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## Prestonsburg man facing federal meth charges

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd man is facing federal methamphetamine trafficking and firearm charges linked to a July incident in which Kentucky State Police allegedly found him in possession of the drug.

According to court documents, James William Miller, 33, of Pres-

tonsburg, was arrested Friday on charges of possession with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of a firearm in connection with trafficking and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Court documents show he appeared in U.S. District Court in Pikeville Friday to answer to the charges and was sched-

uled for a detention hearing Tuesday afternoon.

According to an affidavit filed by FBI Special Agent Randolph Copley in connection with the case, Miller was initially charged in August, just more than one year after he was sentenced in Floyd Circuit Court to serve one year in prison

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JAMES MILLER



### City of Martin holds Red, White and Blue Festival

Numerous people turned Saturday for the City of Martin's Red, White and Blue Festival parade through downtown. Staff Sgt. Darryl Francis, USMC (Ret.) and Cpl. Raymond Daniels, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Ret.) served as grand marshals for the parade. More photos on Page 9A. Appalachian Newspapers photos by Elaine Belcher



### Medical equipment company fined \$5M for false insurer claims

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Cooley Medical Equipment, Inc., an Eastern Kentucky medical equipment supplier headquartered in Prestonsburg, has agreed to pay a fine of more than \$5 million for false and fraudulent claims, according to a statement from the office of U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky Robert M. Duncan Jr.

Cooley must pay \$5,254,912 to

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### County will take bids on Martin Community Center

By AARON K. NELSON  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The Floyd County Fiscal Court moved forward with the sale of the former Martin Community Center on Friday with the authorization to begin the bidding process for its sale.

In September, Judge-Executive Ben Hale has said a prospective, unnamed buyer had expressed interest in purchasing the building, necessitating an advertisement period and

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# Floyd residents charged with criminal syndicate for scheme to bring items into PCDC

By CHASE ELLIS  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — Pike Commonwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley credited the staffs of Pike County Sheriff Rodney Scott and Pike County Interim Jailer Brian Morris for their investigative roles in helping the most recent Pike grand jury indict six Floyd County individuals for a scheme to bring prohibited items into the Pike County Detention Center.

Bartley credited PCDC staff for their awareness and PCSO Det. Brian Conley for his investigative work that led to six individuals; Jordan Conn, 27, of Ky. 979, Harold; Scotty Gibson, 24, of Ky. 114, Prestonsburg; Randa Hamilton, 26, and Shayla Stevens, 22, both of Eddie Lane, Harold; Jeffrey Kimmel, 26, of Railroad Lane, Betsy Layne; and Tyler Thacker, 25, of Mockingbird Lane, Ivel; being indicted for their roles in engaging in a criminal syndicate that culminated in Hamilton and Stevens' allegedly being located outside of the PCDC attempting to pass contraband into the jail on the night of Sept. 19.

In addition to the criminal syndicate charge, the six were indicted on one misdemeanor count of attempted promoting contraband and Gibson was indicted on a misdemeanor county of criminal mischief.

According to Bartley, "very alert jail personnel" noticed two women, Hamilton and Stevens, along with multiple children, walking behind the jail between 10 and 11

p.m. on the night of Sept. 19 while monitoring cameras around the jail.

"It was dark and nobody should have been walking behind the jail so it drew the attention of the corrections officers pretty quickly. What they observed was, two women with children outside of the jail acting strange and when they went out there, the women ran away with the children," Bartley said.

The jail staff reviewed footage and returned to the location where they found "cigarettes, a syringe and what is probably Suboxone" on the ground," Bartley said.

Bartley said he was contacted by Morris and instructed Morris to contact Scott to begin investigation, "because these cases usually involved several different people, on the outside and on the inside."

PCSO Det. Brian Conley was assigned to the case and "spent many hours listening to the recordings of phone calls and jail conversations .. to determine if other people were involved and what exactly had been involved," Bartley said.

"(Conley) determined there were at least six people involved," Bartley said.

Bartley said that Conn and Hamilton and then Stevens and Kimmel were in relationships and had been planning to bring the drugs into the jail. Conley also determined the plan included Gibson "boring" a hole through the detention center wall, the inmates running a string through the hole where the out-

side women would attach the items and then the inmates retrieving the string and items through the hole.

"It was determined that from listening to these conversations, these discussions had been going on for two to three days and different plans were made about how to obtain the drugs on the outside," Bartley said. "No contraband made its way into the jail. We charged attempted promoting contraband because of that."

Bartley said this was at least the fourth attempt, in recent memory, in which inmates either drilled through the detention center wall or attempted to drill through the wall in an attempt to bring contraband into the jail. Also, Bartley said, Hamilton had previously been convicted of promoting contraband.

"Obviously being convicted didn't deter her future conduct," Bartley said.

Gibson, who is being held in Pike County after allegedly killing another inmate inside of the Floyd County Jail in June of this year, had also been charged as part of a riot and arson inside of the detention center in July. This new indictment will add to those current charges, a fact Bartley wanted to impress upon Gibson.

"Gibson has made some public comments to (other members of the media) that he wasn't concerned — He is already charged with murder and (he thinks) this would probably just run concurrent to that. That

is not going to happen," Bartley said. "Mr. Gibson, to the extent that he gets anything other than a life sentence in the murder case, if he is convicted, will be serving substantial additional time because of his activities in our jail.

We take the safety of the inmates and corrections officers very seriously."

Bartley said this indictment and this case "shows that the jailer, the sheriff and my officer will work together in the ongoing fight to keep con-

traband outside of the jail."

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

## CHARGES

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connection with a meth possession case.

KSP troopers, Copley wrote, received, "numerous anonymous tips stating that Miller was a methamphetamine dealer operating in Floyd County."

In July, Copley wrote, troopers seized approximately five grams of methamphetamine from a cooperating witness, who told the troopers they had purchased the drug from "Will Miller" for \$300. The witness, the affidavit said, observed that Miller had "larger amounts of methamphetamine," as well as

numerous firearms, including a handgun, shotguns and an AR-15 rifle in his residence. Miller, the affidavit said, has at least four felony convictions on his record.

Troopers, Copley wrote, conducted a traffic stop in August on Miller's vehicle and found him to be in possession of \$4,262 in cash, as well as two Suboxone strips and a .22 caliber revolver.

Copley wrote that troopers conducted a subsequent search of Miller's residence, during which they seized approximately 47 grams of suspected methamphetamine, \$914 in cash and a total of 10 firearms, as well as several items suspected to be used in drug

trafficking.

Miller was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center, where he remained as of presstime Tuesday.

## BIDS

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sealed bidding for the purchase. The deadline for bid submissions was established as November 15 per the court's resolution.

Community organizers including Deana Mullins, with the support of Ashley Tackett-Lafferty and Dr. Chandra Varia, have said they would like to assume the building's bills and repair costs in the hope of turning it into an after school center for

local children.

Magistrates Randy Davis and Mike Tackett, who voiced support for the community center's continued use, voted in opposition to the resolution.

Hale said in September that while no one on the court was opposed to the idea of the center being used to help children, its sale could end up creating new jobs in the county. The court would also retain the right to reject all bids if they see fit to do so next month.

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# 'Climb Your Mountain' in Floyd County this weekend

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

An organization that provides food to children in need in Floyd and Johnson counties is asking local residents to "Climb Your Mountain" this weekend.

The "Climb Your Mountain 5K/14K & Trail Hike" will take place on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

The races start at the Stratton boat ramp, where the old swimming pool is located at Jenny

Wiley State Resort Park and the hike will begin at the Sugar Camp Mountain Trailhead.

The 5K and 14K include races treks up the mountain. The trail hike will start at the Sugar Camp Mountain Trail Head and descend down

to the mountain and participants will receive a shuttle back to their car.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. The hike at the trail head, and the hike will start at 8 a.m. The races at the old pool will begin at 9 a.m.

Trophies will be

awarded to the top three finishers in male and female categories, and age division medals will also be awarded.

All proceeds will benefit Soul Food, a non-profit organization that provides food to children enrolled in schools in

Floyd and Johnson counties. The organization provided nearly 18,000 food and drink items to children in need last year.

For more information, search for "Climb Your Mountain" at, tristatetracer.com or visit Soul Food on Facebook.

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resolve allegations that it violated the False Claims Act by submitting false or fraudulent claims that misrepresented the ingredients used in certain compounded medical creams. The company, according to the release, was reimbursed by government insurers after filing false claims.

Cooley previously operated a pharmacy in Prestonsburg that in 2015, began making compounded medical creams, according to the statement. Compounding pharmacies, like Cooley's, prepare customized medications for individual patients, usually by mixing ingredients in order to create a prescription cream.

According to the statement, Cooley billed these prescriptions to government insurers, including Medicare, Kentucky Medicaid and the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration (known as CHAMPVA).

Cooley was required by CHAMPVA and Kentucky Medicaid to obtain their prior authorization in order to use bulk powder forms of Lidocaine and Prilocaine as ingredients in its compounded creams and, according to the statement, without such prior authorization, Kentucky Medicaid and CHAMPVA would not reimburse Cooley for the creams. Medicare, through its Part D program, does not cover bulk powder ingredients at all.

According to the statement, rather than go through the prior authorization process or face limited reimbursement from Medicare Part D, Cooley misrepresented the nature of its Lidocaine and Prilocaine ingredients in its claims to federal insurers, falsely stating that Cooley's compounded medical creams were made with

cream-based Lidocaine and Prilocaine ingredients, instead of the bulk powder Cooley actually used.

This practice led to the submission of thousands of false claims by Cooley between January 2015 and December 2016, and millions of dollars in improper reimbursements. Cooley did voluntarily self-disclose this misconduct to the United States Attorney's Office, took proactive steps to resolve the problem and no longer operates a compounding pharmacy, Duncan's office said.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Cooley will be allowed to pay back the \$5,254,912, plus interest, over a period of six years. Because Cooley self-disclosed the misconduct, it was able to resolve its liability for only one-and-a-half times the amount of monetary loss caused by its false claims; by statute, the False Claims Act typically imposes liability for three times the amount of loss suffered by the government.

In addition, because of Cooley's self-disclosure, the United States Department of Health and Human Services,

which administers the Medicare and Medicaid programs, has agreed not to pursue any administrative action against Cooley that would exclude it from further participation in those federal programs.

"The Department of Justice, and our Office, take seriously the responsibility to aggres-

sively pursue False Claims Act cases, as payment of false or fraudulent claims reduces the pool of money available to pay legitimate claims," said Duncan. "Recovering false or fraudulent payments is an essential component of our Affirmative Civil Enforcement efforts and defends the financial integrity of these gov-

ernment programs. We will continue to prioritize these important cases."

This settlement was a result of an investigation by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Kentucky and the United States Food and Drug Administration, Office of Criminal Investigation (FDA-OCI). An investigation of individ-

uals within Cooley who were responsible for this misconduct is ongoing. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul McCaffrey handled the matter for the United States. Cooley admits the allegations contained in the Settlement Agreement, but there has been no judicial determination of liability, Duncan's office said.

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### Town of Martin Project Public Meeting Notice

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Huntington District, is hosting a public meeting for the Town of Martin project. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comments on potential impacts to historic properties and archeological sites in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act and to discuss status of real estate acquisitions.

In the past, the USACE evaluated alternative flood damage reduction measures for the Town of Martin project area. The project area has been devastated by numerous floods during the past years. The April 1977 flood is the flood of record and caused severe damages to residential and non-residential structures in the project area. In the past, several flood reduction measures have been implemented such as the construction of the Phase 1 Redevelopment Site. Recent supplemental funding has been allocated towards the Town of Martin project to continue and complete flood reduction measures.

A public meeting with USACE staff available to discuss the project will begin at 6 p.m. on October 25, 2018 at the Fire Station on the Redevelopment Site (1 Randy Caudill Loop, Martin, Kentucky).

Questions regarding the public meeting can be sent to Ms. Rebecca Rutherford, Chief, Environmental Analysis Section, Planning Branch, Huntington District Corps of Engineers, 502 Eighth Street, Huntington, West Virginia 25701-2070.

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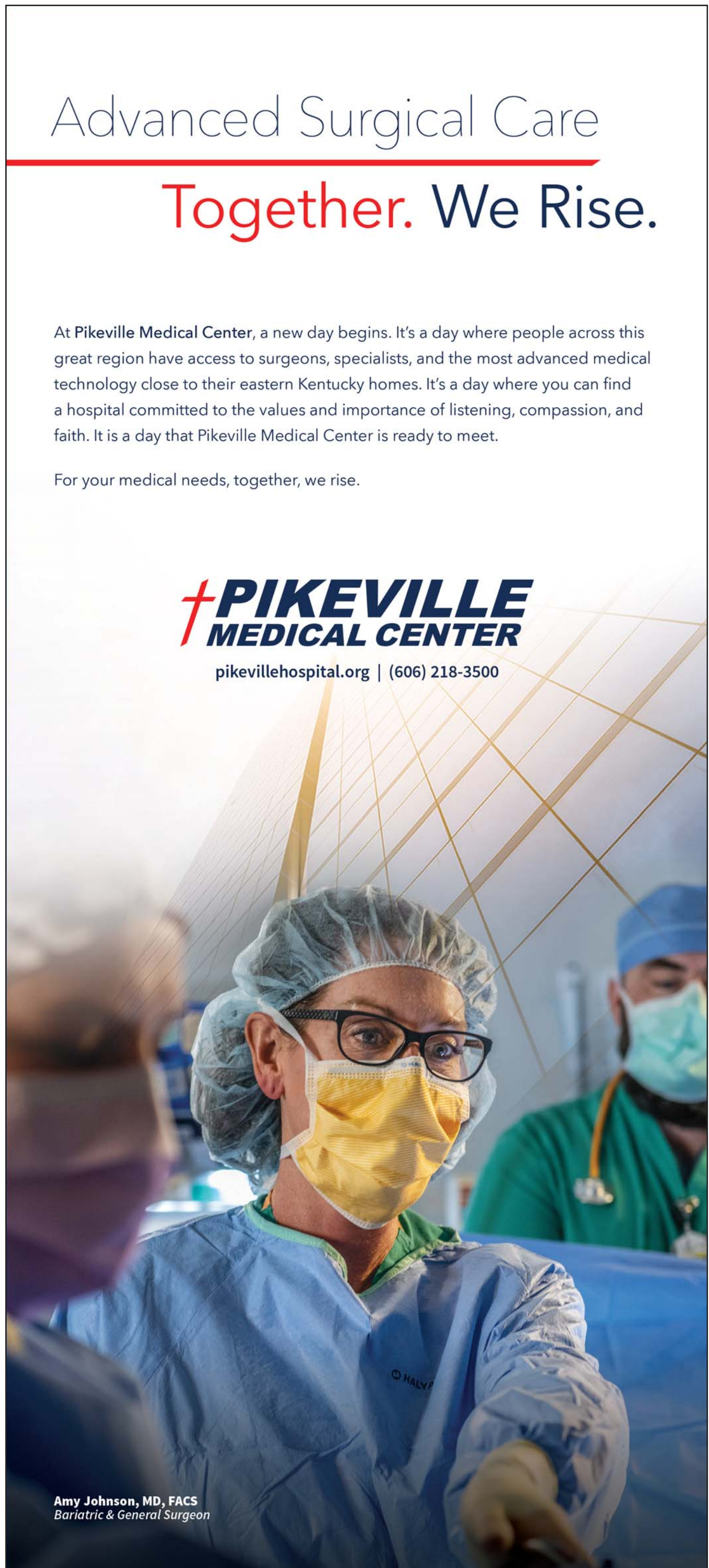
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# Floyd fiscal court adopts resolution in support of protecting black lung trust fund

By Aaron K. Nelson  
Appalachian Newspapers

The Floyd County Fiscal Court needed little time to consider and pass a proposed resolution brought to them at their Friday meeting in support of federal legislation to maintain current levels of funding for black lung benefits for former coal miners.

Floyd County resident Evan Smith with the Appalachian Citizens Law Center said he works fre-

quently with former miners, widows and families.

"There are some big changes coming up on New Year's Eve with the way the federal Black Lung Disability Trust Fund gets its revenue," Smith said. "Our Congressional leaders need to take some actions by the end of the year to ensure the trust fund is going to be there in the future to provide benefits when the coal companies go bankrupt and there's no one else there to pro-

vide those benefits."

Taylor Adams with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth said KFTC and multiple other partners are working on resolutions like these in the hopes of urging city and county governments to pressure Washington to make changes.

"Why we're asking our local courts to pass resolutions supporting miners with black lung is because our legislators can ignore me, or another person, but it's really

difficult to ignore our local governments," Adams said.

Adams said the trust fund gets revenue from a per-tonnage tax on mined coal, which is due to be cut in half at the end of the year.

The legislation being supported by KFTC which now has the support of the Floyd County Fiscal Court urges legislators to leave the current tax alone.

"The reason the tax was set to be cut this year

is because in 2008, it was set to be cut because there was a belief that black lung would go into decline, but, it's actually continuing to increase," Adams said. "Especially here in Central Appalachia. So at the same time black lung is increasing, that tax is about to be cut and miners are the ones that are going to lose their benefits."

Dist. 1 Magistrate John Goble, who said he is a former miner, moved the court adopt the draft

of the resolution given to them by Adams.

The resolution also includes language supporting the American Miners Pension Act to protect coal miners' pensions and the RECLAIM Act, sponsored by U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers, to invest over \$1 billion over five years in reclaiming abandoned mine lands including an estimated \$455 million in Kentucky and \$14.8 million in Floyd County alone.

# There are still plenty of Halloween events

A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several local businesses and organizations have already held their Halloween events this month, but there are still plenty of activities for local residents to choose.

The following Halloween events are scheduled to be held in Floyd County:

- Oct. 25; 7 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center hosts its "Halloween Laser Spooktacular," with a "Fright Light" show featuring Michael Jackson's "Thriller," Black Sabbath's "Iron Man," and other music. Tickets are \$5 and available beginning at 6 p.m. (606) 886-8260

- Oct. 26; 5:30 p.m.: Trunk or Treat, Betsy Layne Elementary

- Oct. 26-27; dusk: Haunted Boat Ride, Stratton Branch Boat Ramp, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. (606) 889-1790

- Oct. 26-27; dusk: Haunted Hay Ride, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park campground. (606) 889-1790

- Oct. 27; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Trick-or-Treat at the Jenny Wiley Campground and campsite decoration contest (606) 889-1755

- Oct. 27; 3 p.m.: Wheelwright hosts first-ever Zombie Walk at the city swimming pool, with prizes and trophies for the best-dressed zombies

- Oct. 27; 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Prestonsburg Merchants Network offers "Reverse Trick or Treat," offering "a super exclusive treat" to custom-

ers of Wildfire Designs, Kickin' Ash, Ritchie's Hallmark, Lou's Place for Pets, Little Rascals, Lad N Lassie, Daffodils, Sew N Love, The Mountain Muse, City Perk and the Prestonsburg Running Company who donated non-perishable food items or personal care items.

- Oct. 27; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Trunk or Treat at Betsy Layne Elementary, in the school parking lot. Sponsored by the PTO, Floyd County Masons and other local businesses.

- Oct. 27; 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.: Haunted Library, Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg

- Oct. 27; 7:30 p.m.: The Mountain Arts Center presents the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky

Opry Jr. Pros Halloween Show, with special guests the Big Sandy Singers. Admission is free to kids age 12 and under and \$8 for others. Costumes are encouraged, and activities will be offered in the MAC lobby.

- Oct. 29; 6 p.m. to

8 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center to host "Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular," featuring a trunk-or-treat, Fright Light laser shows and "spooky science activities. Admission is free. (606) 886-8260

- Oct. 30; 6 p.m. to

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- Oct. 30; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Wheelwright offers free haunted house at the city gym, as well as a safe-trick-or-treat event upstairs. Free hotdogs and refreshments will be served.

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## EDITORIAL

# Trusting SOAR

## We're looking forward to seeing the fruits of the organization's labor

Economic development is a tricky business to monitor from the outside.

With so much of the activity occurring behind the scenes due to confidentiality agreements and so much often based on speculation, the work being done to secure a brighter economic future for Eastern Kentucky is often subject to skepticism and question.

And that's good. We've all seen the grand announcements of an economic development project, only to see little to nothing materialize as a result. We've had our

hopes dashed as another company announces a project that doesn't come to fruition.

This past week it was announced that the Shaping Our Appalachian Region organization will receive a \$450,000 award that SOAR Executive Director Jared Arnett said would be used to triple the organization's staff and open eight regional offices in Appalachia.

Because of the aforementioned skepticism, there has been a running line of questioning about SOAR, which receives public money, and the work the orga-

nization is doing.

And we must demand results of any organization like SOAR, which not only is the recipient of tax dollars, but also has been tasked with such an important job — helping to rebuild our region's economy — that the organization's failure could be another hindrance to an already difficult job.

It's vitally important that, at the end of our rebuilding process, we be able to look back and say that our trust was well-placed in SOAR and other organizations and bodies like it.

That being said, with

a greater amount of activity than we've ever seen before occurring on economic development throughout Eastern Kentucky and Central Appalachia, we're placing confidence that SOAR and the others will allow us to make that statement.

The funding will allow SOAR to head the Regional Innovation for Startups and Entrepreneurs (RISE) Appalachia area. RISE Appalachia establishes eight offices throughout the region to leverage technology and the digital economy across creative industries, remote employers,

and technology consumers in small business, advanced manufacturing and healthcare/telemedicine, according to a statement from Gov. Matt Bevin's office.

That kind of coordination, if done properly by SOAR, could be a massive asset for our growing economy. After all, technology and access to the digital economy are vital aspects of any community's attempt have a stronger economy.

SOAR and organizations like it don't often get to publicly celebrate the "big wins." Instead, it's often after the hard

work is over and economic development has already occurred that their contribution is finally seen.

This funding is a vote of confidence for SOAR. We'll be watching to make sure it was well-founded but we'll also support SOAR until they give us a reason to do otherwise. We're grateful for the funding and can't wait to see it in action.

## Rebranding a community, one business at a time

The Prestonsburg Merchants Network launched informally this year as businesses in downtown Prestonsburg worked to find ways to bring more customers into their stores.

But it's grown into much more than that.

This informal group announced yet another innovative idea geared to help not just help these businesses, but also the community.

The group's "Reverse Trick-or-Treat," an event geared to raise donations for local families in need, is an interesting and fun way for these businesses to give back.

The folks at these stores are setting an example for all local businesses and community residents.

We hope droves of people turn out on Oct. 27 to Wildfire Designs,

Kickin' Ash, Ritchie's Hallmark, Lou's Place for Pets, Little Rascals, Lad N Lassie, Daffodils, Sew N Love, The Mountain Muse, City Perk and the Prestonsburg Running Company to participate in this event.

These businesses have promised to provide "a super exclusive treat" to every person who donates, and all we can think is how sweet it is to have business-

es that care about the community like that.

We hope truckloads of food and personal care items are donated to help folks in need, and we hope to see these Prestonsburg Merchants continue to grow and prosper here.

The Prestonsburg Merchants Network is raising the bar for what it means to be a small business in rural Eastern Kentucky.

These folks are saying, loudly and clearly, what we all should already know: that the footprint of a small business goes well beyond its walls and parking lot. They're reminding all of us about just how important it is to have a thriving, small business scene with plenty of folks who care.

We thank them for that.

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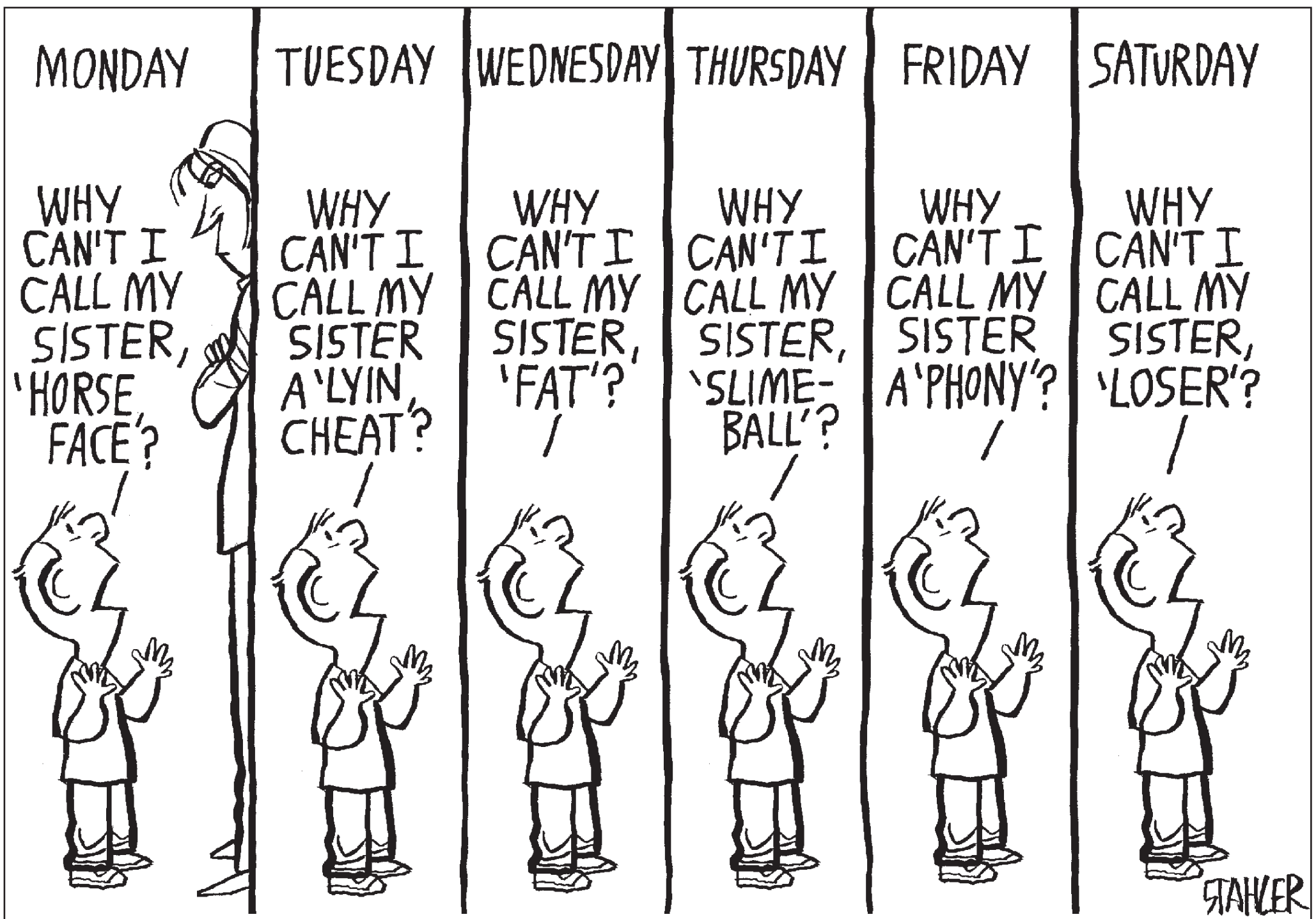
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# Community Events

- Oct. 25; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism Commission meeting, fiscal courtroom
- Oct. 25; 7 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center hosts its "Halloween Laser Spooktacular," with a "Fright Light" show featuring Michael Jackson's "Thriller," Black Sabbath's "Iron Man," and other music. Tickets are \$5 and available beginning at 6 p.m. (606) 886-8260
- Oct. 25; 7 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center hosts its "Halloween Laser Spooktacular," with a "Fright Light" show featuring Michael Jackson's "Thriller," Black Sabbath's "Iron Man," and other music. Tickets are \$5 and available beginning at 6 p.m. (606) 886-8260
- Oct. 26; 5:30 p.m.: Trunk or Treat, Betsy Layne Elementary
- Oct. 26, 27; dusk: Haunted Boat Ride, Stratton Branch Boat Ramp, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park (606) 889-1790
- Oct. 26, 27; dusk: Haunted Hay Ride, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park campground. (606) 889-1790
- Oct. 27; 8 a.m. and 9 a.m.: Climb Your Mountain 5K/14K and Trail Hike raises funds for Soul Food. [tristateracer.com](http://tristateracer.com)
- Oct. 27; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Trick-or-Treat at the Jenny Wiley Campground and campsite decorating contest. (606) 889-1755
- Oct. 27; 3 p.m.: Wheelwright hosts first-ever Zombie Walk at the city swimming pool, with prizes and trophies for the best-dressed zombies
- Oct. 27; 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Prestonsburg Merchants Network offers "Reverse Trick or Treat," offering "a super exclusive treat" to customers of Wildfire Designs, Kickin' Ash, Ritchie's Hallmark, Lou's Place for Pets, Little Rascals, Lad N Lassie, Daffodils, Sew N Love, The Mountain Muse, City Perk and the Prestonsburg Running Company who donated non-perishable food items or personal care items.
- Oct. 27; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Trunk or Treat at Betsy Layne Elementary, in the school parking lot. Sponsored by the PTO, Floyd County Masons and other local businesses.
- Oct. 29; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center to host "Trick-or-Treat Spooktacular," featuring a trunk-or-treat, Fright Light laser shows and "spooky science actives. Admission is free. (606) 886-8260
- Oct. 30; 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.: Trick-or-Treat observed in all Floyd County cities
- Oct. 30; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Wheelwright offers free haunted house, city gym, as well as a safe-trick-or-treat event upstairs. Free hotdogs and refreshments will be served.

## Jr. Pros hosting Halloween show

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros are getting in the Halloween spirit this weekend.

The team will host its first-ever Halloween concert, beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Mountain Arts Center.

MAC Assistant Director Shelly Crisp said costumes are encouraged at this event, and MAC staff are planning to dress up as characters from Harry Potter.

She said activities will be open to children in the MAC lobby during

the event, and admission is free for children age 12 and under. Tickets are \$8 for others.

The MAC is hosting two matinee performances of this show for local school groups, starting at 10 a.m. and noon that day.

The Big Sandy Singers from Big Sandy Community and Technical College will be featured as the opening act for this concert. The Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros Halloween show will feature Halloween-theme music and dance skits, officials said.

For tickets or information, visit, [macarts.com](http://macarts.com).

## 'Reverse Trick or Treat' set for Prestonsburg

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Prestonsburg Merchants Network is hosting a unique event to help people in need this weekend.

The group, representing 11 businesses located in downtown Prestonsburg, is hosting "Reverse Trick or Treat" from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Officials at Wildfire Designs, Kickin' Ash, Ritchie's Hallmark, Lou's Place for Pets, Little Rascals, Lad N Lassie, Daffodils, Sew N Love, The Mountain Muse, City Perk and the Prestonsburg Running Company are asking customers to donate non-perishable food items or personal care items during this event.

All of those donations will be provided to families in need during the holiday season this year and, participating stores are offering "a super exclusive treat" to customers who donate.

Lou's Place for Pets, for example, is offering

an "exclusive coupon for an early Black Friday sale" at that business.

The Prestonsburg Merchants Network launched informally this year as businesses in downtown Prestonsburg worked to find ways to bring more customers into their stores.

These businesses have collaborated to host block party sales, promote local artisans and plan other events to increase traffic into the downtown area.

Organizers are promoting this event as providing "Food, Frights and Fun" for the public. It's being held on the same night that the Floyd County Public Library in Prestonsburg is hosting its third annual "Haunted Library" event. That haunted house, which attracted more than 1,000 people last year, will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the library.

For more information, visit the Prestonsburg Merchants Network on Facebook.

# FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES



**Walter Scott Caudill**

Walter Scott Caudill, age 85 of Columbus, Ohio passed away peacefully Monday, Oct. 22, 2018.

He was born on July 15, 1933. He was the youngest son of the late Isaac Caudill and Cassie Mae Perkins Caudill. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by brothers Jack Caudill and Isaac Caudill Jr.

Walter was a hard working and well respected man. He served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean War receiving commendations; National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal.

Walter is survived by four children Sabrina (Jeff) Westerman of Gahanna, Ohio, Mona (Tom) Kindell of Greenville, Ohio, Melissa (Hal) Perry of Nashville, Tenn. and Walter Scott (Belinda) Caudill, II, of Brookville, Ohio. He leaves behind 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and special friend Jackie Sparks and family to mourn his loss.

Graveside service will be held on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus, Ohio.

Message of condolence may be shared with the family at [www.NewcomerColumbus.com](http://www.NewcomerColumbus.com)

This is a paid obituary.

**Rexal Hamilton**  
Rexal Hamilton, 63, of Teaberry, died Friday,

Oct. 29, 2018.

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

**Joyce Martin**  
Joyce Cook Martin, 70, of Wayland, died Saturday, Oct. 20, 2018.

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



**Joe Tackett**

Joe Tackett, 58, of Bypro, passed away Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018 at the Greg and Noreen Wells Hospice Center in Hazard. He was born in Pike County on Jan. 9, 1960 to Barbara Sue Leedy Tackett of Wheelwright and the late Rev. Joseph Jake Tackett. He was a coal miner and a member of the Ligon Community Freewill Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife: Kim Curry Tackett; two daughters: Rebekah (Payton) Robinson of Kodak, Tenn., and Rachel (Shane) McCown of Melvin; three brothers: Gilbert Tackett of Indian Creek, Keith Tackett of Ligon, and Timmy Tackett of Lexington; one grandchild: Noah Robinson; and seven granddogs.

Funeral services were held on Sunday at 1 p.m., at the Ligon Community Freewill Baptist Church with Matt Bryant and Jeremy Lucas officiating. Burial followed in the Rollins Cemetery at Bypro.

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# More than 3.4M Kentuckians registered to vote

**SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS**

More than 3.4 million Kentuckians are registered to vote ahead of the General Election on Nov. 6, Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes announced Thursday.

Democrats represent the plurality of the electorate with 1.68 million registered voters, or 49.6 percent of voters.

Republicans total about 1.41 million, around 41.7 percent of voters and more than

295,400 voters, about 8.68 percent, are registered with another party or as "Other."

"We've made it easy to get registered to vote in Kentucky," Grimes said. "At GoVoteKY.com, our one-stop voter portal, folks can register and make changes to their registration online. We've seen tens of thousands of Kentuckians getting registered to vote since the Primary Election. That's only the first step, though. We want all registered Kentuckians to

cast a vote in the General Election on Nov. 6."

The final report of voters for the General Election shows a net increase of nearly 35,000 voters since the May 22 Primary Election.

Each of Kentucky's six congressional districts gained voters since the Primary Election. The 6th Congressional District, where a hotly contested race for the U.S. Representative is underway, saw a net gain of more than 9,100 voters.

The Republican Par-

ty and other affiliations gained voters in all the districts, while the Democratic Party gained voters in the 3rd, 4th and 6th Districts.

Since the launch of GoVoteKY.com in 2016, more than 63,000 new voters have registered online to vote. Approximately 27,700 registered as Democrats, 23,500 as Republicans and 12,200 as some other affiliation.

More than 860,000 Kentuckians have visited the portal since it launched with about

200,000 coming since the Primary Election. Nearly 273,000 registration applications have been submitted and processed since 2016.

"This midterm election year in Kentucky is important," Grimes said. "On the ballot, Kentuckians will have the opportunity to choose candidates for local offices all the way up to Congress. I join all our election officials — the State Board of Elections, county boards of elections, and our 15,000 precinct elec-

tion officers — in calling on Kentuckians to go to the polls on Nov. 6."

Grimes urges Kentucky voters to visit, GoVoteKY.com, the Commonwealth's one-stop elections portal for voter resources, for information on absentee voting, voter registration status, sample ballots, and locating polling places.

Complete registration statistics are available on the State Board of Elections website, elect.ky.gov.

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(R-Prestonsburg)

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| NO RESPONSE | Protect Human Life                                | YES <sup>1</sup> |
| NO RESPONSE | Protect Religious Freedom                         | YES <sup>2</sup> |
| NO RESPONSE | Man/Woman Marriage                                | YES              |
| NO RESPONSE | Spending Cuts Before Raising Taxes                | YES              |
| NO RESPONSE | Transgender Bath & Locker Rooms in Public Schools | NO <sup>3</sup>  |
| NO RESPONSE | Casino Gambling Expansion                         | NO               |
| NO RESPONSE | Legalize Recreational Pot                         | NO               |

<sup>1</sup> Voted for SB 112 which prohibits the use of telehealth in the performance of an abortion. Source: [www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/SB112/vote\\_history.pdf](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/SB112/vote_history.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> Voted for HB 372 which would have restricted state government from taking discriminatory actions against religious organizations. Source: [www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/HB372/vote\\_history.pdf](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/HB372/vote_history.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Sponsored HB 326 which maintains single-sex restrooms, locker rooms and dorms. Source: [www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/HB326.htm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/18RS/HB326.htm)

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# Eastern Kentucky natives chosen as finalists for Big Blue Wedding Giveaway

By JOSH LITTLE  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

A Pike County couple is in seeking support after learning that they have been selected as one of two finalist couples in the \$30,000 Ultimate Big Blue Wedding Giveaway.

Katie Thacker and Mason Johnson, both of Pike County, entered the sweepstakes a few months ago after seeing the contest posted online.

"A few months ago Mason and I were studying and he showed me the link for the wedding giveaway and told me I should enter us," said Thacker. "We didn't think anything of it after we entered, until we got a call about a week ago telling us we had been chosen as a finalist. It was seriously the craziest

thing because we had not thought about it since we entered."

Thacker, a student at the University of Pikeville's Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine, said winning the sweepstakes would not only relieve the couple and their families of the financial burden of a wedding, but would allow her to focus more on school and less on wedding planning.

"It would truly be amazing if we won because it would essentially take the financial burden off of our parents, as well as take the stress of planning off of me," she said. "It's extremely difficult to plan a wedding in medical school, and this would be a dream come true."

The couple attended Shelby Valley High School, from which they both graduated in 2013.

Upon graduation, Katie and Mason attended the University of Kentucky.

"I graduated with a degree in biology and a minor in neuroscience. Mason graduated with a degree in biology," said Thacker. "We are both second-year medical students. Mason goes to University of Kentucky College of Medicine and wants to pursue a career in Otolaryngology and I attend the University of Pikeville-Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine and want to pursue a career in emergency medicine."

The couple originally planned to get married in December of 2019, but, if selected for the giveaway, that date would change, due to the contest regulations, Thacker said. The couple's relationship began while in high school.

"We have been officially together for almost three years, but we knew from early on in high school that we would end up together one day," said Thacker. "We have been engaged since June 29, 2018. We got engaged at the Henry Clay Estate in Lexington."

The giveaway covers \$30,000 in wedding costs, which includes funding for: Catering, a cake, DJ services, a dress, flowers, photography, rings, suits and a reception venue.

To vote for Katie and Mason, log onto [www.wtvq.com](http://www.wtvq.com). Votes can be cast until Nov. 28.

"We are both seriously in awe at the support we have already been shown from the community. We never expected so much involvement, especially so quickly," said Thacker. "We are just re-



Submitted photo  
**Pike Countians Katie Thacker and Mason Johnson have been declared finalists in the Ultimate Big Blue Wedding Giveaway. If they win, the couple will receive \$30,000 in wedding funding.**

ally blessed to have family and friends who have gone above and beyond anything we could have imagined."

## AppHarvest probably not building greenhouse at Marion Br.

By CHASE ELLIS  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — During a meeting of the City of Pikeville Economic & Industrial Development Authority Thursday night, City of Pikeville officials said they no longer believe AppHarvest, a high-tech greenhouse startup, will be building a greenhouse at the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park at Marion Branch.

As far back as Aug. 2017, AppHarvest, headed by CEO Jonathan Webb, had announced plans for a 1.8 million square foot state-of-the-art greenhouse to be built at the park. Since the announcement, plans have been discussed that included multiple downsizing from AppHarvest, city officials said.

In addition, officials said previously, Webb and AppHarvest had contacted other areas and cities about possible land for the greenhouse, with those areas and cities then reaching out to the Pikeville officials, alerting Pikeville to potential planning changes.

That culminated last

month when the downsizing resulted in the city offering AppHarvest a tract of land that included just four acres, or approximately 175,000 square feet, on a three-month option to lease.

Pikeville City Manager Philip Elswick said despite that option being sent out in August, the city has yet to have the option returned from AppHarvest.

"We have worked with them a number of times. We have done a lot of work trying to help them. It just has been downsized and downsized," Elswick said. "We went far beyond what anybody else would have done to make that project work."

One reason the option has not been returned from Webb and AppHarvest, Elswick said, is because the city put a 50 job minimum requirement with the tract of land.

"We required there to be 50 jobs with that development and they responded with, 'There will be 50 people there, but they won't all be employees,' and that is not what

we were looking for," Elswick said.

Pikeville Mayor Jimmy Carter said that if AppHarvest does build at the industrial park, "I do not think you are going to see a greenhouse up there."

"If anything, it will only be (research and development). I don't think that is any big secret when they went from the size property they wanted to (the one they requested) now," Carter said. "It is just not feasible for them to do that on that small of a footprint."

The "hard decision" did draw praise from the authority's chairman, Pikeville Medical Center CEO and former Pikeville City Manager Donovan Blackburn.

"Sitting on the outside now, this is not necessarily a bad thing," Blackburn said.

He shared how when he was city manager, Alltech, which built and runs the Dueling Barrels Brewery & Distillery in downtown Pikeville, had approached the city about a poultry division expansion that would have been placed at the

industrial park.

"We humbly asked them not to consider (the park for the expansion) because it would de-regulate some of the area where we could not get industrial business. The result of that was (Enerblu, Inc.) with 800 jobs paying \$85,000 compared to about 50 jobs paying \$20,000," Blackburn said. "It doesn't bother me or hurt my feelings because

there is possible better utilization, not that (AppHarvest) doesn't have a good concept."

Elswick said the city supports AppHarvest's endeavor, but the industrial park "may not be the place for it."

Elswick did announce during the meeting that Taco Bell will be building a new location on South Mayo Trail in Pikeville. As the location is in the very

early phases, Elswick said more information will be coming.

One other project discussed during the meeting was a project that is in the "way early planning" stages, Elswick said. That project involves the downtown area of Pikeville, near the East Kentucky Expo Center, and "could change the face of downtown," he said.

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## Birth Announcements

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

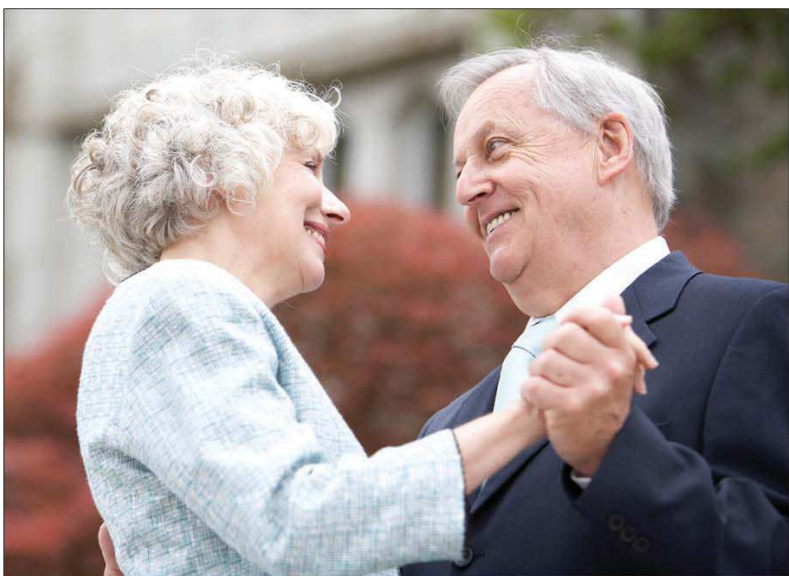
## Celebrating Birthdays



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

## Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



## Celebrating 55 years

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

## Wedding Anniversaries

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

## Dotson-Simpkins



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

## Engagement

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## Wedding

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## Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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## Floyd Central falls in championship

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Floyd Central fell short in its second attempt to capture a 15th Region volleyball title. The Lady Jaguars, under the direction of first-year head coach Alissa Young, lost to Paintsville in the 15th Region Volleyball Tournament title match. Paintsville pulled off a repeat, defeating Floyd Central 3-1 in the 15th Region Tournament title match at Betsy Layne High School on Thursday.

With the loss, Floyd Central ended its season 28-7.

Paintsville improved to 35-3 and advanced to the State Volleyball Tournament with the win.

Recovering from a slow start, Dawn Kinner-coached Paintsville beat Floyd Central 16-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-20.

Floyd Central recorded 51 kills in the season-ending setback.

Allison Turner posted a team-high 11 kills for Floyd Central in the campaign-concluding loss. Following Turner, Alexis Daniels and Hailey Little added nine kills apiece for the Lady Jaguars.

Amelia Wallace and Caroline Parsons helped to pace Floyd Central offensively, providing 19 assists apiece in the 15th Region championship match.

Productive in another category for the Lady Jaguars, Alivia Stumbo and Kiara Warrens contributed 15 digs and 10 digs, respectively.

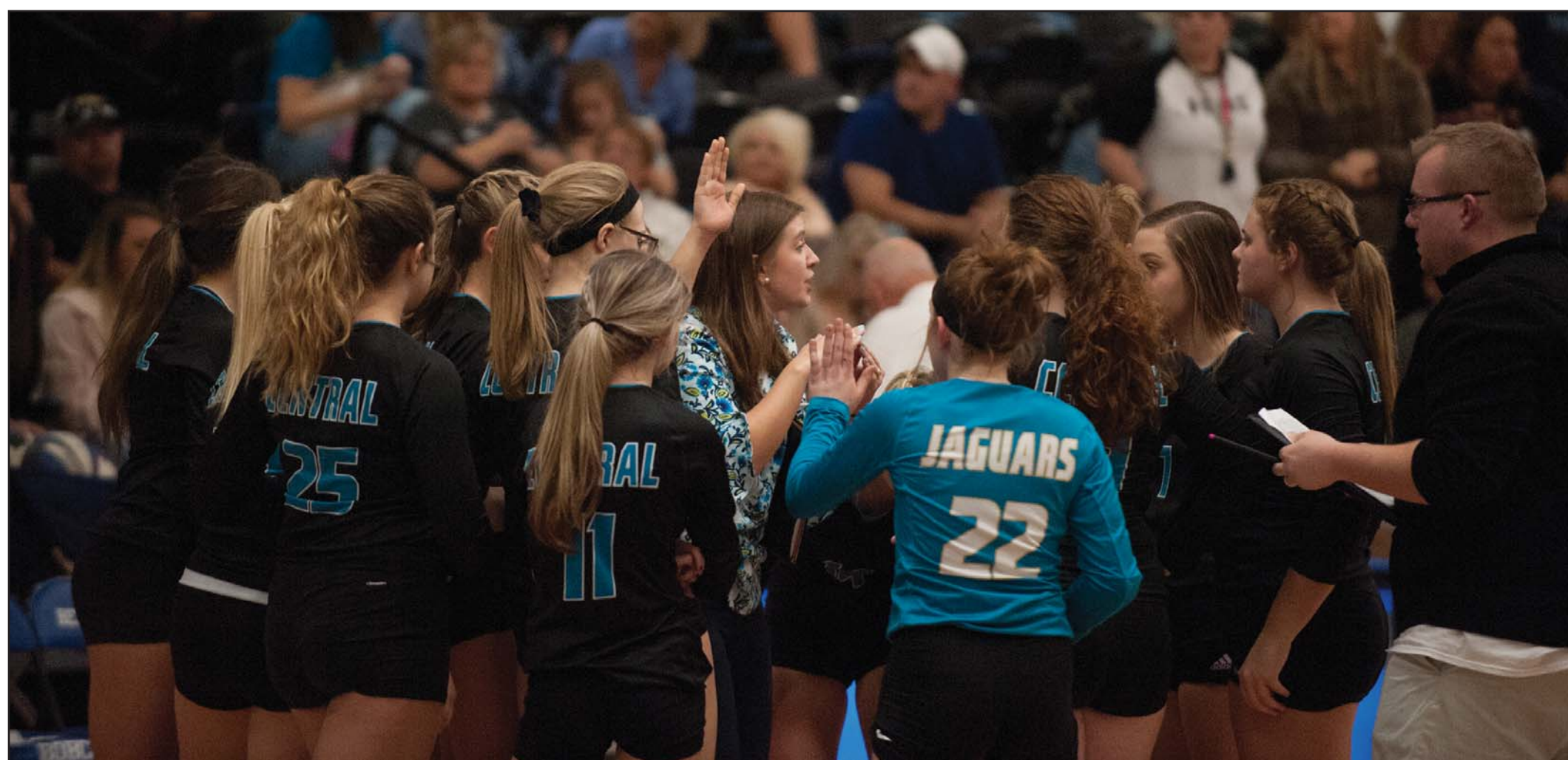
Caley Howard provided a team-best six service aces for the Lady Jaguars in the short effort.

Floyd Central, the 58th District champion, faced Paintsville in the region title match after outlasting East Ridge 3-2 (17-25, 25-23, 15-25, 26-24, 15-10) in the semifinals one day earlier. The champion out of the 57th District, Paintsville blanked frontrunner Pikeville 3-0 (25-20, 25-21, 25-15) in the semifinals.



Floyd Central's Hailey Little goes up for a kill last Thursday night against Paintsville in the 15th Region Championship.

Floyd Chronicle and Tiems photo by Randy White



Floyd Central talks things over between games last Thursday night during the 15th Region Championship. The Lady Jaguars fell to the Lady Tigers, 3-1 (16-25, 25-23, 25-20, 25-20).

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# Blackcats blank Bobcats, 36-0

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg notched its second straight win under the direction of first-year head coach Brandon Brewer on Friday night, blanking Floyd County rival Betsy Layne 36-0 in a Class 2A District 8 football game at Josh Francis Field/Blackcat Stadium.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 2-7.

Remaining winless, Betsy Layne stumbled to 0-9 with the loss.

The Blackcats took control early. Prestonsburg led 14-0 at the conclusion of the first quarter.

Host Prestonsburg added to its advantage in the second period. The Blackcats eventually

packed a commanding 30-0 lead into halftime.

Prestonsburg, which evened its district record to 2-2, added another touchdown in the third quarter to lead 36-0.

The Blackcats finished with 310 rushing yards. Through the air, Prestonsburg picked up 154 passing yards.

Quarterback Brayden Slone emerged as the leader for host Prestonsburg, completing five of eight passes for 154 yards and one touchdown while rushing for another TD.

Ethan Varney led the Prestonsburg rushing attack. Varney rushed 12 times for 124 yards and one touchdown. Aiding

the Blackcats' aerial attack, Varney hauled in two receptions for 68

yards and one TD.

Ezekiel Briggs followed Varney in the Prestonsburg rushing column. Briggs rushed seven times for 126 yards and two TDs.

Samuel Kelly, Owen Greene and John Rose provided one reception apiece for the Blackcats.

Briggs paced Prestonsburg defensively, recording 15 tackles. Carter Akers added 14 tackles and Varney contributed 10 tackles for the Blackcats. Helping to lead the Prestonsburg defensive effort, Jason Ratliff posted nine tackles and two sacks.

Another Prestonsburg defensive player, Kaleb Jarvis, recorded an interception.



Senior running back Ethan Varney helps to lead host Prestonsburg over Floyd County rival Betsy Layne in a Class 2A District 8 football game on Friday night.



Betsy Layne freshman quarterback Chase Mims rushes for positive yardage during the first half of the Bobcats' Class 2A District 8 game at Josh Francis Field/Blackcat Stadium on Friday night.



Betsy Layne's Paul Hall picked up yardage during the Bobcats' district game at Prestonsburg on Friday night.



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# Burchett named 15th Region Girls' Soccer P.O.Y

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg junior forward Beth Burchett has been named the 15th Region Girls' Soccer Player of the Year.

Burchett, who helped lead Prestonsburg to the 15th Region All "A" Classic and 57th District championships, scored 58 goals in 24 games. Prestonsburg finished runner-up in the 15th Region, compiling a 16-7-1 record.

Along with Burchett, junior midfielder Makayla Ousley, senior forward Jillian Kidd and junior defender Grace Trusty represented Prestonsburg on the 15th Region First Team.

A complete list of the 15th Region girls' soccer honors follows.

First Team: Beth Burchett, Prestonsburg (Player of the Year); Lauren Johnson, Johnson Central; Makayla Ousley, Prestonsburg; Kylie Maynard, Lawrence County; Zayla Granillo, Lawrence County; Sarah Lycans, Lawrence County; Robbi-Ann Brewer, Belfry; Cleo Wells, Johnson Central; Ellie Webb, Lawrence County; Jillian Kidd, Prestonsburg; Grace Trusty, Prestonsburg; Goalkeeper - Ally Moore, Lawrence County.

Second Team: Shelby Collins, Johnson Central; Kelci Blair, Johnson Central; Kylie Gollihue, Belfry; Sierra Crawford, Prestonsburg; Kaitlyn Gauze, Sheldon Clark; Hannah Adams, Shelby Valley; Hayleah Fletcher, Lawrence County; Jordan Stepp, Lawrence County;

Sydney Williamson, Pikeville; Emily Webb, Lawrence County; Hannah Spence, Belfry; Goalkeeper - McKenzie Maynard, Belfry.

Honorable Mention: Hope Auxier, Paintsville; Abby Branham, Shelby Valley; Chloe Collins, Prestonsburg; Ariella Doderer, Paintsville; Alivia Gearheart, Pikeville; Sheree Hay, Lawrence County; Megan Lambert, Belfry; Whitney Maynard, Sheldon Clark; Konstance McCarty, Johnson Central; Angel Newsome, Shelby Valley; Alyssa Pack, Johnson Central; Julia Pinson, Sheldon Clark; Annie Salyer, Pikeville; Makayla Slone, Prestonsburg; Samantha Smith, Belfry; Lydia Workman, Lawrence County.



Prestonsburg's Elizabeth Burchett

# Jaguars fall to Lawrence County in shutout

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Following an open date, Floyd Central fell back into the loss column during Week 9 of the 2018 high school football season. Floyd Central was held scoreless as visiting Lawrence County pulled away to win 40-0 in a Class 3A District 6 football game on Friday night.

The game served as a regular-season finale for Lawrence County.

With the loss, Floyd Central fell to 5-4.

Lawrence County improved to with the win.

The victory allowed Lawrence County to clinch the number two seed in Class 3A District 6.

Baden Gillispie and Noah West combined to lead the Bulldogs to

the district win. Gillispie rushed for 195 yards and one touchdown and completed a scoring pass to Danny Hall in Lawrence County's victory. In another impressive performance, West rushed for three touchdowns.

The Bulldogs led 6-0 at the conclusion of the opening quarter and carried an 18-0 lead into halftime.

Lawrence County added to its lead after intermission, eventually pulling away to win convincingly.

Floyd Central finished with 236 yards of total offense. The Jaguars piled up 194 rushing yards in the loss.

Six different Floyd Central players rushed for positive yardage in the shutout. Josh Whitaker led Floyd Central on the ground, rushing 20

times for 77 yards.

Brae Coleman finished second in rushing for the Jaguars. Coleman rushed eight times for 40 yards.

Quarterback Caleb Hager completed four of 18 passes for 42 yards while throwing one interception. Continuing to show his versatility, Hager rushed nine times for 35 yards in the setback.

Whitaker, Preston Crase, Elijah Cotton and Ethan Smith-Mills hauled in one reception apiece for the Jaguars.

Brady Jones led Floyd Central on the defensive side, posting 10 tackles and recording one interception.

Noah Marcum recorded seven assists while Gavin Martin and Bryce Thacker made six tackles apiece for the Jaguars.

# Trio from champ Prestonsburg named First-Team

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three members of 15th Region boys' soccer champion Prestonsburg have earned First-Team honors.

Prestonsburg freshman midfielder Matt Burchett, freshman forward/striker Isaiah Collins and sophomore forward/midfielder/striker Grant Justice were named to the 15th Region Boys' Soccer First-Team.

At press time on Tuesday, Prestonsburg was hosting 16th Region champion Boyd County in a Semi-State 8 match at Josh Francis Field/Blackcat Stadium.

A complete list of the 15th Region boys' soccer honors follows.

First-Team: Tyler Maynard, Lawrence County (Player of the Year); Jake Headley, Johnson Central; Matt Burchett, Prestonsburg; Christian Long, Belfry; Isaiah Collins, Prestonsburg; Seth Trador, Paintsville; Ethan Mills, Paintsville; Grant Justice, Prestonsburg; Nathan Frey, Sheldon Clark; Luke Johnson, Lawrence County; Luke Cassell, Lawrence County; Goalkeeper - Sam Smith, Paintsville.

Second-Team: Logan Maynard, Belfry; Seth Williams, Paintsville; John Kennard, Johnson Central; Joshua Gauze, Sheldon Clark; SJ Lycans, Lawrence

County; Blake Sizemore, Prestonsburg; Nate Blackburn, Prestonsburg; Logan Sluss, Paintsville; Alex Ratliff, Lawrence County; Dalton Lawson, Johnson Central; Josh Bogar, Belfry; Goalkeeper - Travis Caudill, Johnson Central.

Honorable Mention: Colby Mullins, Belfry; Eli Runyon, Belfry; Logan Southers, Lawrence County; Briyce Brooks, Lawrence County; Cameron Goble, Prestonsburg; Jacob Martin, Prestonsburg; Ethan Pack, Johnson Central; Gabriel Johnson, Johnson Central; Riley Flemming, Paintsville; Blake Lowe, Paintsville; Bobby Hale, Sheldon Clark; Nicholas Maynard, Sheldon Clark.



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**NOTICE TO BID**

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for the Martin Community Center building and property located in Martin, KY adjacent to Highway 80. All bids must be submitted by November 15 at 3:00 p.m. to the second floor of the Floyd County Courthouse located at 149 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Bids shall be sealed and addressed to the attention of Judge Ben Hale. Bids will be opened at the November meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court and awarded by the highest or best evaluated bid. The Floyd County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. For further information or to schedule a site inspection please contact Judge Hale's office at 606-886-9193.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0446, Major Revision No. 9**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, KY 40509 has applied for a major revision to an existing surface/ auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 3.0 miles southeast of Printer in Floyd County.

**LEGALS**

The major revision will add 57.30 acres and delete 59.36 acres of surface disturbance and will delete 6.25 acres of highwall/auger mining, making a total area of 435.08 acres within the revised permit boundary. The proposed major revision area is approximately 3.0 miles southeast of State Route 2030's junction with State Route 122 and located 0.1 miles west of Spurlock Creek.

The proposed major revision is located on the McDowell, Wayland, Martin, and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Daren and Kermit Martin, Alma Land Company, Phillip and Ida Ann Meade, Cas Spurlock Heirs(Billy Spurlock, Kathleen Crum, Leonard and Sue Spurlock, Jeffrey Case, Garnett Weidington, Mary Lawson, Ruby Patton, Sarah Spurlock, Peggy Hall, Kenneth Spurlock, Bobbi McKinney, Kathy Adkins, Dale and Sherry Spurlock, Joann Caudill, Brian Conn, Thomas Spurlock, c/o John S. Bowers, Blackhawk Mining, LLC), Clayborn Bailey Heirs(Joe Dean Bailey, Mary Humphrey Harper, Sue Burns, Kay H. Estep, Tina M. Beaver, Tyler Bailey, Noah Hinton, Jr., Robert Bailey, Charles Borders, Robin Bailey, Jack Steven Humphrey, Dona C. Tucker, Patty M. Taylor, Edna Mae Click, John David Humphrey, Daniel C. Humphrey, Ali Jo Rohr, James Hardwick, Linda Zaranhavan, William C. Humphrey, Kim D. Russell, Thomas Hardwick), and Denzil Yates Jr. Heirs(Steven Yates, Sandra Meade, Pearlina Yates, Nadine Herrell, Helen Isaacs, Christopher Yates, Denzil Yates, Jr., Laddonna Jo Briggs, Danny Yates, Connie Mullins, Mandy L. Yeager, Timothy Yates, and Carter Yates).

The major revision proposes to change the post-mining land use to Pastureland (220.93 acres). The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional

**LEGALS**

Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5660, Renewal No. 4**

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 underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.25 miles east of Drift in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 15.80 surface acres and will underlie 588.14 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 603.94 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.50 miles northeast from KY Route 1101's junction with KY Route 122 and located 0.10 miles east of Left Beaver Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Wayland USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Harry and Reba Martin and Denzil Ray Hall. The operation will underlie land owned by Harry and Reba Martin, Denzil Ray Hall, Robert Martin, Alma Land Company, Pete Butler, Clinnon Martin, Raymond Martin and John T. Martin. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 7, 2018.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow, US 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by December 7, 2018. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 7, 2018.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. **This is the final advertisement of the application;** all comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of this date.

**LEGALS**

**NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE**

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase II bond release on permit number **836-8080** which was last issued on August 31, 2016. The application covers an area of approximately 12.00 acres located at Hite in Floyd County. The permit area is approximately 0.35 miles northeast from KY Route 122's junction with CR-1220 and located 0.04 miles east from Left Fork Beaver Creek. The bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$21,600. Approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the original bond amount of \$21,600 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in July 2014. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, revegetation of disturbed areas and establishment of the post-mining land use.

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**FLOODPLAINS AND WETLANDS NOTICE OF EXPLANATION**

This is to give notice that Floyd County Fiscal Court under 44 CFR Part 9 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988, in accordance with HUD regulations at 44 CFR Section 9.6. *Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management* and intends to undertake the acquisition of a flood prone property in the community of Ivel. Floyd County Fiscal Court proposes to purchase a flood prone residential structure located at 28 Toms Creek Road (37.581479, -82.659609) in the community of Ivel. The split-level without a basement is an owner-occupied residential structure that has been flooded in 1984, 2003, 2015, and recently in 2018. If award-

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Floyd County Fiscal Court has submitted an application for Federal funding for a floodplain acquisition project. The application was submitted to the Kentucky Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP/ FEMA). Applicant:** Floyd County Fiscal Court, 149 South

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Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**Project Title:** Floyd County Acquisition Project - Ivel

**Location of Proposed Work:** 28 Tom's Creek Road, Ivel, Floyd County, Kentucky 41642

**Description of Proposed Work and Purpose:** Floyd County Fiscal Court proposes to acquire and demolish one flood prone residential property located at 28 Tom's Creek Road, Ivel, Floyd County, Kentucky.

**Comment Period:** Comments are due within 30 days of this notice. Comments are solicited from the public, local, state, and federal agencies and other interested parties, in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of the proposed project. The comments are to be submitted in writing to: Floyd County Fiscal Court Attn: Ben Hale, Judge Executive 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

If you have questions about the project or wish to view the paperwork, including maps of the project area, contact Big Sandy Area Development District, Regina C. Hall McClure, Project Developer at 606-886-2374, ext. 307.

The proposed action will not affect the floodplain elevation. The total project cost for Floyd County Acquisition Project - Ivel Project is \$359,950. Portions of this project are located in the 100-year floodplain and project activities, by virtue of their type and scope, must be conducted in the 100-year floodplain. A more detailed description of the project and the FIRM flood maps are available for citizen review by contacting Regina McClure at Big Sandy Area Development Dis-

trict, 110 Resource Court, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; telephone (606) 886-2374. Agencies involved in the project are: FEMA/KYEM/Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Written comments must be received by Floyd County Fiscal Court at the following address on or before October 26, 2018: Ben Hale, Floyd County Judge-Executive, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, 41653, (606) 886-9193 during the business hours of 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Comments may also be submitted via email at: [ben\\_hale@floyd-countyjudgeteexec.com](mailto:ben_hale@floyd-countyjudgeteexec.com).

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ed, an appraisal, property survey, title search, and hazard substance survey will be completed to determine the value of the property. An offer will be made to the homeowner, and if accepted, a closing will be set. The fiscal court will take ownership of the property by a deed containing the appropriate deed restriction language. The fiscal court will agree to ensure that the property stay greenspace for in perpetuity and will provide all necessary maintenance. All utilities and any hazard substances will be removed from the property and the structure will be demolished and disposed of properly. Floyd County Fiscal Court will apply for state funds from the Flood Control Local Matching Fund to provide the local match. If the request for those funds is not approved, the local match will be deducted from the proceeds to the homeowner from the acquisition.

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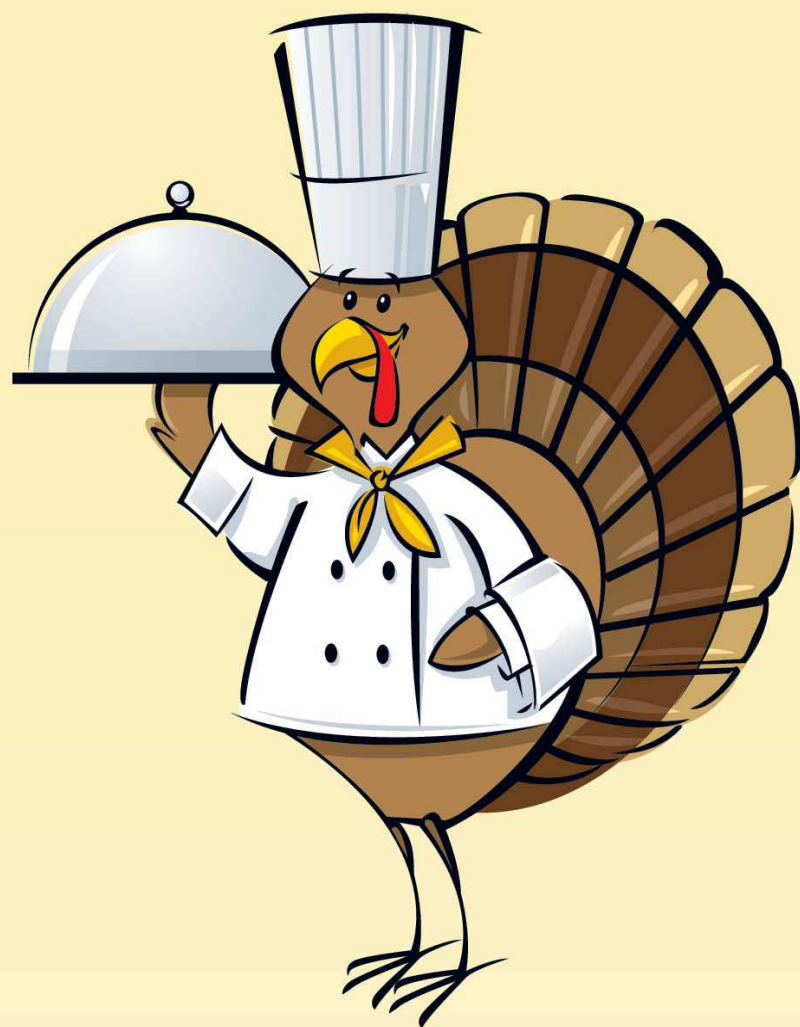
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## TURKEY

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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

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