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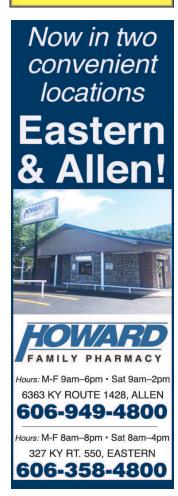
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KIRK High speed pursuit travels U.S. 23

By EMILY PORTER THE DAILY INDEPENDENT

A high speed chase ensued after a 17-yearold suspect out of Wheelersburg, Ohio encoun-

of the Town Centre Mall, authorities say.

The suspect, whose name has not been released due to his age, was allegedly wanted on tered an Ashland Police a warrant for robbery out statement via its Face-

officer in the parking lot of Scioto County and for book page that clarified sponded to an attempt questioning in connection to a possible murder, according to initial scanner chatter.

Department released a

the charges. The juvenile was wanted for questioning in an arson causing The Ashland Police He was also wanted for suspect was allegedly escape and robbery.

Ashland police re-

to locate at the Ashland Town Centre Mall.

APD said officers lodeath in Scioto County. cated the vehicle the

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows Axton Hicks, 3, performs during Front Porch Pickin' at the Mountain Arts Center on Aug. 17 alongside his stepdad, Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry member Josh Shepherd, and Munroe.

Revenues, ticket sales, events increase

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

The partnership between the City of Prestonsburg and Big Sandy Community and Technical College to operate the Mountain Arts Center has been profitable, officials reported this week.

On Tuesday, MAC Director Clayton Case presented the MAC Board of Directors with an update on the 2018 fiscal year, showing that, for the first time since 2015, the MAC generated more revenue than it spent.

Revenues have increased annually at the MAC since 2015, according to the report, from \$880,000 in 2015 to more than \$1.1 million last fiscal year. Its profit/loss margin has also increased from a loss of nearly \$70,000 in 2015 to

a profit of nearly \$46,000 in the most recent fiscal

The MAC operated in the red by about \$70,000 in 2015, \$37,000 in 2016, \$60,600 in 2017, but this year, the loss was replaced by a profit of \$45,500.

"It's awesome news. We've been waiting for this day," BSCTC President Dr. Sherry Zylka said about the report.

Both she and Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said the 2016 agreement between the city and the college for its operation of the MAC has been beneficial.

"The partnership with the college has been wonderful," Stapleton said. "It's worked out great for us. It's worked out great for the college.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows Mountain Arts Center Audio Engineer Robert Daniels, above, and Johnson County resident Isabella Stevens, below, perform during Front Porch Pickin' on Aug. 17. Daniels is one of several musicians who regularly play instruments for those who want to sing on stage during this free-admission event.



Howard indicted for knife attack

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury indicted a Garrett woman last week for alleaedly cutting her boyfriend with a knife.

The grand jury indicted Teresa L. Howard, 50, of Garrett, charging her

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New 'Clean **Energy** Rule' proposed

An Appalachian **N**EWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

For years, debate and litigation swirled over the EPA's "Clean Power Plan (CPP)," enacted under the administration of Barack Obama, leading to the U.S. Supreme Court ultimately issuing a stay in

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Indictments issued in burglary, theft, other crimes

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

Eight people were indicted by a Floyd County grand jury last week on charges related to theft and burglary, and four of them are accused of

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It shows what happens if you try to work together. This is the success we're having."

Since BSCTC took over operations in 2016, the MAC has increased its gross ticket sales by more than \$317,500, the report shows, and, it ended the 2018 fiscal year in the black despite receiving fewer taxes and grant funds and while investing \$150,000 into needed building repairs and equipment upgrades.

According to the report, the MAC hosted 267 events in the 2018 fiscal year, including 14 concerts that were sold out. Case reported that the MAC increased its ticket transaction fee income by more than \$24,000 between 2017 and 2018, decreased its utilities expense by around \$6,000 and more than doubled gross ticket sales, from about \$269,000 in 2016 to nearly \$587,000 in 2018.

He said the number of tickets sold increased from 20,000 in 2016 to 36,500 in 2018.

In 2016, ticket sales made up about 38 percent of the MAC's total revenues, Case said. Last fiscal year, however, ticket sales accounted for about 71 percent of all revenues the MAC receives.

Case, MAC Assistant Director Shelly Crisp and Programming and Marketing Director Joe Campbell attribute the increase in revenues and attendees to several different factors.

Crisp said it is closely tied to the increase in programming at the MAC, but she and others pointed out, too, that the MAC was able to bring in diverse types of music because of equipment upgrades and other changes that have taken place under the partnership with BSCTC.

The MAC also introduced a tiered seating system that charged higher prices for seating near the stage at some concerts. Campbell said the MAC introduced the two highest ticket prices it's ever offered — \$65 for a Ronnie Milsap concert and \$70 for the Tim Hawkins show — this year.

"We were nervous," Campbell said. "And those were like the first two to four rows, and they sold quick ... It helped us gauge, in people's minds, what they think tickets are worth," he said.

Case said the changes in the seating system and the increase in the number and types of shows were necessary.

"We had issues because we've lost so much grant funding and we've lost so much coal severance and things like that, that we could no longer just depend on those extra things, grants and sponsorships, to make up the majority of our revenue side of the budget," Case said. "That was just something we had to do in order to stay afloat, was to make more money off tickets than we were making."

He said the MAC's goal is "not to make money, but to take care of es to the MAC's signa-

what we have and who we have."

The MAC has six full time employees, about 15 part-time staff and about 20 people who regularly volunteer. Crisp, who has worked there for 17 years, said employee morale has never been better.

"There's huge а amount of excitement in the building," she said. "Employee morale is probably at an all-time high right now."

She attributed high employee morale to the support the MAC receives from its board, Prestonsburg and city departments, talking about how the MAC saves money because employees in other departments have helped with repairs, the city has helped with funding and MAC's leadership team doesn't "have somebody breathing down our neck trying to micromanage over here."

"Attitude reflects leadership, and right now we're blessed to have phenomenal leadership," she said.

Case agreed.

"If our board wasn't who they are and our mayor wasn't who he is, and Dr. Zylka, at the college, if those three pieces weren't in place, we wouldn't be where we are, because they've done a great job of advising and then letting us be," he said.

Talking about "buzz" that started when BSCTC took over MAC operations, Case he's excited to see the growth. Some of that buzz comes with changture show, the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry, which has lost some of its longest-serving musicians — James Whited, Susan Scott and Kaitlyn Good added new performers and updated its musical sets. Case said opry attendance has increased, from 6,000 attendees in 2016 to more than 9,700 in the last fiscal year.

For the first time since 2009, three opry performances sold out in the last fiscal year.

He came on board with the MAC in 2016, with two goals, to get more people involved and expand the educational component that "Billie Jean Osborne had intended from the very beginning."

"I can say that we are reaching our goal and continuing to progress in regards to getting more people into the center, by all means, but the educational piece is definitely something that we're continuing to work on," Case said. "Billie Jean was the thriving portion of making all of this happen, and I heard her tell me, specifically, so many times that it's all about getting the kids in, it's all about getting them educated. Music education should be our goal. That's the piece that I feel like we were missing."

He said the MAC has offered more educational instruction than it has previously in the past year, and now, the MAC is also working with BSCTC to establish a curriculum for certification programs in studio recordina, live sound engineering and video engineering. Case said the goal is to create four- to six-month programs through which BSCTC train students at the MAC.

Dr. Zylka said the programs will be offered through the college's Workforce Solutions unit this fall.

"We really do want to nurture the talent in the area, in whatever form that takes," she said.

She praised MAC staff, saying she has been impressed with their "professionalism and the willingness to do whatever it takes to make the show go on."

She said she's also been impressed with the talent she's seen on the MAC stage.

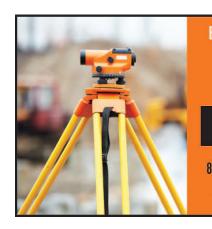
she said. "I'm not from here. I moved here from Michigan in October, and I have just been blown away with the talent, the deep, rich talent here in

this community, in the Eastern Kentucky region. There's just so much talent, it's almost like the

best-kept secret." MAC officials hint that the "best-kept secret" won't be secret for much longer. MAC staff worked with a video crew from the The County Network, also known as TNC, to record a television series about Eastern Kentucky music as part of the nonprofit County Music Highway 23, or CMH23 program.

"They're ready to launch it on the national network, 20 million homes," Campbell said. "They were blown away at the talent and the facilities here. We did three days of video shoots, Paramount, Hillbilly Days and here. And they were hoping to get, like, 10, 30-minute episodes. They came away with 12, onehour episodes. They were blown away with what we had to offer. We had 30 different artists and groups show up for those three days."

Case said a nation-"It's been amazing," al television show also filmed during an opry performance this year. Details about that show will be released later this year, he said.



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NEW LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY AT PMC - BEST IN THE STATE

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) has just installed a new automated line to deliver and test patients' blood samples. This revolutionary advancement in technology has changed testing blood samples forever. It is a huge step forward for PMC and the more than 400,000 people in the service area.

PMC Senior Vice President and Chief Op- most instantly. erating Officer, Kansas Justice said, "The "We now have a automated line is seamless in its approach to delivering specimens. There are around 200 tests that were previously sent out to our reference lab that will now be done inhouse. We will no longer have to wait 24 hours for those results. We will have them in just minutes."

She says this remarkable piece of equipment is so advanced no other line in the state is comparable, as far as laboratory automation.

Justice said, "We are really excited for our patients who come to the emergency department. The automated line will produce a faster turn-around time for testing which means patients won't have to wait as long for their lab results."

The specimens will be handled much less by staff, therefore making their jobs safer

and more efficient.

There is also a new storage feature that will prevent patients from being stuck additional times and help the physicians retrieve results al-

large refrigerator module to store our specimens for seven days," said Information

age, we can immediately recall the tube health is totally worth the investment." by order number and send it straight back Keathley says some of the additional adto the line for testing in just minutes. This process saves everyone a tremendous amount of time and work."

The automated line is part of a monumen- ment with an immuno stainer. tal laboratory expansion project.

Systems Administrator for Labs, Donald ed a total of \$6.5 million dollars to make Keathley. "If a physician places an addi- it happen," said Justice. "Our patients are tional order for testing from a tube in stor- very important to us and we know their

> vancements includes new hematology equipment, featuring a cellavision, a new blood bank and a new pathology depart-

For additional information about the new "This project has more than doubled the automated line in the lab at Pikeville Medisize of our laboratory and we have invest- cal Center, call 606-218-3500.

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) received the third Platinum Award from Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA) for their joint effort to promote organ, eye and tissue donation. PMC Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Donovan Blackburn accepted the award from KODA Outreach Coordinator Lauren Salyer.

Pictured below: Donovan Blackburn, CEO, Lauren Salyer, representatives from the PMC Board of Directors and PMC Senior management.



DAISY Award winner for August.

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WORLD-RENOWNED CARDIOLOGIST SERVING PMC PATIENTS

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) growth in the Heart and Vascular Institute continues. PMC is focused on hiring the best physicians in "It gives me an appreciation of the technology and advanced care the world to provide the best care possible to the community.

PMC is proud to announce the addition of Pradeepto Ghosh, MD, a world renowned Cardiologist. Dr. Ghosh is the latest addition to the Heart and Vascular Institute, bringing with him a unique and impressive background.

He grew up in India and is a second generation physician.

"I grew up watching my dad care for his patients. I witnessed the special relationship he had with them. It sparked my dream to help people and care for them," said Dr Ghosh.

He completed his graduate education at Manipal College of Medical Sciences in Nepal and his cardiology research at Lancashire Cardiac Center in the United Kingdom. In addition, he achieved his Medical Training rotation at Queen Alexandra Hospital in the United Kingdom. Ghosh finished his residency in Categorical Internal Medicine at Lankenau Medical Center in Wynnewood, Pa. Ghosh furthered his training and completed his cardiology fellowship at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio.

During this time, Ghosh rotated through various specialties in medicine including cardiology, gastroenterology, respiratory medicine, intensive care, nephrology and geriatric medicine.

Dr. Ghosh was elected to the membership of the Royal College of Physicians in the United Kingdom.

In addition, he is board certified by the American College of Physicians in internal medicine, the National Board of Echocardiography and the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology.

Dr. Ghosh has practiced medicine on three different continents, bringing worldwide expertise to PMC.

"I've had a lot of training to get where I am today. I believe practicing medicine on three different continents gives me a different perspective of medicine and allows me to fully understand the different ways to care for someone," said Dr. Ghosh.

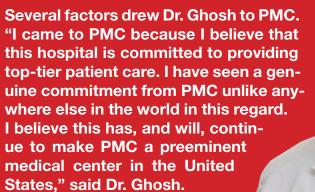
He says he has practiced medicine in all types of hospitals from large to small.

that is available to my patients here at PMC. In other hospitals, I've relied on a physical exam to determine what is going on with a patient. Here, I'm able to do both and it's the best of both worlds," said Dr. Ghosh.

He looks forward to providing quality cardiology care to the region and says his patients can expect to see a friendly person when they come to his office.

"I want them to think that coming to see me is like going to see an old friend. An old friend that is going to take care of them the best way I can," said Dr. Ghosh. Patients

can expect to receive advanced cardiology advice and care from him at all times, he added.



When he is not caring for patients, he enjoys playing golf and tennis.

For additional information about Dr. Ghosh or the PMC Heart and Vascular Institute or to make an appointment call 606-218-2201.



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operating. "A short time passed when officers located the suspect getting in to a Dodge pickup truck. Officers immediately converged on the suspect vehicle and the started the vehicle and rapidly accelerated backwards striking an Ashland Police (cruiser) and other vehicles in the parking lot," the department said.

Lt. Jamie Reihs with the Boyd County Sheriff's Department said a sheriff's deputy overheard chatter of the pursuit headed towards Greenup on the radio. The deputy was in the area and decided to assist while figuring out the reason for the pursuit.

"Immediately officers began to go after the suspect vehicle and an Ashland unit and a Boyd County Sheriff deputy that was nearby attempted to stop the suspect. The suspect would not stop and pursuit began," APD said.

Reihs said the suspect was likely trying to get back into Ohio when he saw the Boyd deputy, had to make a turn and ended up staying in Ashland.

APD said the pursuit began in the west end of Ashland before continuing down US 23.

Officers pursued the suspect down Greenup Avenue at speeds topping 100 miles per hour downtown Ashland towards Catlettsburg as more officers and deputies joined the pursuit. Within a few minutes the

suspect had sped down US 23 into Lawrence County.

In less than an hour, the suspect had traveled from Ashland to Coal Run Village in Pike County, and slowed to a stop.

"Several law enforcement agencies along the way blocked roadways for the pursuit to go through but no others joined in," APD said. "The Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville engaged the pursuit at the Floyd/Pike County line where the suspect travelled a couple of miles. The vehicle finally ran out of fuel just north of Pikeville near the KSP Post."

The suspect was taken into custody without incident and lodged in the Breathitt County Juvenile Detention Center.

While in pursuit, law enforcement believed they saw the suspect holding a handgun. He did not have a weapon, but had a homemade object that resembled a handgun.

APD Maj. Bill Hensley said the suspect will face charges related to the pursuit in Boyd County. Lt. Reihs said charges will be filed not only in Boyd, but other involved agencies along the route could file charges as well.

APD filed charges against the juvenile through the court designated worker office in Catlettsburg. The juvenile faces first-degree criminal mischief, fleeing and evading police and wanton endangerment charges in Boyd.

One Boyd deputy said the suspect maxed

out his speed around 135 mph. The location where the suspect was apprehended is less than 40 miles from the Virginia border.

No one was hurt where he ran out of gas over the 96 mile stretch, which Reihs said he is thankful for. He was also thankful that the pursuit began at a time with less people on the road. The mid-morning timeframe meant there was little to no school traffic and most hadn't started to head to lunch yet.

Wet spots and intermittent rain throughout eastern Kentucky added to the risks involved in such a pursuit.

Another factor was gas. Reihs said multiple deputies and officers, including himself, had to pull off, get gas and try to catch back up. Others took the chance and were sitting on empty at the end of the pursuit. Reihs said he waited until other agencies joined the pursuit around Johnson County to stop for gas.

Local agencies who rely on local dispatch also had some difficulty with communication due to the rural areas and how far they had traveled away. Reihs said the radios were going in and out, which was nerve-wracking for him as lieutenant, because he was behind the chase after pulling off for gas and was worried about the men directly behind the suspect and wasn't always in the know of what was going on ahead of him.

This article first appeared in The Daily Independent.

Partners sought for **Recovery Celebration**

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

Organizers are planning the fifth annual Recovery Celebration, which will be held next month in Prestonsburg, and they're asking for community support.

Tim Hall, who is planning the event in partnership with the Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction, said sponsors and business partners are needed for this event.

Held during National Recovery Month, the fifth Annual Recovery Celebration is geared to support people who are recovering from addiction and connecting them and their

about resources and help that's available.

Hall said planning is still underway for the event, but the tentative schedule includes speaker presentations, "personal stories of hope," live music, free hot dogs, hamburgers and refreshments and other activities.

"We're trying to create an awareness of hope," Hall said, about the theme for this year's event. "It's an awareness of hope for people coming into recovery, and support for those that are already in recov-

A fundraising flyer Hall is distributing says, "This event emphasizes that in-

families with information dividuals in recovery and their support systems can be change agents in our communities. It is also our goal to stomp out some of the myths associated with, and the stigmas of addiction and recovery."

> Hall said volunteers are "beating the streets," trying to find more sponsors for this year's event. They hope to collect door prizes from local businesses that will be given away during the recovery celebration.

> The Recovery Celebration will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 22 at Archer Park in Prestonsburg. For more information, call (606)226-4567, or email, allinrecovery2020@gmail.com.

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with second-degree assault. The crime, which allegedly occurred in February, is a Class C felony, carrying a penalty of between five and 10 years.

Howard was originally charged with first-degree assault when she was arrested in February at a home in Garrett. The alleged incident occurred during an argument between Howard and her boyfriend.

The alleged victim in the case told police at the time that Howard cut his wrist with a knife. She, however, told police that he cut his own wrist.

The indictment alleges that she caused "serious physical injury" to her boyfriend.

Howard is scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd Circuit Court on Sept. 18. The grand jury also

indicted other people last week, including Shaun Reynolds, 39, of Prestonsburg, who is charged with second-degree escape and tampering with a prisoner monitoring device; and Leeann Shortridge, 38, of Prestonsburg, who is charged with driving under the influence, firstand second-degree fleeing/evading police, resisting arrest, reckless driving and other traffic-related charges.

Four people were also indicted on felony counts of flagrant non-support for allegedly owing more than \$1,000 in child support. Those accused include Crystal Hall, 36, of Honaker; Charles Halsey, 52, of Virgie; Orville Moore, 50, of East Point; and Jeremy Lee Profit, 36, of Thornton.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

Trump vs. Media

By Jeff Vanderbeck **P**UBLISHER

Last week, Op-Ed pages across the country blasted President Trump for his posture towards journalists. Trump coined "Fake News," and considers journalists as "enemies of the people." While I disagree with his generalization of journalists, we did not participate in the Op-Ed witch hunt.

Often, President Trump is like Al Sharpton — he is his own worst enemy. His rants on Twitter, with useless attacks on inconsequential issues and people, fuels the anger from some media outlets. He feels the media will not get his story

ing journalists a reason to be biased.

People are allowed to reverse their opinions and change their minds, even presidents. But when he does that the media bashes him. And instead of him saying that, "I've changed my mind," he claims "Fake News," further fueling a tumultuous relationship.

On the flip side, some media outlets are biased to begin with. They pick political sides and regardless of what happens, they blast the other party. The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Herald Leader and CNN, to name a few, have adopted liberal views right, so Twitter is his out- and slam Republicans every let. In the past, he has not time they can. Other media sources and get it right,

Journal, The Washington Times and Fox News, to name a few, are the opposite, as they slam Demo-

Trump is the only politician in recent history who tells it like he wants it on his Twitter feed. I'm not saying that's a bad thing because we are all entitled to our own opinions. I think there are more important issues than LeBron James or an irrelevant former White House staffer who wrote a book for Trump to focus his attention.

A free society needs a free form of media. The media needs to be independent and get their information from credible up with their own opinion. That is our policy, we report the facts and let the reader formulate their opinion. We express our opinions on our Op-Ed pages and offer the opportunity to readers to do the same. Slanting stories to suit a media outlet's agenda is not journalism, it's fake news. Some media outlets have brought this wrath upon themselves.

The liberal media always sees the bad in every policy. And when good things happen as a result, that gets swept under the rug. The tariffs will raise the price of newsprint, costing us more money to create this paper. However, there are several mills in the U.S. that are reopening, one

been forthcoming, thus giv- outlets like The Wall Street so the people can come right here in Kentucky, creating jobs and increasing the tax base.

> Immigration is a disaster. Presidents in the past have not been able to effectively deal with immigration and the American taxpayers continue to foot the bill. I don't want to support illegals and their families. Period. Trump feels the same way and is fixing that problem in what some may consider an unpopular way. The bottom line is he is getting more results than any other president in history on this issue, but you won't hear that unless he Tweets it. Even then, the media will be skeptical and not offer proper credit.

I don't agree with all his policies, his Tweets,

his misstatements and his brash personality. But he is getting results for the American people whether they want to admit it. I didn't agree with President Obama on a whole bunch of things. In fact, I thought he was one of the worst presidents in my lifetime. I didn't march or loot or protest or call him names like the liberals are doing now. Obama was my president and I respected and supported that fact that he got that position. Now Trump is my president and I support what he is doing. I just wish he would leave that damn Twitter alone.

Thanks for reading the Floyd Chronicle and Times.

GUEST COLUMN

Student loan debt, defaults adversely impact Kentucky and its rural areas

BY RON DALEY

The growing national student loan crisis is having an even more devastating effect on families in rural eastern Kentucky. The average student debt in the U.S. is \$32,731, while the median student loan debt amount is \$17,000. The rising costs of tuition have increased total student loan debt up around 302 percent since 2004.

Data shows that the increasing student loan debt less than in urban areas. is having a greater adverse For instance, teachers in impact on low income fam- rural school districts are ofilies attending college. And, because of the failure to pay debts several thousand students from eastern Kentucky are locked out from pursuing their college education.

Kentucky, which is ranked 42nd in per capita income at \$38,985, has the third highest percentage of loans delinquent/in default at 15.40 percent only ahead of Mississippi and West Virginia. The average debt for Kentucky graduates ranks tenth at \$19,786.

Helping students borrow responsibly, manage their debt, and understanding the rules guiding federal grants so the student does not have to repay portions of the grants are vitally important to maintaining college access and affordability and increasing the education levels of our current and future workforce. Paying student loans can be more challenging for students in rural area since wages are usually ten paid less than in urban school districts where there is a great local tax base.

According to the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education, over the past four years, the overall cohort default rate (CDR) for Kentucky colleges and universities marginally declined from 17 percent to 15.5 percent. In the fouryear sector, the CDR decreased from 11.8 percent to 8.7 percent at public universities and from 11.5 percent to 8.8 percent at

the private institutions over the same period. However, Kentucky Community and Technical College System institutions saw their CDR increase from 25.4 percent to 26.2 percent over the past four years.

It appears over 10,000 students in eastern Kentucky owe monies to their colleges under the "return to Title 4" provision and must pay those funds before they can return to college. The amount may range from a couple hundred dollars to over \$1,000. If the student withdraws from the institution and has received financial aid, any refundable amount of the institutional charges (tuition and fees and/or university housing costs) may be returned to the appropriate financial aid sources. The student is expected to repay the "unearned" portion of your financial aid if they withdraw from school or receive any combination of poor grades in all courses in a particular term.

The financial aid is returned in the following order according to federal guidelines: Unsubsidized Direct Stafford loans (other than PLUS loans); Subsidized Direct Stafford loans; Federal Perkins loans; Direct PLUS loans; Federal Pell Grants; Federal SEOG; Federal TEACH Grants and Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant.

Some of the reasons the KCTCS colleges have struggled to lower the return to Title 4 and loan default students, are that they are open access institutions serving low income students in an economically-distressed area. The colleges do an admirable job preparing the students to transfer or get the technical training for high demand technical jobs. Many students enroll in the colleges developmental needing classes for which they must pay. Many students have great family responsibilities in which illness, death, or working two jobs can interfere with their classes. The national drug epidemic has devastated families in the mountains and has also

derailed learning for those students impacted. Some students who had drug issues in the past affecting their course success and are now clean still owe this debt.

As a former campus director at Hazard Community and Technical College, I observed the resilience and dedication of students many who were working and were single parents running households. Emergencies developed where some had to withdraw from their classes. Some were not ready at that point in their lives to take a full load of classes. Some students did not understand the ramifications of completing their classes successfully or withdrawing in a timely manner forcing them to owe portions of the grant money back.

The colleges had to return the unearned grant money back to the federal government (return to Title 4), and, in turn put holds on the students requiring them to pay the college back before they can continue their

education.

The purpose of this column is to not place blame on the institutions or students but to illuminate the problem and encourage thinking to help these students continue their education. CPE states that policymakers and institutions should work in concert to promote students' responsible and informed borrowing and help them manage their debt. Effective financial literacy programs need to be implemented in high schools and be intensified at college orientation. Students must be warned that certain grants are not free money, but without course success, certain funds may have to be paid back.

CPE has a particular objective that will help combat default and delinquency behavior is closing achievement gaps for low-income students. Increasing needbased aid and scholarships for these students should increase their postsecondary enrollment, completion, and subsequent employment outcomes, helping them break the cycle of

poverty. This is crucial since a large portion of the student debt and return to Title 4 involves student in their

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OBITUARIES

Quentin Dale Allen

Quentin Dale Allen, 87, was the beloved husband of Faye Allen; devoted father of Kelly (Karl) Schmitt and Mark (Lori) Allen; grandfather of Elizabeth S. Jordan, Karl Alexander Schmitt, Lee Allen, Charlotte Allen and Avery Allen; and great-grandfather of Jude Alexander Jordan. Dear brother to David, Sharon and Paul Neil, he was preceded in death by his parents, Norman and Alka Dingus Allen, and his sister, Barbara Allen Heinze.

He was editor of the University of Kentucky Alumni Magazine and later served as business administrator for the Pauline Warfield Lewis Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A long-time member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Covington, Ky., Quentin touched many lives with his compassionate and generous nature. He was a dedicated advocate for early childhood education.

Quentin passed away peacefully Aug. 15, surrounded by his family. Memorial visitation and service will begin at 12 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, Covington, on Friday, Aug. 24. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any

charity that helps children. Arrangements are un-

der the direction of Dobbling, Muehlenkamp-Erschell of Ft. Thomas, Ky. This is a paid obituary.



Rosemarie Hall (nee Brock)

It is with great sadness that the family of Rosemarie Hall announces her passing from natural causes, on Thursday, June 8, 2018, at the age of 89 years.

Rosemarie was born in Louellen, Ky., and moved with her family to Wheelwright, Ky., where she met her husband, Walter Hall. After moving to Chicago, Ill. shortly after their marriage, Rosemarie and Walter retired again to the south in 1980, this time in Tennessee Ridge, Tenn. They remained members of that community until Walter's death in 1994. Shortly thereafter, Rosemarie

moved to Monee, Ill. to be close to her children.

Rosemarie is survived by her daughters Diana (Mike) and Beverly; her grandchildren Amy (Ron) and Michael (Kelly); greatgrandchildren Austin (Sarah), Wyatt, Katie, Brooke and Paige; and great-great grandchildren Asher and Grayson. Rosemarie will also be forever remembered by numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

A memorial service will be held in the chapel at Resthaven Memorial Gardens in Clarksville, Tenn. on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m., after which she will be interred next to her beloved husband Walter.

This is a paid obituary.

Tazzie Adams

Tazzie Adams, 66, of Pikeville, died Monday, Aug. 20, 2018.

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

Earl Edsel Moore

Earl Edsel Moore, 84, of Wimauma, Fla., died Saturday, Aug. 18, 2018.

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

Prestonsburg eyes 'Green Dot' status

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council wants Prestonsburg to become a "Green Dot" city.

The council took action Monday after a presentation by Carrie Davis, outreach educator for Mountain Comprehensive Care Center's Healing program. The Green Dot program offers strategies focused on preventing violence like child abuse, elder abuse, bullying, sexual violence, domestic violence and other types of violence. It is a nationally-recognized program, but in Kentucky, Maysville is the only other city that has achieved Green Dot status.

"This program is a program that tries to intervene when someone sees a violent act taking place," Davis told the council. "I really wanted to reach out with Prestonsburg city to incorporate this because I think it'd be a wonderful opportunity for the city to be a part of this. Not only would we be the second city in the state of Kentucky to be implementing this program, but it would also, hopefully, decrease violent actions that occur in the city."

Davis described the program by talking about a map covered in red dots, saying each of those dots represents an act of violence. The green dots are actions people can take to stop that violence, she explained. She said she can provide city officials and community members with strategies they could use

when they see violence. "They can, you know, approach it directly, or they can delegate, which would mean that they would call the police department, or they can do, like, instruction to kind of neutralize the situation, depending on what they feel comfortable with," she said.

Davis said MCCC is also working with the Floyd County Schools District to implement the Green Dot program and she mentioned the possibility of manning a booth during the Jenny Wiley Festival to share information with the community.

MCCC would purchase 12 Green Dot flags that

could be installed on every city entrance and on streets, Davis said.

Mayor Les Stapleton said it would be advantageous for the city to become a Green Dot community because grant funding will be available in the future.

Council Member Shag Branham said he was on the board when MCCC rolled out the Green Dot program more than seven years ago. Davis said the program's implementation "went dormant" but she hopes to get it "moving in a positive direction."

"So, the guestion is, I guess, do we want to become, as a city, do we want to become a Green Dot city?" Stapleton said.

"I don't see a downside to it, at all," Council Member David Gearheart said. "I think we should," Council Member Don Willis said.

The vote was unani-

Stapleton asked Davis to bring a proclamation to the council's September meeting.

Council member BD Nunnery was not present at the meeting.

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crimes that allegedly occurred in local businesses.

Two of the individuals were indicted for allegedly burglarizing Walmart.

Danielle Stevens, 26, of Dwale, and Lisa Slone Hicks, 41, of Prestonsburg, were each indicted on one felony count of third-degree burglary. The indictments alleged that they entered or remained in Walmart unlawfully "with intent to commit a crime."

Stevens burglarized Walmart on June 7, 2017, the indictments say, and Hicks burglarized Walmart on May 7, 2018.

Stevens was also indicted on misdemeanor charges of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and prescription not in proper container. Hicks was also indicted on a misdemeanor count of theft by unlawful taking for allegedly stealing less than \$500 of items from the store.

Floyd Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said these two cases are related to alleged repeated shoplifting at Walmart.

He explained that when people with prior shoplifting convictions have been ordered to stay out of Walmart, and then return to the store to shoplift again, they can be charged with burglary, a felony, instead of shoplifting, a misdemeanor. After that first conviction and an order banning them from Walmart, Turner said they have "no legal right to be there."

"So, then, if you've been caught shoplifting before and then you're

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there, and then you go back in there another time and steal again, you would be charged, not only with the theft, but, technically, it's a burglary ...," he said.

He described these indictments as a way to "crack down on shoplifters."

"It's kind of way to try to crack down on shoplifters because most of the time, the shoplifting amounts are misdemeanor levels, and if you have someone that continues to do it, continues to do it, when they go back, they're there illegally just as soon as they step into the store, basically," he said. "And then, they commit a crime while they are there and that allows them to be charged with the burglary charge."

Walmart wasn't the only local business mentioned in these indictments.

The grand jury also indicted a Johnson County woman who is accused of passing fraudulent payroll checks at Food City. Rebecca Ratliff, 36, of Hager Hill, was indicted on a felony count of theft by deception for allegedly passing more than \$2,300 in checks during the month of April at Food City "knowing it would not be honored."

"This one, the allegation is that she would actually, through some als, Rodney Bates, 44, of computer program, some way, had actually created a fake check for an account that didn't exist, etc., and passed some of those at Food City," Turner said.

Ratliff was also indicted in July in Pike County alongside another Johnson County woman, Megan Stacy, 24, of Swamp Branch, for similar allegations.

According to an artiordered not to ever be in cle published by the Appalachian News-Express, Ratliff and Stacy were indicted there in separate cases for possessing and cashing fraudulent payrolls checks at Food City stores in Pike County. The checks were all purported to be from accounts associated with local healthcare facilities, including Highlands Regional Medical Center, Pikeville Medical Center and Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, the newspaper reported.

The grand jury also indicted a contractor for theft at another local busi-

Eric Vanderpool, 44, of Gunlock, was indicted on theft by failure to make required disposition of property belonging to one of the owners of Pur Lux Spa in Allen and "failed to make required payment or disposition, building materials and the HVAC system." The alleged crimes took place between January 2017 and April 2018.

Turner said the allegations in that case stems from work that Vanderpool was supposed to do at the spa, which recently underwent a major expansion.

The list of indictments related to theft and burglary also include a two cases against people accused of receiving stolen property.

One of those individu-Huntington, W.Va., was indicted on one felony count of theft by unlawful taking for allegedly stealing a vehicle from Prestonsburg attorney Martin Osborne. Turner said Bates allegedly "stole his car, just off the street."

The other, Jot Marsillett, 58, of Prestonsburg, was indicted on receiving stolen property and three counts of destruction of

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a VIN number, all Class D felonies. Turner said Marsillett was also previously indicted in a drug-related

Other individuals indicted by the grand jury include:

• Brian Eldridge, 44, of Stanton was indicted on a felony count of theft by deception by allegedly obtaining money from a female "with intent to deprive her" in September 2016.

• Cora B. Little, 29, of

Blue River, was indicted on charges of theft or receipt of a stolen credit or debit cards, fraudulent use of a credit card and theft of identity, all Class D felonies which are alleged to have occurred last June.

• Jeremy R. Carr, 32, of Prestonsburg, was indicted on a charge of second-degree burglary for allegedly unlawfully entering a home "with intent to commit a crime" last August. He was also indicted on a charge of

public intoxication.

One theft-related indictment will likely be returned to Floyd County District court. It charges William D. Castle, 39, of Hunter with a misdemeanor count of receiving stolen property.

Editor's note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

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DANCE CLASSES

Class	Day	Time
Creative Movement 2-year-olds	М	4:30-5:00 p.m.
Creative Movement 3-year-olds	M	4:00-4:30 p.m.
Creative Movement 3-year-olds	T	6:00-6:30 p.m.
Creative Movement 4-year-olds	M	5:00-5:30 p.m.
Creative Movement 4-year-olds	Ť	6:30-7:00 p.m.
K-1st Grade Ballet	J	5:15-6:00 p.m.
K-1st Grade Tap/Jazz	T	4:15-5:15 p.m.
2nd-4th Grade Ballet Level I	W	5:00-6:00 p.m.
2nd-4th Grade Ballet Level II	W	5:00-6:00 p.m.
5th-8th Grade Ballet Level I	Th	4:30-5:30 p.m.
5th-8th Grade Ballet Level II	Th	4:30-5:30 p.m.
9th Grade-Adult Ballet Levels I and II	Th	5:30-6:30 p.m.
Pointe Levels I and II	T	6:30-8:00 p.m.
	W	4:00-5:30 p.m.
Pointe Levels III and IV	M	4:00-5:30 p.m.
	W	5:15-6:45 p.m.
4th-8th Grade Technique	Th \	7:30-8:30 p.m.
9th Grade-Adult Technique	M	5:30-6:30 p.m.
4th-8th Grade Lyrical	T	5:30-6:30 p.m.
9th Grade-Adult Lyrical	M	6:30-7:30 p.m.
2nd-4th Grade Jazz/Hip-Hop	W	4:00-5:00 p.m.
5th-8th Grade Jazz/Hip-Hop	Th	5:30-6:30 p.m.
9th Grade-Adult Jazz/Hip-Hop	M	7:30-8:30 p.m.
2nd-4th Grade Tap	T	6:30-7:30 p.m.
5th-8th Grade Tap	Th	6:30-7:30 p.m.
9th Grade-Adult Tap	Th	6:30-7:30 p.m.
Beginning Belly Dance (Sept. 10 - Oct. 22)	М	7:00-8:15 p.m.
Intermediate Belly Dance (Oct. 22 - Dec. 1		7:00-8:15 p.m.

AGE Students must have met age/grade levels by September 15, 2018. LEVELS Level II — MUST have completed at least two full semesters at age level. Instructor permission and/or testing is required for placement in Level III and Level IV classes.

TUITION 30 minute class (meets once per week) - \$100 45 minute class (meets once per week) - \$125 1 hour class (meets once per week) - \$150

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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD **CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

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

Marriages

Andrea Brooke Hamilton, 24, of McDowell, to Richard Lee Johnson, 30, of McDowell

Kelly Ryan Leapaldt, 46, of Van Lear, to Haley Davis, 32, of Van Lear

Rosanna Daniele Conn, 35, of Hueysville,

to Donald Edward Bradley, 43, of Hueysville

Property transfers

Charles Graham May, Cheryl L. May to Charles Graham May, Cheryl L. May (Deeds Book 639; pg. 154)

Cann M. Isaacs to Drema May, Kristopher May (Deeds Book 639; pg. 161)

Tammy Conley Slong to Donna Conley Ousley; property on Big Branch of Abbott

Donna Conley Ousley, Dennis William Ousley to Tammy Conley Slone;

property on Big Branch of Bank to Daniel Ratliff, Abbott

Debra Bentley to Tammy Conn (Deeds Book 639; pg. 175)

Ann Sammons, Eddie Sammons to Donnie Derossett, Cathy Robinson (Deeds Book 639; pg. 179)

Judith E. Parsons to Debora L. Parsons Curnutte (Deeds Book 639; pg. 183)

Judith E. Parsons to Bradley D. Curnutte, Debora L. Parsons Curnutte, Jennifer L. Curnutte White (Deeds Book 639; pg. 186)

First Commonwealth

Micca Ratliff (Deeds Book 639; pg. 191)

Charlene Crase Clark, John G. Clark to James Butler, Norma Sharlet Butler (Deeds Book 639; pg. 194)

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Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Derek Hatfield, Tanesha Humphrey, Curtis Meyers,

south Capital, American Tax Help, BBT, Branch Banking and Trust to BBT Branch Banking and Trust (Deeds Book 639; pg. 205)

Claude Jenninas Webb II to Claude Jennings Webb II (Deeds Book 639; pg. 217)

Rhondetta Goble Walton to Charles May, Cheryl May (Deeds Book 639; pg. 221)

er Lee Kidd (Deeds Book 639; pg. 227)

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Curtis Meyers Jr., Mid- Ashley Tackett Laferty, Jerry Dean Newsome, Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, Sandra Salyer, to Bayview Loan Servicing (Deeds Book 639;

Bayview Loan Servicing LLC to Ernest Ray (Deeds Book 639; pg.

Creed L. Acree Jr., Ulabon T. Acree to Creed L. Acree Jr., Larry Acree (Deeds Book 639; pgs. 240, 243)

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Glenn Floyd, Judy Floyd to Edwina Ousley (Deeds Book 639; pg. 246)

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2016 preventing the imposition of the rules.

The administration of President Donald J. Trump announced the proposed "Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule" governing emission guidelines for greenhouse gases Tuesday in a statement from the White House Press Office.

"We're ending intrusive EPA regulations that kill jobs ... and raise the price of energy so quickly and so substantially," Trump said in the state-

to the According White House statement, the Affordable Clean Energy Rule has several components, including:

- The restoration of the "proper role of states under the Clean Air Act." The statement said the ACE Rule will give "states the flexibility needed to construct diverse, reliable energy portfolios that best fit their specific
- The promotion of "American energy dominance." This, the stateplished by decreasing "bureaucratic red tape and compliance costs, keeping American energy affordable and competitive on the world stage."
- The replacement of "burdensome and costly regulations." This is a direct shot at the Clean Power Plan, which the statement said was costly and overreaching.

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first few semesters.

Rural Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky cannot prosper without raising educational levels. In addition to having more needs based scholarships, the solution is creating a pathway for return to Title 4 students.

A loan forgiveness program using both public and private funds should be implemented in which the student makes commitments and is successful in their classes under the strict guidance of mentors and counselors. Our Commonwealth cannot afford to allow these students, many who are low-income to be prevented from achieving their dreams and the skills to compete in the global economy.

Ron Daley is a strategic partner lead for the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative and the director of external educational programs at HCTC. The opinions are those of the author and not of his employer.

The Clean Power Plan, first proposed in 2014, became a flashpoint in what Obama administration critics referred to as the "War on Coal." Kentucky, West Virginia and 25 other states all filed litigation in an attempt to stop the plan.

In a fact sheet issued Tuesday, the EPA said replacing the CPP with the ACE Rule could result in \$3.4 billion in net benefits, including \$400 million annually.

In a statement made on the floor of the U.S. Senate Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said the "War on Coal" centered on the Clean Power Plan, which McConnell said was "unfair, ineffective, unaffordable, more than likely illegal." McConnell said the plan stemmed from the Obama administration's inability to reach its goals legislatively.

"Instead of learning from those failures, the administration Obama tried to go it alone and impose a radical agenda unilaterally," McConnell said. "The so-called Clean Power Plan they dreamed up would have ment said, will be accom- had no meaningful ef-American jobs and sent Plan." them right overseas. It would have piled a heavivulnerable families lower-income Americans

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are hit the hardest when energy costs take off, and this plan was projected to yield double-digit percentage increases in electricity costs in 40 states, of course including Kentucky."

In a statement issued Tuesday, Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler echoed the language of the White House in saying the proposal would "empower states."

"The ACE Rule would restore the rule of law and empower states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide modern, reliable, affordable energy for all Americans," Wheeler said in the statement. "Today's proposal provides the states and regulated community the certainty they need to continue environmental progress while fulfilling President Trump's goal of energy dominance."

The Sierra Club issued a statement soon after the announcement, blasting both the EPA and Wheeler, a former coal industry lobbyist, as well as former EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

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lic health and our fragile climate," Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune said in the statement. "The proposed rollback of life-saving clean air safeguards is an anemic rule that subjects the EPA to the very coal industry executives who used to sign Wheeler's paychecks and want to pollute with impunity. That is why the Sierra Club and communities across the country are committed to fighting this rollback and continuing our work retiring coal plants, championing clean energy and protecting the health of our families. America continue moving away from dirty, polluting fossil fuels and confront the climate crisis head on, with or without the Trump Ad-

The Clean Power Plan, the organization said, would have reduced carbon emissions from the electricity sector by

ministration."

32 percent, and provided up to \$45 billion in climate and public health benefits a year, "while also helping drive the rapid expansion of affordable clean energy industries like solar, wind and energy efficiency.'

According to the EPA fact sheet, the agency will accept comments on the proposal for 60 days after it is published in the Federal Register and the EPA also plans to hold a public hearing on the proposal. Online comments may be issued by visiting, www.regulations.gov, and following the instructions for submitting comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355.

If enacted, it remains to be seen how the ACE Rule would impact coal production locally and nationally.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration expects, according to its short-term energy outlook report, that coal

production nationwide will decline by 1.1 percent to 766 million short tons in 2018, despite an expected 5.7 percent increase in coal exports.

According to the report, the production decrease is "largely attributable to a forecast decline of 2.1 percent in domestic coal consumption in 2018." The EIA, according to the report, expects coal production to decline by 1.8 percent, with coal exports and consumption both forecast to decrease.

One indicator of Kentucky coal production — the Office of State Budget Director's tax receipts report — indicates Kentucky coal production has dipped drastically. According to the OSBD's July report, coal severance collections were down 39.4 percent compared to the \$8,428,019 collected in 2017, a reflection of less coal being mined.



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Turn up the volume and make some noise. Embrace life, live in the moment and make the most of each day. You are gaining momentum as you head toward greater opportunity. Partnerships, communication, travel and interacting with people from all walks of life will lead to personal growth.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Set goals and don't stop until you are satisfied with the results you get. Improvements at home or to your lifestyle are favored. Mingle and participate.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - An emotional plea will be in your best interest. Trying to push or redirect someone stubborn or demanding isn't going to work. Offering an incentive will bring better results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Clear your head and gather facts. If you let your emotions take charge, you will end up making a mistake. Don't overspend, overdo or overindulge. Moderation and understanding will be required.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Start a discussion that will encourage getting to know more about your family history. Do some research to make sure that the information you receive is accurate. You can learn much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -Someone is likely to charm you into doing something you may regret. Getting involved in a matter that is excessive or indulgent will jeopardize your reputation or self-esteem.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Emotions will be unpredictable. Refrain from indulging in substances that could influence your ability to stay in control. Use your intelligence to navigate your way through a sticky situation.

DAILY ASTROGRAPH by Eugenia Last



PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Secrets are best kept that way. If you want to share information, make sure it isn't something that could come back to haunt you. Concentrate on personal relationships and physical improve-

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Take pride in what you do. Getting involved in activities that require intelligence and compassion will bring out the best in you. A romantic adventure will improve your life.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - Question anyone trying to butter you up. Compliments are wonderful, but if the result is giving in to someone taking advantage of you, it's not worth the ego boost.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Getting together with peers, friends or relatives is encouraged. Spending time with someone you love to hang out with will lead to plans that give you something to look forward to.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Don't push yourself physically. A steady pace will get you to your destination without a mishap. A break from your routine will be enlightening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Let others do as they please. It's OK to take a pass or do your own thing. Taking care of your physical needs or personal agenda should be a priority.

TODAY'S SUDOKU PUZZLE

HOW PLAY:

- Each column has to have numbers 1 to 9
- Each row has to have numbers 1 to 9
- Each 3x3 Box has to have numbers 1 to 9

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All answers are in today's edition

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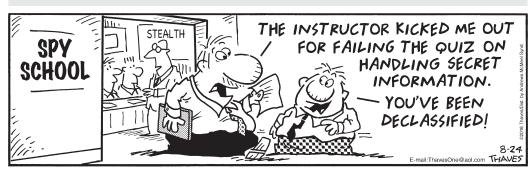
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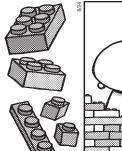
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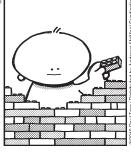


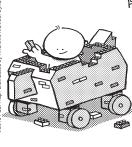
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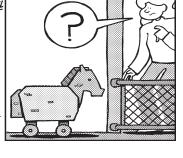


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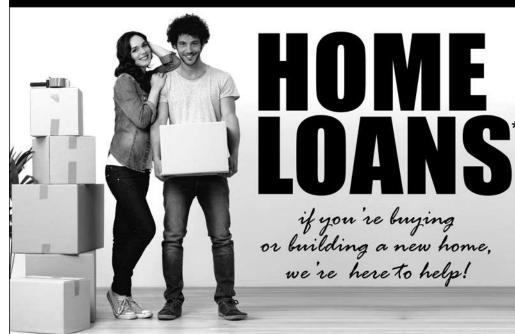
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Creek. The operation is located on the Harold 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Blackhawk Mining, LLC. The op-

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its existing Tariff H.E.A.P. (Home Energy Assistance Program). The tariff would be renamed Tariff R.E.A. (Residential Energy Assistance). The proposed effective date, subject to Commission approval of the modifications, for the amended tariff is on or before October 14, 2018.

Kentucky Power Company plans to file an application with the Public Service Commission of Kentucky on or before September 14, 2018 seeking authority to rename and to amend

Home Energy Assistance in Reduced Temperatures (H.E.A.R.T.)

Participating low-income residential customers, whose primary source of heat is electric, are eligible to receive an electric bill credit of \$115.00 a month for bills rendered in January

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Assistance	Existing Home Energy Program		Energy Assistances in Reduced Temperatures Program		Change	Year Change
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The proposed Temporary Heating Assistance in Winter program is a new program and thus there is no change in existing benefits.

Participation in the programs above will be determined by the residential customer's local community action agency in accordance with guidelines approved by the Commission and the availability of funds. Customer participation is limited to one program each calendar year.

A person may seek to intervene as a party in the Commission proceeding to review Kentucky Power's application by filling a timely written request for intervention with the Commission in accordance with the requirements of 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(11) and 807 KAR 5:120, Section 3(3). If the Commission does not receive a written request for ntervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of this notice, the Commission may take final action on this tariff filing.

Written comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to the Executive Director, Public Service Commission, 211 Sower Boulevard, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615 or via the Commission's website: http://psc.ky.gov. The modifications contained in this notice are the provisions proposed by Kentucky Power; the Commission may deny the application, or order different changes, including different benefit amounts.

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Week 1: Prep Preview



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Floyd Central's Jeremiah Goble breaks through the line of scrimmage for a tackle Friday night against Harlan.

Floyd Central at Betsy Layne

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

Floyd Central at Betsy Layne

Who: Floyd Central at Betsy Layne Kickoff: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Lloyd Hamilton Field, Betsy Layne.

Coaches: Floyd Central; Shawn Hager. Betsy Layne; Scotty McCoy.

Notes: Fresh off a win on its home field, Floyd Central will hit the the road for an early-season high school football matchup at in-county rival Betsy Layne on Friday night.

Floyd Central rushed for 315 yards on its way to defeating visiting Harlan in a highly-anticipated season opener

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.

The Jaguars forced Harlan to play from behind throughout the game. Floyd Central led 44-0 before Harlan

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

Caleb Hager remains a leader for Floyd Central following a move from wide receiver to quarterback. Hager completed two of six passes for 75 yards and one touchdown in his 2018

Betsy Layne struggled in its season opener on the road in Martin County. Host Sheldon Clark beat Betsy Layne 38-8 in the Bobcats' 2018 season open-

Betsy Layne was forced to play from behind as much-improved Sheldon Clark excelled. Sheldon Clark led 12-0 at the conclusion of the first quarter. The dominant Cardinals carried a 26-0 lead into halftime and remained in control throughout the second half.

Betsy Layne was held scoreless until the fourth quarter.

Austin Tackett led Betsy Layne offensively in the season opener, rushing 14 times for 118 yards

Freshman quarterback Chase Mims was four of 11 for 41 yards with one interception through the air for the Bobcats in the opener.

The Jaguars were in control throughout the only other meeting between the two Floyd County high school football teams. Floyd Central won convincingly when the two teams met in 2017, shutting out Betsy Layne 43-0.

Kickoff for the Floyd Central-Betsy Layne football game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Who 2 Watch: For Floyd Central, running back Josh Whitaker.

After rushing a team-high 140 times for 693 yards and nine touchdowns in 2017, Whitaker led Floyd Central's offensive attack in the Jaguars' victory over Harlan. Whitaker, who rushed 16 times for 162 yards and four touchdowns one week ago, ranks as one of the area's top high school running backs.

For Betsy Layne, running back Austin Tackett.

One of the area's most underrated high school running backs, Tackett accounted for over half of Betsy Layne's offense in the season opener versus Sheldon Clark. Giving the Bobcats a boost on the ground, Tackett rushed 14 times for 118 yards in Betsy Layne's 2018 debut.

Prestonsburg at North Laurel

By Steve LeMaster SPORTS WRITER

Prestonsburg at **North Laurel**

Who: Prestonsburg at North Laurel

Kickoff: Friday, 7:30

Location: The Jungle Stadium, London

Coaches: Prestonsburg; Brandon Brewer. North Laurel; Chris Larkey.

Notes: Brandon Brewer is closing in on his first game as Prestonsburg head coach as the Blackcats are set to make their 2018 debut. The Blackcats will visit North Laurel for a high school football season opener on Friday night.

Following a loss to crosstown rival South North Laurel, Laurel opened the 2018 high school football season 0-1. South Laurel pulled away to defeat the Jaguars 30-8.

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

Brewer replaced longtime Prestonsburg head coach John DeRossett. In DeRossett's final season in 2017, Prestons-2A, District 8 champion- 5A District 8 poll. ship and finished 7-5.

The Blackcats are poised to kickoff the 2018 season with backto-back-to-back away games.

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

Reigning Class 2A District 8 Player of the Year Ethan Varney ready to run again for the Blackcats. Varney is one of the top all-time rushers in Prestonsburg's history. As a junior, Varney rushed for nearly 2,000 yards. In Prestonsburg's 10-game 2017 regular-season, Varney rushed 10 times for 1,506 yards and 17 touchdowns. A two-way starter, Varney also helped to lead Prestonsburg on the defensive side and special teams throughout his junior season.

North Laurel defeated Prestonsburg 28-6 when the two teams met at Josh Francis Field/Blackcat Stadium in 2017.

The Jaguars compete in Class 5A District 8, along with Whitley County, Perry Central, Harlan County and Letcher Central. North Laurel was

projected to finish fourth burg captured the Class in the preseason Class

The Jaguars are under the direction of head Chris Larkey. coach North Laurel, following a loss to Harlan County in the second round of the Class 5A Russell Athletic/ KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl, ended the 2017 season with a 9-3 overall record.

> Kickoff for the North Laurel-Prestonsburg football game is set for 7:30 p.m.

Who 2 Watch: For running Prestonsburg, back Ethan Varney.

Over the past two seasons, Varney has rushed for nearly 3,000 yards and ranked as one of the state's top running backs. Varney will be looking to continue to lead on the offensive side for Prestonsburg, which entered the 2018 season as the preseason Class 2A District 8 favorite.

For North Laurel, quarterback Dalton Sizemore.

A junior, Sizemore is settling in as the starting quarterback for the North Laurel football team. In the Jaguars' loss to crosstown rival South Laurel, Sizemore completed six passes for 64 yards.

Bristol still tamed by a Busch



Racin' **Steve Mickey**

Much was made about Kyle Busch's mastery over Bristol's highbanked half-mile bull ring and the fact that he was coming off a three-race sweep at the track last season. Saturday night was no different except that even though it was a Busch in victory lane, it was older brother Kurt who was all smiles after 500 laps of banging and rubbing that led to some tempers getting hotter than the brake rotors that glowed red all evening.

Long time Bristol fans will tell you that Saturday

night's race was some of the best racing that the track has hosted in years largely because track officials applied PJ1 traction compound after each of the three nights of racing. The result was a track that had already established an outside lane of racing and thanks to the PJ1, some drivers were able to keep their cars down on the bottom of the track.

It didn't take long for the action on the track to heat up as Kyle Busch spun off Turn 4 on lap 2 creating a road block that before it was over saw 15 cars get caught up in it. That was just a glimpse of what was to come as it became evident early that there was very little point racing taking place and that the mindset of most drivers was that they were either going to go home with the trophy or have their car loaded up after the race with it being beaten and bat-

It all came down to a critical restart on lap 478 with race leader Clint Bowyer choosing the outside lane to restart the race with Kurt Busch on the inside. Past restarts had proven that the outside lane was the correct choice but this time Busch got the perfect restart once the green flag waved and was able to get a good run on the inside going into the first turn with a lead big enough to allow him to go to the top once he exited the turn and at that point he had Bowyer in his rear view mirror.

Busch at this point wanted the rest of the laps to come off the board without any caution flags but like it does so often at Bristol, the caution waved one last time on lap 488. This time it was Busch and Kyle Larson on the front row to restart the race with Larson being on 30lap better tires. Even the tires, newer

Larson was no match for Busch as once the green flag waved, he was able to easily take his Stewart-Haas Ford to the lead and never looked back as he notched his first win in the series since he captured the most coveted checkered flag in the sport as he won the 2017 Daytona 500.

The win was the 30th in the series for Kurt and it was a record making victory as he and his brother Kyle are the only brothers in the history of the series to both record 30 or more wins as Kyle now has 49 wins. Both drivers are also past champions in the sport and both will be moving into the playoff round of races with the opportunity to collect their second championship trophy.

Kurt was already in a position of advancing into the playoff round as he was solidly in the top-16 in the point standings but the win takes away any pressure he might have had on him with only two races left before the playoff round of ten races begin leading to the title race at Homestead Miami. Even with all of the success that he has had at Stewart-Haas Racing, he finds himself in limbo about his ride for next season as SHR has not made any firm commitment to him for returning in 2018.

Rumors began circulating earlier in the week that Kasey Kahne

may have been offered his seat for next season but that will not come to fruition because Kahne announced that he would not return as a full-time driver next season. Another scenario that made the rounds had Busch being offered a ride next season at Richard Childress Racing. Of course, nobody is confirming or denying any of these rumors for next season but it is getting late in the year for a driver not to know where he will end up for next season. One thing for sure, there is still some more wins left in the older Busch brother and who is to stay that there is not another championship in his fu-



Race Preview

Event: Bojangles' Southern 500 Track: Darlington Raceway (1.366 mile oval, Turns 1 & 2 banked 250 and Turns 3

& 4 banked 23o) Date: September 2, 6:00 p.m. TV: NBCSN Radio: MRN **Defending Race Win**ner: Denny Hamlin

Blackcats, Red Devils battle to 2-2 tie

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

RUSSELL — Finishing even with a talented opponent from the neighboring 16th Region, Prestonsburg battled host Russell to a 2-2 tie in an early-season boys' high school soccer match on Monday.

The Blackcats moved to 2-0-1 while the Red Devils led the Prestonsburg defensive goalkeeper Joe Ewing limited

went to 3-0-1.

Prestonsburg and Russell met for a non-district match.

Matt Burchett and Grant Justice scored goal one apiece for Prestonsburg.in the non-district contest. In addition to finding the net, Justice provided an assist on Burchett's goal.

Goalkeeper Jacob Martin

effort, limiting Russell to a pair of goals and recording seven

Nolan Sabotchick, one of the top boys' soccer players in the 16th Region, scored both of Russell's goals. Max Cantrell and Nathan Walker each provided an assist for the Red Devils.

Defensively for Russell, visiting Prestonsburg to two goals and registered five saves.

Familiar rivals, Prestonsburg and Russell aren't slated to meet again during the current campaign. The Blackcats have additional regular-season matches remaining versus Powell County, Hazard, Johnson Central, Letcher County Central, Shelby Valley, Sheldon Clark, Morgan County, Lawrence County and Paintsville. Prestonsburg is due to meet longtime rival Shelby Valley in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on September 6.

First-year head coach Brad Burchett is guiding the Blackcats. The Prestonsburg boys' soccer team competes in the 57th District.

Floyd Central blanks Betsy Layne, 3-0

SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Floyd Central notched its second 58th District win in the 2018 volleyball season on Tuesday, shutting out host Betsy Layne 3-0.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the 58th District.

Betsy Layne dropped to 1-4 overall and 0-1 in the district with the loss.

The Lady Jaguars started strong, defeating Betsy Layne 25-14 in the opening game.

Floyd Central was even stronger in the second game, pulling away to beat the Lady Bobcats 25-8.

Betsy Layne fared much better late in the match but Floyd Central managed to hold on to win, prevailing 25-22 in the third game.

The Lady Jaguars are scheduled to host Betsy Layne for another 58th District match on September 20.

Floyd Central, a team under the direction of first-year head coach Alissa Young, entered the week with additional regular-season matches remaining versus Pike County Central, Shelby Valley, Prestonsburg, Johnson Central, Sheldon Clark, Lawrence County, East Jessamine, Paintsville, Letcher County Cen-

By Steve LeMaster tral and Wolfe County. The Lady Jaguars compete with Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg and Lawrence County in the 58th District.

> On Thursday, Floyd Central was visiting 15th Region rival Pike County Central. Results from the Floyd Central-Pike County Central volleyball match were unavailable at press time.

> Floyd Central finished runner-up to Paintsville in the 15th Region in 2017. The Lady Jaguars will host an invitational tournament on Saturday, Sept. 15.

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