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Last year, 22.5 percent of Floyd students had 'special needs'

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

A review of data published by the Kentucky Department of Education shows that as the special needs population increased in Floyd County

schools, so did the county school district's state test scores.

Floyd County has recorded a high percentage of students in special education, with some schools reporting 20 percent or more students

who have special needs, for years.

The correlation between the district's higher-than-average special needs population and its rising state test scores shed light on allegations that rose in an audit con-

ducted by the KDE's Division of Learning Services this year.

That audit, published online Wednesday by the Floyd Chronicle and Times, substantiated findings of "systemic violations" in the district

and noncompliance with numerous state regulations and the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act, as well as allegations of "numerous inappropriate practices" related to

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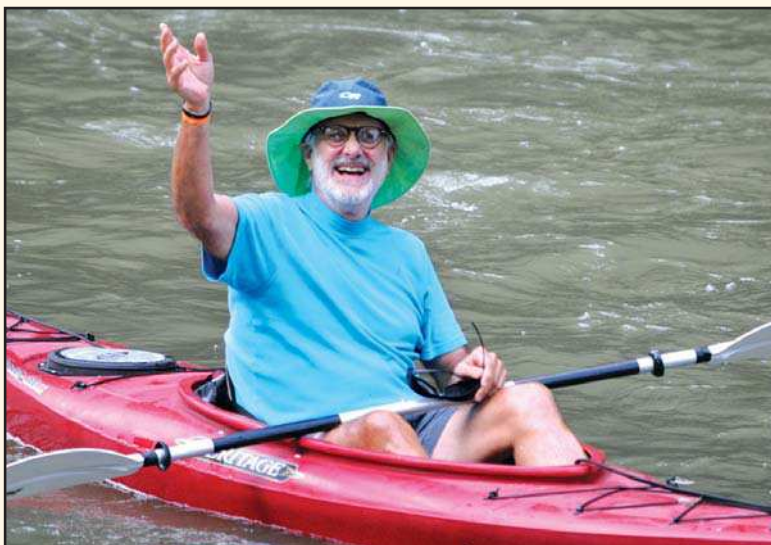


LEVISA FORK Paddlefest

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows



Prestonsburg Tourism hosted the Levisa Fork Paddlefest on Aug. 25, guiding visitors on an eight-mile river tour that began near River Park behind Billy Ray's Restaurant in Prestonsburg and ended at the Combs Airport boat ramp on the Floyd/Johnson county line. Officials shortened the Paddlefest route this year after Paintsville Tourism decided not to participate. Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said he is negotiating a right-of-way agreement for an alternate route on the river. The final Paddlefest of 2018 will be held Sept. 22. Details are available on Prestonsburg Tourism's website.



PPD: Woman stole PES donations

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County woman is accused of stealing donations that were supposed to benefit cheerleaders at Prestonsburg Elementary School.

Prestonsburg Police Department Lt. George

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Floyd BOE won't raise taxes this year

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education opted not to increase property taxes this year, despite a potential revenue loss of \$175,000.

During a meeting at John M. Stumbo Elementary School on Aug. 27, the board of education voted unanimously to "not accept" the compensating tax rate for personal or real property, and to not increase rates, either, for motor vehicle taxes.

Both rates will remain

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Three Floyd residents charged with growing pot

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky State Police recently charged three more people for growing marijuana on properties in Floyd County.

The Kentucky State Police filed misdemeanor charges recently against Christopher G. Turner, 46, of Drift, Rickey L. Prater, 60, of Hueysville, and Joan Lee Hall, 42, of

Bevinsville. Two of the cases are attributed to the Governor's Marijuana Eradication Detail for a Drug Free Kentucky.

Turner, who is accused of growing four marijuana plants, and

Hall, who is accused of growing two plants, are scheduled for arraignment next month.

Prater, who is accused of growing four plants on Prater Fork, was also set for an arraignment next

month, but the county attorney's office issued a conditional dismissal of his case. The charge will be dismissed, the order states, as long as Prater

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state tests.

It suggests that the Floyd County Schools District referred students who were not disabled to special education programs so they could receive accommodations on state tests. It also said the district failed to use the appropriate procedures to determine how and why students are placed in special needs services and that the district used special education "as a substitute for appropriate instruction" so students could get extra help during the tests.

The audit covers the review of data and documents from 2014 through 2016, when the district was at the helm of former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb, who resigned last June, as well as the 2017-2018 school year, when the district came under the leadership of former Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble. Dr. Webb called the findings "utterly ridiculous and false" in a telephone interview on Monday.

Those were the best years in Floyd County's state assessment rankings.

Under Dr. Webb's tenure, the school district achieved numerous goals, including the implementation of a technology program that provided free laptops to all students in fifth through 12th grade, the implementation of an early college program and other programs geared to improve the quality of education for students. The district ranked sixth statewide on the state assessment in 2016. That year, it became "the only district in the Commonwealth to be classified as a District of Distinction" for three consecutive years," a press release from Webb's office said at the time.

The Kentucky Department of Education stopped ranking schools and giving them labels like "District of Distinction" last year, but in 2016 in Floyd County, there were 12 School of Distinction honors. In 2016, John M. Stumbo was listed as being the top middle school in Kentucky for two consecutive years, May Valley had ranked in the Top 10 in the state for 12 consecutive years

and Allen Elementary had earned that honor for two consecutive years. Educators from other states have visited Floyd County Schools like May Valley for years, just to learn how staff there achieving such high scores. During these years, some elementary schools in the district even earned scores of 100 in some subjects on the state assessment.

Year after year, test scores improved

The Floyd County Schools District was categorized as a "Needs Improvement" district following the state assessment in the 2011-2012 school year.

That year, the district's overall score was 53.5 and 514 kids had an IEP, or Individual Education Plan, during the state assessment.

The district's overall score increased to 60.4, initially, in 2012-2013, when the district became "Proficient," and the district's scores continued to increase, year after year.

In the 2013-2014 testing cycle, that 60.4 score from the previous year had been revised to 66.3, and, the district's overall score jumped to 75 overall, giving Floyd County its first District of Distinction honor. It was a "High Progress District."

School and district staff, students and parents piled into the Prestonsburg High School gym to celebrate the accomplishment, with attendees shouting and singing and parading up to the stage to receive banners highlighting school-level honors.

The following year, 2014-2015, that prior year score of 75 was downgraded to 73.8, but the district still pulled another District of Distinction honor with a score for the school year of 74.4 — a score that was also later revised to 77.3

In the 2015-2016 school year, the final year that overall scores were given to districts, Floyd County walked away with an overall score of 80.3. There were 1,195 special needs kids in the district. Floyd County received its third District of Distinction banner and the district met a goal set years prior: to become a Top 10 school district in Kentucky.

The roar from the

Special needs population at a glance

Number of special needs students in Floyd County schools in 2016-2017:

- McDowell: 74 (33.3 percent)
- John M. Stumbo: 99 (31.9 percent)
- WD Osborne: 77 (28.4 percent)
- Allen Central Middle: 87 (26.5 percent)
- Duff Elementary: 72 (26.4 percent)
- May Valley: 81 (22.9 percent)
- Betsy Layne Elementary: 137 (22.3 percent)
- Allen Elementary: 101 (22.2 percent)
- Allen Central High: 82 (20.9 percent)
- Betsy Layne High School: 78 (19.4 percent)
- South Floyd Middle/High: 90 (18.3 percent)
- Prestonsburg Elementary: 124 (17.7 percent)
- Prestonsburg High School: 82 (16.1 percent)
- Adams Middle: 51 (15.3 percent)

District total: 1,271 (22.5 percent)

crowd that turned out for that celebration could be heard from the parking lot of Prestonsburg High School.

Special needs population grows, year after year

As the districts state test scores increased during these years, so did the number of students who were referred to special needs services in Floyd County.

The KDE reports online that in the 2016-2017 school year, there were 1,271 special needs students in Floyd County, making up 22.5 percent of the total student population.

Statewide, only 13.7 percent of students had special needs that year.

The state's special needs population has averaged around 13 percent every year since 2012-13. Floyd County's special needs population, however, has increased

annually from 17.4 percent (1,061 students) in 2012 to 22.5 percent (1,271 students) in 2016-17.

In 2016-2017, the number of special needs students reported online by the KDE in Floyd County schools ranged from 51, or 15.3 percent of all students at Adams Middle, to 137, or 22.3 percent of the student population at Betsy Layne Elementary. The percentage of special needs students ranged from 15.3 percent at Adams to 33.3 percent at McDowell Elementary during that testing cycle.

In the 2015-16 school year, Floyd County ranked 10th statewide in the number of disabled students who had an Individual Education Plan, or IEP, during the state test, with 631 disabled students with an IEP. That

Floyd County Schools test scores, special needs population

2011-2012:

Needs Improvement
Overall Score: 53.5
Special needs population: unknown
Special needs with IEP: 514

2012-2013:

Proficient
Overall Score: 60.4 revised to 66.3
Special needs population: 1,061 or 17.4 percent
Special needs with IEP: 500
Special needs in Kentucky: 13.2 percent

2013-2014:

District of Distinction, High Progress District
Overall score: 75 revised to 73.8
Special needs population: 1,084 or 18.2 percent
Special needs with IEP: 570
Special needs in Kentucky: 13.2 percent

2014-2015

District of Distinction
Overall score: 74.4 revised to 77.3
Special needs population: 1,136 or 19.2 percent
Special needs with IEP: 608
Special needs in Kentucky: 13.3 percent

2015-2016

District of Distinction
Ranks 6th statewide
Overall score: 80.3
Special needs population: 1,195 or 20.8 percent
Special needs with IEP: 631 (ranks 10th statewide)
Special needs in Kentucky: 13.5 percent

2016-2017

No overall scores given by KDE
Special needs population: 1,271 or 22.5 percent
Special needs with IEP: 716 (ranks 11th statewide)
Special needs in Kentucky: 13.7 percent

Aug. 27, 2018

Larry Begley, special education services director, reports there are 1,300 special needs students in Floyd County schools.

accounted for more than half of all special needs students in the district, which totaled 1,195 that year.

In the 2016-17 school year, Floyd County in-

creased the number of disabled students with an IEP by about 100, to 716. It ranked 11th statewide with that number,

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PMC IMPLEMENTS CUSTOMIZED TRAINING FOR NURSING STUDENTS

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) continues to grow while focusing on providing top tier patient care to the community we serve. PMC has implemented a new program to maximize local nursing student's clinical experience and help them rise. Together, we continue our mission to provide quality regional healthcare.

The Nurse Extern Program is a customized program designed by PMC administration and nurses who have bedside experience and is led by PMC Assistant Vice President of Education, Breanna Parker.

The Nurse Extern Program is a unique opportunity designed to train the region's most superb nursing students. Nursing students are selected based on letters of recommendation, grade point average and skill level.

At this time, our program has welcomed 17 nursing students from four different nursing schools. Students who have completed their first year of nursing school are eligible to apply.

Unlike most programs, our students are working alongside experienced nurses and are closely supervised while learning valuable skills they will need for their future.

"Our goal is to provide nursing students with clinical experience," said Parker. "Our program offers students an opportunity to gain valuable clinical knowledge and skills needed for their professional development," added Parker.

PMC's extern program allows nursing students to take their content and knowledge and transform them into practice.

"We are teaching them to recognize real life signs and indicators of patients and how to properly care for them," said Parker. "Most graduating nurses have never cared for a real patient. This program allows them to gain knowledge they need well before they graduate and begin work," she added.

PMC is committed to training the region's next exceptional nurses to care for those in this area.

PMC's Extern Program a win-win situation for student nurse externs, nurse preceptors, patients, nurse managers and nursing administration.

This program is a perfect example of how PMC is growing and trying to improve the healthcare in the region.

"You can read and study about being a nurse, but getting hands-on experience



through this program is truly a blessing that will, without a doubt, make me a better nurse," said Hali Sturgill, PMC Nurse Extern student.

Students learn new tools to care for patients and build confidence throughout this program.

"Our current externs are an extraordinarily talented, outstanding, committed group of nursing students who are dedicated to becoming the best in their field," added Parker.

To learn more about our Nurse Extern Program, contact Breanna Parker at 606-218-3500.

Over 650 people from all over the region came together on Saturday, August 25 to run in the Colors of Courage 5K.

This annual fundraising event, hosted by PMC to benefit the underinsured patients of the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center, brought in over \$23,000 with donations still coming in.



On August 23, Pikeville Medical Center hosted a community health fair for Hepatitis Awareness Day. Millions of Americans are affected by viral hepatitis. Hepatitis rates have recently increased in the Appalachian region. This is the third year PMC has hosted this event to educate the public and bring attention to the disease. PMC offered free screenings for hepatitis and HIV at the community health fair as well as free blood pressure, vision, peripheral vascular disease, body mass index, foot, hearing, glucose and cholesterol screenings.

RECORD-BREAKING STROKE SYMPOSIUM

By: Amy Charles

The Pikeville Medical Primary Stroke Center has added many feathers to its cap over the years. But this year, the Stroke Center has come full circle by appointing Trauma Director, Sandy Tackett, RN, as the interim Stroke Program Coordinator. Tackett has been with the hospital for over 20 years. Her experience includes serving as Stroke Program Coordinator back in 2009, the first year that Pikeville Medical

Center (PMC) was certified as a Primary Stroke Center.

Guidelines Gold plus Award with Target Stroke: Honor Roll Elite status. This award is an indicator that our strict adherence to nationally accepted guidelines will lead to better outcomes for our patients. This symposium covered a wide variety of topics including new treatments available for acute Ischemic stroke, recognition of stroke disorders that might present with unusual warning signs and symptoms, management of atrial fibrillation, intracerebral hemorrhage therapy and post stroke rehabilitation.

"I think we went above and beyond trying to address the need of education for the doctors, nursing staff paramedics, medical students and residents," said Dr. Ahmed. "Not only from Pike County, but from neighboring states. The topics that I chose were broad-based, covering every aspect of stroke."

This meeting of the minds was a great way for medical staff to get the continuing education hours needed to maintain their certifications. The symposium was certified by the Kentucky Medical Association, the Kentucky Board of Nursing and the Kentucky Physical Therapy Association, each for 5-6 credit hours.

This event was very well attended by medical professionals in the region, boasting one of the highest attendances of any PMC symposium to date. Those present included experts in their medical fields from PMC as well as other organizations. Notable physicians include Dr. Kevin Barrett from Mayo Clinic, Dr. Justin Fraser from the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, Dr. Charles Prestigiacomo from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Dr. Michael Antimisariis and Dr. Sankar Chirumamilla from PMC.

"The Stroke Symposium was a great success this year. There was information about management of different types of strokes and evidence-based treatment for our stroke patient," expressed Tackett. "The knowledgeable speakers brought valuable information to attendees, which represents the comprehensive care that people can expect from PMC as a primary stroke center."

For more information about PMC, visit pikevillehospital.org, or to make an appointment with Dr. Ahmed, please call 606-218-2208.



Tackett's first major event since taking on her new responsibilities with the Primary Stroke Center was the 2018 Stroke Symposium. It was planned and implemented utilizing the expertise of Primary Stroke Center Medical Director and PMC Neurologist Dr. Naveed Ahmed, as well as Tackett herself.

In keeping with the memorandum of cooperation between PMC and the University of Pikeville, the symposium was held Saturday, August 25 at the UPIKE Health Professions Education Building.

"The symposium was a great success," said Dr. Ahmed. "I would like to thank our CEO, Mr. Donovan Blackburn for choosing the venue of UPIKE. It was a beautiful space and an excellent place to have the event."

PMC's Primary Stroke Center was recently awarded the 2018 American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get with the

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KDE data shows. Again, that number accounted for more than half of all of the county's special needs students who had an IEP when they took the state test.

At John M. Stumbo Elementary, whose middle school ranked in first place in 2015 and 2016 for the highest state test scores, the percentage of special needs students increased dramatically over the years.

Like the school district, Stumbo Elementary had a "Needs Improvement" ranking in 2013-14, but that changed. In 2013-14, that school had a special needs population of 24 percent, representing 80 students with special needs. In the 2016-17 school year, it increased to 31.9 percent, representing 99 students. The school's test scores increased from 86.4 at the elementary level and 65.5 at the middle school level in 2013-14 to 88.1 at the elementary level and 89.4 at the middle school level in 2015-16.

During an Aug. 27 board of education meeting, John M. Stumbo Principal Donna Robinson talked about things her school does to improve test scores.

She said the school has an "intentional focus" to reduce novice test scores, and talked about benchmark exams the school gives to students throughout the year and how those benchmark tests "mirror the state testing." She also talked about weekly meetings

held with staff to review student data to plan ways to help students improve.

She also talked about the school's Response to Intervention (RTI) program, which helps students who are struggling, pointing out that it was recognized as a model in Kentucky. The KDE audit cited numerous violations, district-wide, in the RTI program.

"We were the number one middle school in 2015 and 2016, and in 2018, we were the number one middle school in Kentucky in achievement, which I think, to me, is the most important category," Robinson told the board of education. "I know we're getting away from numbering, but nonetheless, these are some of our accolades."

The school's outdoor sign welcomes visitors by letting them know the school is "1st in the state."

Robinson's presentation noted a special needs population of 20.5 percent, but the state's online data reported a much higher percentage for this school during the most recently-reported testing year.

The school's special needs population has increased from 20.8 percent in 2012-2013, to 27.2 percent in 2014-15 and to 26.5 percent in 2015-2016, the two years it ranked first among all other middle schools in Kentucky.

Last year, KDE reports nearly one third of Stumbo students were special needs, reporting a special needs population of 31.9 percent.

This week, Larry Begley, the district's director of special education, reported the total number of special needs children in the district has increased to 1,300.

Planning the road forward

The special needs audit was not addressed at the board of education meeting on Monday, but Adkins responded to Robinson's presentation by emphasizing something he said earlier in the day during an interview about the audit, talking about how students are more than test scores and by teaching kids to be successful in life, the test scores will improve.

Adkins told the Chronicle and Times that the district did not refute any of the findings in the KDE audit, and he praised district staff for the work that he has seen happening in the district. District staff have created a corrective action plan, as required by KDE, and Adkins vowed to follow that plan, and laws, "to the letter."

The district has already implemented several recommendations in that plan, as reported on Wednesday, and the state is eager to help implement those corrective actions.

Kentucky Department of Education Interim Commissioner Wayne Lewis issued a statement on Wednesday regarding the audit, saying that agency looks forward to working with Floyd County to address the deficiencies.

He said in the state-

ment, "The Floyd County schools Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Report of Findings is the culmination of an IDEA monitoring visit undertaken by Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) staff, and was prompted by allegations raised by parents and local agencies that the district was failing to comply with the federal IDEA and its implementing regulations. The monitoring activities substantiated violations of the IDEA and also revealed inappropriate state assessment practices, as well as facility deficiencies for alternative schools and programs. KDE leadership is committed to ensuring all students with disabilities are provided a free, appropriate public education (FAPE). We consider it a top priority to protect the needs of our most vulnerable students in Floyd County and across the Commonwealth. We look forward to working with Floyd County school officials to address the deficiencies identified in the Report of Findings."

Lewis talked about the need to "shift education dialogue" to career preparedness and student needs during his State of Education address this week, reporting that less than 10,000 of the 37,000 students who graduated in 2010 now have an industry certificate or college degree.

"That is simply unacceptable," he said. "There will be more than 400,000 job openings in Kentucky over the next

five years, and more than 36 percent of those jobs require some training beyond high school."

Although board members did not discuss the audit publicly on Monday, a presentation held during the meeting shed some light on Floyd County's plans to move the district forward.

Begley and Tonya Conn gave a presentation about a special needs program the district hopes to implement. The district plans to apply for the Community Work Transition Program through the Kentucky Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, an agency that is geared to help people with special needs find employment.

Through this program, Floyd County high school students who have an IEP will be eligible to work with an employment specialist at various businesses. Conn reported that several local businesses have already expressed interest to allow these students to work with them, stocking shelves or doing other things under the supervision of a job coach.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation is expected to reimburse the district to hire an employment specialist/job coach.

Begley said more 400 high school students in Floyd County will qualify because they have an IEP. He said there are so many special needs students who qualify, the district could hire two job coaches and the program would sustain itself.

Begley said the most important part of the work transition program, for him as special needs director, is called the ESAR, Employability Skills Attainment Report.

"What we do know about our accountability system, is very wishy-washy, some may, some may not...but this will be a part of our accountability, what I'm going to speak to you about," Begley said. "That's Employability Skills Attainment Report. That will be part of our accountability, and it affects our children with special needs, of which there are 1,300 kids in our school district with documented disability. That is so much larger because we're a much larger school district than some of our neighbors that in fact, I'll probably approach Mr. Adkins about speaking with the board with the opportunity on this one. It says a job coach. I think the number of students in Floyd County warrants two job coaches."

That number shocked board of education Chairperson Sherry Robinson, who told Begley "you have blown me away" with the report that 400 high school students qualify for this program.

Board members talked favorably about the program and the need to implement it quickly so job coaches can get training. Adkins said the program will be a good opportunity for students.

The matter was tabled, however, as Dr. Chandra Varia requested more time to review it.

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faces no new or similar violations within the next 12 months.

These charges are among two others that were filed in Floyd District Court recently against people accused of growing marijuana.

Earlier this month, the KSP charged Eric Lee Meade, 36, of Print-

er, and Lequita S. Robinson, 45, of Hunter, with misdemeanor charges of cultivating marijuana less than five plants.

The KSP alleged to

have found four marijuana plants growing at Meade's residence and two plants growing in Robinson's garden.

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EDITORIAL

Audit shows Floyd Schools just at the beginning of a long and painful change

Today, we thank the Kentucky Department of Education's Division of Learning Services for investigating allegations related to special needs services in Floyd County schools.

The audit started with complaints alleging that the district was not complying with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act.

Thanks to the people who work in that KDE division, we now know there were numerous findings of noncompliance and "systemic violations," including findings that the district "employed numerous inappropriate practices" to sign students up for special education so they can receive extra help on state tests.

Thanks to that department, we now understand, clearly, the finding that, "special education was sought as a substitute for appropriate instruction" in Floyd County.

Thanks to them, we know that Floyd County students without disabilities were signed up for special education, as the audit said, just so they could get help on the state test.

We are shocked and appalled at what this audit brought to light.

In 2014, 2015 and

2016, we watched the Floyd County Schools District celebrate its assessment honors. We turned out for those celebrations, too, as thousands of people piled into the Prestonsburg High School gym to scream and shout and wave their school colors, to walk up the rolled-out carpet as the music played to accept their School of Distinction honors — banners that are still proudly displayed today in schools and at the district's central office.

In 2016, the district earned its third District of Distinction honor in a row, and it had a whopping 12 schools standing proudly among the School of Distinction ranks.

These weren't just honors for these schools and their staff. They brought pride to the entire county. We were ranked sixth in the state. How could a community not be proud of such an accomplishment?

But the audit calls all that into question. Did our students achieve? Absolutely. Do we have a true measure of where they're at? No. And that's the real damage here.

After listening to the principal of the county's top middle school emphasize how her school earned such high test scores this week, Super-

intendent Danny Adkins said Floyd County students are more than just test scores, talking about how it's more important to teach children to be successful in life. He said teaching kids that way will increase test scores in the long run.

Former education Commissioner Dr. Stephen Pruitt made similar comments when he held a town hall forum in Prestonsburg in May 2017 to get input during the development of the state's new accountability system — which, thankfully, will not rank schools. Pruitt told Floyd County teachers, "Don't let the test be the tail that wags the dog."

"It's time for us to get back to where we were, in realizing the power that a teacher has in the lives of their students," he said. "We don't want our kids to graduate and go on a job interview and when the job interviewer says, 'What's your best, what's your strength?' We don't want the answer to be, 'Well, I can take a test.' We want them to be able to be much greater than that."

These children are our future.

What they learn today is what moves Eastern Kentucky into tomorrow. If we don't give them the education they need,

our future will follow the same pothole-ridden, dirt road excuses path that has already led so many of our residents into poverty.

Worse than that, it will lead them into a world where they don't believe in themselves, where they won't believe that they, through their own intelligence and ingenuity, can step up and build the future Eastern Kentucky needs.

Eastern Kentucky cannot survive without a good educational backbone.

The people in the Floyd County Schools District who are responsible for this travesty — this "systemic" culture of misplaced priorities — they should be ashamed of themselves.

But this isn't about blame as much as it is about what needs to be fixed.

And the main change needed in Floyd County is a priority adjustment.

We don't care about how our district ranks alongside other Kentucky schools on the state test. And we guarantee you, not a single Floyd County parent (who isn't a district employee) cares, either.

These students who were shuffled into special education programs, as alleged in this audit, to

boost district test scores have learned a valuable lesson, for sure.

The ones without disabilities who had no recourse but to accept special ed even when they didn't need it — they know that it happened. They know they didn't need the extra help. If these allegations are true, if that really did happen in our schools to our students, then those students have learned that doing something like that is okay. And, worse yet, they've learned that if you do something back-handed like this well enough, you'll get rewarded for it.

Adkins said the district is "putting our head down," and has pledged to this newspaper that the district will fix the problems. And with all the cards on the table now, we ask that Adkins stick with that pledge.

While there's no evidence that any of the violations have happened during his brief time in the Floyd Schools Central Office, he and his administration will be tasked with cleaning up the mess.

Heads down and moving forward are the only way we can progress. But, in order to do that, we must prevent the past mistakes and former attitudes from be-

ing repeated. The administration has a tough job ahead of them and we, and the community, are watching.

It's painful when a festering wound is brought into the light, but we've begun the process of identifying the problems, now it's time for healing.

That process, too, is going to be long and painful, but at the end is the possibility of a healthier school district and healthier future.

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FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Benjamin Paul Johnson

Benjamin Paul Johnson, 43, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, August 28, 2018.

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



James W. Meade

James W. Meade, 51, of Printer, passed away unexpectedly on July 6, 2018, following a sudden illness. James was a 1984 graduate of McDowell High School, McDowell, where he graduated with honors. He was a skilled diesel mechanic and began working in the field immediately after high school.

During his 34-year tenure, he received many advanced certifications. James worked for the Floyd County Board of Education as a diesel mechanic at the transportation garage for the early part of his career.

Over the past 20 years, James worked for electrical contractors (Pike Electric, T & D Electric and Par Electrical Contractors), as a field foreman supervising and working with service crews throughout the southeastern United States.

His job allowed him to travel weekly and he

regularly spoke about the many places visited over the years. At the time of his death, James had just started a new position with Par Electrical Contractors and joined the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 71, in Columbus, Ohio.

On weekends, James could often be found in his garage working on various projects. He took particular pride in teaching his son and others his mechanical knowledge and passed on his love for anything with an engine. He resided near the family property at Spurlock and enjoyed the outdoors and visiting the mountains there, which will continue to be a special place for his family.

James was preceded in death by his father Walter Meade and grandparents, Charles and Dorothy Roberts Meade of Printer and Oliver and Stella Ramey Martin of Drift. James is survived by his wife of 23 years, Kimberly Martin Meade of Printer; a daughter, Jamie (James) Wicker of Cannonsburg; a son Brandon Meade (fiancé Nicole Revis) of Printer; a step daughter, Amber (Mike) Lowe of Prestonsburg; his mother Dollie Martin Meade of Printer; three sisters, Alesia Meade of Printer, Tammy (Chris) Ensslin of Lexington and Kimberly Meade of Lexington; four grandchildren who called him "pap" (Jaxon, Taryn, Max and Brantley) and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin. This is a paid obituary.

may be soliciting local citizens and businesses for support, claiming the donation promotes or is related to extra-curricular activities" at the school.

"If you have been approached by someone claiming to be representing the school or by someone claiming to be a parent of a student requesting donations to support these activities; Administrators and Staff request that you contact the school to confirm that your donation for support was received as you intended."

Floyd County District Judge Eric Hall referred the case to the grand jury on Tuesday, Aug. 27, following a preliminary hearing that included Tussey's testimony.

Ray posted a \$25,000 surety bond. She was ordered to have no further violations of the law and to attend all court hearings.



Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo

The former location of St. James Episcopal Church, located at one of the entrances to Big Sandy Community & Technical College's Prestonsburg campus, will be demolished to provide green space for the college, officials announced this week.

Former church to be torn down in P'burg

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Big Sandy Community and Technical College announced this week that it will tear down the former St. James Episcopal Church.

The college purchased the church in June for \$310,000 from the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, Floyd County deed records show.

The college sent out a press release this week, describing the church as its "closest neighbor" on the Prestonsburg campus, praising the church

for serving students and the community through the Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry.

"While the BSCTC community was saddened to lose a wonderful neighbor, the College is looking to the future and is excited about the opportunity to grow its Prestonsburg Campus," the press release said.

St. James Episcopal Church, constructed in 1973 and renovated in 2003, is located on a corner lot of the Prestonsburg Campus, at E. Porter St. and University Drive.

"Though the college hoped to utilize the building in some capacity, during the inspection it was determined that in order to bring the building up to applicable codes and regulations, it would cost several hundred thousands of dollars for any type of occupancy," the press release said. "The college will soon begin the demolition, using a local contractor, and will look for ways to utilize the property for the benefit of the students and the community."

BSCTC President/CEO Dr. Sherry Zylka said the

former church will provide more green space for the college.

"With this property being adjacent to the college, we wanted to secure that location to provide more green space for the college property now and consideration for other use in the future," she said in the statement.

St. James Episcopal Church moved to South Central Avenue, the same street as the county courthouse, this summer and moved its pantry to that location.

Several charged in Floyd District Court

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

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

Felony cases filed

Joshua Williams, age unavailable, of Harold; flagrant nonsupport

Rebecca Shepherd, 36, of Leesburg, Va.; custodial interference

James Adkins, 51, of Harold; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

James Keens, 36, of Hi Hat; flagrant nonsupport

Tommi Sue Ray, 32, of David; theft by deception, second-degree forgery

Anthony M. Lange, 22, of Winchester; driving under the influence, open alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle, first-degree fleeing/evading police, failure to maintain insurance, no license, driving on a suspended or revoked license, no registration receipt, possession of drug paraphernalia, reckless driving, no registration plates

Mickey Lee Thacker, 46, of Kimper; fugitive

Misdemeanor cases filed

Jeffery R. Kimmel, 26, of address unknown; fourth-degree assault

David Ousley, 53, of Prestonsburg; violation of an emergency protection order

Danny Hall, 52, of Harold; violation of an emergency protection order

Christopher G. Gurner, 46, of Drift; cultivating marijuana under five plants

Ricky L. Prater, 60, of Hueysville; cultivating marijuana under five plants

Daniel Ramey, age unavailable, of Garrett; theft by unlawful taking

Jeffrey Robinette, 33, of Tram; fourth-degree assault

Larry Robinette, 39, of Tram; menacing, possession of drug paraphernalia

Phillip M. Hagans, 34, of David; harassment

Adam L. Curtis, 33, address unavailable; failure to produce insurance card, no registration receipt, license to be in possession

Trenton Ward, 45, of Martin; violation of an emergency protection order

Mark Parsons, 20, of Allen; harassment

Joan Lee Hall, 42, of Bevinsville; cultivating marijuana under five plants

Melvin J. Lewis, 23, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Jeffery R. Richardson, 31, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, first-degree disorderly conduct

Katherine Stephens, 38, of Prestonsburg; alcohol intoxication in a public place, resisting arrest, second-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal mischief

Bill Whitaker, 43, of Langley; public intoxication of a controlled substance

James Slone, 54, of Prestonsburg; second-degree disorderly conduct, second-degree fleeing/evading police, resisting arrest, alcohol intoxication in a public place

Jacob Henson, 22, of East Point; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Anthony Ray Wright, 25, of Martin; carrying a concealed deadly weapon, public intoxication of

a controlled substance

Eddie Jones, 35, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Jonie Isaac Jr.; age and address unavailable; third-degree terroristic threatening, harassment

Penny Bush, 51, of Harold; harassing communications

Kelsey D. Burchett, 18, of West Van Lear; second-degree cruelty to animals

Benjamin Samons, 31, of Martin; second-degree criminal trespass

Lashanda Amelia Webb; 28, of Van Lear; theft (shoplifting)

Randy N. Duncan, 24, of Estill; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Tasha R. Williams, 28, of Paintsville; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Samuel Dale Howell, 39, of Martin; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Hunter Ford, 20, of Louisville; driving under the influence, possession of marijuana

Teresa Samons Isaac, 52, of Kite; third-degree terroristic threatening

Mary Mullins, 35, of Melvin; third-degree terroristic threatening, harassment

Charles Spurlock, 64, of Endicott; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Sherry Charles, 46, of Betsy Layne; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Lawsuits filed

Bettie Moore vs. Kyle Brumfield, Sarah Slone; Cabinet for Health and Family Services; petition for custody

Sharon Kay Elliott vs. Vernon Elliott; divorce

Darreeus Trammell vs. Latasha Trammell; divorce

Selene Finance LP vs. Barbara A. Ferrell, Ottis B. Slone and their unknown spouses, US Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; foreclosure

Appalachian Investments LLC vs. Eunice Walker and her unknown spouse and heirs, Taxco LLC; foreclosure

Lillian Hopkins, Kentucky Department of Income Support vs. Joshua Hopkins; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Nadia A. Hatfield, Kentucky Department of Income Support vs. Cameron M. Butler; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Community Trust Bank vs. Stuart Isaac; complaint concerning contract

Daletta Lynn Boyd vs. Jeffrey Wayne Boyd; divorce

Portfolio Recovery Association vs. Scott Owens; complaint concerning contract

Angela Emmons vs. M&M Properties; property rights dispute

Homer Todd Smith vs. Kimberly Smith; divorce

Ashley Gregory Vs. Eddie Dwayne Ramey; petition for custody

Kentucky Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company, A/S/O Martin Darby vs. Jeremy Shane David, Robert D. Miller and unknown defendant; personal injury complaint

James Edward Clay vs. Teresa Lynn Clay; divorce

Jennifer Lynn Howard vs. Norman Earl Johnson; divorce

Capital One Bank vs. Sherry Bowman; complaint concerning contract

Charles Hackworth, as next friend to another person; vs. Paul Johnson; personal injury complaint

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

STOLE

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Tussey arrested Tommi Sue Ray, 32, of David last week, charging her with theft by deception under \$500, a misdemeanor and second-degree forgery, a Class D felony.

According to the arrest warrant, Ray "unlawfully collected checks from multiple local businesses under the guise" of raising funds for the PES cheerleading team.

Tussey alleges that "rather than give these checks to the school," Ray "cashed the checks herself and kept the money."

The forgery charge came, Tussey claims, because she altered a check by writing her name on the "pay to the order of" line.

PES officials warned the public about the alleged crime with a social media post on Aug. 22, reporting that "someone

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FAITH

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Persevere and be rewarded

But as for you, be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded.
— 2 Chronicles 15:7

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.
— James 1:12

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.
— Matthew 6:33

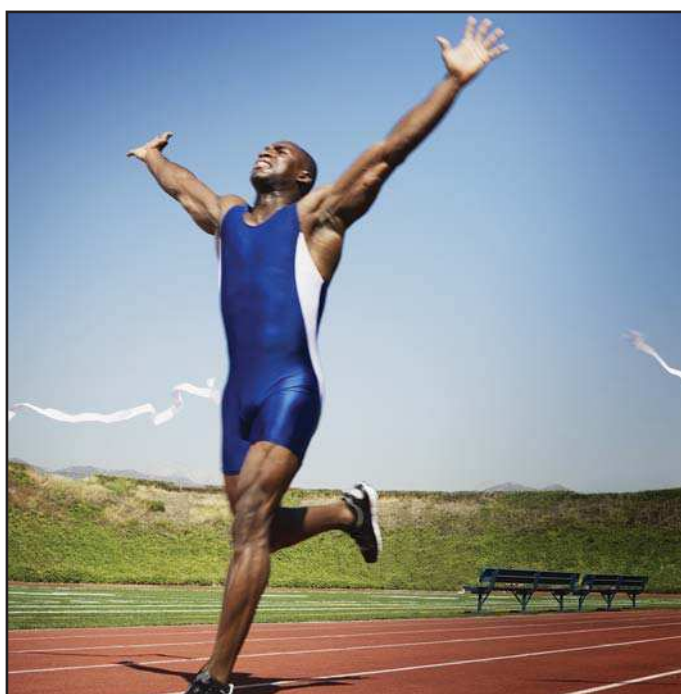
And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.
— Philippians 4:19

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.
— 1 Corinthians 9:24

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
— Matthew 11:28

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

The name of the Lord is a fortified tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.
— Proverbs 18:10

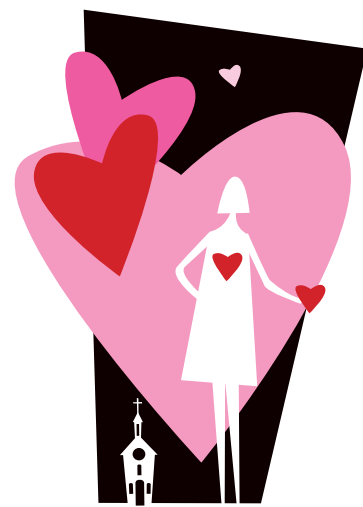


The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.
— Exodus 14:14

Thus you will walk in the ways of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous. For the upright will live in the land, and the blameless will remain in it; but the wicked will be cut off from the land, and the unfaithful will be torn from it.
— Proverbs 2:20-22

Against the philosophers

Philosophy, or intellectual inquiry and criticism, has its place in a well-ordered mind, and in civil society as well. But philosophical analysis is often inferior to experience and intuition in the spiritual realm. The French philosopher Blaise Pascal perhaps put it best: "The heart has its reasons, which reason does not know. We feel it in a thousand things. It is the heart which experiences God, and not the reason. This, then, is faith: God felt by the heart, not by the reason." Pascal is famous for his work in mathematics and philosophy, but he had a brush with death at the age of 31 which is sometimes linked to his religious views. The experience occurred when the horses pulling his carriage went over the side of a bridge. Pascal was thrown from the carriage, and wasn't badly hurt, but the carriage hung precariously over the edge of the bridge. A few weeks after this experience, Pascal had a religious vision, which he recorded on parchment and kept with him always (sewn into his clothes) and which was only discovered upon his death. The parchment said "Fire. God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, not of the philosophers and the scholars... I will not forget thy word. Amen." Pascal realized that intuition and direct experience are often superior to reason. The Irish philosopher and bishop, George Berkeley, said of philosophers "We have first raised a dust and then complain we cannot see." Philosophize as you will but learn from your heart as well as from your mind.
— Christopher Simon



"But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. But whoever loves God is known by God."
—1 Corinthians 8:1-3 NIV

Ruling: Roundup responsible for cancer



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

"Two companies. Two robust product portfolios. Two research and development pipelines. Now, Advancing Together as one." Bayer's website reads. "At Bayer, we're a responsible global team working to shape agriculture through breakthrough innovation for the benefit of farmers, consumers and our planet." Oh, what a web we weave.

Most of us are familiar with Bayer as a medical company. They are the makers of Afrin, Aleve, Alka-Seltzer, Aspirin, Claritin, Coopertone, Dr. Scholl's and MiraLax, just to name a few. I'm sure you've heard of some of these products. Bayer has widened their reach by recently purchasing Monsanto, an agro-chemical company, for \$66 million. The buyout was finalized in June and Bayer is currently in the process of integrating the two companies together.

The name Monsanto might not be as familiar with you. They're the makers of glyphosate, which is the weed killing chemical found in Roundup. Ring any bells? You might find a bottle of Roundup in your own home if you've been trying to kill unwanted grass or weeds. Since its patent expired in 2000, the chemical is now sold by various manufacturers and is found in more than 750 products, according to BBC. Now Roundup's main ingredient glyphosate has been making headlines.

On August 10, De-

Wayne Johnson, a 46-year-old former groundskeeper, won a lawsuit against Monsanto. Johnson claimed that Monsanto's Roundup weed killer caused his cancer. "The California school groundskeeper sprayed a high-concentration version of the product around school property between 20 and 30 times a year over the course of about four years. Twice, he accidentally got drenched in the herbicide, he testified during his trial. Two years into his time as groundskeeper, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and, later, with a more aggressive form of the cancer," Fox News reports. Johnson's doctors say he has only months to live.

"We were finally able to show the jury the secret, internal Monsanto documents proving that Monsanto has known for decades that ... Roundup could cause cancer," Johnson's lawyer Brent Wisner said in a statement. The verdict, he added, sent a "message to Monsanto that its years of deception regarding Roundup is over and that they should put consumer safety first over profits."

After a month-long trial in San Francisco, the jury awarded Johnson \$289 million and ruled that Monsanto was "responsible for 'negligent failure' and knew or should have known that its product was 'dangerous,'" reports The Guardian. "During the lengthy trial, the plaintiff's attorneys brought forward internal emails from Monsanto executives that they said demonstrated how the corporation repeatedly ignored experts' warnings, sought favorable scientific analyses and helped to 'ghostwrite' research that encouraged continued usage." In other words, Monsanto intentionally covered up their own internal findings about the

harmful effects of Roundup and released only "good" results so they could continue to sell their product — indeed putting profits over people.

Monsanto plans on appealing the ruling. The company maintains that glyphosate is safe citing its approval by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). However, not all agree. Scientists in California labeled glyphosate as a carcinogen and the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer concluded that it was "probably carcinogenic to humans" in 2015. Some countries and regions have banned its use in public parks and gardens. And ironically enough, Center for Food Safety science policy analyst Bill Freese states, "EPA found glyphosate could possibly cause cancer in the 1980s, then was strong-armed into reversing its position by Monsanto." The company has been lying for decades, thickening its tangled web of deceitfulness.

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Have you been duped by Monsanto's lies? Roundup is used on crops, meaning that glyphosate is found in the food we purchase. The Environmental Work Group (EWG) released an independent lab study which found glyphosate in oat products. Forty-five samples were tested with

43 containing glyphosate, 31 of which were above the EWG's child-protection benchmark of 160 pounds per billion. Products containing high levels of glyphosate included: Quaker Dinosaur Eggs Brown Sugar Oatmeal, Cheerios Toasted Whole Grain Oat Cereal, Lucky Charms, Nature Valley Crunchy Granola Bars Oats 'n Honey and Quaker Old Fashioned Oats.

Chief Executive Officer Werner Baumann of Bayer AG, told Bloomberg the jury was wrong. At the end of July (before the court ruling) over 8,000 lawsuits had been filed over glyphosate. "Baumann said on the conference call that he is confident Bayer's legal resources will help it defend glyphosate and that any appeal in the Roundup case will likely take 'a year or longer.' The company isn't earmarking any funds to settle Roundup cases," Bloomberg reports.

Bayer calls themselves a responsible company. 'Responsible' companies do not lie to people. 'Responsible' companies do not hide unfavorable scientific findings nor sell products they know contain cancer-causing chemicals.

'Responsible' companies do not put profit over people. I know the act is commonplace. I know that Monsanto/Bayer is not the only company that does this. It's in our own backyard. Profit over people is practiced by some of the companies we personally come into contact with. But have no fear, those who make such decisions have already decided their fate. "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord (Romans 12:19)." Companies will continue to abuse people, but in the end, they will reap the consequences. No sickness or cancer will be scarier than falling into the hands of an angry God.

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‘Night of Appalachian Storytelling’ next weekend

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
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Big Sandy Community and Technical College and the Mountain Arts Center will host the first-ever Night of Appalachian Storytelling at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Gearheart Auditorium, located on the college’s Prestonsburg campus.

The event is presented by Gearheart Communications and Appalachian Wireless. Admission is \$5 for adults and free to children under the age of 12.

Tammy Ball, LCSW, professor of human services and division chair for social and behavioral sciences at BSCTC, is a member of the Kentucky Storytelling Association and came up with the idea of a local event after attending the association’s annual conference at Cumberland Park State Resort Park earlier this



Hilarie Spangler

year.

“As a social worker and someone who loves Appalachia, I have always been enamored by the rich history and culture that is found in the mountains and valleys we call home,” said Ball. “We can all relate to family stories and tales passed down from generation to generation. I wanted to have a night that celebrated our culture and our stories, and I want to provide an opportunity for people to hear some



Ray Mendenhall

of the best storytellers in Appalachia close to home.”

Storytellers participating in this event include Karen Dollinger, Ray Mendenhall and Hilarie Spangler.

Dollinger is an assistant professor of Spanish at the University of Pikeville and has performed in events such as the Ohio State University Medieval and Renaissance Fair, various libraries and historical reenactment events as an Irish bard.

Her repertoire includes medieval stories, Irish, English and Eastern European folktales, ghost stories, Ohio history stories and stories from Spain and Mexico.

Mendenhall comes from a family of storytellers.

In 2000, he began storytelling professionally and has been telling in venues across North and South Carolina and Kentucky ever since.

“Following the ‘jolly man’ tradition, Menden-



Karen Dollinger

hall spins folk tales, fairy tales and tall tales from many places along with original stories, home-grown humor and traditional folksongs and campfire ditties into a celebration of the storytelling art.

His infectious humor and easy style have engaged audiences in festivals, schools, libraries, churches, civic organizations and workshops,” a press release from the MAC said.

He has performed at

both the North Carolina and Kentucky state fairs and won gold and bronze medals for music in the NC State Senior Games Performance Arts Finals. In 2009, he won first place in the Bold-faced Liars Showdown in Laurinburg, NC.

Spangler is a musician, visual artist, director, producer and activist interested in the connection between rural and urban and international art practice.

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Dream Center opens doors in Pikeville

**By JOSH LITTLE
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS**

PIKEVILLE — The East Kentucky Dream Center (EKDC) partnered with Trinity Harvest Church in Pikeville to open its doors to the public Wednesday.

The nonprofit organization held a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside of its Pikeville facility Wednesday afternoon. Following the ceremony, guests were invited into the facility to tour the center, view the center’s community closet and to enjoy a hot meal.

Richard Holmes, pastor at Trinity Harvest Church and EKDC founder, said the Dream Center was an initiative that started with the church but is a separate nonprofit organization. He said the Dream Center started out of a need for the church to serve its community.

“We found a great partner in the Los Angeles Dream Center and we have connected with them and have been able to incorporate proven principles and a heart for reaching hurting people,” said Holmes.

The first Dream Center opened its doors in Los Angeles in 1995. Its mission,

according to its website, is to connect broken people to a community of support by offering free resources and services that address immediate and long-term needs in the areas of poverty, addiction and abuse.

“We’re very excited about our opening today,” said Holmes. “This is an opportunity for people to cross all of the different walls and lines that may keep us disconnected, but to come together and really make a difference in the lives of individuals in our community.”

The EKDC offers an array of services and resources to recipients, all of which are free. In addition to the resources being free, the center plans to make the process of obtaining the resources as discrete as possible. Those who receive clothing from the center’s community closet are asked to schedule a time to do so.

“You just make an appointment, come in, pick out your clothing — it’s just like going shopping. It’s completely confidential; if you’re in there and I’m in there, we’re not going to see each other,”

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Appalachian Newspapers photo by Josh Little

Volunteers at the East Kentucky Dream Center help volunteers sign the guest book at the center’s grand opening Wednesday.



From left, Richard Holmes, pastor of Trinity Harvest Church and founder of the East Kentucky Dream Center, Kim May-Downey, Pikeville city commissioner and Rachel Dotson, EKDC executive director, cut the ribbon at the grand opening ceremony of the EKDC held Wednesday afternoon.

Appalachian Newspapers photo by Josh Little

Big Sandy CTC golf scramble raises \$20K



Submitted photo

Prestonsburg’s team, with members Bryan Johnson, Josh Roberts, Eddie Rose and Whitie Meek, won the William G. Duke Golf Scramble. They are pictured here with Big Sandy Community & Technical College President/CEO Dr. Sherry Zylka.

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD
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The Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, Inc. and Big Sandy Community and Technical College hosted the annual William G. Duke Golf Scramble at StoneCrest Golf Course this month.

The event to raised over \$20,000, which will benefit the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation, Inc. Golfers were welcomed by BSCTC President/CEO Dr. Sherry Zylka.

“We appreciate everyone’s support for the William G. Duke Golf Scramble,” said Dr. Zylka.

Eleven teams played in the golf scramble, which is played annually in memory of William G. Duke. Duke served as special projects coordinator at the college from 2004 until his death in 2012.

Golfers this year had the opportunity to win a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu, donated by Pop’s Chevrolet. Prestonsburg’s team, comprised of members Bryan Johnson, Josh Roberts, Eddie Rose and Whitie Meek took home the win with a score of 19 under par.

Second place, Turner Technology, Inc. with a score of 18 under par

and in third place, Eclipse Collieries with a 17 under par.

Rick Keene won the door prize, a Yeti cooler donated by ViaMedia.

The tournament was sponsored by Kentucky Power, Booth Energy, Appalachian Wireless, Hutch Auto Group and McDonald’s of East Kentucky, Pop’s Chevrolet Buick Cadillac and the Duke family, who provided lunch.

For more information on the William G. Duke Golf Scramble, or giving opportunities at BSCTC, contact Kelli Ayers at, (606) 886-7358, or email, kayers0006@kctcs.edu.

Big Sandy Trail Ride this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Horse enthusiasts will flock to the German Bridge Campground this weekend for the 12th annual Fall Trail Ride.

The event, hosted by the Big Sandy Trail Riders Club, will be held Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 at the campground.

Janice Allen, president of the Big Sandy Trail Riders Club, said she expects up to 200 people to participate in the trial ride.

Visitors travel from several states to partici-

pate in one or both of the club's annual trail rides each year.

Admission is only \$5 for the ride for those age 13 and older.

Guided rides will be offered.

Campsites with electric hook-ups are \$30 for Friday through Sunday.

Primitive camping is available for \$7.50 for the weekend.

Guests may also rent barn stalls for horses at \$12.50 per night.

For more information, visit, germanbridge-campground.com, or call, (606) 874-1150.



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EKDC volunteers serve homemade chicken casserole to visitors at the center Wednesday. The center offers free hot meals to anyone and everyone each Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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In her studies, she has conducted research in both the arts and in community development as seen throughout her undergraduate thesis entitled "The Art of Connecting," which studies creating economic structures with the foundation in community arts initiatives to support community development and cultural identity.

She most recently is credited with co-founding and acting as a lead artist on a new project called Crossroads Lab.

This lab is an interdisciplinary, first-voice exploration of 21st century Appalachian identity in live performance.

Other notable work includes working with South Central Music and Arts as a piano and vocal instructor, working with HERE Arts Center and the PROTOTYPE: Opera, Theatre, Now Festival in NYC.

Spangler has told stories in various settings, including her own workshops, in Northern Ireland and in the Moth's Young Women's Voices festival.

She will be joining the board of the Kentucky Storytelling Association and is a Peace Corps Campus Ambassador for Western Kentucky University.

Tickets are on sale now at the MAC, by calling, 1-888-MAC-ARTS, or online at, macarts.com. Tickets will also be available at the event.

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said Rachel Dotson, EKDC's executive director.

Dotson said the closet has been up and running for a few months. The center's kitchen will provide free hot meals twice per week, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays.

"It's all free of charge," said Dotson. "No questions, no requirements, just come on in."

Dotson said the services provided by the center will give people a "hand up" when it's needed.

"A lot of people in this area live paycheck to paycheck," she said. "A lot of people who have

government assistance run out before the end of the month. They're hungry. We want to show them God's grace and God's love and tell them to come on in, and have a hot meal on us."

Although Holmes and Dotson are both affiliated with Trinity Harvest Church, Dotson said the opportunity to help with the center is not limited to one church or denomination.

"We welcome all churches, we welcome all religions; high school groups, college students. Anyone that wants to help," said Dotson.

Dotson said she hopes that, as the program grows and volunteers join the cause, the hot meals will be provided daily.



Appalachian Newspapers photo by Josh Little

A visitor looks through the East Kentucky Dream Center's community closet. Interested persons can make appointments to receive clothing from the closet by contacting the center at, (606) 454-EKDC. Volunteers with the center wanted to make the process of obtaining clothing from the closet as confidential and discreet as possible.

The center is open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and by appointment. Those interested in services or volunteering can contact the center at, (606) 454-EKDC, or contact Dotson by email at, rachel.ekdc@gmail.com.



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the same as last year, at 69.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value on real property and at 55.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value on personal property (vehicles).

The decision came what appeared to be a reluctant recommendation from the school district's Finance Director Matt Wireman.

Wireman explained that county's certified tax assessment declined again this year, but noted the decrease wasn't as large as last year.

"Once again, the assessed values for real and personal properties declined," he said. "We took a big hit last year. The board stood up and took a compensating rate last year, so we would maintain our revenue. Once again, it decreased this time, but it was, while it's significant, it's no where near as significant as it was last year."

The county's total equalized assessment — which combines state assessments for the value of unmined coal, oil and gas with property assessed by the Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator — decreased by more than \$222 million from 2016 to 2017. This year, the assessment dropped another \$24.3 million for a total loss of \$246.7 million since 2016.

Wireman said if the board accepted the compensating tax rate — a rate that allows it to receive about the same amount of tax revenues as the prior year — it would have increased taxes about 1.4 cents per \$100 of assessed value.

"Given the way the calculation runs, if we keep the same rate as we did last year, it could potentially mean about \$175,000 loss in revenue this year," Wireman said.

Board Chairperson Sherry Robinson asked, "\$175,000 loss?"

"Yes," Wireman said. "Compared to last year's amount of revenue that we collected. We don't collect 100 percent. It generally runs in the nineties."

He said the number varies because of the collection rate and because some people pay taxes prior to the deadline to get a discount.

"But, after discussions with the superintendent, and others, while this goes against what a school finance officer should and would (recommend)," Wireman said.

He was interrupted by Superintendent Danny Adkins, who joked, "It hurts him."

Wireman continued, "And, it hurts me from a financial standpoint. I also have to deal with these kind of things from a personal level...We've done really well in the past years. We've been very efficient. We continue to do things that are not popular, like consolidate schools, that does reduce costs. We should be able to absorb the \$175,000 loss this year throughout the budget, keep the rates the same,

take less money out of the people out in the community, and still provide the same services that we always provide."

The school district is Floyd County's highest taxing district. Robinson explained why during the meeting.

"I wanted to point out that we are one of, I think, seven districts in the state of Kentucky — we have 174 districts — that do not have a utility tax," she said. "So, other districts surrounding us are able to collect, on top of property tax, a utility tax. So, that is how they are able to keep their property taxes down."

Wireman said a lot of districts chose not to take the compensating rate like Floyd County did last year.

"But, once again, they have a utility tax to fall back on," Robinson said, pointing out that a utility tax would be subject to recall.

Wireman said when the district evaluated the possibility of a utility tax years ago and estimated it would bring \$2 million in revenues to the district.

"Doing that could have brought down the real property rate quite a bit," he said, calling taxes "a necessary evil."

He pointed out that the district's vehicle tax has not changed since 1983.

"Thank you, Matt, for having our backs, so we don't have to raise the rates," Board Member Linda Gearheart said.

Board Member Dr. Chandra Varia suggested that a utility tax would be more fair, pointing out that by not taxing utilities, only people who own property are paying the property tax.

School districts may impose utility license taxes on utilities, like gas, electric and water services, as well as cable services.

Locally, school districts in Johnson County, Paintsville, Perry, Pike, Letcher County, Lawrence Martin counties all have three percent utility license fee taxes in addition to other taxes they receive.

Four of nine neighboring school districts had higher property tax rates than Floyd County last year, with the highest rate in Paintsville Independent, 94.3 cents, followed by Pike County at 88.7 cents, Martin County at 80.9 cents and Pikeville Independent at 73.3 cents. Johnson County has the lowest tax rate of all of those counties, 47.3 cents.

The Kentucky Department of Revenue estimates online that the average real estate and personal property taxes imposed by all Kentucky school districts last year was around 64.8 cents per \$100 of assessed value.



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John M. Stumbo Elementary School staff honored Floyd County Board of Education member Dr. Chandra Varia for her foundation's donation during an Aug. 27 meeting. Board of education members are also pictured.

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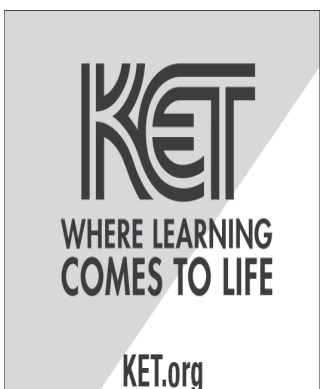
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Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

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

Judith Carol Johnson, 24, of Mousie, to Logan Wicker, 27, of Mousie

Melissa Jane Goodman, 38, of Langley, to Jerry Leslie Stanley II, 37, of Langley

Chase L. Harmon, 24, of Bevinsville, to Kristen R. Booth, 27, of Bevinsville

Keisha Ann Hamilton, 27, of Harold, to Brandon Dean Hall, 22, of Harold

Jacob Tyler Hall, 21, of Bypro, to Tabitha Renee Thomas, 24, of Ivel

Property transfers

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

Vernis Hall to Hunter Lee Kidd (Deeds Book 639; pg. 227)

Jerry Dean Newsome, Paul David Salyer, Sandra Salyer to Bayview Loan Servicing (Deeds Book 639; pg. 231)

Larry Hunter, Loretta Hunter to James D. Adkins, Joy A. Adkins (Deeds Book 639; pg. 251)

Dollie Meade to Alecia Meade (Deeds Book 639; pg. 256)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Association to Federal National Mortgage Association, Dan R. Smith, Sandra K. Smith, (Deeds Book 639; pg. 259)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Gregory A. Isaac, Jamos Fund I LP, Loru Hudson Flanery, Secretary of Finance and Administration, Commonwealth of Kentucky, Midsouth Capital, Tax Ease Lien Servicing LLC, Eliza Taylor, Pete Taylor to Bill Collins (Deeds Book 639; pg. 265)

Judith Barbita, Franklin D. Fitzpatrick, Teresa Fitzpatrick to Gayle Herald, Robert Herald; property at Spurlock

Clara Allen Martin to Ralph Martin (Deeds Book 639; pg. 276)

Dennis Crisp, Dennis Joel Crisp to Amanda Nicole Hackworth, Billie J. Wright (Deeds Book 639; pg. 282, 286)

Terry Wright to Amanda Nicole Hackworth, Billie J. Wright (Deeds Book 639; pg. 290)

Merlene Jo Dingus, Estate of Merlene Jo Dingus, Donald R. Shepherd, executor, to Amy M. Shepherd, Donald R. Shepherd, Wayne A. Shepherd (Deeds Book 639; pg. 310, 305, 320, 314, 300)

Donald R. Shepherd to Amy M. Shepherd, Donald R. Shepherd, Wayne A. Shepherd (Deeds Book 639; pg. 310)

Community Trust Bank to Tyler D. Hamilton (Deeds Book 639; pg. 324)

Robert Glen Daugherty to Debbie L. Hunt, Freddie Hunt (Deeds Book 639; pg. 328)

Diane E. Conley, Edgille C. Conley to Nelson Brothers LLC (Deeds Book 639; pg. 331)

Katherine Hightower, Todd Hightower to Aaron D. Neeley, Brittany L. Neeley (Deeds Book 639; pg. 334)

Samuel D. Sturgill to Monnette Sturgill, Roy E. Sturgill Sr. (Deeds Book 639; pg. 338)

Forrest D. Robinson, Denise Robinson, Richard D. Robinson to Calvin G. Setser, Shirley Branham Setser (Deeds Book 639; pg. 341)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC, Midland Funding, Lola Banks, Michael Banks, FIA Card Servicer, Target National Bank, to Lisa Grainger (Deeds Book 639; pg. 348)

Lynn Justice to Kelly A. Bentley (Deeds Book 639; pg. 354)

Joe David Taylor to Joe Dustin Taylor (Deeds Book 639; pg. 357)

Anthony Watkins Sr. to John W. Lackey Jr. (Deeds Book 639; pg. 363)

Stephanie Brandi Little, Patricia Morgan to Derwin C. Osborne (Deeds Book 639; pg. 366)

Joshua D. Justice, Lynn Justice to Charles R. Justice; easement (Deeds Book 639; pg. 370, 372)

Brenda Sue Miller, Danny Miller to Brenda Sue Miller, Danny Miller (Deeds Book 639; pg. 376)

Arnold Miller to Heather L. Johnson, Amy Nicole Lewis (Deeds Book 639; pg. 385)

Branch Banking and Trust Company to Graydon Morgan, Steavanie L. Morgan (Deeds Book 639; pg. 388)

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation to George M. Campbell, Linda Campbell (Deeds Book 639; pg. 392)

Carl Dudley, Kathy Dudley, Katie Dudley to Kevin Looney (Deeds Book 639; pg. 397)

Tyler Cline, Weston Cline to Haley Valentino, Joseph Valentino (Deeds Book 639; pg. 407)

Stumbo choir entertains BOE



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Students in the John M. Stumbo Elementary School choir perform during an Aug. 27 meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education. Principal Donna Robinson praised the board for providing funding for a new music program there this year.

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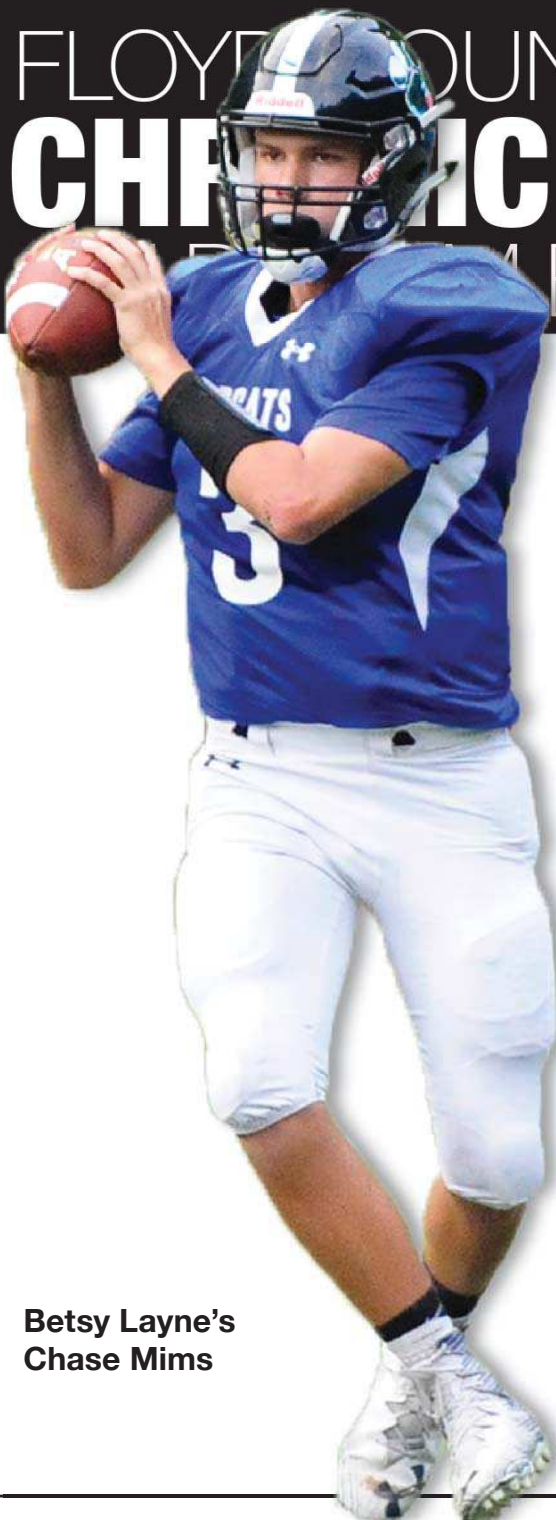
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**Betsy Layne's
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Week 2: Prep Preview

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
 SPORTS WRITER

Betsy Layne at East Carter

Who: Betsy Layne (0-2) at East Carter (2-0)

Kickoff: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Raider Stadium, Grayson

Coaches: Betsy Layne, Scotty McCoy; East Carter, Tim Champlin.

Notes: Betsy Layne will face another tough early-season test on the road in a non-district high school football game at much-improved East Carter on Friday, Aug. 31. Betsy Layne is set to hit the road for its first away game in the 2018 season.

The Bobcats are 0-2 after suffering losses to Sheldon Clark and Floyd Central.

Through two games, opponents have outscored Betsy Layne

82-14.

Freshman Chase Mims continues to settle in at quarterback for the Bobcats. Mims ranks as one of the area's top young high school football players.

Nicholas Howell has shown promise as a go-to receiver for the Bobcats.

On the ground, Austin Tackett ranks as Betsy Layne's leading rusher.

A bigger back, Quintin Adkins is another key rusher for the Bobcats.

Through two games, East Carter has outscored opponents 96-46.

With sophomore quarterback Braden Hicks leading the way, East Carter has picked up 233 yards through the air. Hicks is on pace to pass for over 1,000 yards during the 2018 season.

On the ground for the Raiders, Eric Carter has rushed 30 times for 226 yards and four touchdowns.

Defensively, East Carter has allowed only 190 rushing yards. The Raiders have given up 254 passing yards.

Matt Warren and Maxwell Shelton

lead the East Carter defensive unit with 12 tackles and 11 tackles, respectively.

In 2017, East Carter held on to beat the Bobcats 27-20.

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

Who 2 Watch: For Betsy Layne, running back Austin Tackett.

In Week 0 at Sheldon Clark, Tackett rushed for over 100 yards. Tackett will need to rush for 100-plus yards again for the Bobcats to push East Carter.

For East Carter, quarterback Braden Hicks.

Hicks has completed 12 of 24 passes for 233 yards and three touchdowns while throwing three interceptions.

The East Carter quarterback has

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By **STEVE LEMASTER**
 SPORTS WRITER

Prestonsburg at Lawrence County

Who: Prestonsburg (0-1) at Lawrence County (1-1)

Kickoff: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Luke Varney Field, Louisa.

Coaches: Prestonsburg, Brandon Brewer; Lawrence County, Alan Short.

Notes: The Prestonsburg Blackcats will have another opportunity to break into the win column on the road at Lawrence County on Friday, Aug. 31.

Prestonsburg struggled in its season opener, falling to host North Laurel on Friday, Aug. 24.

Senior running back Ethan Varney broke free to score Prestonsburg's lone touchdown in the season opener in London one week ago.

Brandon Brewer is in his first season as head coach for the Blackcats. 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.

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

Lawrence County is 1-1 after falling to Raceland then notching a win over Magoffin County in Salyersville during its latest outing. Raceland defeated Lawrence County 31-12 in a season opener on Friday Aug. 17. But the Bulldogs bounced back, beating Magoffin County 44-14 one week ago.

Through two games, Lawrence County has outscored opponents 56-45.

The Bulldogs have rolled up 527 rushing yards. Relying heavily on the run, Lawrence County has picked up only four yards through the air.

Senior quarterback Noah West has rushed 50 times for 301 yards and six touchdowns for the Bulldogs.

Second behind West in rushing for Lawrence County, Ashton Blankenship has rushed 32 times for 148 yards and one touchdown.

Kickoff for the Prestonsburg-Lawrence County football game is set for 7:30 p.m. on Fri-

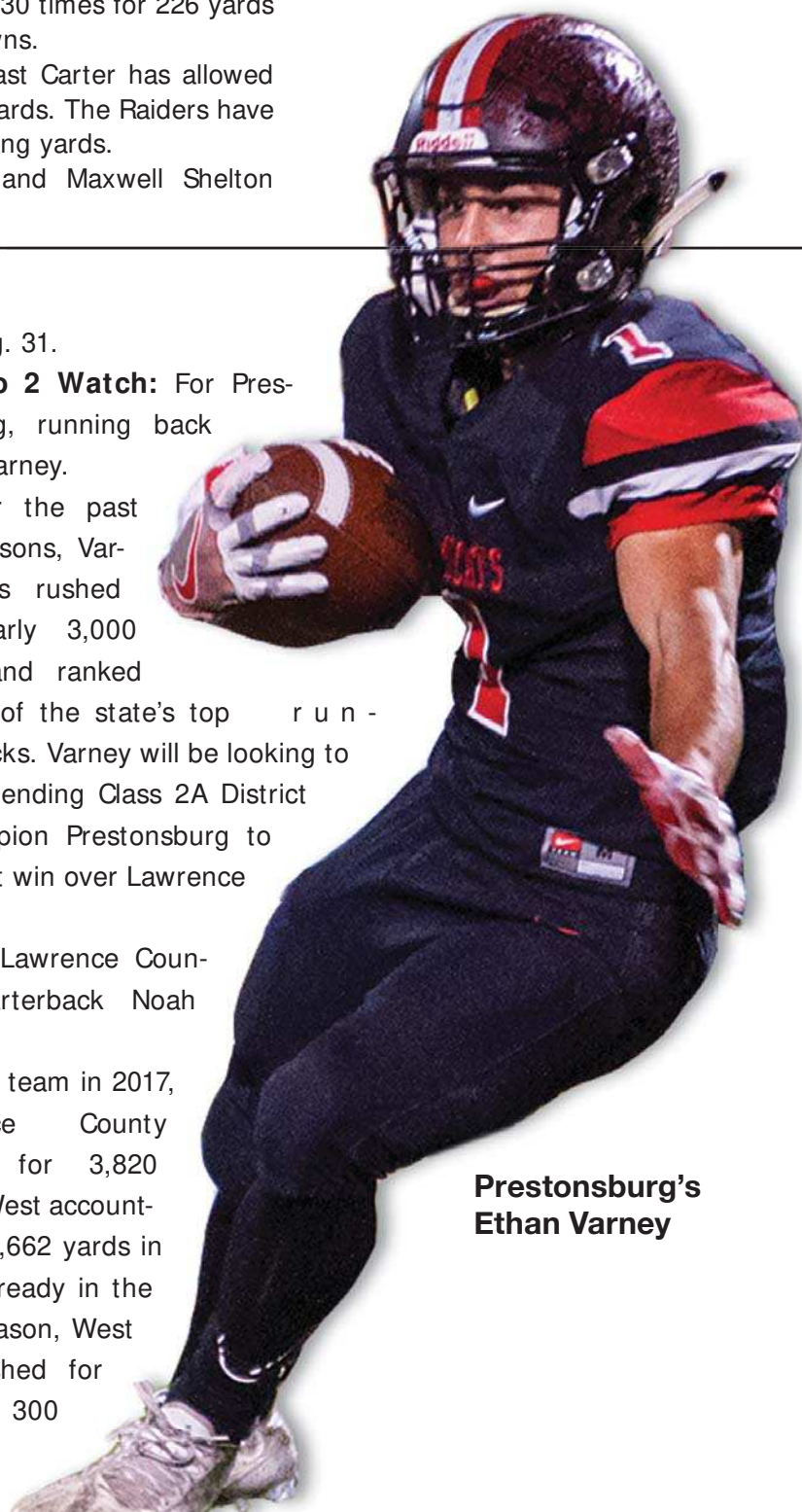
day, Aug. 31.

Who 2 Watch: For Prestonsburg, running 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 lead defending Class 2A District 8 champion Prestonsburg to an upset win over Lawrence County.

For Lawrence County, quarterback Noah West.

As a team in 2017, Lawrence County rushed for 3,820 yards. West accounted for 1,662 yards in 2017. Already in the 2018 season, West has rushed for over 300 yards.



**Prestonsburg's
 Ethan Varney**



**Floyd Central's
 Josh Whitaker**

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
 SPORTS WRITER

Floyd Central at Breathitt County

Who: Floyd Central (2-0) at Breathitt County (0-2)

Kickoff: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Mike Holcomb Athletic Complex, Jackson.

Coaches: Floyd Central, Shawn Hager; Breathitt County, Kyle Moore.

Notes: Unde- feated early in the 2018 high school football season, Floyd Central (2-0) will travel to Breathitt County on Fri-

day, Aug. 31. The Jaguars and Bobcats are set to meet in the Kentucky River Medical Center Honey Bowl.

Floyd Central is 2-0 after notching back-to-back wins over Harlan and Betsy Layne. Through two games, Floyd Central has outscored opponents 88-12.

Sophomore Caleb Hager has settled in at quarterback for the Jaguars. Hager has completed six of 11 pass attempts for 200 yards and three touchdowns thus far in the 2018 season.

Newcomer Ethan Smith-Mills leads Floyd Central in receiving. Smith-Mills has hauled in three receptions for 128 yards and two touchdowns.

Following Smith-Mills in the Floyd Central receiving column, Brady Conn has claimed two catches for 51 yards and one touchdown.

Josh Whitaker, one of area's top high school running backs, leads Floyd Central in rushing. Whitaker has rushed 25 times for 274 yards and three touchdowns.

Elijah Cotton ranks as the Jaguars second-leading rusher. Cotton has rushed 10 times for 94 yards and two touchdowns.

In addition to passing for 200 yards, Hager has rushed five times for 70 yards and two scores.

Brady Jones leads the Floyd Central defensive effort with 16 tackles. Second behind Jones in the Floyd Central defensive category, Brenden Little and Noah Marcum have recorded 11 tackles apiece.

As a team, Floyd Central has recorded three interceptions.

Breathitt County is 0-2 following back-to-back lopsided losses to Montgomery County and Perry County Central.

Montgomery County pulled away to beat the Bobcats 55-18 in the Rec Bowl in Mount Sterling on Saturday, Aug. 18. Then, one week ago, Perry Central topped Breathitt County 54-39.

Sophomore Braxton O'Hara has settled into the role of starting quarterback for the Bobcats.

Breathitt County is set to host Floyd Central for a home opener.

Kickoff for the annual Honey Bowl is set for 7:30 p.m.

Who 2 Watch: For Floyd Central, quarterback Caleb Hager.

A young field general, Hager has shown poise throughout Floyd Central's first two games in the 2018 high school football season. One of Floyd Central's top student-athletes, Hager has made a smooth transition from wide receiver to

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Floyd Central shuts out Prestonsburg, 3-0

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Remaining in the win column, Floyd Central shut out visiting Prestonsburg 3-0 (25-11, 25-15, 25-7) in a 58th District volleyball match on Tuesday.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 10-1 overall and 3-0 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 1-9 overall and 0-3 in the district with the loss.

Floyd Central is the reigning 58th District champion. The Lady Jaguars finished runner-up to Paintsville in the 15th Region in 2017.

Alexis Wallace recorded eight kills, Allison Turner seven kills and Caley Howard six kills for the Lady Jaguars in the district victory over rival Prestonsburg.

Aiding the Floyd Central offensive attack, Amelia Wallace provided 13 assists and Caroline Parsons 11 assists.

Turner registered seven digs and Kiara Warrens six digs as Floyd Central won convincingly.

Wallace and Turner added nine services and eight service aces, respectively.

Floyd Central is scheduled to visit Johnson Central for its next match on Tuesday, Sept. 4. First-year Floyd Central head coach Alissa Young came to the 58th District following a successful stint on the Johnson Central coaching staff.

Betsy Layne outlasts Lawrence County for district win

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Host Betsy Layne held on to defeat Lawrence County 3-2 (25-17, 25-11, 24-26, 16-25, 15-12) in a 58th District volleyball match on Tuesday.

With the win, its third straight victory, Betsy Layne improved to 4-4 overall and 2-1 in the 57th District.

Lawrence County dropped to 5-7 overall and 1-2 in the district with the loss.

Alyndra Meade recorded 12 kills to lead

Betsy Layne to the district victory. Following Meade in the key category, Madison Hamilton added 10 kills for the Lady Bobcats.

Katie Kidd (six kills), Samantha Hollifield (five kills), Inetta Hamilton (four kills) and Erin Akers (three kills) were also active at the net for Betsy Layne in the district match.

Hollifield and Akers distributed 20 assists apiece for the Lady Bobcats.

Kidd recorded a team-high 32 digs while Hollifield delivered 24 digs and Akers chipped in

20 digs as part of Betsy Layne's winning effort.

Leading Betsy Layne in another key statistic, Lauryn Watkins tallied seven service aces.

Lawrence County slipped into the loss column after topping Prestonsburg 3-1 (11-25, 25-21, 25-18, 25-16) in another 58th District match on Monday.

At press time on Thursday, Betsy Layne was hosting 14th Region frontrunner Letcher County Central in a non-district high school volleyball match.

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completed at least one pass to six different receivers. Micah Adams and Nathan Helton have hauled in three receptions apiece for the Raiders. Helton has been on the receiving end of two of East Carter's three touchdown passes.

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quarterback. For Breathitt County, quarterback Braxton O'Hara. After settling in at quarterback for Breathitt County, O'Hara has produced both through the air and on the ground. But O'Hara is still looking to lead Breathitt County to its first win in the 2018 high school football season.

Impact captures Kentucky Select Tournament title

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

HARRODSBURG — Impact, an 8U baseball team made up of players from Floyd County, captured another title over the weekend, winning the Kentucky Select Tournament.

This tournament featured six teams. In pool play on Saturday, Impact defeated the Spencer County Smash and Jessamine County. On Sunday, Impact owned the number 1 seed and a bye. Impact defeated the Spencer County Smash in the semifinals and Jessamine County in the finals. One of the state's top

youth baseball teams, Impact faced a six-run deficit in the first inning and battled back to cut the opposing team's lead down to 6-4 heading into the bottom half of last inning. Impact strung together a few hits and with two outs and runners on second and third, Brody Horne delivered a walkoff base hit to centerfield to score the tying run and the winning run.

Impact claimed its first rings with the victory. The talented team from Floyd County will compete in Danville in its first kid pitch tournament during the upcoming weekend.



Impact captured the Kentucky Select Tournament title in Harrodsburg over the weekend, earning rings for its victory. courtesy photo

Blackcats knock off Golden Eagles

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — The Prestonsburg Blackcats persevered on the road on Tuesday, defeating the Johnson Central Golden Eagles 3-1 in a 57th District boys' soccer match.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 4-0-2 overall and 2-0-0 in the 57th District.

Johnson Central stumbled to 3-3 overall and 1-1 in the district with the loss.

Grant Justice netted two goals to lead Prestonsburg to the district win.

Rounding out the

Prestonsburg individual scoring, Matt Burchett netted one goal.

Burchett and Isaiah Collins dealt out one assist apiece for the Blackcats in the hard-fought district win.

Defensively for Prestonsburg, goalkeeper Jacob Martin limited host Johnson Central to one goal.

Johnson Central slipped into the loss column after notching back-to-back wins over cross-town rival Paintsville and Greenup County.

Prestonsburg is slated to visit Letcher County Central for its next match on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Prestonsburg falls short to Johnson Central

By STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Visiting Prestonsburg was unable to remain in the win column on the road on Tuesday as Johnson Central held on to win 3-2 (shootout/penalty kicks) in a girls' high school soccer game.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 3-3-0 overall and 1-1-0 in the 57th District.

Johnson Central improved to 6-0-0 overall and 2-0-0 in the district with the win.

Lauren Johnson and Cleo Wells scored one goal apiece for the Lady Eagles.

Aiding the Lady Eagles

offensively, Kelci Blair and Haley Lykins provided one assist apiece.

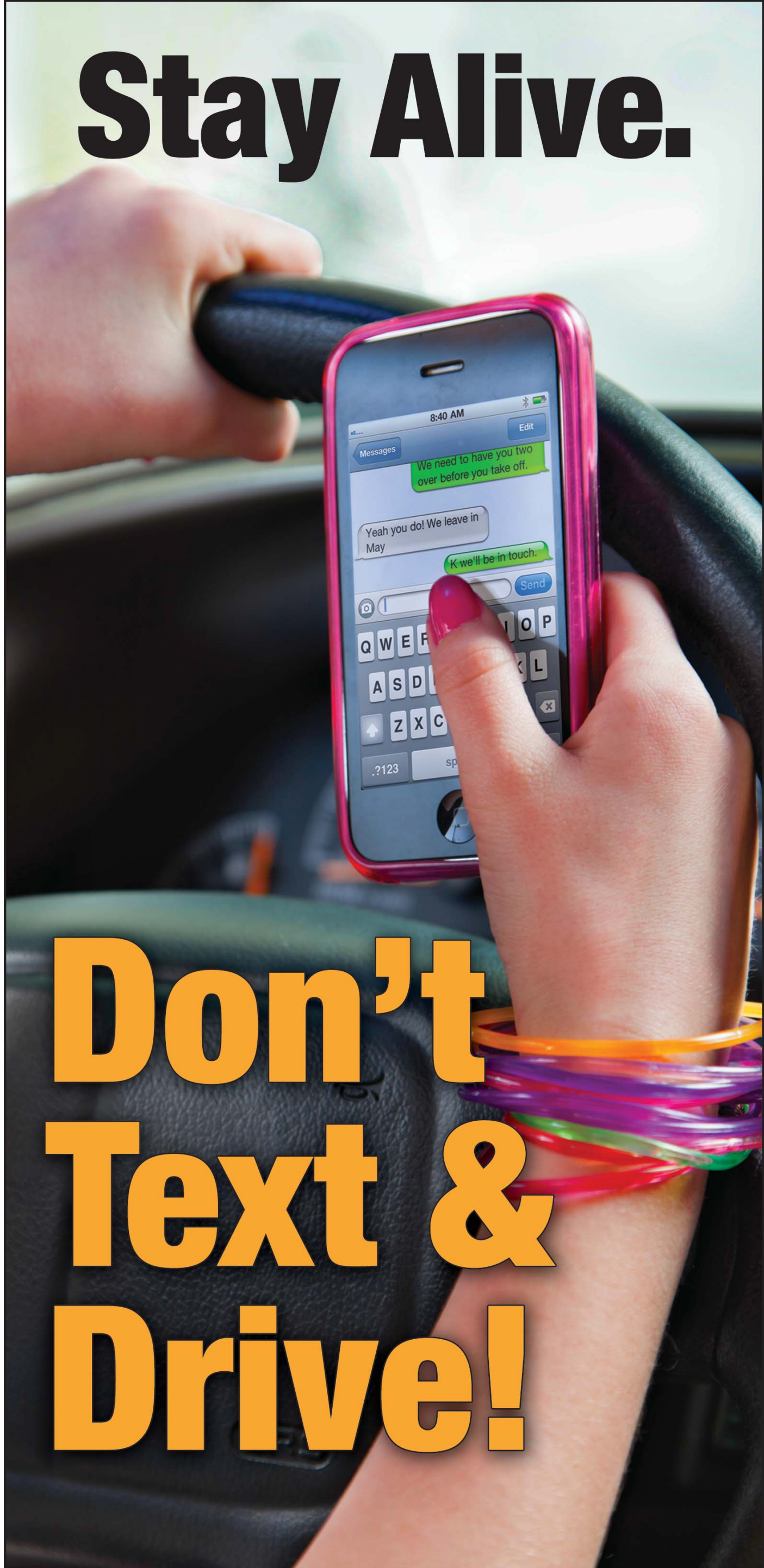
Goalkeeper Alyssa Pack paced Johnson Central defensively, limiting Prestonsburg to two goals and registering nine assists.

Makayla Ousley and Makayla Slone scored one goal apiece for the Lady Blackcats. Chipping in offensively for Prestonsburg, Elizabeth Burchett and Jillian Kidd posted one assist each.

Faring well defensively, Prestonsburg goalkeeper Chelsea Samons allowed only two goals.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to face familiar foe Shelby Valley in the 15th Region All "A" Classic on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Stay Alive.



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The stars are aligned, so don't wait on the sidelines when you should be taking charge and making things happen. Getting together with progressive people who share your goals will help you build lifelong alliances and find success.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - A trip, conference or event will lead to new interests, proposals or partnerships. A change of scenery will encourage you to alter your current living situation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Investments should be looked over, and a sale that could help you financially should be considered. Lower your overhead and ease your stress. Peace of mind should be your goal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Call for change and be the one to make it happen. Your actions will encourage others to tag along, adding momentum to your plans. An impromptu decision will turn out to be beneficial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Stick to what you know and do best. Use your intelligence when dealing with anyone trying to lead you astray. Concentrate on personal gains and improvements.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Take on whatever comes your way. Your ability to turn a negative into a positive will help you bring about changes that will improve your life personally, financially and emotionally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Keep your distance from anyone who appears to be irrational. Don't feel obliged to make a move or change just because someone else does. Moderation should take precedence over indulgence.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - Money

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



matters will lead to a change in lifestyle. An opportunity to get ahead is apparent. Check out the job market or an offer that unexpectedly comes your way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Partnerships will be dicey. Be careful how you handle persuasive people. Don't disregard your intelligence. Use your charm and outsmart anyone competing with or challenging you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - You'll crave change. Look around and determine what's best for you. Don't rely on hearsay. Go to the source and get what you need to know in writing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Stick close to home and focus on making personal gains and physical improvements and surrounding yourself with people you love and trust. Don't meddle or get involved in gossip.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - You can make a difference if you take part in an event that is geared toward helping people in need. A partnership looks promising, and a suggestion or proposal should be considered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Set up interviews, respond to job ads or spend time with colleagues who can help you get ahead. Networking will lead to an unexpected offer too good to refuse.

TODAY'S SUDOKU PUZZLE

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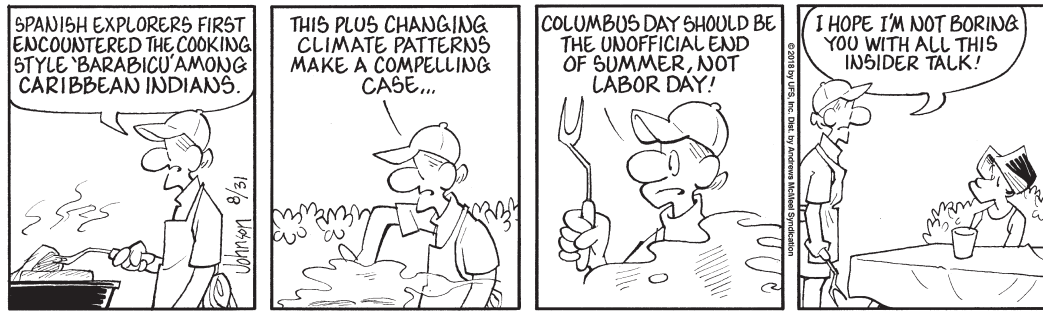
All answers are in today's edition

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 - Contract provisos
 - Magazine fillers
 - Watchdog breed
 - Colleague
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 - Hourly fees
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 - Lies on the beach
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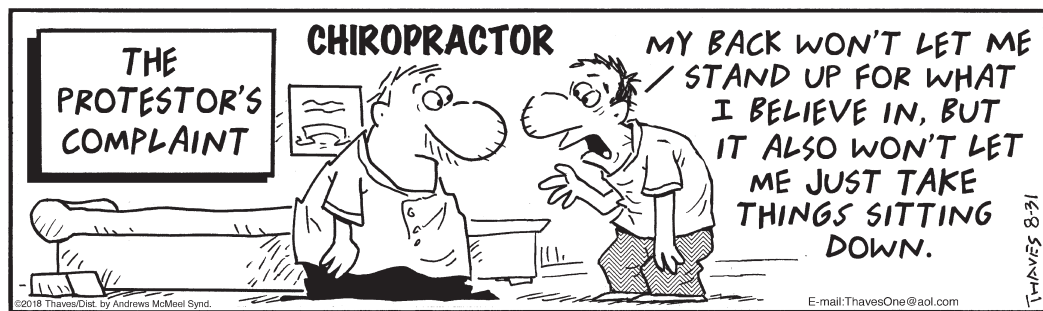
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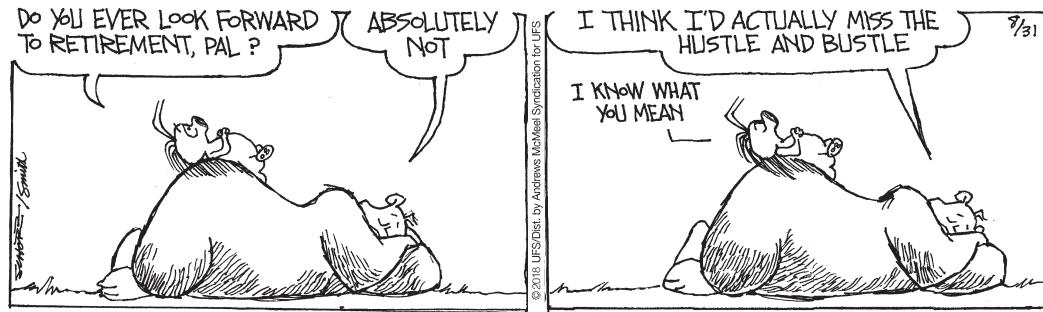
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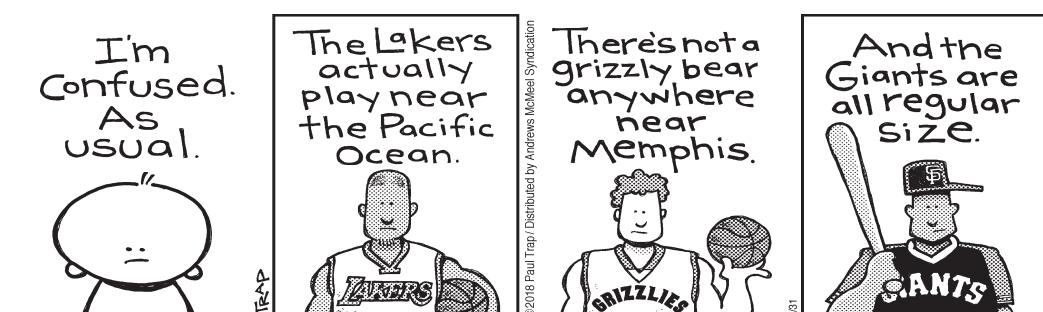
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The proposed operation is 0.9 miles southeast from KY Route 2030's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.10 miles northeast of Spurlock Creek.

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 operation will underlie land owned by Noah and Edith Howard, Marion A. and Patty Taylor, Mearilla Pitts, Blackhawk Mining, LLC, James Keith Hale, James Keith Hale and Deborah Halbert, George Jr. and Irene Hale, Lynn N. and Ellen Carol Cobb, Robert and Joann Caudill, Cheryl Akers Arms et.al., (John David Akers, Cheryl Ann Arms, Richard Keith Arms Jr., and Misty Leigh Akers) Richard and Fayette Hall, June Conn, Don-

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Akers, Bertha McClanahan, Edna Redding, Larry Akers, Perry Akers, Joyce Stewart, Janice Castle, Michael Akers, and Brian Akers), Appalachian Land Company, Donald and Lois Adkins, Margaret Boyette, Bernard and Dixie Lynn Conn, and Lizzie Boyd. The application

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has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources= Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine

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Welcome Baby Smith



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

Birth Announcements

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

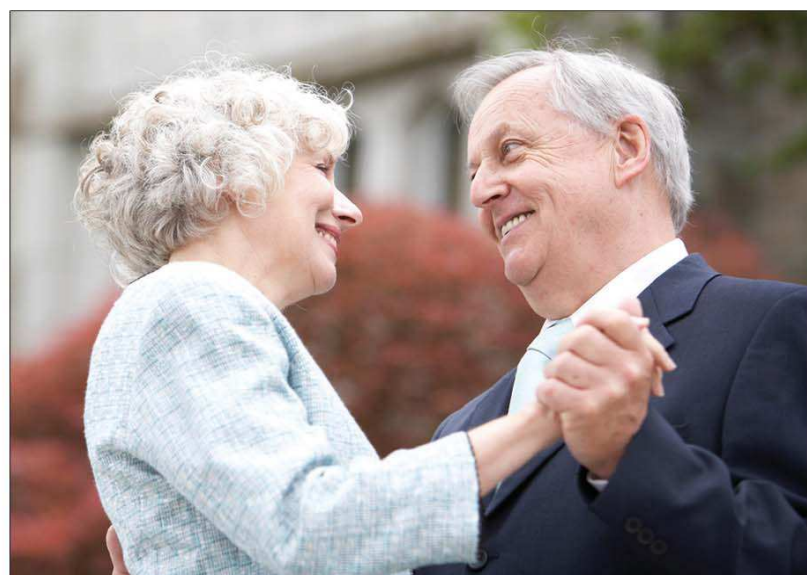
Celebrating Birthdays



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

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



Celebrating 55 years

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

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Dotson-Simpkins



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

Engagement

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

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Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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