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Conn sentenced to 15 more years

By **BILL ESTEP**
LEXINGTON
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Former Eastern Kentucky disability attorney Eric C. Conn will spend at least the next 22 years in prison.

U.S. District Judge Danny C. Reeves sentenced Conn, 58, on Friday for his role in a scheme to defraud the Social Security Administration on a staggering scale.

Conn initially pleaded

guilty last year to stealing from the government through fraudulent disability claims and bribing a Social Security judge. That plea deal called for a 12-year sentence.

Before the sentencing hearing, however,

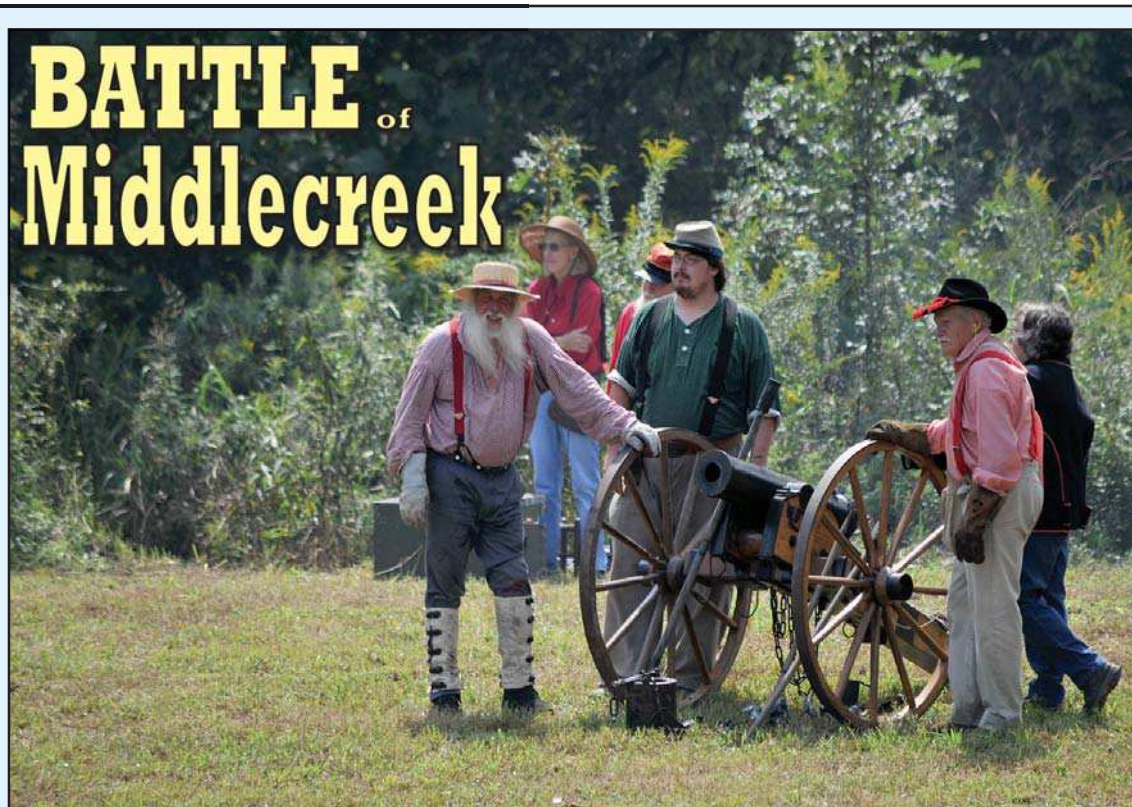
Conn fled the country. He ultimately ended up in Honduras, where police caught him in December after six months on the run.

That meant Conn faced escape charges, as well as fraud and other

charges left over from the initial indictment against him, which prosecutors refused to dismiss after he fled.

Conn pleaded guilty in June to three more

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Night Market to be held this weekend

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg Tourism is hosting its second Night Market this weekend.

The event, set to be held from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15, will feature live entertainment and more than two dozen food, arts and crafts and business vendors.

Prestonsburg Tourism Director Samantha West said the event will feature "amazing woodworking," food vendors, handmade ceramics, needlework design, including, jewelry, embroidery vendors who will personalize items, locally-grown produce, jams, jellies, photographs by Larry

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Event draws participants, spectators

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PHOTOS BY MARY MEADOWS

Civil War re-enactors from several states traveled to the Middle Creek National Battlefield over the weekend to host re-enactments of the Battle of Middle Creek and the Battle of Ivy Mountain, two Civil War skirmishes that were fought in Floyd County. See more photos on Page 8B.

Search warrant lands two in jail on drug charges

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Deputies executed a search warrant on Sept. 5 in the Melvin community.

According to a statement from the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the search was a result of a

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Relay for Life honors those who fight cancer

By **ELAINE BELCHER**
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PRESTONSBURG — The Big Sandy Relay for Life honored the lives of everyone touched by cancer Saturday with the first-ever multi-county fundraising event at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College in Prestonsburg. Survivors and their support teams from Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Lawrence and Martin counties gathered, despite the

threat of thunderstorms, to raise awareness and funds toward cancer research.

"We're thrilled to be coming together as a region for this fight," said Robin Bailey of Team ARH. "We're proud to support Relay for Life and the battle against this horrible disease. One region — one reason."

Individual teams from throughout the region set up tents around the track

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Appalachian Newspapers photo by Elaine Belcher

Cancer survivors from Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Lawrence and Martin counties Saturday led the first victory lap of the Big Sandy Relay for Life at the Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Participants included five-year-old survivor Layne Childers, of Pike County, who celebrated his birthday there.

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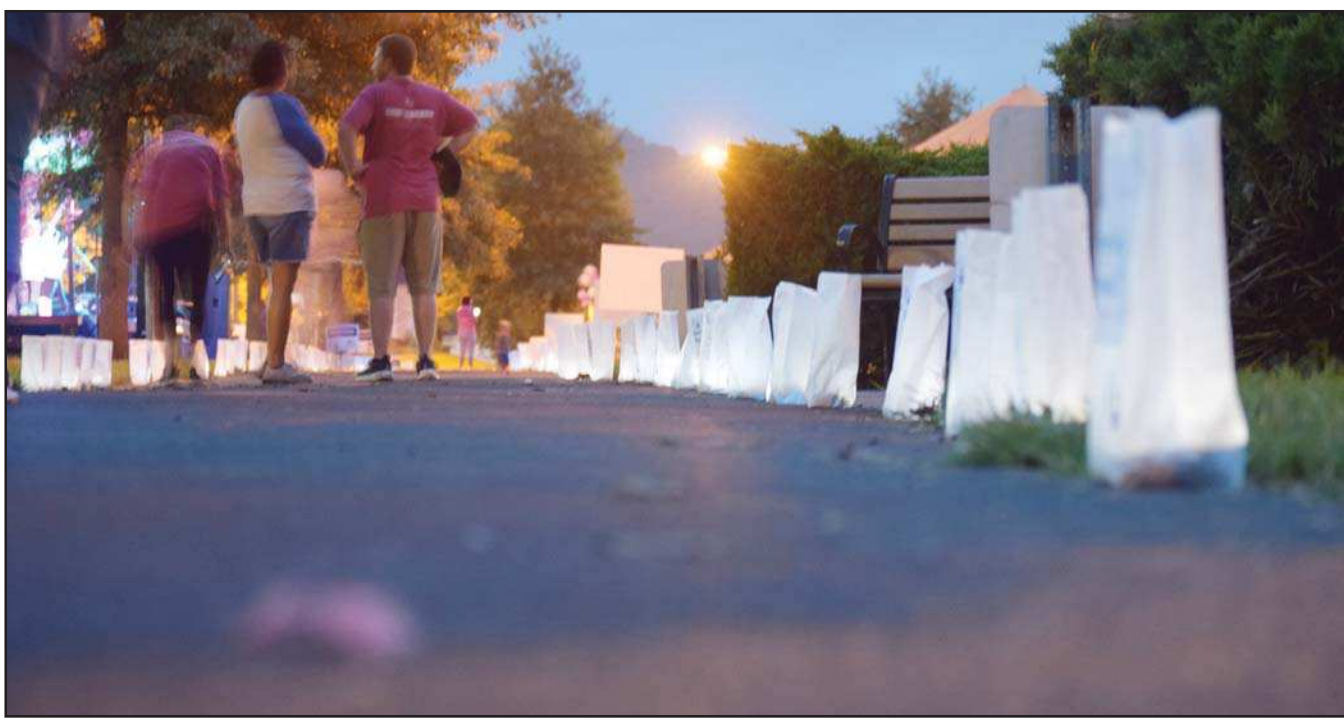
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As part of the Big Sandy Relay for Life ceremonies, luminaries were lit along the track at the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus in memory of those who lost the battle against cancer and honoring those who continue to fight.

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to raise funds toward cancer research and enjoy the celebration.

"It is very emotional to be a part of the relay for life. The first time I participated, it was only eight months cancer free — and now, here I am," said Loretta Tackett of Hi Hat, a more than three-year survivor of breast cancer. "If you are someone who is battling cancer, know of someone who has and has been battling feelings about cancer, coming out to an event like this and meeting others who may be facing the same types of cancer — knowing that they have beaten it. It's life-affirming. It's great. It gives you hope and a renewed reason to fight."

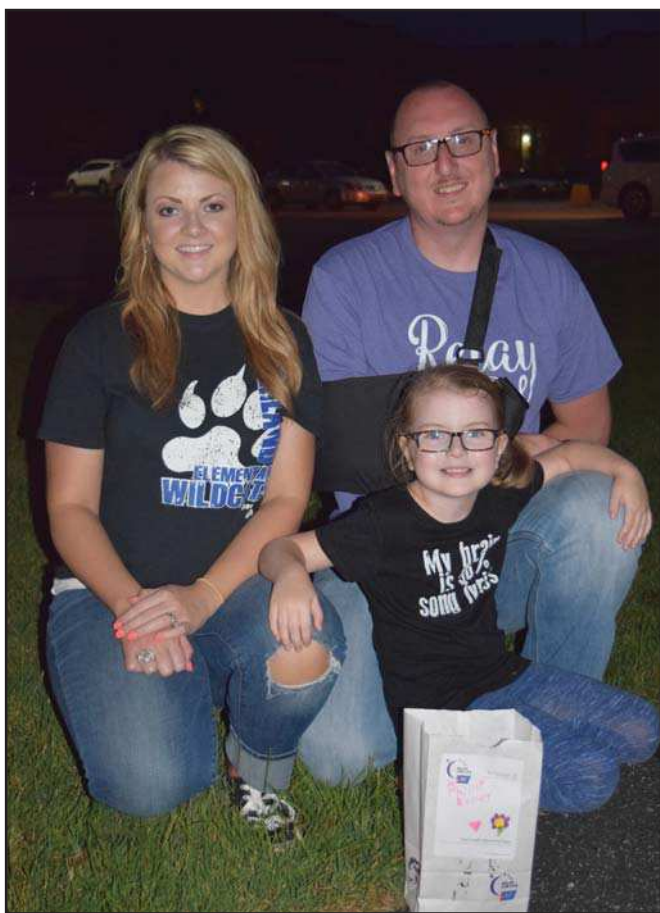
One tent in particu-

lar, set up by Appalachian Regional Healthcare, was a special stop by many who walked the track.

"Today is the birthday of Layne Childers, who is celebrating his fifth birthday as well as five years cancer-free," said Bailey. "We wanted to celebrate with him and paid for his party so he wouldn't have to miss anything."

Following the presentation of colors by Floyd County High School Junior ROTC, and opening remarks by Prestonsburg Les Stapleton, survivors took the first lap of the relay.

"We hope someday that events like this will no longer be necessary because we've beaten cancer," said Bailey. "But in the meantime, we will continue to fight this awful disease and support those who, one day, will find a cure."



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Survivor Phillip Ramey of Hagerhill, his wife, Melania and their six-year old daughter Adalyn, light a luminary at the Big Sandy Relay for Life to honor Phillip's more than three-year fight against cancer.

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charges: conspiracy to defraud the Social Security Administration; conspiracy to escape and conspiracy to retaliate against a witness.

That plea deal called for Conn to be sentenced to the maximum term of five years on each count, for a total of 15 years. That was to be added to Conn's initial 12-year sentence, for a total of 27 years.

There is no parole in the federal court system, but inmates can cut their sentences by up to 15 percent for good conduct.

If Conn receives all that credit, it would reduce his sentence to 23 years. He has served about 10 months of that because he's been in jail since December.

Conn was once of the most prolific Social Security disability lawyers in the nation, handling successful benefits claims for thousands of people, many of them in Eastern Kentucky, where the disability rate is well above the national level.

The government paid Conn's firm \$23 million in

fees between 2005 and 2015, an FBI agent testified at one point.

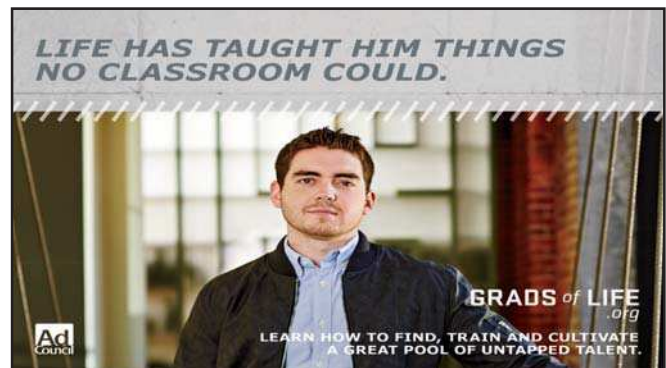
Conn admitted last year, however, that he used fraudulent evidence in clients' claims and paid kickbacks totaling more than \$600,000 to David B. Daugherty, a Social Security judge who issued blanket approvals for Conn's clients for years.

The claims would have obligated Social Security to pay more than \$600 million in lifetime benefits if it hadn't come to light, federal officials have said.

Daugherty also pleaded guilty as part of a deal for a four-year sentence.

Reeves sentenced Alfred Bradley Adkins, a psychologist convicted of signing fraudulent forms for Conn with little scrutiny in many cases, to 25 years in prison.

Two others were convicted in connection with Conn as well — Charlie Paul Andrus, a one-time Social Security judge who worked with Conn to try to discredit a whistle blower in the agency, and Curtis Lee Wyatt, a former employee of Conn's who helped him escape.



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Despite bad weather, Relay for Life teams gathered around the track at the BSCTC Prestonsburg campus to support those currently undergoing cancer treatments, in memory of those who lost their battles the disease and to celebrate the victories of those who beat it.

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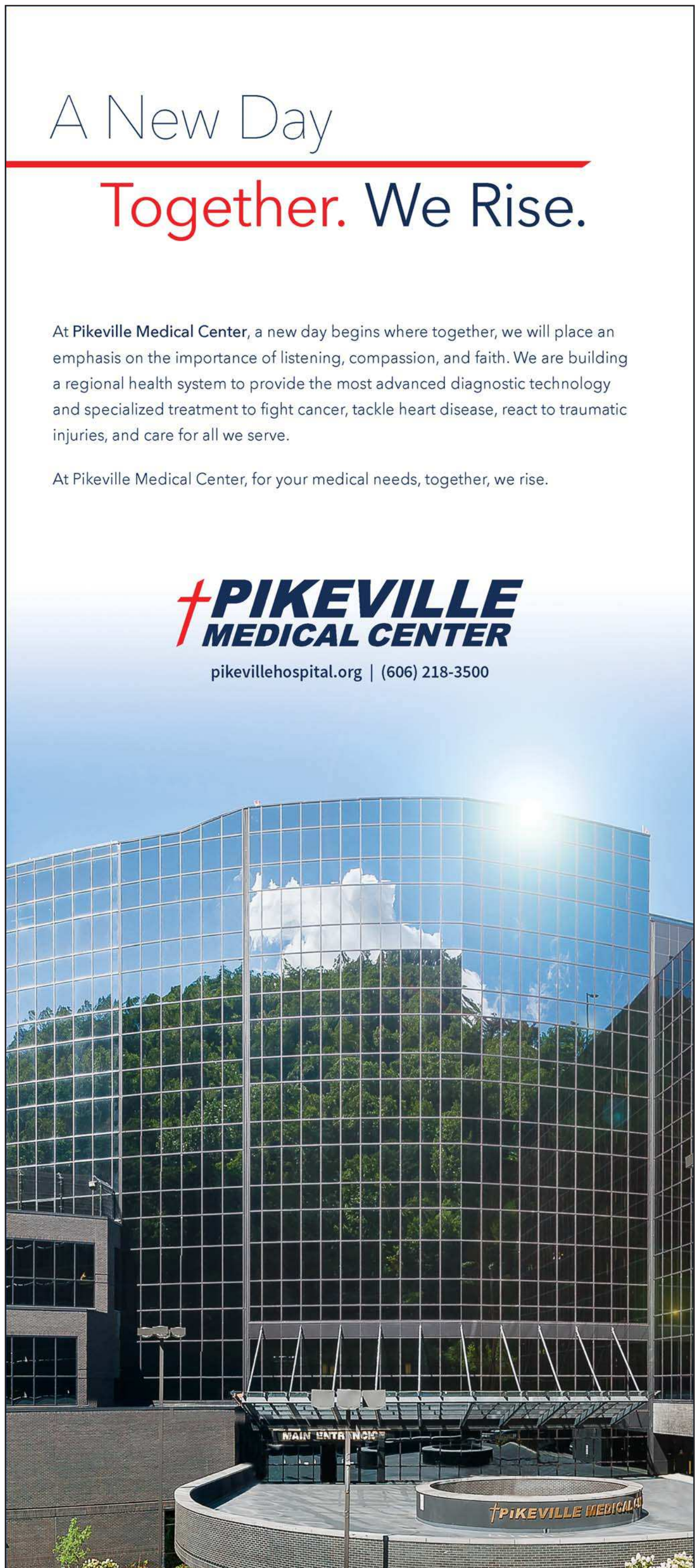
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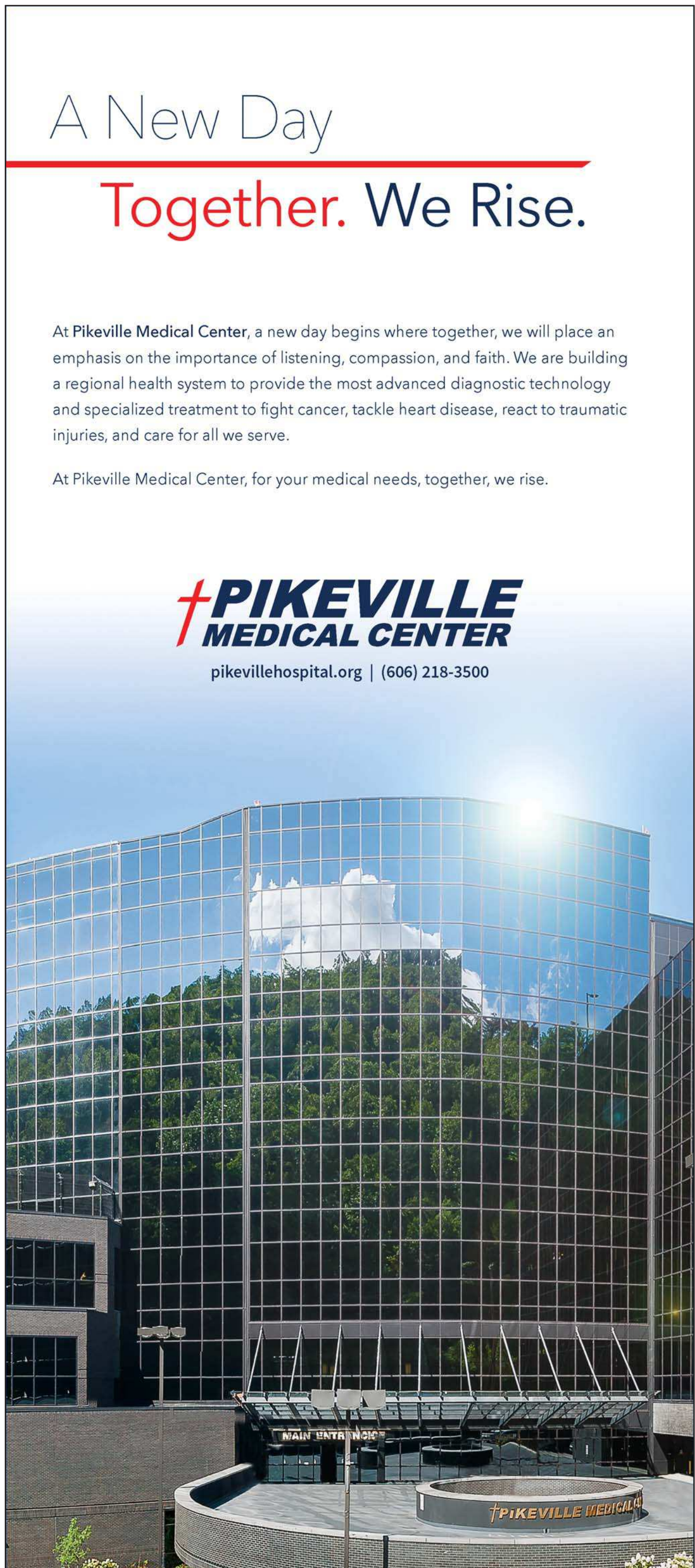
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Letters to the Editor:

Reader outraged about guest column

I'm sure that I am not alone in feeling outrage at your guest column: "Friendly Fire."

My first thought was that long-time editor Norman Allen would never have allowed it. He was known for his dignity, fairness and journalistic integrity — things in short supply these days.

I have a challenge for you J.K. Coleman. My family's cemetery, Guyles Allen Cemetery, on the left fork of Middle Creek at Pyramid, is the final resting place for several veterans, and more to come so far: four of my uncles from World War II, a cousin from the Korean War, a brother who served during Vietnam and others lie there. (Three more brothers who have served their country - one for 26 years - are still living.)

Their individual flags wave proudly, as does the big one on its high pole that waves over the cemetery. Veterans all, Democrats all, as far as I know, serv-

ing, not talking a good game. We all treasure our country and our flag, no matter the political climate.

J.K. Coleman, you may leave an apology on any of their stones.

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GUEST COLUMN

NFL+ Nike = loss

By **JEFF VANDERBECK**
PUBLISHER

I want to send thoughts and prayers out to State Rep. Chris Harris and his family and wish a full and speedy recovery to his son.

In case you are wondering, I am the author of this column not some alleged insider. Unlike the New York Times, we never print columns, op/ed's or letters until we verify the author. Blogs and other misfit social media outlets that don't care about their credibility will publish anything. And sometimes that goes for the New York Times.

I'm not going to go out and burn any of my Nike gear, I already paid for it and I'm not going to damage my stuff to send a message. But it will probably be a long time before I get more.

A former NFL quarterback decided to exercise his right to a peace-

ful protest and take a knee during the national anthem before a game a few years back. He was let go and has been considered by the league to be a cancer. Since then, no team has picked him up and now he is filing a lawsuit against the league owners.

Last week, Nike decided to use the former player as the face of their new ad campaign, which has nothing to do with the performance of their product to entice jocks like me to get more stuff. But instead they focused on a social issue. If you remember Benneton did that several years ago and they barely exist now.

The former player wanted to peacefully protest what he calls social and racial injustice bylaw enforcement against black people in America. He has that right to do so. The problem is that he chose to do that on his employer's time. The league, i.e.

the employer, has rules and he broke them. To this day other players are doing the same and that's why the NFL ratings are going in the toilet. And will continue to drop unless the league enforces or changes the rules. Do you remember when Bears quarterback Jim McMahon was fined for wearing a headband with his handwriting on it, which the league considered not part of the uniform?

If he really wanted to protest or make a point, he should have done so on his time, not on that of the ticket holders, the owners and the other teams. If he wanted to protest, he and his wealthy, privileged player friends should have pooled their money and resources and started a non-violent, peaceful protest that was professionally handled. Perhaps after a game during the press conference, express their positions.

Even the Traditionalist Workers Party staged a peaceful protest in Pikeville. They came, got their misguided point across and left.

The irony here is that Nike is paying him millions of dollars to be the face of the campaign that is about injustice while they pay people in third world countries next to nothing to make their stuff. If he really wanted to send a message, he would tell Nike, "No," or donate his endorsement money to the child labor force who make Nike products.

I respect the right to a peaceful protest. And I do believe in some cases that law enforcement needs better training. We as a society have a lot of work to do regarding social injustice, and a peaceful protest can make people aware of an issue. Rosa Parks was very successful.

Thanks for reading the Floyd County Chronicle and Times.

EDITORIAL

Shop local at the Night Market

Prestonsburg Tourism is creating possibilities with the implementation of its new Night Market.

This Saturday will mark the agency's second-ever Night Market event, and we encourage

all of our readers to attend, not just for the free live music and chance to buy some locally-made wares, but also for the chance to improve this community.

Over the years, nu-

merous studies have shown how important it is for people to spend their money locally.

The California-based nonprofit, Business Alliance for Local Living Economies, reports that

\$68 of every \$100 spent at local businesses stays in the community. The benefits of buying locally, however, far outweighs that monetary benefit.

The studies point out, among other things,

that local businesses strengthen the middle class, employ more people per unit of sales than large corporations and retain more employees during economic downturns.

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance reports online that people who shop locally benefit from the expertise of the local store owner, connect with their community, strengthen the local economy and "cast a vote for the American dream."

Prestonsburg Tourism director Samantha West said the Night Market has "flipped" the idea of a business model by getting fledgling businesses out in front of customers to learn what they like and buy before they take the higher risk of opening a storefront.

She said most vendors earned a profit and three of them sold out of the items they brought to sell during the agency's first Night Market, and she commended the community for helping these businesses achieve that success.

"I really have to commend our local community, both Prestonsburg and the area around us that came to support us," she said. "They came out to spend money on local, which is really one of the biggest things, having your community put money back into it."

In our opinion, an investment that benefits the community is money well spent.



By Christopher Epling c 2018 Floyd County Chronicle and Times 09.11.18

FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Kenneth Ray Conley
Kenneth Ray Conley, 41, of Hueysville, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

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

Jaxon Jace Cook
Jaxon Jace Cook, infant son of Trevor Cook and Brianna Halbert, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

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

Daniel Crawford
Daniel Crawford, 74, of Hi Hat, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

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

Keith Douglas Griffith
Keith Douglas Griffith, 52, of David, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2018.

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

Joyce Ann Jacobs
Joyce Ann Jacobs, 75, of Dema, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2018.

Arrangements are

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

Steven Scott McKinney
Steven Scott McKinney, 41, of Las Vegas, Nev., died Friday, July 27, 2018.

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

Bobby Gene Newsome
Bobby Gene Newsome, 62, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

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

Billy Charles Reed
Billy Charles Reed, 83, of Bevinsville, died Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018.

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

Donna Jean Turner
Donna Jean (Barnett) Turner, 84, of Martin, died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018.

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

Partners sought for Harvest in the Park

Event will feature "Spooky Pooch" contest, costume contest for kids

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team at Dewey Lake is seeking partners for a Halloween-themed event.

The Corps is teaming up with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and several local organizations and businesses to host its first-ever Harvest in Park on Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dewey Lake Downstream

Recreational Area.

Jennifer Reed Lewis of the Corps' office at Dewey Lake said officials have been planning this event since July. They wanted to host a free event with activities for children, she said, and they hope to make it an annual event.

"This is the first time, and we're hoping that this will be an annual thing," Lewis said. "We were just tossing around ideas trying to get more people into the area, to

get more activities into the area for children."

The Corps is seeking local businesses and organizations that want to set up booths and provide free candy, toys or games for children. Officials there are also seeking organizations and businesses to donate items, host activity stations for kids or volunteer during the Harvest in the Park.

It will feature a costume contest with prizes for the male and female winners of three age groups (ages birth to three; four to seven and eight to 13), and the Corps' mascot, Bobber the Water Safety Dog, is also sponsoring the

first-ever "Spooky Pooch" costume contest. Prizes will be awarded to the first 50 dogs that enter that contest, Lewis said, and the winner will also earn a prize. "We're hoping we'll have some really good weather and a great turnout," Lewis said.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court, Walmart and H&R Block have donated bicycles that will be given away to the children's costume contest winners, Lewis said, and the Mountain Arts Center is providing live music.

Anyone interested in volunteering or donating for the Harvest in the Park can contact Lewis at, (606) 886-6709, ext. 6700.

Floyd County parents encouraged to use district's 'Parent Portal'

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins encourages parents to stay informed about their children's education.

Adkins sent out a press release to remind parents how they can learn more about their child's information through the district's Parent Portal.

"As we are a month into a new school year, we want to remind our parents and guardians that being involved with your child's education strengthens your child's possible level of success," he said in the press release. "We encourage you to attend open house events, schedule conferences with your child's teachers and be an active

user on Parent Portal."

He explained that through the Parent Portal, parents could view attendance, assignments, grades and the class schedules for their children.

He said in the statement, "Parent Portal is part of Infinite Campus, the database system that Kentucky public schools use for managing student information. Parent Portal has links that allow you to contact your child's teachers and you can review contact information to make sure your address and phone numbers are up to date."

To use Parent Portal, parents/guardians will need to obtain a GUID number from the school their child attends. This number will allow them to set up an account and see the information for

any children that they have in Floyd County schools.

There are also IOS and Android apps for Infinite Campus.

For the apps, parents will need the District ID code (SQSBDS). The apps allow them to receive notifications regarding attendance, grades and other information.

Students can also obtain their own GUID number and use Infinite Campus in addition to their parents.

"It is important that students obtain their own personal codes so that they only see their own information and not the information belonging to siblings," the press release said.

Adkins said, "Our Floyd County team wants our kids to be successful and have opportunities.

We know that parents play a huge role in making that happen by helping kids stay focused, making sure they are at school regularly and on time, showing interest and letting kids know their expectations in regards to education. We hope our parents and guardians will continue to keep up to date about their children's progress. Talk to your child, have teacher conferences in person or on the phone, and use Parent Portal to have the latest information. Working together, we can help our kids be more successful and have more opportunities to become what they want to be."

To access the Parent Portal, visit, <https://googl/HU627F>.

Community Events

- Sept. 12; 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.: Morehead State University, Prestonsburg campus, to host Donate Life Registry Drive, in the Post-Secondary building lobby (Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Door prizes, games will be offered.
- Sept. 13: Floyd County Chamber of Commerce annual Golf Outing, StoneCrest Golf Course. (606) 886-0364
- Sept. 13; 12 p.m.: Floyd County Communities Against Drug Addiction meets, Prestonsburg First Presbyterian Church
- Sept. 14; 3:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, to host pre-admission conference for dental hygiene program; Johnson building, J132. (606) 886-7352
- Sept. 14: Kentucky Blood Center to host blood drive, Floyd Central High School.
- Sept. 15; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Festival Pageant, Mountain Arts Center. Registration for contestants closes Sept. 10. Admission to view the pageant is \$5 ages 12 and older; \$2 ages 5-11 and free to kids age 4 and under. (606) 886-2335
- Sept. 15; 2 p.m. to dusk: "Meet Us at the Water" Gospel singing, German Bridge Campground. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs.
- Sept. 15; 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.: Prestonsburg Night Market, downtown Prestonsburg
- Every Wednesday, Thursday: Big Sandy Community and Technical College offers a low-cost dental clinic. (606) 886-7391
- Sept. 17; 12 p.m.: Constitution Day, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, Prestonsburg, Johnson Building Room 102. (606) 886-7374
- Sept. 17; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District meets, 18 Mayo Br., Brandykeg. (606) 889-9800
- Sept. 17; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall
- Sept. 18; 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center Board of Directors meet, MAC

Blood drive to be held

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Students at Floyd Central High School will be hosting four blood drives this school year.

The Floyd Coun-

ty Board of Education recently approved the blood drives, to be held at the school on Sept. 14, Nov. 12, Jan. 24, 2019, and March 22, 2019.

The Kentucky Blood Center, which provides

blood to nearly 70 hospitals in more than 60 counties, will collect blood donations at the school on those days.

The center is offering a scholarship to one graduating Floyd Central

senior as part of the partnership.

The scholarship is open to any Floyd Central senior and will be paid directly to his/her college of choice.

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Kentucky named recipient of federal grant to grow research and innovation pipeline

SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The Cabinet for Economic Development will receive \$125,000 from the U.S. Small Business Administration to launch a program preparing more entrepreneurs to compete for federal research and development funding.

The SBA's Federal and State Technology (FAST) partnership program funds initiatives that increase the number of proposals for Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) funding. With the grant, the Cabinet will establish the Kentucky Innovation Investment Program (KIIP) as a hub for attracting, assisting and maximizing assets of top SBIR/STTR candidates.

FAST funds will allow the Cabinet to implement a pilot program of outreach, recruitment, analysis and expert advice intended to deepen and improve the quality

of Kentucky's SBIR/STTR pool.

KIIP's three main objectives are to:

- Align SBIR/STTR opportunities with economic and tech development needs.

- Develop more competitive SBIR/STTR proposals to maximize the probability of receiving funding.

- Provide supplemental support for SBIR/STTR-funded companies. A dedicated KIIP fund will build over the next five years along with the growing number of funded companies.

Kentucky already has one of the most aggressive initiatives to encourage innovators to locate in Kentucky by matching dollar-for-dollar any federal SBIR/STTR funding. Brian Mefford, executive director of the Cabinet's Office of Entrepreneurship, said this new program should accelerate that growth.

"This will make what has been a strong policy even more powerful," Mefford said. "Our full

match for companies in Phase I and II of SBIR/STTR, along with the framework we recently released, make this one of the most attractive places in the country to pursue research and technology transfer that can be capitalized. The FAST grant will allow us to build a robust program that ensures many more entrepreneurs will have access to SBIR/STTR funding and a much greater number of innovations and companies will take flight. This fits perfectly with our work to ramp up commercialization of IP among our research institutions and to establish a more vibrant entrepreneurial economy driven by regional strengths. It truly helps take us to the next level."

People with a great idea and plan for a technology company can often use SBIR/STTR support to turn their idea into a marketable invention.

For example, previous SBIR and Kentucky match recipient Bexion Pharmaceuticals of Covington turned its discoveries — made under a microscope — into revolutionary cancer treatments that are working. The company's founders observed a new way to target tumor cells, but needed to delve further. With SBIR support through the National Cancer Institute, and matching funds from Kentucky, Bexion was able to study the disease, develop potentially life-saving treatments and draw the kind of investment it takes for small businesses to reach the entire world.

Bexion's first-of-its-kind treatment is already helping people as it advances through the trial phases of drug approval and draws attention from leading scientists and venture capitalists alike. KIIP will identify and attract a greater number of companies like Bexion, assisting them in receiving the critical funding they need to succeed.

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Terry Gill, secretary of the Cabinet, said the grant and the state's program would create opportunity for more entrepreneurs.

"This is a big win for Kentucky and current and future high-tech entrepreneurs," Sec. Gill said. "SBIR/STTR have been attractive programs for Kentucky's innovators and we want to empower more of those people on the cutting edge to conduct their research and build their companies here. This will help us increase the amount of high-tech research, development and commercialization throughout the state."

Kentucky has a long track record of leveraging the SBIR/STTR programs with its match for Phase I and II federal awardees. In the past decade, Kentucky has allocated more than \$60 million in state Phase I and II SBIR matching grants,

which helped launch and attract dozens of companies. In June, the state released its guidelines for its match program that emphasizes the ability to commercialize. Applications are currently being accepted for upcoming rounds.

SBIR is a highly competitive program that encourages domestic small businesses to engage in federal research/research and development that has the potential for commercialization. Through a competitive awards-based program, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. The STTR program expands funding opportunities for federal innovation research and development by forming joint ventures for small businesses and nonprofit research institutions. For more information on SBIR/STTR, visit, www.sbir.gov.

Election audit shows clean reports in 6 Kentucky counties

By TOM LATEK KENTUCKY TODAY

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear announced on Thursday that the postelection audits conducted by his office in six counties, revealed no potential criminal activity surrounding the 2018 May primary.

The recently concluded audits of Bullitt, Jessamine, Owen, Powell, Rowan and Scott counties were clean, Beshear said.

After the drawing was held on June 6, the AG's Department of Criminal Investigations Public Integrity Unit checked election forms and interviewed county officials as part of the audits. The unit investigates numerous arenas of corruption including election fraud.

The unit, which investigates and prosecutes election law violations, then presented the audits to the respective county grand juries.

"Our extensive audits are part of the AG's legal authority to ensure the integrity of the election process in Kentucky," said Beshear. "The work leading up to and during the primary election by many, including our investigators and local county election officials, helped to ensure an impartial and fair election

process."

Kentucky law requires Beshear's office to conduct postelection audits in no fewer than 5 percent of Kentucky's counties following each primary and general election. The office answers the Election Law Violations hotline, (800) 328-VOTE (8683), on a daily basis throughout the year, with an expanded presence on primary and general election days. Beshear's staff reviews complaints and, when appropriate, refers them for further action.

During the 2018 primary election cycle, Beshear's office received 339 election complaints through the hotline or other sources. Of that number, 25 complaints are still under review by Beshear's Department of Criminal Investigations. By law, the office cannot provide details regarding specific complaints or possible pending investigations.

The Special Prosecutions Unit coordinates election monitoring with the State Board of Elections, Secretary of State's Office, Kentucky State Police, U.S. Attorney's Office and the FBI. This monitoring looks at not only primary and general elections, but also special elections held throughout the state.

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Survivor finds purpose helping others

By MARK MAYNARD
KENTUCKY TODAY



Jason Booher

Jason Booher's life has a definitive marker: There were the 13 years before May 14, 1988 and the 30 years after.

That's the day a fiery church bus crash claimed 27 lives, including that of his best friend since first grade, on a rural stretch of interstate near the Ohio River town of Carrollton.

Booher survived that crash and went on to become a career educator, basketball coach and motivational speaker, telling people life can be like a roller-coaster ride, with many sharp twists and turns, as well as ups and downs that led to the highest highs and lowest lows.

This year marked the 30th anniversary of the Carrollton bus crash. Booher was one of 40 kids who lived through it. Twenty-four others, along with three adults, were killed.

The church bus from the Radcliffe Assembly of God was returning home from a fun-filled outing to King's Island, an Ohio amusement park, on a sunny day. Because school was in session in most districts, the Radcliffe kids had Kings Island largely to themselves. Booher's girl-

friend at the time attended the church and had asked him to come and to invite friends.

The bus was packed with a maximum load of 67 people — 63 kids and four chaperones.

Booher and his best friend, Chad Witt, were seated about five rows from the back. Booher was on the window seat, opposite the driver's seat. They had just stopped to fill up the gas tank.

"We were headed toward Louisville, it was about 10 at night, joke-telling and talking about the day when all of the sudden, everybody slammed into the seat in front of us," he said, describing what happened when a drunken driver slammed into the bus head-on.

"I didn't know what happened," Booher said.

"In about a two-second pause, I straightened up and this big explosion happened by the stairwell. There was a big ball of fire roaring outside of the bus beside my ear."

The fuel tank, which wasn't protected with a steal cage like they are now required, ruptured and ignited an inferno on the 1976-model bus.

Booher saw the church youth director, Chuck Kytta, engulfed in flames.

"He said, 'Lord, I'm coming home!'" Booher recalled. "To witness that at 13 was unbelievable."

The bus went to 1,500 degrees in about 90 seconds, he said. With the front door ablaze, everyone who could rushed for the rear emergency door, crawling over each other in an attempt to escape.

"Instead of going down the aisle as you're trained to do in bus evacuation drills, we went on top of the seats," he said. "There were already kids stacked to the top of the door."

Coolers were in the aisles and many had tripped over them in the rush to the exit, he said.

Booher quickly made it to the back and leaped through a small opening near the top of the pile of kids who were trying to

force their way out.

"I dove out the door and landed on the interstate," he said. "I got up and started pulling kids out. Some of them were burned so badly it was down to the bone. I can remember laying all those burn victims out."

Another friend was helping him get a girl out of the bus and he told her to grab her legs while he grabbed her hands. "She said, 'I can't! I said, 'We have to get her away from the bus!' She said, 'Her legs are so hot its burning my hands!' I cradled her in my arms and laid her in the grass. They were able to save one of her legs."

The carnage was unimaginable and the smoke so thick they couldn't see that there with others who didn't make it out of the bus, he said.

"I was one of the lucky 40 that made it out," he said. "Ten of us didn't have any burns and everybody else was burned severely. Twenty-seven people were left on the bus that didn't make it out including my best friend Chad Witt. Chad tried to go down the aisle because he was on the inside seat."

Booher served as a pall bearer for Chad and went to funerals of many

other friends. It was a nightmarish time.

Booher, motivated by that crash to make something of himself, vowed to never drink, but to go to become the first person in his family to go to college and devote his life to helping kids.

"I've never tasted alcohol or experimented with drugs and I've had as much fun as anybody," he said. "I'm a living witness that you don't need it. I talk about how the good Lord got me through all that. He had a hand in my whole life."

One of Booher's goals as a young basketball player growing up in Radcliffe was to help North Hardin win a state championship. The Trojans twice made it to Rupp Arena during Booher's time in school but came up short of that dream.

He went on to the University of Kentucky and became the first college graduate from the family. Booher then started up the coaching ranks and came to Shelby Valley in 2004. Five years later, he led them to the All "A" Classic state title, and the next year in 2010, repeated the All "A" Classic title and also won the Sweet Sixteen state championship in Rupp Arena.

Booher also landed a coaching and administrative job at Holmes High School in Covington before becoming the principal at Pikeville High School where he now works.

He speaks to students throughout the nation about the evils of alcohol and is also an advocate for bus safety. He said several live-saving changes have come about because of the horrific accident including much stiffer laws for drunken driving.

Booher's wife, Hillary, would be a roommate at Eastern Kentucky University of Christy Peerman, who sat behind Booher with Wayne Cox on the Carrollton bus. Her father was the bus driver and perished in the fire.

Cox was Booher's roommate at UK. They set up Booher and Hillary on a blind date and that started their love story.

Booher's life connections with the Carrollton bus accident will never end.

His next goal is to run in the Boston Marathon. He has already qualified. If he gets in — thousands enter — he will dedicate the first 26 miles to the deceased victims and the last two-tenths of a mile to his best friend Chad.

State's general fund rose, road fund fell in August

SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN
NEWSPAPERS

State Budget Director John Chilton reported Monday that General Fund receipts increased 4.3 percent in August compared to last year. Total revenues for the month were \$759.9 million, compared to \$728.3 million during August 2017. So far this fiscal year (FY19), General Fund receipts have increased 4.5 percent.

The official revenue estimate for FY19 calls for revenue to increase 3.3 percent compared to FY18 actual receipts. Based on August's results, General Fund revenues need to grow 3.1 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the official estimate.

Chilton noted that receipts through the first two months of FY19 were impacted by the effects of the tax package passed by the General Assembly in the 2018 Legislative Session.

"The sales tax and cigarette taxes have increased sharply this fiscal year, as expected, due to the changes contained in HB 487," Chilton said. "On the other hand, collections from the income taxes have predictably fallen off due to the rate reductions embodied in the tax plan. When the positive and negative impacts interact, the net effect has been robust growth in the General Fund of 4.5 percent. While it definitely takes more than two months of a fiscal year to define a trend, we are certainly pleased with the early accuracy of the estimates from tax reform. Going forward, we will attempt to further consider which parts of the monthly receipts are attributable to tax reform as opposed to general economic growth predicted by the Consensus Forecasting Group last December."

Among the major ac-

counts:

- Individual income taxes fell 4.6 percent as both withholding and estimated payments declined compared to last year. This decrease was expected as the top rate was decreased from 6 percent to 5 percent.

- Sales tax revenues grew 14.4 percent in August and are up 8.8 percent through the first two months of the fiscal year, largely in response to the 2018 changes.

- Corporation income tax collections increased \$5.9 million as net returns rose. Year-to-date receipts in this account have increased 19.9 percent. The changes affecting corporation income taxation include a decrease in the top tax rate from 6 percent to

5 percent and changes to consolidation and apportionment requirements.

- Cigarette taxes grew 49.1 percent for the month due largely to tax law changes and collections have increased 55.2 percent for the year.

- Property taxes declined 32.1 percent in August and have fallen 24.9 percent for the fiscal year. Large swings in receipts are not unusual early in a fiscal year for this account.

- Coal severance tax collections in August fell 5.4 percent and are down 22.8 percent through the first two months of the fiscal year.

- Lottery revenues grew 2.7 percent in August and have increased 2.8 percent through the first two months of FY19.

Road Fund revenue fell 0.9 percent in August with revenues of \$143.3 million but have increased 5.5 percent for the first two months of the fiscal year. Motor vehicle usage tax collections declined 8.2 percent due to a timing issue in a prior month, while motor fuels revenues increased slightly in August. The official Road Fund revenue estimate calls for an overall 0.3 percent decrease in receipts for the FY19. Based on year-to-date collections, revenues can decline 1.5 percent for the remainder of the fiscal year to meet the estimate.

Among the accounts:

- Motor fuels rose 0.7 percent in August and have increased 0.8 percent for the year.

- Motor vehicle usage collections fell 8.2 percent for the month but have grown 3.9 percent for the

first two months of the fiscal year.

- License and privilege tax rose 7.4 percent.

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4:45-5:30 pm Networking

5:30 pm Back to the Mountain - Chris Tomlinson, SilverLiner

6:00 pm Panel:
Beyond Traditional Marketing: Social Media - Kindra Baker, Daffodils
Beyond the Typical Worker: Apprenticeships - Dennis Rohrer, American Metal Works
Beyond the Local Market: Exporting - Sara Moreno, US Commercial Service

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- 1 red pepper, sliced
- 1 yellow pepper, sliced
- 1 package instant rice
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- 1 Ortega Bakeable Tortilla Bowl Kit
- 3 cups green leaf lettuce, sliced
- 2 avocados, diced
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1/2 cup cotija cheese
- 1 bottle Ortega Green Taco Sauce, to taste

Add 2 tablespoons oil to skillet over medium-high heat. Cook skirt steak 5 minutes on each side. Remove steak from pan and let rest. When cooled, slice into strips.

Add remaining olive oil to skillet over medium-high heat. Saute red and yellow peppers until cooked through.

Prepare rice as directed on package. Add squeeze of lime and taco seasoning. Stir to combine.

Prepare tortilla bowls as directed on package. Fill with rice, shredded lettuce, sliced steak and peppers. Top with diced avocado, corn and cotija cheese. Finish with taco sauce.

Back-to-School Meals in Minutes

Mexican menu ideas for simple family dinners

FAMILY FEATURES

When the school year is back in full swing, families often find themselves battling the mealtime crunch. Mexican-inspired meals bursting with flavor are known family-friendly picks that can be easily prepared and put on the table on those frenzied weeknights.

These simple ideas from the experts at Ortega can help make “taco night” and other Mexican meals better than ever.

Encourage kids to get hands-on. It’s no secret that kids like finger foods, and many Mexican dishes are best enjoyed by hand. Tacos are an obvious favorite, but other options like quesadillas, taquitos and Ortega Fiesta Flats are also easy to enjoy sans silverware.

Step outside of tradition. If you’re looking for something that makes mealtime feel extra special, skip the basic taco and choose a meal kit that lets you serve up a

restaurant-style experience at home. For example, Ortega’s Bakeable Tortilla Bowl Kits bring a new and simple way to change up your Mexican meals. Just bake and fill with your favorite ingredients.

Offer a variety of ingredients. One of the benefits of a Mexican meal is all the ways each family member can customize plates to their own tastes. Try setting out a wide range of ingredients and encourage the kids to experiment with toppings they may not have tried before, like olives and guacamole.

Don’t forget the sauce. Taco sauces can bring unique, unexpected flavor to recipes. One to try is Ortega’s line of bold and creamy Flavor Craver Taco Sauces. Varieties include Taco Ranch, Chipotle and Jalapeno Lime, all perfect for tacos, taco salads, dips, burgers and more.

Find more recipes and ideas to add a unique twist to any Mexican meal at Ortega.com.

Poblano Ranch Tacos

Makes: 8 tacos

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 poblano peppers, sliced
- 1 yellow onion, sliced
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice (optional)
- 1 box Ortega Yellow Corn Taco Shells
- 6 radishes, sliced
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 cup cotija cheese
- 1 bottle Ortega Flavor Craver Ranch Taco Sauce, to taste

Add olive oil to skillet over medium heat. Add sliced poblano peppers and yellow onion to pan. Saute until cooked through. Add squeeze of lime to pepper and onion mixture, if desired.

Bake taco shells according to package directions. To assemble tacos, add poblano and onion mixture to base of taco. Top with sliced radishes, corn and cotija cheese. Finish with taco sauce.



Southwest Chicken Salad

Makes: 4 bowls

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 chicken breasts
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 Ortega Bakeable Tortilla Bowl Kit
- 3 cups green leaf lettuce, sliced
- 1 can Ortega Black Beans
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 2 avocados, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 cup cotija cheese

1 bottle Ortega Flavor Craver Ranch Taco Sauce, to taste

Add olive oil to skillet over medium heat. Coat chicken with chili powder. Cook chicken 8 minutes on each side, or until cooked through. Remove chicken from pan and let rest. Slice chicken into strips when cooled.

Prepare tortilla bowls as directed on package. Fill with shredded lettuce, black beans, corn and sliced chicken. Top with diced avocado, tomato and cotija cheese. Finish with taco sauce.

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3. Buy white rice in bulk so you can create Spanish rice to accompany any dish.
4. Stock up on canned refried beans, black beans and pinto beans for use in your favorite Mexican dishes.

Refrigerator and Produce

1. Keep ready-made salsa and spicy sauces chilled and serve them alongside chips, tacos and other Mexican dishes.

2. Always have garlic, onions and fresh cilantro handy. Keep lemons and limes within reach to add bright flavor to your dishes. Also, buy fresh chiles like jalapeno and pasilla to spice up a variety of dishes. If possible, grow them yourself.
3. Store flour and corn tortillas in your cupboard or refrigerator to create burritos, tacos, enchiladas and wraps.
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Bobcats fall to Magoffin County in shutout



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Betsy Layne quarterback Chase Mims looks to complete a pass during the Bobcats' game against Magoffin County. The Bobcats fell to the Hornets, 44-0.

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Betsy Layne was limited offensively for the fourth straight week as host Magoffin County pulled away to win 44-0 in a non-district high school football game on Friday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 0-4.

Magoffin County evened its overall record to 2-2 with the win.

Freshman Chase Mims earned his fourth straight start at quarterback for the Bobcats. Betsy Layne was able to move the football early but found itself limited and held out of the endzone throughout the

matchup.

Quarterback Lucas Litteral led Magoffin County to the victory. Litteral completed four of five passes for 95 yards and two touchdowns. Litteral threw one interception.

Brady Whitaker and Grayson Lanning hauled in one scoring reception apiece for the Hornets. Whitaker led Magoffin County in receiving, reeling in a pair of catches for 70 yards and two touchdowns.

Magoffin County excelled on the ground, rushing 26 times for 263 yards and three touchdowns.

Leading the Hornets' rushing attack, Whitaker, one of the 15th Region's

top boys' basketball players, rushed six times for 72 yards and one touchdown.

Lanning finished second in rushing behind Whitaker, gaining 70 yards via five carries.

Nick Caldwell rushed three times for 29 yards and two touchdowns for the Hornets.

The Magoffin County defense recorded six sacks and four interceptions. Mason Lovely posted two sacks while Matthew Watkins recorded a pair of interceptions for the Hornets.

The Bobcats will have some time to regroup before taking the field again. Betsy Layne has the week of Friday, Sept. 14 open.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne's Chase Hamilton (21) and Paul Hall (15) look to tackle Magoffin County's Brady Whitaker.



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Bobcat Trimble Dotson closes in on Magoffin County running back Grayson Lanning.

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Floyd Central drops game at Lynn Camp

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

LYNN CAMP — Floyd Central dropped into the loss column for the first time in the 2018 high school football season in Week 3 as host Lynn Camp pulled away to win 41-26 on Friday night.

The Jaguars and Wildcats met in a non-district high school football game.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 3-1.

Lynn Camp moved to 3-0 with the win.

Senior halfback Dalton Cook led Lynn Camp to the win. Cook rushed for 300-plus yards in the Wildcats' victory over the Jaguars. One of the state's top running backs, Cook went over 5,000 rushing yards for his career.

The Wildcats jumped ahead early. Lynn Camp led 21-0 before Floyd Central answered with its first touchdown.

Sophomore quarterback Caleb Hager led Floyd Central through the air, completing nine of 28 passes for 193

yards and two TDs. Hager threw one interception.

Ethan Smith-Mills led Floyd Central in receiving, hauling in four catches for 90 yards and TD. Turning in a similar performance, Brady Conn reeled in four receptions for 74 yards and one TD in the Jaguars' setback.

Standout running back Josh Whitaker continued to lead Floyd Central on the ground, rushing 16 times for 97 yards and one TD.

Hager rushed 14 times for 49 yards and one touchdown to finish as the Jaguars' second-leading rusher

Conn, Brady Jones and Noah Marcum led the Floyd Central defensive effort with nine tackles apiece. Brenden Little was also instrumental defensively for the Jaguars, recording eight tackles and one sack.

Both Smith-Mills and Preston Crase recorded an interception for the Jaguars.

Floyd Central will visit county rival Prestonsburg for another non-district matchup on Friday, Sept. 14.

Blackcats continue skid at Breathitt County

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

JACKSON —TD Prestonsburg remained in the loss column on the road at Breathitt County in Week 3 of the 2018 high school football season. Host Breathitt County pulled away to beat the Blackcats 41-8 in a non-district high school football game on Friday night.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 0-3.

Breathitt County improved to 1-3.

Longtime rivals, Prestonsburg and Breathitt County met for a non-district high school football game.

Home standing Breathitt County scored first and never trailed, gradually pulling away to

defeat the Blackcats.

Breathitt County led 21-8 at halftime and remained in control of the non-district matchup after intermission.

Tyson Gross led Breathitt County to the win, rushing 21 times for 197 yards and three touchdowns.

Dalton Manns finished second behind Gross in the rushing column, scampering 89 yards via 12 rush attempts.

Dual-threat quarterback Braxton O'Hara continued to help pace the Bobcats. O'Hara completed three of four passes for 68 yards and one touchdown. One the ground, O'Hara rushed 13 times for 58 yards and two touchdowns as the Bobcats won convincingly.

Brandyn Slaughter and Jacob Noble hauled in one TD pass reception apiece for the Bobcats. Slaughter led Breathitt County in receiving, reeling in two receptions for 56 yards.

Ethan Varney accounted for all of Prestonsburg's scoring. Varney, a senior running back, delivered a one-yard TD run and two-point conversion for the Blackcats in the second quarter.

Prestonsburg is slated to host county rival Floyd Central in another non-district game at Josh Francis Field/Blackcat Stadium on Friday, Sept. 14. The upcoming game will serve as a home opener for the Blackcats.

Truex searches for new ride



Racin'
Steve Mickey

Rain had its way this past weekend in Indianapolis as both the Xfinity Series and the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series were postponed and both were scheduled to take the green flag on Monday if the weather cooperated. That's not all bad news if you are a fan close to the track and that just happens to have Monday off as you can see two races for the price of one. An added incentive would be that once in you would have your choice of just about any seat to sit in.

Now you are not so lucky if you have a deadline to write a

column and there is no race to write about on Sunday. This was the race we had been waiting on as the field would finally be set for the playoffs and we would know exactly how many playoff bonus points each driver would be carrying with him when the 10-race playoff begins next weekend at Las Vegas.

So with no race to report on lets dive into the somewhat shocking announcement last week that Furniture Row Racing would not be fielding cars for defending champion Martin Truex Jr. next season in the MENCs. While it wasn't a total surprise to some in the sport as it was no secret that the team was having problems attracting sponsors for next season, it was however a shock to many that if a defending champion has sponsorship troubles then you have to question the health of the entire series.

Furniture Row has

benefitted with its strong working relationship with Joe Gibbs Racing and Toyota that not only help win the title last season but has him as one of the favorites to win it this season. FRR's owner Barney Visser has long covered some of the operating cost out of his pocket but when 5-Hour Energy announced earlier this season that it would not be returning the clock began to click for the team in their hunt for a new sponsor.

Visser said that he would have to borrow money to keep the team competitive next year and going forward and it was a position that he did not want to put his family or his business in going forward. So he announced that he would be closing down after this season at a time when most playoff teams are gearing up for the final sprint to the finish but instead everyone involved with

the team now has to begin thinking about their own plans for the 2019 season.

Visser no doubt had his team in mind when he decided to go ahead and make the announcement that he was shutting down in order to give everyone that works on the #78 Toyota the opportunity to begin looking now for employment for the 2019 season. Visser's operation was the only team in the sport located west of the Mississippi River as it was headquartered in Denver, Colorado which now forces those that want to remain in the sport to uproot and relocate their families before next season as most jobs are centered in the Charlotte area.

Truex and his crew

chief Cole Pearn now become the hottest free agents in the sport and they would no doubt like to stay together and it is probably no big secret that Toyota not only wants the two to stay together but they are doing everything possible to see to it. The landing spot for the pair appears to be with Gibbs but as of this season Gibbs is fielding the maximum of four cars in the series.

Although nothing is official yet, Truex and Pearn is said to be making the move to Gibbs this season and will take over the ride that is now occupied by Daniel Suarez. Gibbs will reportedly will either let or move (according to how you want to word it) Suarez

and his Arris sponsorship to Levine Family Racing next season and that Toyota would take Levine on as one of its team with the same type of relationship that it had with Furniture Row.

None of this will come about until the ink dries on the contracts but it seems to make sense for all the parties involved. The only real concern now is how will Truex and his FRR team perform in the playoffs. Truex and Pearn will be fine knowing that they have a ride waiting on them. The same can't be said for those members that work the log hours without the spotlight who don't know where they will be next season.

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Lady Blackcats claim 15th Region All 'A' Classic title



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The Lady Blackcats get a team photo with the 15th Region All "A" trophy after a 6-0 win over Sheldon Clark to claim the championship.

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg claimed another 15th Region All "A" Classic girls' soccer title over the weekend. The Lady Blackcats shut out Sheldon Clark 6-0 in the 15th Region All "A" Classic girls' soccer title match on Saturday.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 6-3-0.

Sheldon Clark slipped to 3-4-0 with the loss.

Elizabeth Burchett scored four goals to lead Prestonsburg to the title-clinching victory.

Excelling both offensively and defensively, Prestonsburg blanked its three opponents 26-0 during the 15th Region All "A" Classic.

"The girls played well," said Prestonsburg coach Paul Burchett. "I feel like we are getting better. One of our goals for the season was to get back to Frankfort for the All-A Classic State Tournament and this got us one step closer to that. We felt like it was a tournament that we should have won, but you have to go win it on the field. They

don't hand you the trophy just because you come in as the favorite. I think in the three games we outscored our opponents 26-0. The girls are hungry to get back to Frankfort and it showed this week. We have a long week this week with four games now and a tough opponent on Saturday in Bath County to try and advance to the state tournament. The game will be Saturday at noon at StoneCrest which follows the boys' sectional game versus West Carter at 10:00 a.m. We'd love to see a big crowd come out and support our kids on Saturday."

Accompanying Elizabeth Burchett in the Prestonsburg scoring column, Jillian Kidd and Makayla Ousley netted one goal apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Kidd provided assists on two of Prestonsburg's six goals. Ousley and Annabelle Trusty followed, dishing out one assist apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Defensively for Prestonsburg, goalkeeper Chelsea Samons held Sheldon Clark scoreless.

Sheldon Clark goalkeeper Makayla Goble allowed six goals while recording five assists.



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Prestonsburg's Makayla Ousley slides after the ball Saturday evening against Sheldon Clark.

Blackcats outlast Paintsville in 15th Region All 'A' title game

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Much-improved Prestonsburg collected a championship over the weekend, winning the 15th Region All "A" Classic boys' soccer title. The Blackcats outlasted Paintsville 1-0 in the 15th Region All "A" Classic championship match on Saturday.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 7-0-2.

Paintsville slipped to 3-5-0 with the loss.

Cody Mosley scored the game-winning goal off an assist from Isaiah Collins.

Providing a defensive lift for the Blackcats, goalkeeper Jacob Martin held Paintsville scoreless and recorded one save.

Prestonsburg faced Paintsville in the 15th Region All "A" Classic title match after rolling past Shelby Valley 11-1 in the semifinals of the regional small-school boys' soccer tournament two days earlier.

**Prestonsburg 11
Shelby Valley 1**

Prestonsburg pulled away to defeat Shelby Valley 11-1 in the semifinals of the 15th Region All "A" Classic boys' soccer tournament on Thursday.

Isaiah Collins scored five goals and distributed two assists to lead Prestonsburg to the victory.

Following Collins' leading performance for the Blackcats, Grant Justice scored two goals and dished out two assists.

Nate Blackburn, Matt Burchett, Cody Mosley and Ryan Rankin rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring with one goal apiece.

Both Blackburn and Burchett added an assist as the Blackcats won.

Goalkeeper Jacob Martin led Prestonsburg defensively, limiting Sheldon Clark to one goal and recording two saves.



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Prestonsburg's Isaiah Collins fights for possession of the ball against Paintsville's Seth Trador Saturday during the 15th Region All "A" championship. The Blackcats held off the Tigers for a 1-0 win.



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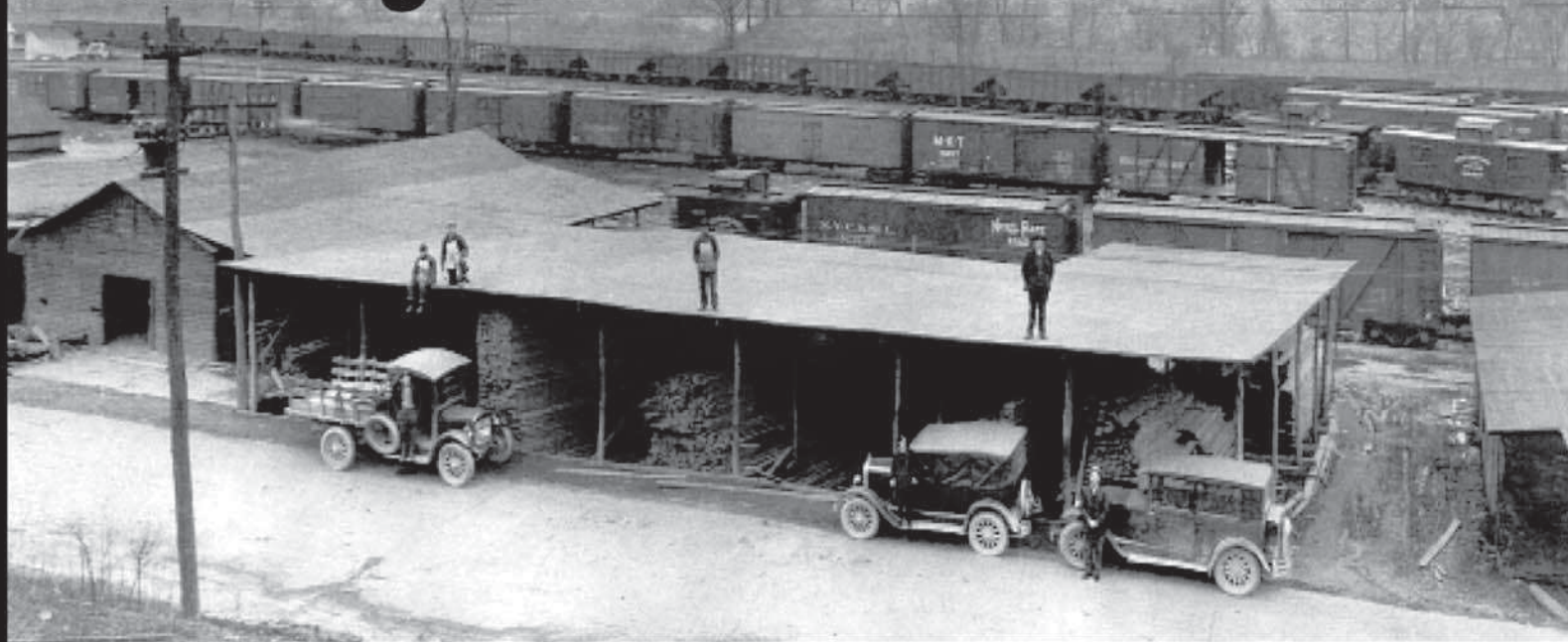
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Race raises awareness for domestic violence

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Turning Point officials are hoping to see a large crowd in Prestonsburg this weekend.

The nonprofit organization, which provides a shelter for victims of

intimate partner violence and their children in Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties, is hosting its second Domestic Violence Awareness 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, Sept. 15. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the race

starts at 9 a.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the top competitors in all age groups. Officials hope the race raises funds and awareness of the nonprofit organization's mission of ending intimate partner violence through advoca-

cy, education and action.

"The money this year will go toward the children services at the shelter," said Heather Sammons, Turning Point's outreach coordinator. "It will provide school supplies, trips, clothing, shoes, and things like

that for these kids."

She said the shelter is equipped to serve 17 residents and it is usually full.

Sammons has worked at Turning Point for more than nine years. She's seen a lot of families in need of help because of

intimate partner violence.

That's why Turning Point started this race last year.

"We started it to bring awareness about domestic violence, and just to let the community know

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Seven Floyd County students named scholars

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority recently named seven high school graduates from Floyd County as Senator Jeff Green Scholars.

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The designation honors the late state Sen. Jeff Green of Mayfield, who served in the Kentucky General Assembly from 1992 to 1997.

Local scholars include Sierra Conn, Caroline McGlone, Joseph Meade and Wesley Tackett, who

graduated from Betsy Layne High School; and Sarah Hackworth, Emily Hamilton and Olivia Lowe, who graduated from Prestonsburg High School.

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Gospel gathering at German Bridge

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Local residents are invited to a free gospel-singing event this weekend.

The German Bridge Campground is hosting the "Meet Us Near the Water" gospel concert at the campground on Saturday, Sept. 15, featuring music from several regional gospel and bluegrass bands.

The event begins at 2 p.m. and continues through 8 p.m. Admission is free and visitors may also rent a campsite at the campground. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Prestonsburg resident Virgil Johnson has been coordinating the gospel show. He said organizers hope to raise awareness about the amenities at German Bridge. His wife's grandparents were from that area, so he and his family visit often.

"It's just so beautiful over there," he said.

He encourages attendees to bring their children to the gospel singing, pointing out there's a playground at the campground, and said families can grill out while they are there. Concessions will also be available in the campground's store.

"I expect a whole lot of people," Johnson said.

Johnson said participating bands and musicians include Buddy Hubbard of Norton, Va., Dewey Moore of Maytown, CJ the DJ of Martin, the Benedict Baptist Church of Slick Rock, Tom DeRossett of Van Lear, Soul Searchers of Martin, Jack Varney of Pike County, Brian Tussey of Magoffin County and others.

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



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Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz of "American Pickers" will be touring throughout Kentucky in October, including stops throughout Eastern Kentucky.

American Pickers to Film in Ky.

AN APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS STAFF REPORT

Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz and their team are returning to Kentucky to film episodes of the hit History Channel series "American Pickers" throughout the state in October.

"American Pickers" is a documentary series started in 2010 that explores the world of antique "picking" following Wolfe and Fritz as they "hunt for antiques seeking out sizable, unique collections and learning the stories behind them," a press release

from the show said.

"As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, the Pickers are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics while meeting local characters with remarkable and exceptional items," it said. "The pair hopes to give historically-significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way. Wolfe and Fritz, with years of experience under their belts, are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

Producers are seeking Kentucky locations to visit during the filming of the show.

"The team of 'American Pickers' is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to, americanpickers@cinetflix.com, call, (855)-OLD-RUST or visit their Facebook page, @GotAPick," the statement said.

Born Learning, Tiny Academy underway in Floyd schools

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Floyd County Schools is in its sixth year for the Born Learning Academy.

Superintendent Danny Adkins announced

that the first Born Learning Academy of 2018 was held Tuesday at South Floyd Elementary and this year's first Tiny Academy was held Sept. 10 at Allen Elementary.

"Our Floyd County

team is ready to meet our future students," Adkins said in a statement. "We're excited to say that we have a Born Learning Academy or a Tiny Academy at every elementary school in our district so

no matter where our future students live, there is an academy closer to their homes."

The district's Born Learning Academy offers

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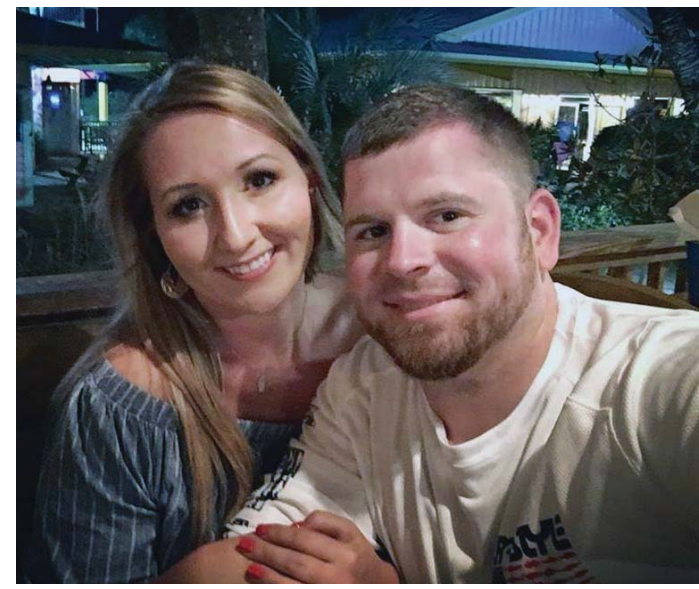
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Simpson-Collins to wed



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Brittany Leigh Simpson and Patrick Jordan Collins, the proud parents of one-year-old Davin Collins, will be united in marriage at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22, at the Auxier Freewill Baptist Church in Auxier. Brittany is the daughter of Doug Simpson of Sharps Chapel, Tennessee, and Delissa Hopkins of Shelbiana. She is the granddaughter of Waldo and Verlene Simpson of Sharps Chapel, Tenn., and the late Ben and Lacy Hopkins of Shelbiana. Patrick is the son of Roger and Sharon Collins of Auxier. He is the grandson of the late Kim and Peddle Collins of Auxier, Joyce Smith of South Charleston, West Virginia, and the late Bud Smith of Clay County, West Virginia. Brittany, who is from Shelbiana, and Patrick, who is from Auxier, plan to reside in Prestonsburg.

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Sessions, geared to help parents and caregivers learn how to turn daily activities into learning experiences for kids, helping them get ready for school.

The district's Tiny Academy events are designed to help students get ready for kindergarten by learning social skills, numbers and letters.

A grant from the Toyota Motor Manufacturing collaboration with the United Way of Kentucky partially funds the Born Learning Academy.

The district invites expectant parents, parents, caregivers and children between the ages of birth to five years old to attend the Born Learning Academy. Sessions include dinner and 30-minute segment

where parents and caregivers learn an activity to do with their children. Then, the two groups come back together and the parents and caregivers practice the activity with the children.

Free childcare is available for children who attend and door prizes are given away.

Adkins said, "We know it can be challenging to attend evening activities sometimes and that's why I think it's outstanding that there is free child care so parents/caretakers can take advantage of this great opportunity for their children. Both academies also offer free activities and door prizes. It's also a great way for our future students to be in our buildings and get more accustomed to their future schools."

He thanked the district's Family Resource

and Youth Service Center Directors, Jerri Turner of Allen, Brian Akers of Betsy Layne, Scott Shannon of Duff-Allen Central, Angie Martin of Stumbo, Sharon Collins of May Valley, Rebial Reynolds of Prestonsburg and Opal "Cissy" Williams of South Floyd for "stepping up to be the leads on all of the academies."

"They're helping provide these opportunities as well as scheduling special guests to present for families," Adkins said.

The Floyd County Early Childhood team developed Tiny Academies to offer learning opportunities in schools that did not receive the Born Learning grant. These academies introduce parents, caretakers and children to being ready for school.

Parents learn tools and strategies to support their children to be more

successful in school in a fun, active way.

Adkins said, "We're glad to have these academies in our Betsy Layne and Floyd Central attendance areas that received the Striving Readers Grant as they are assisting the academies in supporting literacy development."

We want to reach every child from birth to high school graduation and that's why our Prestonsburg area academies are also supporting literacy development. We hope you will check our schedules and attend the academy closest to you if you have children or care for children from birth to five years old.

Working together with our families and community members will help all of our kids be ready for Kindergarten when it's time for them to start."

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that there is a domestic violence shelter, and that, you know, that they are not alone," Sammons said. "So many women that are in these types of relationships are isolated. They feel like they don't have a place to go."

Turning Point provides food, clothing, personal hygiene items, transportation and other necessities when victims of intimate partner violence seek help, and connects them with com-

munity resources that can help them. Sammons said some victims may stay only one night at the shelter, but the typical length of stay lasts between three and six months.

Turning Point maintains a 24-hour crisis line, (606) 886-6025, to help victims of intimate partner violence. For more information, visit, turningpointky.org.

Tax-deductible donations may be mailed to: Turning Point Domestic Violence Services, P.O. Box 1297, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

NOTICE TO THE FLOYD COUNTY TAXPAYERS

The Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh and the Floyd County Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 424.330 would like to announce that the 2017 Delinquent Tax List will be published in the Chronicle & Times on **Wednesday September 19, 2018** on one occasion only.

September 14, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. is the last day to pay a Delinquent Tax Bill to keep it from being published in the newspaper. The list of delinquent taxes is also available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Floyd County Clerk's Office, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. This list may also be inspected on www.datadesigninc.net beginning on September 19, 2018.

The 2017 Property Tax Bills are now delinquent and any unpaid bills must be offered for sale in accordance with the provisions of House Bill 262 on Thursday October 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Taxpayers can continue to pay their Delinquent Tax Bills to the County Clerk's Office any time prior to the Tax sale. In order to receive your balance due, questions about a payment plan or any questions concerning the 2017 Delinquent Tax Bills, please call the Floyd County Clerk's Office Delinquent Tax Department at (606)886-3816.

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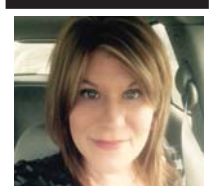
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School Day at the Middle Creek National Battlefield



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Students from Kimper Elementary watch Civil War re-enactors conduct a volley at the Middle Creek National Battlefield in Floyd County on Sept. 7.



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Prestonsburg residents Steve and Jan Russo donned Civil War attire when they came out to watch the Battle of Ivy Creek at the Middle Creek National Battlefield on Saturday. They have attended battle reenactments there for years.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows
Prestonsburg Elementary students perform songs during school day.



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Local students learn about weapons used during the Civil War during school day at the battlefield.



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Bruce Austin demonstrates Civil War-era sewing machines to students.



Above and at right, students from Kimper Elementary learn how to march with Civil War re-enactors at the battlefield. Hundreds of local students participated in school day at the battlefield this year.



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Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Sam Waller poses with K9 deputy Major while visiting with kids during school day.



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