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## Wayland residents learn about proposed buyout

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

Wayland residents had the opportunity this week to learn about a voluntary buyout that is being proposed for those who live in flood-prone

areas.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the city hosted a public meeting highlighting the proposal and gave about 30 residents who turned out applications that they can fill out if they are interested in the project.

Regina McClure of the Big Sandy Area Development District described the federal Flood Mitigation Assistance program, through which the federal government could

See **BUYOUT**, Page 4A



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
A Wayland resident asks a question during a public meeting about a proposed buyout of flood-prone properties in the city.

## Jenny Wiley Festival



The Jenny Wiley Festival opened on Wednesday in downtown Prestonsburg, featuring carnival rides, vendors, a dog show and other attractions. The festival continues through Saturday. More photos are published on Page 12A.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

## District's corrective action plan approved

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Kentucky Department of Education recently approved a corrective action plan for Floyd County Schools, and officials say implementation is already underway.

The plan details requirements the school district must meet to correct findings of noncompliance that the KDE noted in an audit of the district's special needs services earlier this year.

The district has until July 2019 to fulfill all requirements in the plan — which calls for a review of Individual Learning Plan (IEP) folders and several types of training for administrators, teachers and staff, as well as the development of "systemic" plans to ensure that state and federal requirements are met in the future. The district is also required, among other things, to review and/or revise its policies and determine whether some students who did not receive "free appropriate education," as required, should be provided compensatory education.

The audit began after parents and local agencies alleged the district was failing to comply with the

See **PLAN**, Page 8A

## Wayland approves bid for drain project

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

WAYLAND — The Wayland City Commission is a step closer to fixing its surface water drainage problems in Wayland Bottom.

During an Oct. 9 meeting, the commission unanimously approved a bid from Jigsaw Enterprises of Pikeville, agree-

ing to pay the company \$374,550 to complete a storm water system that is expected to alleviate surface water flooding in Wayland Bottom.

The vote was contingent on approval from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is funding the majority of the project.

Jigsaw Enterprises

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Wayland City Clerk Sharon Anderson opens the sole bid for a contract for a \$374,500 city drainage project. Also pictured is Commissioner Michael Caudill, who is not seeking re-election this year.

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# 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

Melissa Handshoe, 44, of Hueysville; theft by deception (cold checks), theft of identity, second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument, giving officer false information

Amanda D. Howell, 35, of McDowell; driving under the influence, failure to use child restraint, failure to wear seat belts, three counts of second-degree wanton endangerment, failure to maintain insurance, careless driving, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jonathan J. Howell, 33, of Beaver; two counts of persistent felony offender

Jeffrey D. Tackett, 43, of Weeksbury; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Daniel Motherwell, 31, of Hi Hat; first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Patty B. Thacker, 54, of Grethel; two counts of first-degree trafficking in

a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence

### Misdemeanor cases filed

Lee Lafferty, 39, of Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal trespassing, third-degree terroristic threatening

Wesley Blake Wright, 19, of Virgie; driving under the influence, failure to maintain insurance

Frank Webb, 54, of Auxier; alcohol intoxication in a public place, second-degree disorderly conduct, menacing

Jack Cline, 34, of Prestonsburg; third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana

Russell Young, 39, of Cleaton; resisting arrest

Misty Lamartz, 33, of Betsy Layne; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Tasha Williams, 28, of Paintsville; public intoxication of a controlled substance, indecent exposure

April Isaac, 43, of Betsy Layne; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Robert Blanton, 43, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Joseph Nicholas Tussey, 25, of Prestonsburg; failure to produce

insurance card, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jennifer G. Gamble, 50, of Harold; theft by deception (cold checks)

Barry Hunt II, 27, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Michael Dwayne Case, 56, of Harold; violation of an emergency protection order or domestic violence order

Joshua L. Hopkins, 28, of Minnie; theft by unlawful taking

Dustin K. Bartrum, 23, of Martin; possession of marijuana

Storm Roop, 26, of East Point; second-degree criminal mischief, third-degree terroristic threatening

Bennie Blankenship, 62, of Grethel; possession of drug paraphernalia

Michael R. Gayheart, 25, of Wellington; driving under the influence, failure to wear seatbelt, failure to produce insurance card, second-degree wanton endangerment

Brian D. Johnson, 19, of Beaver; public intoxication of a controlled substance, resisting arrest

John Stewart, 43, of Jackhorn; public intoxication of a controlled sub-

stance, disorderly conduct

Jason R. Reynolds, 38, of Printer; operating an ATV on a roadway, no operator's/moped license, license to be in possession, two counts of second-degree fleeing/evading police, driving under the influence, no registration plates, reckless driving, resisting arrest

Jamie Miller Walen, 33, of Drift; failure to appear in court, fourth-degree assault

Chasity Marcum, 40, of Oil Springs; theft by unlawful taking

Jack Holthouse, 28, of Harold; fourth-degree assault

*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.*

## 2018 JENNY WILEY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### FRIDAY, OCT. 12

8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Deadline for the Literary Pumpkin Carving Contest  
9 a.m.: Powwow  
10 a.m.: Arts show, Samuel May House  
10 a.m.: Arts & Crafts tent opens  
10:30 a.m.: Food vendors open  
11 a.m.: Lunchtime Entertainment; Big Sandy Idol  
12 p.m.: Fun Zone opens  
12 p.m.: Powwow  
6 p.m.: Powwow  
6 p.m.: Sons of FM, Moondogs, Bek & the Starlight Review, Luna & the Mountain Jets  
6:30 p.m.: Cornhole

### SATURDAY, OCT. 12

9 a.m.: Dr. Ron Leslie 5K Run/Walk for Diabetes, health department  
9 a.m.: Car & Bike Show, First Commonwealth Bank  
10 a.m.: Quilt show, Samuel May House  
10 a.m.: Arts & Crafts tent opens  
10:30 a.m.: Food vendors open  
11 a.m.: Lumberjack show  
11 a.m.: Beatin' down the 'Burg stereo competition, Archer Park  
11 a.m.: Pumpkin Derby, East Court Street  
11 a.m.: Fun Zone opens  
12 p.m.: Powwow  
2 p.m.: Lumberjack show  
2 p.m.: Parade line-up begins (new location)  
5 p.m.: Troy Burchett performs  
5 p.m.: Lumberjack show  
6 p.m.: Powwow  
6 p.m.: Clay Jamerson performs  
7 p.m.: Garland Rogers performs  
8:30 p.m.: Restless Heart performs

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## PROJECT

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agrees to furnish all labor, materials and equipment for the project, which was designed by Alchemy Engineering Associates last year. The company expects the project to last 180 days, the bid documents state.

The company was the only bidder for this project, and Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz asked whether the city could negotiate a lower price than that offered on the proposal. Regina McClure, who is administering the grant through the Big Sandy Area Development District, told him she does not believe negotiations are possible on projects that are competitively bid. She said the city has enough funding to cover the proposed bid price.

"Ok. Good deal. Then, we're good to go on that one, I think," Fultz told her. "So, we'll contact those folks and tell them we're good to go. That's great. That's a good deal."

McClure said Big Sandy ADD would like to reach out to FEMA to ensure that the project can be awarded to Jigsaw.

"You can have a motion to accept that bid, contingent on FEMA," McClure said. "We just want to run it by them that you only have one bid and make sure they're not going to have a problem with it."

Commissioner Curtis

Lee made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Kathy "Suzie" Mills before the vote.

Once completed, the project will replace an "inadequate storm water system" from the intersection of Rt. 1086 with Rt. 7, solving a surface water drainage problem that residents of Wayland Bottom have dealt with for decades.

The city applied for the FEMA grant, which totaled more than \$400,000 in 2015, and approval was given in 2016. But it took a year for the city to get funds to award the contract for the first phase — the design of the city's new drainage system — and officials have been waiting for this final award since Feb. 2017.

The city's current drainage system rests basically in one drain that funnels all surface water from the town down toward the Depot property and Wayland Bottom. This project will replace that "aging and inadequate" storm water control system with additional 12-24 inch HOPE piping and grated concrete drop junction boxes from the intersection of Rt. 1086 with Rt. 7 and within the city.

The construction is expected to start within 30 to 40 days of final approval, officials said.



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## PMC AWARDED ADVANCED CERTIFICATION FOR PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS

By: Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) announced that it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Heart-Check mark for Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Center. The Gold Seal of Approval® and the Heart-Check mark represent symbols of quality from their respective organizations.

The hospital has held this prestigious certification since 2009.

"I'm very proud to be part of a growing Primary Stroke Center where our patients receive the best and up-to-date care," said Sandy Tackett, PMC trauma director and stroke program coordinator. "Our team works to exceed national benchmarks for stroke care and treatment, resulting in better outcomes for our patients."

PMC underwent a rigorous onsite review in August of this year. Joint Commission experts evaluated compliance with stroke-related standards and requirements, including program management, the delivery of clinical care and performance improvement.

"PMC has thoroughly demonstrated the greatest level of commitment to the care of stroke patients through its Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers," said Patrick Phelan, executive director, Hospital Business Development, The Joint Commission. "We commend PMC for becoming a leader in stroke care, potentially providing a higher standard of service for stroke patients in its community."

"We congratulate PMC for achieving this designation," said Nancy Brown, chief executive officer, the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. "By adhering to this very specific set of treatment guidelines PMC has clearly made it a priority to deliver high quality care to all patients affected by stroke."

"PMC is pleased to receive advanced certification from The Joint Commission and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association," said Primary Stroke Center Medical Director, Naveed Ahmed, MD. "The certification provides us with the opportunity to highlight the exceptional stroke care we provide, as well as to continually strive to advance our care even further," Dr. Ahmed continued. "The success of the program depends on teamwork, but also depends on the support of our administration, with Mr. Donovan Blackburn helping the Stroke Program by bringing in the best equipment, making us a top-notch facility in Eastern Kentucky."

"Pikeville Medical Center is committed to doing all we can to provide quality care to our stroke patients," said PMC CEO Donovan Blackburn. "Receiving the Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers is a testament to the dedication of the health care professionals in the stroke program and everyone involved."

Established in 2003, Advanced Certification for Primary Stroke Centers is awarded for a two-year period to Joint Commission-accredited acute care hospitals.

"Stroke care has substantially evolved during the past several decades," explained Tackett. "Pikeville Medical Center offers treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation for stroke patients."

Stroke is the number four cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States, according to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds; someone dies of a stroke every four minutes; and 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

For more information, visit [pikevillehospital.org](http://pikevillehospital.org) or call 606-218-2208.



PMC staff spent the day with patients in the Letcher County area during the Mountain Heritage Festival in Whitesburg. Patients were screened for blood pressure, glucose, vision, PVD and representatives from the Leonard Lawson Cancer Center performed cancer assessments.



## LOCAL PHYSICIAN NOW SEEING PATIENTS IN PMC CLINICS IN FLOYD COUNTY

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) proudly announces the addition of Janey Watts, DO, family medicine.

Dr. Watts received a Bachelor of Arts degree, in biology, from Transylvania University, Lexington, a Master of Public Health from the University of Kentucky and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

After graduation, she completed her residency at Bluefield Regional Medical Center in Bluefield, W.Va.

Dr. Watts will be seeing patients in Floyd County at the Pikeville Medical Clinic at Harold and the Martin Clinic.

She is board certified in family medicine and osteopathic manipulation treatment through the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians.

Dr. Watts says when her patients visit her office they can expect quality care, easy access and a laid back atmosphere.

"I like to talk to people and be involved in all aspects of their care," said Dr. Watts. "Family medicine allows me to see them throughout their life and the lives of their families."

She enjoys osteopathic medicine because it allows her to provide relief to patients by using a hands-on approach.

Dr. Watts is a native of Eastern Ky. and says part of the reason she chose to practice at PMC was the luxury of being close to home.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 606-478-4600 in Harold or 606-285-9006 in Martin.

## EMERGENCY MEDICINE AT PMC HAS A NEW PHYSICIAN

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) proudly announces the addition of Paul Joseph Porres, DO, emergency medicine physician.

Dr. Porres received his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and his Master of Arts in biology from Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va. He received his medical degree from Ohio University, College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at Saint John Medical Center in Westlake, Ohio.

Dr. Porres completed his fellowship in emergency medicine ultrasound at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia, S.C.

"I knew I wanted to do emergency medicine," said Dr. Porres. "The emergency department (ED) seemed like a good fit for me. I enjoy the lifestyle of the ED and being able to practice medicine for every speciality," he added.

Dr. Porres says his mentor was his father. "My father is a physician and I have always looked up to him and his never ending desire to learn," said Dr. Porres. He said his father taught him hard work leads to success.

He looks forward to proving care to the region. "My goals for the ED are simple," he said. "I will treat every patient like I would want to be treated while providing the best care possible."

Several factors drew Dr. Porres to PMC. "I chose PMC for a few reasons," he said. "My friend and emergency department physician, Paul Weinberger, told me what a great place this is to practice medicine. PMC has a great staff and the hospital is very impressive."

When he is not caring for patients, he spends time with his wife and their three children. Together, they enjoy traveling and watching and playing soccer.





Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Wayland residents listen to a presentation about a proposed buyout of flood-prone properties in the city.

**BUYOUT**

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buy, elevate or relocate flood-prone properties. She and Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz described the proposal as voluntary.

"The city is not going to take your property. FEMA's not going to take your property," McClure said. "They're not going to take your property because your neighbor on this side did it, or your neighbor on this side did it, but you didn't want to do it. They still won't be taking your property. So, this is completely voluntary and you can back out up until the day we hand you the check."

She said the process could take up to two years and residents could back out even at that time. She noted, however, that residents who live on properties designated as "severe repetitive loss" properties could be prohibited from buying national flood insurance in the future if they sign up for the voluntary buyout and don't follow through with it.

She explained how the grant program could offer residents who live in flood-prone areas of the city one of three options.

In the voluntary buyout, FEMA would buy the flood-prone home, demolish it and give the land to Wayland after work is completed. In the future, that property must be maintained only as a green space, McClure said, and nothing else could be built there.

"So, what we can do with the FEMA funds is we can do an acquisition, which is, that would be when FEMA would help the city purchase your property at a pre-event value, which means that if we had a flood last week and you were standing there at your property and we were pulling in to do this, it would be the value of the property prior to the flood," she said.

McClure said residents who want their homes elevated will not be able to use the lower level of the home for anything other than storage after that project is complete and she said the relocation option has a "lot of moving parts" and could be difficult to qualify for.

She also talked about a "catch" to the buyout, saying participants must have national flood insurance and may be required to pay a match of up to 25 percent of the total cost.

She said a handful of

Wayland residents who have "severe repetitive loss" properties won't be required to pay any matching funds, while the match for those with "repetitive loss" would be 10 percent and all others would be 25 percent.

McClure explained, however, that residents would not pay the match up front. She said it would come out of funds FEMA pays to buy properties, and she also reported that Wayland will seek a grant to pay the match for all residents.

McClure also talked about advantages and disadvantages of participating in the program and highlighted an alternative that could alleviate flooding without the buyout.

McClure said the city's drain project, which is expected to get underway soon, and a proposed floodwall and pumping system could reduce flooding there.

"That (the floodwall) coupled with your drainage project would be designed to alleviate, or greatly reduce, the risk of flooding in Wayland," McClure said. "So, when we submit this, we'll submit it, if we have enough interest to move forward, we will submit it as an acquisition with an alternative project, a phase two, this drainage and floodwall and pump."

Residents were asked to help Big Sandy ADD staff map their properties on a computer program and fill out the applications.

The deadline to turn in applications is Oct. 17, officials said, the project must be submitted to FEMA by Oct. 26.

Residents asked several questions during the event.

Residents with questions should call Fultz at, (606) 358-9471 or McClure at, (606) 886-2374.

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## GUEST EDITORIALS

# Yes, journalism matters

“White House bans CNN reporter from event for ‘inappropriate’ questions”

“Denver police officers arrest journalists taking photos”

“Reporter held in contempt of court and arrested after recording trial”

“Man upset with newspaper coverage shoots, kills multiple journalists in Capital Gazette newsroom”

Those are just a few of the headlines shared by the U.S. Freedom Tracker, “a database of press freedom incidents in the United States — everything from arrests of journalists and the seizure of their equipment to interrogations at the U.S. border and physical attacks. The Press Freedom Tracker documents incidents across the

country, involving national, state and local authorities.”

According to the tracker, so far, in 2018, there have been five journalists arrested, 37 journalists attacked, five journalists were killed and 15 journalists subpoenaed. Last year, 34 were arrested, 15 were searched or had their equipment seized, five were stopped at the border and 45 were physically attacked.

In a time when attacks on the press — both figuratively and literally — are becoming increasingly common, we are reminded “journalism matters now more than ever.”

That is the theme of this year’s National Newspaper Week, an annual observance recognizing the service of newspa-

pers and their employers sponsored by the Newspaper Association Managers.

Like many newspapers around the country this week, The Winchester Sun is proud to honor and celebrate National Newspaper Week.

Conversations about the press these days often turn hostile. The notion for many is that the press is the enemy.

We are here to tell you that is not the case. We are not your enemy. We are your watchdog and your source of reliable local information.

While we have dedicated our lives to sharing the news, we are also members of the community, just like you. We are your neighbors, your friends, your customers, your family, your constituents. We are taxpayers

and we have a stake in the community as well.

Our mission is to ensure transparency, while sharing all of news, whether good or bad, about our community.

We are here to cheer on our neighbors and rejoice in their successes. We are also here to hold the community accountable.

When you can’t attend a government meeting, we are here to tell you what decisions were made. When you have to miss that home football game, we are there to tell you the score. When you need to know when that meeting is, the time for that long-awaited local event or some other date, look no further than your local newspaper.

When people believe newspapers are “the enemy,” they attack the very

thing that was designed to be there for them.

We make no promises we will never make a mistake or that we’ll never make someone angry with what we publish.

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You have the right to be informed, to know what elected officials are doing, to better understand how those decisions affect you and your family.

And we are here to ensure that.

When people view their local newspaper as “the enemy,” we begin to see hostility against journalists. With that comes a fear that our press may lose some of the free-

doms we have shared for centuries.

We are thankful to call the U.S. home — where people share some of the strongest protections of free speech. Let’s not be fooled into thinking those freedoms should ever be questioned.

When journalists are censored, attacked or imprisoned for doing their work, that harms the greater good. It threatens our Constitution. It makes for a less informed, less powerful public.

Good journalism is the strongest deterrent to attacks on our free speech, our rights and, ultimately, our freedom. That is why journalism matters. Now more than ever.

— *The Winchester Sun*

# Learn about Casey’s Law

In a desperate, last-ditch effort to save a loved one, what are you willing to do?

Most people would be willing to stand in the line of fire to save a family member. But not all life-and-death crises can be resolved in that manner.

When it involves drug abuse, rescue attempts require intervention of a different sort.

Trapped by the power of an addictive substance, people often can’t judge what’s in their best interest. The all-consum-

ing need for the next fix can mask reality. A family’s well-meaning acts of intercession often are shunned as interference.

In 2004, the Kentucky General Assembly passed Casey’s Law to provide an option for parents and family members with nowhere else to turn.

Formally known as The Matthew Casey Wethington Act for Substance Abuse Intervention, it allows parents, relatives and even friends to petition the court for treatment on behalf of

the person who is abusing alcohol and/or drugs, (also referred to as the respondent). The treatment options available under the law can vary depending on circumstances of each individual case.

Akin to other forms of involuntary hospitalization, Casey’s family fought for adoption of this law and continue to promote it.

His mother, Charlotte Wethington, calls it “a hopeful option to what may seem like a hopeless

situation.”

Her son was 23 when he refused the family’s pleas that he pursue treatment. Because he was an adult in the eyes of the law, his parents had no ability to compel him to seek treatment.

Casey died of a heroin overdose on Aug. 19, 2002. His death became an inspiration for the law that allows others to intervene in cases of substance use disorder — regardless of the person’s age and without criminal charges.

The Wethington family remains involved in educating and promoting this law, and recently County Attorney Jenny Oldham issued a similar plea locally.

Since 2004, Hardin County only has had 10 petitions filed under Casey’s Law, she said, and it’s not because this area has a shortage of caring families or is exempt from pain of substance abuse.

“That is surprising, especially with the level of drug addiction that we

know we are seeing,” she said.

For the court to order involuntary treatment, Oldham said it must determine all of the following exist: the respondent suffers from drug or alcohol abuse; the respondent presents an imminent threat of danger to self, family or others as a result of alcohol or drug abuse or there exists a substantial likelihood of such a threat of danger in the near future; and the respondent can reasonably benefit from the treatment.

If this applies to someone you love, learn more about Casey’s Law and make the appropriate arrangements now — before you face the reality of making funeral arrangements instead.

— *The News-Enterprise*

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# FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

## Earl Hall Jr.

Earl Hall, Jr., 67, of Hunter, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

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

## Joyce Ann Hamilton

Joyce Ann Hamilton, 75, of Raccoon, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

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

## Vernas Hamilton

Vernas Hamilton, 81, of Printer, died Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018.

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

## Loretta Little

Loretta Newman Little, 79, of Wyandotte, Mich., died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

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

## Eleanor Pike

Eleanor Caudill Pike, 77, of Lexington, died Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018.

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## Steven Walter Weil

Steven Walter Weil, 64, of Hager Hill, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018.

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# Transportation Cabinet declares emergency

## KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

In anticipation of Hurricane Michael and its potential to cause damage to the southeastern United States, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Secretary Greg Thomas has waived certain commercial motor carrier regulations for operators involved in relief efforts.

According to a state news release, Thomas issued the emergency declaration that provides temporary regulatory relief for crews heading to

the affected areas to deliver goods, restore utilities and remove debris.

"Kentucky seeks to offer mutual aid to assist in the federal and state disaster response for the forecasted hurricane," Thomas said. "Lifting these restrictions allows

crews to assist with the relief effort as quickly as possible."

The order exempts a driver's hours of service limitation and weigh station stoppage, suspends registration requirements and waives permit fees for overweight/over-di-

mensional vehicles. All other safety requirements will remain in effect for drivers. Commercial drivers must carry a copy of the Official Order in the cab of their vehicle.

The declaration expires on Nov. 10.

## Correction:

An Oct. 10 article about the Commonwealth of Kentucky Food Bowl donation drive for food pantries incorrectly quoted Secretary of State Alison Grimes.

The quote should have read: "We are feeding the nation, literally, with our Kentucky farmers. We are not doing what we should be doing, though, for those in our own back yard," Grimes said. "When one in five Kentuckians don't know where their next meal is going to come from, and, even more dire, one in four of our children. That hunger insecurity is something that we can solve. It's a problem we must solve. With the Commonwealth of Kentucky Bowl, I know that we will solve that."

For more information about the Food Bowl, visit, [helpfeedky.com](http://helpfeedky.com).

## Community Events

- Oct. 12: Final day of the Floyd County Fall Cleanup. All county residents may take litter to Waste Connections at Garth Hollow free of charge. Tires, batteries, oil, items containing Freon and construction debris not permitted. For help with pickup of large appliances, call Randy Bryant (606) 886-9193
- Oct. 12; 12 p.m.: AppalReD Legal Aid to host pro bono recognition luncheon, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. (606) 886-3876 or visit, [ardfky.org](http://ardfky.org)
- Oct. 12; 7 p.m.: Premiere of "Live from CMH23," Mountain Arts Center. Free admission.
- Oct. 15; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District meets, 18 Mayo Br., Brandykeg. (606) 889-9800
- Oct. 15; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335
- Oct. 16; 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Kentucky Power invites Floyd County customers to attend a Community Outreach Information Session at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg
- Oct. 16; 10 a.m.: Floyd County Local Emergency Planning Commission to meet, Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad. Officials from the National Weather Service and Big Sandy Community & Technical College to speak.
- Oct. 16; 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center Board of Directors meet, MAC. (606) 889-9125
- Oct. 16; 5:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Chapter of the AARP meets at Highland Terrace, Prestonsburg.
- Oct. 16; 5:30 p.m. Tiny Bulldog Academy for kids age birth to five, Prestonsburg Elementary. Free. (606) 886-3891
- Oct. 16; 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- Oct. 16; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office
- Through Oct. 18: "Weird Appalachia" on exhibit at McCall Art Gallery, Big Sandy Community & Technical College. (606) 889-4762
- Oct. 17; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- Oct. 16; 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriter's Scene, Lizzie B's. (606) 886-1341
- Oct. 18-20: 49th Annual Red White & Blue Days Festival, Martin
- Oct. 18; 5 p.m. Tiny Bulldog Academy for kids age birth to five, Duff-Allen Central Elementary. Free. (606) 358-0110

PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
KENTUCKY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come.

WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers have devoted their careers to the education and training of literally thousands upon thousands of Kentucky's youth; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers have retrained and/or provided primary educational opportunities to hundreds of adults in the state who for one reason or other, had fallen behind in the formal education needed for job and social skills, and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers rendered valuable services in diverse leadership roles in their communities and institutions throughout their careers and continue to render such services as retirees; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers represent the profession, which is given the basic responsibility for launching the careers of state and national leaders and for laying the foundation for the welfare of all members of our society; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers have toiled ceaselessly to improve the quality of life in the state and nation, too often in less than adequate circumstances and for less than adequate pay; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers represent a tremendous pool of experience and training which remains dedicated to the betterment of society everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's retired teachers represent a loyal, patriotic, and concerned citizenry, which provided a dedicated and dependable support to the leaders in our communities, state, and nation

WHEREAS, Kentucky's 2014 General Assembly has honored Kentucky Retired Teachers retired teachers by recognizing the third week of October as Kentucky Retired Teachers' Appreciation Week

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shirley Wolf, President of the Kentucky Retired Teachers Association, do hereby proclaim October 14-20, 2018 as

RETIRED TEACHERS' APPRECIATION WEEK

Done in the city of Louisville, Kentucky the twentieth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen

*Shirley Dick Wolf*  
Shirley Dick Wolf, President  
Kentucky Retired Teachers Association

MIKE HARMON  
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

To the People of Kentucky  
The Honorable Matthew G. Bevin, Governor  
William M. Landrum III, Secretary  
Finance and Administration Cabinet  
The Honorable Benjamin L. Hale, Floyd County Judge/Executive  
The Honorable John P. Hunt, Floyd County Sheriff  
Members of the Floyd County Fiscal Court

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Financial Statement  
We have audited the Floyd County Sheriff's Settlement - 2016 Unmined Coal Taxes for the period August 16, 2016 through September 18, 2017 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement  
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting as described in Note 1. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility  
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Guide for Sheriff's Tax Settlements, issued by the Auditor of Public Accounts, Commonwealth of Kentucky. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles  
As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Floyd County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles  
In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the unmined coal taxes charged, credited and paid of the Floyd County Sheriff, for the period August 16, 2016 through September 18, 2017.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting  
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the unmined coal taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period August 16, 2016 through September 18, 2017 of the Floyd County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards  
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated August 8, 2018, on our consideration of the Floyd County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Floyd County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Based on the results of our audit, we have presented the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, included herein, which discusses the following report comment:  
2016-001 The Sheriff Transferred The Certifications Of Delinquency For Unmined Coal Tax Bills Prior To The End Of The Collection Period Required By Statute

Respectfully submitted,  
*Mike Harmon*  
Mike Harmon  
Auditor of Public Accounts

August 8, 2018  
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## Scriptures for daily living

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. — Romans 12:2

For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. — Deuteronomy 30:16

For we live by faith, not by sight. — 2 Corinthians 5:7

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. — Matthew 7:7

You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows. — Job 22:27

So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. — 1 Corinthians 10:31

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. — 1 Peter 5:7

The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. — Psalm 118:14

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." — Joshua 1:9

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones. — Proverbs 16:24

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. — Psalm 34:14



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

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." — John 16:33

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. — James 1:19-20

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. — Ephesians 4:32

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." — Hebrews 13:5

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, — Ephesians 4:26

## Trust in the Lord

Liberal secular humanism wants everyone to be happy and healthy and assumes that science and technology will go a long way towards solving problems such as disease and poverty. It also assumes that people are basically good. But a realistic appraisal of the world's problems, at least from a historical perspective, suggests otherwise. People are prone to doing horrible things, and often use science and technology to advance war, or simply for profit, even at the expense of the environment and the world's most vulnerable people. Scientific and technological advances often bring with them new, unforeseen problems. Can the human race save itself by its own efforts? Or is redemption possible only through divine intervention? The biblical story of the flood is perhaps relevant here. We can only imagine God shaking his head and asking if giving humans the freedom to do as they wish was ever a good idea, but intervening nonetheless. The arc of history may bend towards justice, but while it is bending, there is a lot of evil and mayhem. Perhaps the moral of the human story is that we can't rely on our own understanding, or our goodness, because both are deficient in solving the myriad problems plaguing us.



— Christopher Simon

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

## Local Church Directory

### TRIMBLE CHAPEL CHURCH

79 Trimble Chapel Square, Prestonsburg  
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Services — 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

Services and Youth Group — 6 p.m.

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US 23, Harold  
Pastor Dennis Love

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Worship — 11 a.m.  
Healing Service — 7 p.m. on last Sunday of month

#### WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting & Youth Fellowship — 6:30 p.m.  
AA Meeting — 8 p.m.

### CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BETSY LAYNE

80 Pike Floyd Hollow, Betsy Layne  
Phone: (606) 478-5369

Pastor Bro. Tim McClanahan

#### SUNDAYS

Sunday School — 9:45 a.m.  
Worship — 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting — 7 p.m.

### COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

147 Burke Ave, Prestonsburg  
Phone: 606-886-8087

Pastor John Carwell  
www.cmcprestonsburg.org

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Sunday School — 10 a.m.  
Worship — 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship — 6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS

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#### WEDNESDAYS

Service — 7 p.m.

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#### SUNDAYS

Sunday School — 10 a.m.  
Worship — 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAYS

Service — 7 p.m.

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62 South Harkens Avenue, Prestonsburg

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Sunday School — 10 a.m.  
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Bible Study — 7 p.m.

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## There is a purpose for the valley



BY JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens (Ecclesiastes 3:1)." King Solomon writes these words. In the first book of Kings we are told, "Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the people of the East, and greater than all the wisdom of Egypt (4:30)."

The everything Solomon describes includes death, weeping, mourning, throwing away, hate and war, as well as others (Ecclesiastes 3:2-8). During these many seasons of life, we will endure trials and hardships. One of my biggest trials to overcome was during a period of illness. Initially, I didn't know what was wrong with me. Something just wasn't right. I went through doctors and was misdiagnosed several times. It took me several years before I finally received a correct diagnosis — I suffered from a vestibular disorder. As a brief ex-

planation, in my particular case, something in my ear doesn't function properly. Therefore, I have problems with my balance.

Before I received the correct diagnosis, my illness had deteriorated until I was unable to really have any type of life. I constantly felt unstable, feeling as though I would fall at any moment. Sometimes I was dizzy (room-spinning dizzy). Riding in a vehicle left my head spinning. It was horrible. I couldn't even prepare myself something to eat for fear of falling upon the hot burner.

As Solomon says, to everything there is a season. And this season of my life served a greater purpose than my illness. While consumed by my illness, I was unable to recognize this purpose. However, I can see it in hindsight.

In life, we experience valleys and peaks, or highs and lows. This was a valley for me. A deep, low, rugged valley. As difficult as the trial may have been, it was in those moments that I looked up to God. I was in search of a higher power. Doctors couldn't correctly explain or determine what was going on with me. They didn't fully grasp the problem to determine a proper answer. I needed someone greater than mere humans

to answer my questions. I needed someone to help me through the problems, to guide me and make a way to get me up and out of the valley. I needed divine help. I sought someone who could provide this divine help — God.

My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Presumably King David penned these words: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth (Psalm 121:1)." If anyone could help me out of the valley, it would be God. Upon realizing that I needed God in my life, I became a Christian.

In hindsight, I can see this season in my life served an extremely important purpose — a far greater purpose than any other. Just as David wrote, I lifted up my eyes when I was in the valley. Sometimes, that's what

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**PLAN**

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Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). The complaints included allegations that special education services were not provided in some facilities, the decisions to place students in special education programs were not made in compliance with laws, and, among other things, that the district was "over-identifying students" with special needs so they can receive accommodations on state tests.

The KDE staff substantiated "systemic findings of noncompliance" under the federal disabilities act, as well as dozens of violations of state regulations.

"Assessment tools and strategies applied by the district were not used for determining the educational needs of students," the audit said. "Rather, special education was sought as a substitute for appropriate instruction so that accommodations could be used during statewide testing in the district."

In the audit, the KDE reports that the district violated state regulations that specify how and why students are referred to special education. It said there was "sufficient evidence" to show "the district has employed numerous inappropriate practices to identify students for special education services."

"The purpose of the inappropriate evaluation practices was to qualify students for accommodations so students can receive accommodations through an IEP (Individual Learning Plan) for state assessments, even though the students may not be truly eligible for IDEA services," the audit said.

Through the corrective action plan, school district officials are charged with correcting those issues.

Larry Joe Begley, who oversees special education in the district, said the KDE gave him pre-approval to start some of the corrective measures, including the training of principals and Admission and Release Committee chairpersons and the review of the IEP folders that the KDE used in its audit.

He said the plan requires officials to review 65 student IEP folders that were pulled randomly by KDE auditors to ensure that corrections are made.

He said the district is going "above and beyond" that requirement, though, with a plan to review nearly 1,300 IEP folders in one year. Special education teachers will undergo training on Oct. 22, 25 and 29 on how to properly review the IEP folders, Begley said, and thereafter, they will review all 1,300 folders during annual reviews that must be held in IEP cases each year.

"We have a plan internally, that once we train every teacher in our buildings by Oct. 29, in the course of a calendar year, we will review the

folder each time we have a meeting on a child," Begley said, calling it part of the district's "systemic plan" to ensure state and federal requirements are followed in the future.

When asked if that practice wasn't done previously, he said, "The state requires 50 to 60 a year, randomly, but we want to be ambitious and review them all as we have meetings," he said.

Begley said the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative, the group that is hosting the folder review training for teachers, is also offering IEP training to all special education teachers and administrators on Oct. 10, 16 and 17 as part of the corrective action plan.

The plan requires several other trainings to be provided in Floyd County this year, including the training of regular teachers who provide Response-to-Intervention services for students.

District officials have already interviewed some parents to inform them that their child will not receive the same accommodations he or she received in the past.

During an interview this month, Superintendent Danny Adkins explained that the lack of supporting documentation was a major issue in the audit and some students were assigned accommodations that weren't the "least restrictive," as required by law.

He said while reviewing the IEP folders this year, staff will also review 504 plans—a program, similar to IEP, that helps students access the accommodations they need—to ensure these students have appropriate accommodations and that they are documented.

"We're going back and looking at 504s and IEPs, and we're making sure that they have the least restrictive environment for their accommodations. Whatever the least restrictive environment is that still helps that child, that's what we're looking at doing," Adkins said. "Everybody just doesn't get a reader and a scribe because that's not what the least restrictive environment is. Like I said, with some

students, it may be extra time. It may be extended time. It may be large-print books. It may be large print testing materials. Those are the least restrictive environments, and that's what KDE has told us we have to do. So, we'll be going back through all of our IEP folders, and look at our 504s as well."

Begley said an annual review of all IEP folders should be "a natural part" of the process.

"The process is not intended for a child that has a disability to receive accommodations for the rest of their life," he said. "The goal of special education, or specially-designed instruction, is to make that child independent and fade those accommodations out over time anyway."

He said that effort will be a "point of emphasis" in the district.

"That is a point of emphasis, to make sure that these accommodations are discussed in depth each time we meet to make sure that we have a plan to fade these out so that we don't carry accommodations on unnecessarily just because that's the way we've always done it," he said.

Begley said the district hopes to complete all corrective action plan requirements prior to the June 27, 2019, deadline, but noted that the KDE can extend that date.

When asked how difficult it would be for the district, he said, "I don't think the word easy comes to mind, but it's doable. It's not an unrealistic goal. It's going to be very time-consuming, but everything in that plan is doable. But it won't be doable without focus and passion, of which I think Floyd County is full of."

Officials say they have found no evidence to show that staff intentionally manipulated the special needs programs so students could get special accommodations on tests.

Former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb denied that allegation, calling it "utterly ridiculous and false" and former interim Superintendent Steve Trimble, who was not employed while state tests were administered,

said last month that he also did not see anything wrong.

"I didn't see anything out of the way, anything different. Again, I wasn't there very long, but I didn't see anything out of the way that I thought was wrong," he said. "I guess about all I saw was teachers working hard, and principals leading and kids working hard, that's all I saw while I was there."

Begley attributed some of the audit findings to communication issues and talked about the need to ensure that all schools follow the same policy. Adkins said he found cases where students hadn't received appropriate accommodations, and those issues have already been resolved for a couple of students. He and other district officials attributed much of the noncompliance issues to a lack of documentation.

Floyd County Board of Education Chairperson Sherry Robinson said she was surprised by the audit, but that officials questioned the rising number of special needs staff in the past.

"We have asked questions in the past as to why we're having to approve it, and when Mr. Trimble was here, there was actually a conversation with him where he even mentioned to the special education director at the time, you know, 'This has been so many since I've been here. Something needs to give. You all need to, you know, we can't afford to keep doing so many in para-education, you know. So, he even mentioned there was a lot of para-education po-

sitions being created."

She said the board relied on what it was told when those questions were raised.

"So we just have to rely on what we're being told, that, you know, kids are being identified, they're being assessed, these numbers are being done, so we need this by law, we need this position," she said.

She wants the public to know that the board of education cannot legally make school-level decisions and pointed out that the superintendent enforces policies in the district.

"I want the community to know and understand what our role is in this...The board's role. Because we don't have any control over what's done at the school level... Our roles are hiring a superintendent, hiring a board attorney, making policies, not enforcing policies," she said.

When he was approached about the audit last month, Dr. Webb said special education decisions were made at the school level, not the district level. KDE Spokesperson Nancy Rodriguez, however, reported in an email after that statement was published, "The findings of non-compliance is at the district-level, not the school level."

The school district is still waiting on the results of a monitoring visit the KDE conducted during the 2018 state assessment. KDE testing allegation staff is reviewing "voluminous reports received by monitors" in Floyd, Jefferson, Jessamine and Morgan counties, and is not able to comment on the status

of those visits until the review is completed, a press release from KDE said.

As the district works to fulfill requires of the corrective action plan, it is also seeking special education staff. The district has hired several staff recently, but more are needed.

"They're leaving," Adkins said. "We've lost two to Johnson County. One to Magoffin. Maybe one or two to Pike County. Now, we did create a position the other day, a special ed position, but here's why, because we have to service our home hospital students with a special ed teacher, too, if they have an IEP and the ARC had just been allowing a regular education teacher to do that. Well, now, we actually have a home hospital special education teacher who will take care of those students. So, like I said, we're following everything they're giving us, but, there again, that's another cost to the district, but it's helping students. It doesn't bother me to spend money if we're helping kids."

Begley feels completing the corrective action plan will help students in the future.

"I just feel like with all my heart when I say this, that a lot of it will be beneficial to the kids of Floyd County because, if nothing else, it's going to force us to talk about things that we may not have talked about in the last four or five years to the level that we needed to talk about it," he said.

In addition to the 1,300 students who have IEP plans, the district has 372 students with 504 plans.

# Turkey Recipes

FROM A  
**Child's Point of View**

**TURKEY**

First, I would go to the barn and catch a turkey. Next, I would take his feathers off and put cheese on him. Then, I would put him in a big big thing where the cookies go in. Last, I put it in the stove. Then when he is done I would eat it.  
—Alexis Puckett, age 5

**TURKEY**

Get a turkey by going to WalMart and buy it. Before you cook it you need to: put sauce on it like mustard and get all the grits out of it. Cook the turkey at 100 degrees for 100 minutes in the fire (you cannot play with fire you must be careful with it so you don't die). The turkey is done when I look at it. You can eat a fork with the turkey. For dessert I would go with another turkey.  
—Jayson Bartley, age 6

## Attention Teachers & Parents:

Submit your class/child's turkey recipe(s) to be published for FREE in the Chronicle & Times' Thanksgiving Edition. Please include the child's name and age. **Email submissions to (preferred method): [rgodbey@news-expressky.com](mailto:rgodbey@news-expressky.com).** Mail to: Turkey Recipes, c/o Floyd County Chronicle & Times, 197 South Lake Drive, Suite 201, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653. Submissions must be received by 5 p.m. on **Friday, November 2, 2018.**

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- All material must be received by Friday, October 26, 2018 at 5pm.
- Only name, rank, branch and years of service and picture, if available, will be published.
- Must send phone number and address (NOT published, for verification purposes only).



## Auditions to be held Oct. 14

**FLOYD CHRONICLE  
 AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Artists Collaborative Theatre, located in Elkhorn City in Pike County, is seeking children and adults interested in performing on stage.

ACT invites "all ac-

tors, vocalists, class clowns, shower singers, mirror dancers, redlight Broadway stars, day-dreamers, the melodramatic, the over-dramatic and the secretly dramatic" to its 2018-2019 season auditions, which will be held at 5:30 p.m. on

Sunday, Oct. 14.

Auditions are open to people of all ages and experience levels.

"No prior acting experience is necessary to audition or perform with ACT, just a desire to perform on stage and a dedication to making magic

happen," said Stephanie Richards, executive director of ACT. "Our auditions are very casual and low-intensity. They are formatted in a way that helps every single person succeed."

Planned and rehearsed monologues and

songs, while welcome, are not required. Those who want to audition may read from a selection of script excerpts.

The theatre's 2018-2019 season will include productions of "The Adventures of Peter Rabbit," "A Doublewide Tex-

as Christmas," "Desire Under the Elms," "Mary Poppins Jr.," "Cotton Patch Gospel" and "The Beverly Hillbillies."

For more information, call, (606) 754-4228 or visit the ACT Facebook page.

# harvest

## IN THE PARK

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosted its first-ever Harvest in Park on Tuesday, at the Dewey Lake Downstream Recreational Area, featuring activities and treats, costume contests for children and pets and live music.

Appalachian Newspapers photos by Elaine Belcher



## Applications sought for Governor's School for the Arts

**AN APPALACHIAN  
 NEWSPAPERS  
 STAFF REPORT**

The Kentucky Center Governor's School for the Arts announced that applications are now open for its 2019 class.

The program, a three-week arts education experience, opens doors to a variety of scholarship opportunities and will be celebrating its 32nd year next summer.

Each summer, the Kentucky Center Gover-

nor's School for the Arts hosts more than 250 high school students for a three-week, tuition-free residential program on a college campus. During this program, student artists engage in studies across nine disciplines,

including architecture and design, creative writing, dance, drama, film and photography, instrumental music, musical theatre and visual art and vocal music.

Acceptance to the GSA program is compet-

itive, with alumni averaging \$82,000 in scholarships following their participation.

There is an application fee of \$30 but the fee is waived for students on free or reduced lunch. Registration is now also

open for a "prep workshop" hosted in Perry County on Dec. 1. Applications are due for the preliminary round on Jan. 11, 2019.

For more information, visit, kentuckycentergsa.org.

# Local physician now seeing patients in PMC Floyd County clinics

**SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS**

Pikeville Medical Center this week announced the addition of Janey Watts, DO, family medicine.

Dr. Watts received a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Transyl-

vania University in Lexington, a Master of Public Health from the University of Kentucky and a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine.

After graduation, she completed her residency at Bluefield Regional

Medical Center in Bluefield, West Virginia.

Dr. Watts will be seeing patients in Floyd County at the Pikeville Medical Clinic at Harold and the Martin Clinic.

She is board certified in family medicine and osteopathic manipulation treatment through the

American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians.

Dr. Watts says when her patients visit her office they can expect quality care, easy access and a laid back atmosphere, a press release from the hospital said.

"I like to talk to peo-

ple and be involved in all aspects of their care," said Dr. Watts. "Family medicine allows me to see them throughout their life and the lives of their families."

She enjoys osteopathic medicine because it allows her to provide relief to patients by using

a hands-on approach. Dr. Watts is a native of Eastern Kentucky and says part of the reason she chose to practice at PMC was to be close to home.

For more information, call, (606) 478-4600, in Harold, or, (606) 285-9006, in Martin.

## Traffic stop leads to drug arrest in Grethel

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Grethel resident faces several felony charges following a traffic stop.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Justin Szymchack arrested Patty B. Thacker, 54, of Grethel on Sunday, charging her with two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, second-degree possession

of a controlled substance and tampering with physical evidence.

According to court documents, Szymchack was patrolling on Ky. 680 that evening when he observed a Ford Explorer allegedly driven by Thacker "swerving over the center line and fog line."

Thacker told the officer that she was swerving because she was "trying to get control of her dog," which was in her lap.

"I recognized Ms. Thacker (as) someone that I received several complaints of her possibly trafficking in the Grethel community at that time I deployed K9 Drago to do a sniff around the vehicle," Szymchack wrote in the citation.

He claims he found several pills in the vehicle, as well as Suboxone strips and a Pepsi can with a plastic baggie filled with a substance believed

to be methamphetamine.

Szymchack also claims that Thacker had "several messages" about trafficking drugs

on her cellphone.

Thacker entered a not guilty plea in the case on Monday. District Judge Eric Hall scheduled

a preliminary hearing in the case for Oct. 15 and assigned Thacker a \$5,000 cash bond.

## Man accused of trying to smuggle meth into jail

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Weeksbury resident was arrested Sunday for allegedly trying to smuggle drugs into the Floyd County Detention Center.

According to court documents, Jeffery D. Tackett, 43, is facing

charges of first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia following the alleged incident.

The citation claims that Floyd County Detention Center Sgt. Bradley Fields discovered a baggie

of a crystal-like substance believed to be meth when Tackett's underwear was searched at the jail.

Tackett entered a not guilty plea in a hearing in Floyd District Court on Monday. District Judge Eric Hall scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for Oct. 15.



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## Learning as I go with Diabetes

May 17, 2018 is a day Carolyn Rohr, known as Sue to everyone will not forget anytime soon. It all began with a sore on the side of her foot that would not heal. She made an appointment with her family doctor to get it checked out just to be safe. Once there she had lab work done, her foot was checked and she was referred to a specialist. On this day May 17, 2018 she went to see the podiatrist and he had the results back from her lab work and it was then that she found out she had diabetes. "He actually thought I was going to lose my foot" Rohr stated. Hearing this and finding out I had diabetes was devastating. At the time of diagnosis her A1C level was 7.9%. Type 2 Diabetes is diagnosed with an A1C >6.5%. The A1C test measures your average blood glucose for the past 2 to 3 months.

With a family history of diabetes and risk factors for diabetes, she stated "you don't want to think about it". She had only one of the common symptoms of diabetes. Symptom of diabetes include:

- Frequent urination
- Excessive thirst
- Blurred vision
- Extreme fatigue
- Extreme hunger
- Unintentional weight loss
- Irritability
- Slow healing wounds
- Frequent infections

After her diagnosis of Type 2 Diabetes, Sue enrolled in the Diabetes Self Management Sessions at the Floyd County Health Department. It was at these sessions that Rohr learned more about diabetes and what to eat to control her blood sugar.

Rohr who is the Manager at McDonald's admits the first two weeks were hard. With working in fast food she has learned she can still have fast food, she just makes healthier choices and monitors the portions.

Since May she has made changes in her diet and lifestyle. She has lost 63 pounds, follows a 1500 calorie diet while monitoring her carbohydrate intake. The results of her work are proven by her twice a day blood sugar readings which are now normal. Her last A1C dropped to 6.3%. The American Diabetes Association recommends an A1C <7% for adults with diabetes. She currently is controlling her blood sugar, without medication, with diet and activity only. Rohr stated, "I feel great, I have more energy and no longer get sleepy when driving". Her foot has healed and she still sees the Podiatrist along with her family doctor.

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Dietitian and Diabetes Educator with the Floyd County Health Department stated "Sue is a true success, because she took the information I provided her and made it work". She is determined and has a goal to succeed. "I admire her for what she has accomplished in these few months all the while working daily in a restaurant" Younce stated.

When asked, What advise she would give to someone newly diagnosed with diabetes? Rohr stated, "definitely take the classes, they are informative, you learn a lot and don't have a breakdown. It will be alright, you will get use to it and you will learn. I am learning as I go."

More than 100 million adults are living with Diabetes or Prediabetes according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

According to the most recent Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System data, Kentucky ranked #7 in the United States for Diabetes. So it is recommended you know your risk factors and get screened.

### Are you at Risk?

- Over the age of 45 years
- Have a family history of diabetes
- Overweight
- Not active
- Delivered a baby weighing more than 9 pounds
- History of Gestational Diabetes

If you answer yes to one or more of these questions or you have symptoms of diabetes talk with your health care provider about getting your blood sugar checked.

For more information on the Diabetes Self Management Sessions or Diabetes Prevention Program at the FCHD contact Cheryl Younce at 606-886-2788 or visit Kentucky Diabetes Resource Directory <https://prd.chfs.ky.gov/KYDiabetesResources/Search.aspx>.

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# Kentucky Power to host community meeting

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Kentucky Power invites Floyd County customers to attend a Community Outreach Information Session at

the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg next week.

It's one of four community outreach information sessions the company is hosting this fall.

It will be held from 10

a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg.

"As a company, we want to be proactive, get out into the communities we serve and make sure

we are communicating with our customers," said Matthew Satterwhite, president and chief operating officer.

"We are all neighbors here in eastern Kentucky and we want our custom-

ers to know we want to help as we work to provide safe and reliable power."

During the information sessions, customers can learn energy efficiency tips to reduce their

electric bill. They also can learn about tools, programs and resources that can help them manage their usage and control their bills.

Door prizes will be offered.

# 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

Deborah Kay Patrick Bailey, 56, of Prestonsburg, to Kenneth Ray Scarberry, 43, of Prestonsburg

John Paul Combs, 39, of Prestonsburg, to Lora Faye Goble, 34, of Prestonsburg

Stacie Ann Butcher, 40, of Prestonsburg, to Alvaro Rangel Moreno, 33, of Prestonsburg

John B. Goble, 50, of Staffordsville, to Susan Michelle Scott, 39, of

Prestonsburg  
Erin Danielle Arms, 34, of Paintsville, to Aaron Mason Meek, 29, of Paintsville

Angela Yvette Goble, 35, of Prestonsburg, to Ronald Douglas Spears, 43, of Prestonsburg

### Property transfers

Henrietta Orsborn to Andrea L. Hall, Landon T. Hall (Deeds Book 640 pg. 312)

Jimmy Osborne to Linda Osborne (Deeds Book 640 pg. 318)

Glenda Napier Allen to Herman Allen (Deeds Book 640 pg. 332)

Richard Noble to Alvin Noble (Deeds Book 640 pg. 334)

Jerome Kanney, Linda Kanney to Hazel Shep-

herd (Deeds Book 640 pg. 337)

Ricky Robinson, Tonia Robinson to Dalewood Properties LLC (Deeds Book 640 pg. 341)

Curtis Hamilton to Vickie Sizemore CSX Transportation to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (Deeds Book 640 pg. 345)

Everett Bradley, Margaret Bradley, Everett Bradley, Jerra R. Campbell, David Coleman, Kelli Slone Coleman, Margaret Collins, Craig Isaac, Delbert Ison, Terry L. Ison, James Dingus, Elizabeth Dingus Roberts, Lisa Williamson to James Dingus (Deeds Book 640 pg. 347)

Henry Shepherd to Hank Williams Jr., Salena Williams (Deeds Book 640

pg. 353)

Roger Wayne Johnson, Rebecca Kelly to Old Time Baptist Church (Deeds Book 640 pg. 359)

Edford L. Clark, Nora L. Clark, Robin Clark to Dixie Hyden (Deeds Book 640 pg. 367)

Noralean Johnson to Marty Johnson, Teresa G. Johnson (Deeds Book 640 pg. 368)

Andrea Moore, Dako-

ta Moore to Carl Edward Lackey III (Deeds Book 640 pg. 379)

CSX Transportation to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (Deeds Book 640 pg. 373)

Goldie Hamilton to Gearheart Communications Company Inc. CSX Transportation to

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (Deeds Book 640 pg. 383)

**TRICK OR TREAT**  
Tuesday, Oct. 30  
Floyd County  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

# National Weather Service to attend meeting in P'burg

**FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Representatives from the National Weather Service and Big Sandy Community & Technical College are the featured speakers at this month's Floyd County Local Emergency Planning Commis-

sion. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad on Cliff Road in Prestonsburg.

The National Weather Service presentation will focus on the winter weather outlook, and the

college nursing program will also provide information at this meeting.

The commission is also expected to plan its next full scale emergency exercise.

That exercise is tentative scheduled to be held next April.

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Approximately 15 million children are exposed to domestic violence each year. When violence occurs in a family, there is help - **and HOPE.**  
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**To learn more about the Family Hope Project, contact Mountain Comprehensive Care Center at any of the following locations:**

<b>Prestonsburg Clinic</b> (606) 886-4350 104 S Front Ave Prestonsburg, KY	<b>Pikeville Clinic</b> (606) 432-3143 18 River Road Pikeville, KY	<b>Paintsville Clinic</b> (606) 789-3518 1110 South Mayo Trail Paintsville, KY	<b>MCCCC</b> Mountain Comprehensive Care Center www.mtcomp.org <b>24 Hour Helpline</b> 1-800-422-1060
<b>Martin City Clinic</b> (606) 285-3142 112065 Main Street Martin, KY	<b>Belfry Clinic</b> (606) 353-1287 26229 US 119 N Belfry, KY	<b>Salyersville Clinic</b> (606) 349-3115 1410 Royalton Road Salyersville, KY	<b>Inez Clinic</b> (606) 298-7902 Rt. 3 Rockcastle Rd. Inez, KY

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<b>Live Music</b> The Slone Family 5PM	<b>Live Music</b> The Buzz 6PM	<b>Parade Line up 1PM</b> Bobby Caudill 130PM
<b>Dewey Moore 630PM</b> LOOK AT ME NOW	<b>BCW Wrestling (KBWA-W4304)</b> 5PM	<b>Parade 3pm</b> Burden of Proof 430PM
<b>Tyler Stephens 8PM</b>	<b>BLUEGRASS CHAMPIONSHIP</b> Dave Adkins 630PM	<b>Those Guys 6PM</b>
	<b>Skin City Angels</b> 80's Rock Tribute Band 8pm	<b>Hank Williams Jr. Tribute Band</b> 730PM
	<b>Skin City Angels</b>	<b>ALL MY ROWDY FRIENDS</b> THE ULTIMATE HANK WILLIAMS JR. TRIBUTE SHOW
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## Casey County at Betsy Layne

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**Who:** Casey County (6-1) at Betsy Layne (0-7)

**Kickoff:** Friday, 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Lloyd Hamilton Field, Betsy Layne.

**Coaches:** Casey County, Steve Stonebraker; Betsy Layne, Scotty McCoy.

**Notes:** After battling in three consecutive Class 2A District 8 football games, Betsy Layne is set to host much-improved Casey County for a non-district matchup.

Betsy Layne is 0-7 overall. The Bobcats have dropped games to Sheldon Clark, Floyd Central, East Carter, Magoffin County, Shelby Valley, East Ridge and Leslie County.

Through seven games, opponents have outscored the Bobcats 304-60.

Freshman quarterback Chase Mims continues to produce for the Bobcats in his first varsity season. Sophomore running back Austin Tackett is another young leader for the Bobcats.

Casey County, a member of Class 3A District 8, owns a 6-1 record. The Rebels have notched wins over Barren County, Campbellsville, Russell County, Jeffersontown, Jackson County and McCreary Central. Bell County beat the Rebels 44-13 in a Class 3A District 8 game on September 28.

Head coach Steve Stonebraker guides the Rebels. Through seven games, Casey County has outscored its opponents 300-127. Casey County has held opponents to eight points or less in four different games.

Quarterback Austin Campbell leads the Casey County offensive attack. Campbell has completed 70 of 120 passes for 1,107 yards and 13 TDs while throwing four interceptions.

Haden Bastin paces Casey County in the receiving column. Bastin has hauled in 25 receptions for 412 yards and four TDs.

Several receivers contribute to the Rebels' aerial attack. Seven different Casey County receivers have hauled in at least one TD pass reception.

As a team, Casey County has rushed for 1,485 yards through seven games. Preston Tucker leads Casey County

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## Prestonsburg at East Ridge

By **RANDY WHITE**  
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

**Who:** Prestonsburg (0-7) at East Ridge (2-5)

**Kickoff:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Warrior Stadium, Lick Creek.

**Coaches:** Prestonsburg, Brandon Brewer. East Ridge, Ben Runyon.

**Notes:** Prestonsburg fell to Shelby Valley 49-0 in Class 2A District 8 play last week, while East Ridge fell to Twin Valley 48-28.

The Warriors have scored 60 points in Ben Runyon's two games as coach. Before that, the Warriors only scored 40 points all season.

Last week, Kane Taylor rushed for 237 yards and two TDs on 34 carries. Chase Caudill followed with 55 yards on nine carries. Cameron Hess added 31 yards on four carries.

The Warriors rushed for 343 yards last week.

Quarterback Trey Blackburn was four for four passing for 49 yards.

Hess had all four catches from Blackburn for 49 yards. Blackburn caught a pass from Taylor for four yards.

On the season, Taylor leads the team in rushing with 587 yards and seven TDs on 77 carries.

Hess leads the team in tackles with 51 tackles and three sacks. Caudill follows with 44 tackles, two sacks and he forced a fumble. Steven Cofield and Casey Kendrick each have 41 tackles.

Prestonsburg has been the giant in the district for years, but this season, the Blackcats don't have any wins.

The Prestonsburg offense only had 52

total yards of offense against Shelby Valley last week.

The Blackcats could miss the playoffs if they can't pull out a win. The Warriors have one district win over Betsy Layne; another one against Prestonsburg could lock down the No. 3 seed. If Prestonsburg can pull out the win against East Ridge and then knock off Betsy Layne next week, the Blackcats could earn the No. 3 seed in the Class 2A playoffs.

Prestonsburg only has 802 total yards of offense on the season.

Ethan Varney leads the rushing attack with 328 yards and two TDs on 57 carries.

Quarterback Brayden Slone is nine of 26 passing for 41 yards and a TD with an interception. He has 161 yards rushing and three TDs on 20 carries. Ezekiel Briggs follows with 157 yards on 40 carries.

Briggs leads the defense with 59 tackles. Varney follows with 45 tackles and Eric Armstrong has 35 tackles.

**Who 2 Watch:** For East Ridge, running back Kane Taylor. For Prestonsburg, running back Ethan Varney.

Taylor is on an up-swing. He is a play-maker and is coming off of a 200-yard game.

Taylor is quick and makes good cuts.

If he can break some big runs and find his way into the end zone, the Warriors may be able to pull out the big district win.

Varney rushed for almost 1,500 yards last season. He and the rest of the Blackcat offense have struggled this season. If he can pull out a performance like he did on a consistent basis last season, the senior running back may be able to lead the Blackcats to a district win and their first win of the season.



# Floyd Central captures second straight district volleyball title



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central captured its second straight 58th District volleyball title in Louisa on Wednesday.

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Floyd Central will remain on top of 58th District Volleyball for another schoolyear. The Lady Jaguars shut out tournament host Lawrence County 3-0 (25-10, 25-17, 25-3) in the 58th District title match on

Wednesday. First-year head coach Alissa Young guided Floyd Central to the district championship. With the win, Floyd Central improved to 26-6. Lawrence County dropped to 15-19 with the loss. Both Floyd Central and Lawrence County ad-

vance to the 15th Region Volleyball Tournament. Allison Turner (eight kills, six digs), Alexis Daniels (six kills), Hailey Little (five kills), Caroline Parsons (12 assists, three service aces), Alivia Stumbo (12 digs), Caley Howard (four kills, two service aces) and Kiara Warrens (five digs,

three service aces, two assists) combined to lead Floyd Central to the 58th District championship-clinching victory. Gabrielle Howard, Allyson Stumbo and Amelia Wallace also contributed for Floyd Central in the postseason win. Controlling the district title match early,

Floyd Central won the opening game 25-10. Lawrence County provided more resistance in the second game before the Lady Jaguars eventually prevailed 25-17. Finishing strong, Floyd Central rolled past Lawrence County 25-3 in the third game to win the

match and capture the district championship. The 15th Region Volleyball Tournament will include Floyd Central, Lawrence County, Paintsville, Johnson Central, Pikeville, East Ridge, Belfry and Pike Central. Paintsville is the reigning 15th Region volleyball champion.

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Floyd Central's Caley Howard goes up for a kill Wednesday evening during the 58th District Championship.

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# Hager, Whitaker, Mills emerge as offensive leaders for Jaguars

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central is 5-3 through its first eight games in the 2018 high school football season, thanks in part to a versatile offensive attack. Quarterback Caleb Hager, running back Josh Whitaker and receiver Ethan Smith-Mills lead the Jaguars in key offensive categories.

In his first season as a high school starting quarterback, Hager has completed 41 of 95 passes for 737 yards and 10 TDs while throwing four interceptions.

As a team, Floyd Central has rushed for 2,056 yards. Whitaker leads the Jaguars in rushing. Through eight games, Whitaker has rushed 121 times for 756 yards and nine TDs.

Hager ranks second in rushing for the Jaguars. The Floyd Central starting quarterback has rushed 51 times for 411 yards and six TDs.

Elijah Cotton is currently third in rushing for the Jaguars. Cot-

ton has rushed 51 times for 307 yards and four TDs.

A newcomer for the Floyd Central football program, Smith-Mills leads the Jaguars in receiving. Smith-Mills has hauled in 16 receptions for 370 yards and six TDs.

Floyd Central has managed to outscore its opponents 247-182.

Defensively, Brady Jones leads Floyd Central with a team-high 65 tackles. Not too far behind Jones in the top defensive category, Brenden Little has posted 61 tackles, including 23 solo tackles.

Under the direction of head coach Shawn Hager, Floyd Central has regular-season games remaining versus Class 3A District 6 rival Lawrence County and non-district nemesis Letcher Central. After having the week of Friday, Oct. 12 open, Floyd Central will host Lawrence County. The Jaguars are slated to host the Bulldogs for a pivotal class 3A District 6 match-up on Friday, Oct. 19.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster  
Ethan Smith-Mills (10) leads Floyd Central in receiving. Through eight games, Smith-Mills has hauled in 16 receptions for 370 yards and six TDs.

## 57th District Girls' Soccer Tournament

### Prestonsburg shuts out Sheldon Clark, 3-0

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

INEZ — Prestonsburg passed its first test in the 2018 girls' high school soccer postseason. The Lady Blackcats shut out Sheldon Clark 3-0 on the Lady Cardinals' home field in the nightcap of the 57th District Girls' Soccer Tournament semi-

finals on Tuesday.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 14-6-1 and advanced to the 57th District title match on Thursday.

Sheldon Clark ended its season 6-10-0 with the loss.

Prestonsburg used a balanced offensive attack and a solid defensive effort to blank Sheldon

Clark.

Jillian Kidd, Makayla Ousley and Makayla Slone scored one goal apiece for Prestonsburg in the victory.

Aiding the Prestonsburg offensive attack, Elizabeth Burchett and Kadynce Hackworth dealt one assist apiece.

Goalkeeper Chelsea Samons led the Prestons-

burg defensive effort, recording a shutout.

"It was a hard fought game," Prestonsburg coach Paul Burchett commented, following his team's postseason win. "We've played Sheldon Clark four times this season, which is way too many times to play anyone. When the district tournament starts

every team is going to give their best effort. Nobody wants the season to end. I thought Sheldon Clark played a very good game. We did enough to survive and advance. Ultimately, that's the goal at this point."

In the opening game of the 57th District Girls' Soccer Tournament on Tuesday, Johnson Central

shut out crosstown rival Paintsville 7-0.

Prestonsburg was facing Johnson Central in the 57th District title match at press time on Tuesday. The 57th District title match ended too late to make this edition.

## LAYNE

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in rushing. Tucker has rushed 68 times for 667 yards and 10 TDs.

Defensively for Casey County, Ethan Ammons and AJ Glenn have posted 48 tackles apiece.

Kickoff for the Betsy Layne-Casey County football game is set for 8 p.m. on Friday night.

Who 2 Watch: For Betsy Layne, freshman quarterback Chase Mims.

One of the state's most promising young high school quarterbacks, Mims will face a tough test when he lines up against the Casey County defensive unit.

For Casey County, senior quarterback Austin Campbell.

The productive Campbell is on pace to pass for over 1,500 yards during the 2018 regular-season. He'll be looking to add to his passing totals when Casey County visits Betsy Layne.

## SUDOKU & CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Focus on the physical action you can take to improve your professional relationships and your reputation, status and position. Network and offer suggestions and hands-on help.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Know who and what you are up against when doing business or making a change that could affect others as much as it does you. Look out for those less fortunate.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Don't disregard what others do. Someone will try to slip something past you or manipulate you to take part in something that you should avoid. Handle your own affairs personally.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) – Don't mix emotions and money. You stand to gain if you are direct and you control what happens regarding contracts, investments and health matters. A gift or money is heading your way.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) – Keep an open mind when dealing with a partner or someone in charge. It's in your best interest to keep a positive attitude if you want to promote some of your own ideas.

**DAILY  
ASTROGRAPH**  
by Eugenia Last



**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) – You've got swagger, so strut your stuff. You'll be noticed by both friend and foe. Put any anger you harbor on the back burner and make positive gestures that will satisfy everyone.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) – Finish what you start and head into the weekend with a clear conscience. Kind gestures toward your peers will help you build strong alliances that will eventually pay off.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) – Give a little, take a little but, most of all, participate. You'll gain perspective from the people you encounter. An important relationship will strengthen if you discuss its prospects.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – Don't take sides. Avoid an argument at all costs. Indulgence may mask a problem, but it won't solve it. Positive change begins within. Focus on self-improvement.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Speak up and say what's on your mind. Your contribution will change the way others view you and open a door to better days ahead. Romance is on the rise.

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- Each column has to have numbers 1 to 9
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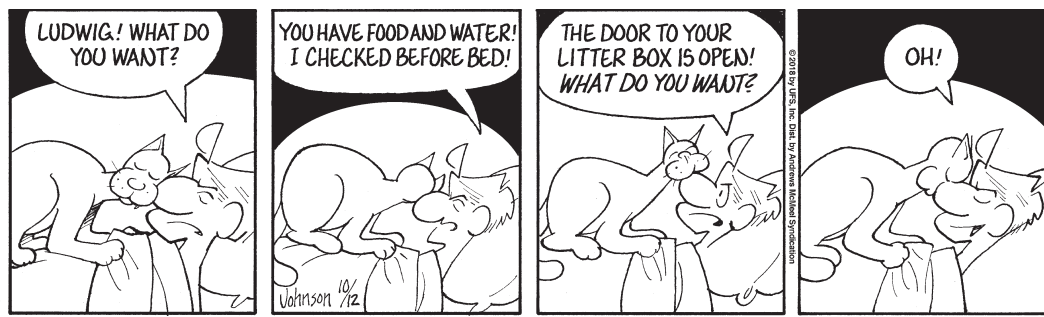
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  - Betrayers
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  - Heavyweight herbivores
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  - Examine closely
  - Army posts
  - Roll-call lists
  - Headless statues
  - Absorbed
  - Slender nail
  - Expedition
  - Bauxite's metal
  - WWW addresses
  - Jazz instruments
  - Scent finder
  - Lacking punch
  - Foot the bill
  - Survey finding
  - Electronics brand
  - Soft and lustrous
  - Piecrust ingredient
  - Fare counter
  - PABA part
  - Exclamation of dismay
  - Pitchers
  - "Super-duper!"
  - Grinch creator
  - Pop
  - Hosp. workers
  - Some string players
  - Lumpy fruit
  - Bubble up
  - Sort of number
  - Cheap
  - Reliable
  - Dreary
  - Hero sandwiches
  - The younger Guthrie
  - Caramel-topped custard
  - Salchow relative
  - Ibسن woman
  - Internet surfer
  - Middle Ages quaff
  - Paul Newman's "Exodus" role
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- Stinging insect
  - Castaway's refuge
  - Salad bowl wood
  - Environment
  - Greek capital
  - Rock music, to some
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  - Golden Rule word
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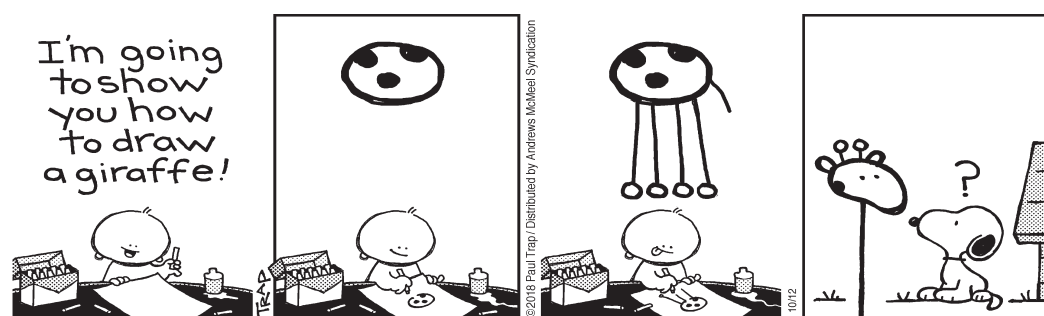
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**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0446, Renewal No. 2**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing surface and auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 4.1 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 437.14 surface acres and will underlie 315.05 acres of which 37.5 acres underlie permitted surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 714.70 acres. The operation is located 4.1 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County. The proposed operation is approximately 4.2 miles southeast from KY Route 2030's junction with KY Route 122 and located along Stonecoal Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell, Wayland, Martin and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Daren and Kermit Martin, Alma Land Company, Cas Spurlock Heirs (Billy Spurlock, Kathleen Crum, Leonard and Sue Spurlock, Jeffrey Case, Garnett Weddington, Mary Lawson, Hawkins, Joe E. Halbert, John H. Halbert, Jeffrey A. Parsons, Thomas E. Parsons, Patricia A. Parsons, Timothy D. Parsons, Pamela E. South). The operation will underlie land owned by Daren and Kermit Martin, Alma Land Company, Cas Spurlock Heirs (Billy Spurlock, Kathleen Crum, Leonard and Sue Spurlock, Jeffrey Case, Garnett Weddington, Mary Lawson, Ruffe, Mae Edwards, James Holsinger, Judith E. Leonard, Ricky Robinson, Melissa A. Osborne, James D. Seagle, Sally Ann Osborne), and James Ervin and Mary Ellen Halbert Heirs (Jacqueline Woluerton, Marietta Reynolds, Sarah Halbert

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0449, Renewal No. 2**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for a renewal of a permit to an existing coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles southeast of Brainard and is situated in both Floyd County and Magoffin County. The proposed operation will disturb 400.82 surface acres and will underlie 138.10 acres of which 138.10 acres underlie permitted surface acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 400.82 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.87 miles southwest from KY 114's junction with Rough and Tough Branch and located 2.0 miles southwest of Middle Creek. The proposed operation is located on the Ivyton and David U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will be use a combination of area, contour, auger/highwall mining. The surface area to be

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disturbed is owned by Marvin E. Jr. and Ella Faye Music, Jim and Stella Prater Heirs (Alenzo Allen, John D. Allen, Gladys Nunn, Paul Edward Allen, Lauren Whittworth, Ruth and Leon Bayes, Amanda Begley, Virginia Parker, Richard and Bernice Risner), GMO Renewable Resources, LLC, Roger and Emily Shepherd, James and Rita Allen, Jessie and Sheila Miller, Alma Land Company, Fred and Minerva Miller Heirs (Janice Vene Miller William, Charles Ray Miller Bodner, Minerva Miller, Washington Miller, Josephine Hoyt, Willard Miller, Willis Miller, Glenna D. Elkins, Dallas Gene Miller, Barbara Bodner, Kathleen Miller Allen Litton, Thomas J. Miller). The application covers an area of approximately 136.82 acres located 5.70 miles southwest of Pikeville and is situated in both Pike and Floyd County, Kentucky. The proposed operation is approximately 4.20 miles southwest from Pike 1289's junction with KY Route 1426 and located 1.10 miles south of Island Creek. The bonds now in effect for Increment 34 are letters of credit and cash in the amount of \$205,000. One hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of \$205,000 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 34 includes: backfill-

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