentucky, and any pain meds that the animal may need for the surgery."

She said being able to offer a discounted rate is "even more important" now, after the passage of a tax bill in the Kentucky General Assembly that

added sales tax to veterinary care.

"We realize, especially when times are tough, as they are right now in this region, that sometimes veterinary care has to be put on the shelf because you just have more immediate bills that need to be paid," Reynolds said. "And people love their companion animals and it breaks our heart that they can't get them fixed, so you see them having all of these puppies and kittens. We thought, we've got to stop this overpopulation at the source, you know, get these animals spayed and neutered because you'll never be able to build enough shelters and there's not enough fosters to take care of

the problem. So, if we can eliminate it to begin with, then that will make a difference. It will make life easier on the shelters and it will make life easier on the foster people who take in the animals."

Reynolds said the Animal Alliance also works to educate the public about caring for pets and about legislation related to animals that's been proposed.

All donations are tax deductible. For more information, visit the Animal Alliance of East Kentucky on Facebook or visit, aaeky.org. Donations may be made via PayPal or mailed to Animal Alliance of East Ky., P.O. Box 324, Paintsville, KY 41240.

Rayden Kyle Little



Meshana Linn Ray and Weston Kyle Little of Wheelwright, announce the birth of their first-born son, Rayden Kyle Little. He was born at 2:46 a.m. on June 20, 2018, at Pikeville Medical Center in Pikeville. He weighed 7.2 lbs. and he was 19.5 inches long. His maternal grandparents are Johnny and Shawntel Ray of London, Ky., and his paternal grandparents are Eddie and Betty Little of Wheelwright.

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PPD: Man fled from police, captured after eluding officers

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PIKEVILLE — A Prestonsburg man was arrested on several charges Saturday afternoon, after he allegedly fled from police Friday and was discovered thanks to a trail camera.

According to court documents, the incident began Friday evening, as Pikeville Police Officer Daniel Fields attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a 2003 BMW SUV, due to the registration plate



James Spurlock

being expired and issued to a different vehicle.

Fields wrote that the driver, later identified as James Joel Spurlock, 46, refused to stop the

vehicle, and led officers on a chase along Bypass Road.

Spurlock, the citation said, was able to get away from the officers, but, Fields wrote, a caller reported that a vehicle was driving recklessly on U.S. 23 and did a U-turn on the highway before taking the exit for Cedar Creek.

PPD Officer Addison Baisden, the citation said, found the vehicle unoccupied and crashed into a large metal gate and boulder, causing damage to the gate on a dirt

road at the end of Cedar Creek. A driver's license belonging to Spurlock was found in the vehicle, the citation said.

On the dirt road past where the vehicle had wrecked, the citation said, the property owner had a wireless trail camera and had captured an image of a male subject wearing a red, white and blue tie-dye shirt and blue pants walking the road past the gate and sent the picture to Pikeville Public Safety Commissioner Philip Reed.

A search of the area

was conducted, the citation said, but the suspect was not located. However, the citation said that Saturday afternoon, the trail camera owner notified police the male subject was walking back out on the road from where the picture was taken the night before.

Fields, the citation said, wrote that they located Spurlock and placed him under arrest, at which time Spurlock told the officer he was not going to "do anything stupid like he did yesterday."

Spurlock was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center on charges of first-degree fleeing or evading police, first-degree criminal mischief, reckless driving, traffic charges and contempt of court.

Court documents show Spurlock pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday before Pike District Judge Darrel Mullins, who ordered him held on a \$5,000 cash bond. Spurlock remained held in the jail as of presstime, court documents show.

KSP Post 9 hosting annual Motorcycle Ride for the Island

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Kentucky State Police Post 9 will host the 18th Annual Motorcycle Ride for the Island Sept. 8, with all proceeds from the event go to support Trooper Island.

The event will begin at MineShaft Harley Davidson in Pikeville and end at the Quality Inn in Prestonsburg. The times for registration will be 12 until 1:30 p.m., the ride will begin at 2 p.m. and should end at the Quality Inn at 6 p.m. Food will be served and live music will begin when riders arrive.

A complimentary breakfast will be offered at MineShaft Harley Davidson before the ride.

Returning this year, there will be a BBQ offered by Utility Management Group after the ride, and live music in the banquet room of the motel, all provided free of charge.

The Quality Inn will be offering a discounted rate for overnight lodging to anyone who participates in this event.

Trooper Island Camp was developed by the Kentucky State Police as part of a long range program of public service to the youth of Kentucky: A place where the tensions and turmoil of our everyday lives can be forgotten; and for one week, young people can be given a touch of hope and desire of a better tomorrow, according to KSP.

Hazlett to speak at SOAR Summit

**SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN
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Anne Hazlett, assistant to the secretary for rural development at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), will speak at the 2018 SOAR Summit on Friday, Aug. 31 at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville, SOAR announced recently.

"USDA Rural Development are important partners in our work across Appalachia Kentucky and have made significant investments across the region that has led to economic and community development," said Jared Arnett, executive director of Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc. (SOAR). "I want to thank Hilda Legg, our state director for USDA Rural Development, for her work in bringing Ms. Hazlett to the Summit. Hilda is a true advocate for rural development in Kentucky."

Hazlett has worked on agriculture and rural issues for over fifteen years.

She has served as legal counsel for the agriculture committees in both the U.S. House and Senate and served as director of agriculture for her home state of Indiana and chief of staff for Indiana Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman.

At USDA, Hazlett is leading the rural development mission area to create an environment for rural prosperity, from greater access to broadband connectivity and

medical care to workforce training through distance learning. In this work, she is particularly passionate about helping families and community leaders touched by the opioid epidemic find hope and partnership in building a brighter future.

This year's SOAR Summit will feature a main session on Friday, Aug. 31, with a morning program and time in the afternoon to network and visit with more than 70 businesses and organizations doing innovative and collaborative work across the region, SOAR said.

On Thursday, Aug. 30, according to SOAR, a special pre-Summit leadership session will be held, featuring tracks in Health in Appalachia and Technology in Appalachia.

The SOAR Summit Reception will be on the evening of Thursday, Aug. 30, at the East Kentucky Expo Center. Entertainment will be provided by Billie Jean Osborne's Kentucky Opry, presented by CMH23. The reception is open to the public, but a ticket is required, SOAR said.

Those interested in attending the SOAR Summit or the reception can register at, <https://www.thereisafuture.org/summit18/>.

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Hatfield, McCoy play set for amphitheater

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

This year's re-enactment of the Battle of Middle Creek will come alongside two other events that will be held in Prestonsburg.

The Mountain Arts Center announced last week that the Hatfield McCoy Arts Council from Pike County will debut "Blood Song: The Story of the Hatfields and the McCoy's at the amphitheater at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park during the weekend of the battle re-enactment.

MAC Programming and Marketing Director Joe Campbell told the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission last week that it's a natural fit to host the play during the battle re-enactment.

The play, written by Chelsea Marcantel, is performed in partnership with the Artists Collaborative Theatre of Elkhorn City and other agencies. It follows the lives of

members of the Hatfield and McCoy families who instigated a bloody family feud. It highlights the murder of Asa Harmon McCoy during the Civil War and other aspects of the feud, including the hanging of Ellison "Cotton Top" Mounts in 1890.

The performance of this play will mark the first play held at the amphitheater that is performed by a theater other than the Jenny Wiley Theatre. The City of Prestonsburg negotiated a lease agreement for the theater after it was closed by the state for repairs this year and officials are also planning the Brandy Keg Crossroads, a music festival, that will be held there in September.

The MAC started selling tickets for Blood Song last week, with show times at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 7 and Sept. 8, the first two days of the Battle of Middle Creek re-enactment.

The MAC also started selling tickets for an-

other event that will be held that weekend in the Gearheart Auditorium on the Prestonsburg campus of Big Sandy Community & Technical College.

That event, a "Night of Appalachian Story Telling," will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 8 in the auditorium, featuring storytellers Hilarie Spangler, Ray Mendenhall and Karen Dollinger.

For more information about these events, visit, macarts.com, or the MAC's Facebook page.



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Over \$7,000 in scholarships given by local Community Action

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Each year Big Sandy Area Community Action Program awards scholarships to help students attend college or vocational school.

This year, nine people from Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties collectively received more than \$7,000 in funds to help them pursue their educational goals. This amount includes the newest award offered by the agency, the Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship.

The Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship is a \$2,000 prize awarded to an individual who is majoring in social work, human services, public services or a related field. The candidates for this scholarship are juniors

who have a history of volunteer work and a financial need.

Mike Howell, executive director of BSACAP, said that Hall has served on the agency's board of directors for 36 years and that her work in the community should be an inspiration to the next generation of advocates.

"She is truly an advocate for our people. From her work to build and expand the Mud Creek Clinic to her work for black lung patients and workers' rights or even just helping people get through the end of the month by making sure they have food or medicine, she is a woman of the people and we are lucky to have her," he said.

The winner of the first-ever Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship is Amy Combs of Gar-



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The 2018 CSBG Scholarship winners were presented with their awards earlier this month at Big Sandy Area Community Action Program's Johnson County Office. Pictures are Jessica Hill, Juanita Vickers, Caitlin Little, Shawn Kidd and BSACAP Executive Director Mike Howell in the front row and Montana Adams, Eva Prince, Reaford May Jr. and BSACAP Deputy Director Wanda Thacker in the back row.



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Eula Hall presents the first-ever Eula Hall Community Advocate Scholarship to Amy Combs of Garrett at the Eula Hall Health Center on Mud Creek. Combs is in her final year at Morehead State University where she is studying to become a substance abuse counselor.

rett. Combs is in her final year at Morehead State University where she is studying to become a substance abuse counselor. As a recovering addict herself, she is passionate about helping other people find their way out of substance abuse and onto a fulfilling life. Combs attends school full-time, works full-time and is a single mother with two sons. In her free time, she coaches boys' basketball. She has previously volunteered with local senior citizens centers and at a local shelter.

BSACAP Deputy Director Wanda Thacker said, "Amy has expressed interest in staying in the area to work and serve the people here. She has overcome hardship and

has shown a real passion for caring for other people. She is just the sort of person we're looking for to carry the torch and we know she will do good things."

Seven Community Service Block Grant scholarships were also awarded.

These scholarships are available to students who reside in Floyd, Johnson, Martin, Magoffin, and Pike counties who demonstrate a financial need and write an essay explaining why their education is important and why they deserve the scholarship. This year's winners are as follows:

Montana Adams of Prestonsburg will be studying secondary mathematics education at Alice

Lloyd College.

Jessica Hill of Betsy Lane will be studying medical information technology at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Shawn Kidd of Drift will be studying nursing at the Galen College of Nursing.

Caitlin Little of Pikeville will be studying nursing at the University of Pikeville.

Reaford May Jr. of Elkhorn City will be studying at Bellevue University.

Evan Prince of Lovely will be studying psychology at Morehead State University.

Juanita Vickers of Hardy will be studying social work at Morehead State University.

"Through these schol-

arships we are trying to give a little extra help for the expenses they might incur during the school year," said Thacker. "We really applaud these students for making the choice to continue their education and we are grateful for the opportunity to encourage them on their way."

The BSACAP scholarship application period begins in May and ends in June each year.

Scholarship funding is made possible by Community Services Block Grant with funds made available by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the US Department of Health and Human Services. For more information about BSCAP, visit, bsacap.org.

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Floyd Central running back Dalton Boyd runs the ball during the Jaguars' season opener at home on Friday night. The Jaguars made quick work of the Green Dragons with a 44-6 win.

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Jaguars roll past Harlan, 44-6

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central rushed for 315 yards on its way to defeating visiting Harlan 44-6 in the season opener Friday night.

The Jaguars and Green Dragons met for a non-district matchup.

Josh Whitaker led the Jaguars on the ground, rushing 16 times for 162 yards and four touchdowns. Floyd Central excelled both offensively and defensively.

On the defensive side, Floyd Central held Harlan to 193 yards of total offense.

"I thought we played a good game on both sides of the ball," said Floyd Central coach Shawn Hager. "Offensively, we executed and blocked better than I thought we would for it to be the first game of the year. Defensively, we played a lot better than I thought we would. Although we played well we still have some improvement to do on both sides of the ball. Overall, it was a good performance."

Floyd Central scored first and never trailed. The Jaguars led 22-0 at the conclusion of the first quarter and carried a commanding 37-0 lead into halftime.

Floyd Central led 44-0 before Harlan scored. The Green Dragons avoided a shutout in the fourth quarter when Jared Eldridge hauled in a four-yard scoring pass from Will Varner.

Seven different Floyd Central backs rushed for positive yardage. Elijah Cotton ranked as the Jaguars' second-leading rusher, taking eight carries for 61 yards and one touchdown.

Sophomore Caleb Hager fared well in his first start at quarterback for the Jaguars. Hager rushed four times for 42 yards and one touchdown. Faring even better through the air, Hager completed two of six passes for 75 yards and one touchdown.

Ethan Smith-Mills was on the receiving end of Hager's touchdown pass, hauling in a 54-yard scoring strike from the sophomore signal-caller.

Aiding the Floyd Central offensive attack on the ground, Dalton Boyd rushed three times for 29 yards.

Helping to pace Floyd Central defensively, Smith-Mills and Brady Jones each recorded an interception. Jones led the Floyd Central defensive effort with a team-high eight tackles.

Floyd Central (1-0) is set to take to the road for six consecutive away games. The Jaguars are slated to visit county rival Betsy Layne (0-1) for another non-district high school football game on Friday, Aug. 24.



Floyd Central's Brady Conn attempts to haul in a pass from Jaguar quarterback Caleb Hager.

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Floyd Central running back Josh Whitaker carries several Harlan defensive players Friday night at home.

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Lady Blackcats blank Paintsville, 10-0

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Host Prestonsburg delivered an impressive win in a 57th District girls' soccer match on Thursday, shutting out visiting Paintsville 10-0.

With the win, Prestonsburg moved to 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the 57th District.

Paintsville slipped to 0-2 overall and 0-1 in the district with the loss.

The Lady Blackcats took control of the district match early and never faltered, pulling away to defeat district counterpart Paintsville convincingly.

Elizabeth Burchett, one of the state's top girls' high school soccer players, led Prestonsburg

with six goals.

Three players accounted for all of Prestonsburg's scoring as Shelby Blackburn and Makayla Ousley netted two goals apiece.

"We played well," said Prestonsburg Coach Paul Burchett. "It was a big improvement over our performance on Tuesday, which was good. The kids always get fired up for

Paintsville. Both boys and girls. There was a good crowd, which is great to see. We came out early and watched the boys win, too. It was a great night for Blackcat Soccer. We had two wins against a rival with a big crowd and you can't beat that. We have a tough week coming up with Russell and Ashland. Those are two good programs and

good teams. It will be a big challenge for us. It'll let us know where we are right now. We're looking forward to it."

Prestonsburg was set to visit Russell at press time on Tuesday.

Lauren Patton provided a pair of assists for Prestonsburg in the triumph over Paintsville. Ousley, Chloe Collins Jillian Kidd and Makayla

Ousley distributed one assist apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Goalkeeper Chelsea Samons led the Prestonsburg defensive effort, holding district foe Paintsville scoreless.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to visit Paintsville for a late-season 57th District girls' soccer match on September 27.

Bobcats drop season opener at Sheldon Clark

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

INEZ — Betsy Layne fell behind early on the road and couldn't recover from its slow start as host Sheldon Clark pulled away to win 38-8 in a high school football season opener on Friday night.

The Bobcats and Cardinals met for a non-district matchup.

Sophomore running back Logan Proctor led a strong Sheldon Clark rushing attack, taking six carries for 117 yards.

Kolby Sparks, a freshman running back,

rushed for 54 yards and one touchdown for the Cardinals.

Aiding Sheldon Clark on the ground, sophomore Branson Smith rushed for two touchdowns.

Through the air, Sheldon Clark senior quarterback Brandon Arledge completed both of his pass attempts for 69 yards and two TDs.

Sheldon Clark led 12-0 at the conclusion of the first quarter. The Cardinals carried a 26-0 lead into halftime and remained in control throughout the second half.

Visiting Betsy Layne was held scoreless until the fourth quarter.

Austin Tackett led Betsy Layne offensively, rushing 13 times for 99 yards

Freshman quarterback Chase Mims was 4-of-11 for 41 yards with one interception through the air for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne is slated to host county rival Floyd Central (1-0) for another non-district high school football game on Friday, Aug. 24. Floyd Central handled Harlan 44-6 in its season opener.

Floyd Central finishes 3-1 in Champions of the Mountains

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PIKEVILLE — Reigning 58th District volleyball champion Floyd Central won three of four matches in the Champions of the Mountains tournament in neighboring Pike County on Saturday.

The Lady Jaguars, under the direction of first-year head coach Alyssa Young, notched wins over Shelby Valley, Ashland Blazer and East Ridge during the Pikeville-hosted tournament. Defending 15th Region champion Paintsville dealt Floyd Central its lone loss in the Champions of the Mountains.

The Lady Jaguars shut out Shelby Valley 2-0 (25-21, 25-16).

In another match, Floyd Central blanked Ashland Blazer 2-0 (25-22, 25-21).

The Lady Jaguars managed to out-

last East Ridge 2-1 (23-25, 25-21, 25-21). Paintsville edged Floyd Central 2-1 (25-17, 24-26, 25-15).

The Lady Jaguars have notched additional early-season wins over Belfry, Sheldon Clark and 58th District rival Lawrence County. Floyd Central shut out Lawrence County 3-0 (25-6, 25-1, 25-13) in a home district match on Thursday.

Young is in her first season as the Lady Jaguars' head coach after replacing Jason Clark, who left Floyd Central following an inaugural season which concluded with a 15th Region runner-up finish.

Floyd Central was visiting Betsy Layne for another 58th District match at press time on Tuesday. The Floyd Central-Betsy Layne match ended too late to make this edition.

Meeting on ruffed grouse management set for Friday

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

FRANKFORT — The public is invited to learn more about the state's ruffed grouse management plans during a community meeting hosted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at 7 p.m. on Friday (Aug. 24) at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park in

Prestonsburg.

Experts from the department's Wildlife Division will discuss plans for upcoming projects to help restore grouse in Kentucky. Biologists will be available to answer questions from the audience and outline long-term goals for the program.

The meeting is open for the public.





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