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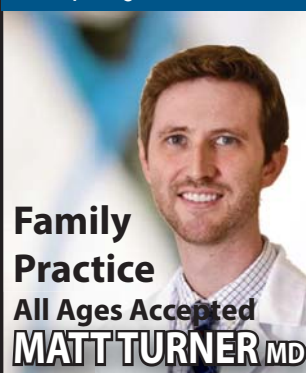
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## Wayland hires firm to investigate coal haulage

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission has dealt with two local companies that are behind in paying their bills this year, and the city is hiring an outside firm to deal with one of them.

During a meeting on Nov. 13, the commission hired Jigsaw Enterprises of Pikeville

to determine how much coal is being removed, processed and sold by Quest Energy in Wayland.

Quest Energy, a subsidiary of Knott County Coal, has a lease agreement with Wayland to extract coal from a refuse pile located on property the city owns.

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## Wheelwright seeks bids for fire department repairs

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Wheelwright City Commission took steps this week to repair damage to its fire department.

During a Nov. 14 meeting, the commission unanimously approved seeking bids to repair a foundation problem was initially reported by Fire Chief Daniel Gul-

lett in September 2017, and has gotten worse since that time.

Gullett called it an "emergency situation" when he reported in September 2017 that the culvert running under the fire department had failed, causing cracks to appear in the floor of a bay and a wall.

The city sought assistance

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Newly-elected Kentucky Baptist Convention President Tim Searcy shares a moment with his wife, Brenda, and son, Nathan, before going on stage to accept the gavel from the outgoing convention president.

## P'burg pastor elected president of Kentucky Baptist Convention

By **ROGER ALFORD**  
KENTUCKY TODAY

Appalachian Pastor Tim Searcy has been elected pres-

ident of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, a voluntary, unpaid position that he intends to use as a bully pulpit to call Kentucky Baptists back to hu-

mility. Searcy, pastor of Allen Baptist Church near Prestons-

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## ANI Editor receives Integrity Award for outstanding journalism

By **ROGER ALFORD**  
KENTUCKY TODAY

Kentucky newspaperman Russ Cassidy is the recipient of the Integrity Award for Coverage of Faith Issues, an honor bestowed by the state's largest religious organization.

Cassidy, regional editor for Appalachian Newspapers based in Pikeville, provides his readers a steady diet of reli-

Kentucky newspaperman Russ Cassidy, right, receives the Integrity Award for journalism from Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Paul Chitwood.



Kentucky Today photo by Robin Cornetet

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## P'burg man denies robbery, auto theft charges

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County man is denying charges in a case in which he is accused of holding two Wayland residents at gunpoint in their homes this year.

Zachary T. Howard, 26, of Prestonsburg, waived formal arraignment in the case in Floyd Circuit Court on Tuesday, with his attorney entering a not guilty plea on his behalf.

Howard was arrested by the Kentucky State Police, after an investigation of an armed robbery that allegedly occurred on Aug. 10 at a home in Wayland.

KSP officials alleged in court documents that Howard broke into the home, stole two pistols

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## Chaffins denies wanton endangerment, fleeing charges

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES** STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man is denying allegations that he endangered the lives of others, including a law enforcement officer, while attempting to elude police earlier this year.

On Nov. 13, Jason Chaffins, 33, of Garner, waived formal arraignment in the case against him, and his attorney, Public Defender Brandis Bradley, entered a not guilty plea on his behalf.

A Floyd County grand jury indicted him in September on

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from its insurance carrier, American Alternative Insurance Company and its claims agency, Glatfelter Claims Management, but that claim was denied in December 2017.

Gullett has repeatedly raised issues about the collapsed culvert causing structural issues at the department since that time. Commissioner Sam Little also raised the issue at a recent meeting.

The vote to seek bids for the repairs was unanimous.

Prior to denying the insurance claim on the structure, Glatfelter Claims Management officials inspected the culvert underneath the department to determine the cause of the problem.

The letter denying the claim explained that the fire department was built in the 1990s, but the culverts that run underneath it were installed 75 to 100 years ago. The failure of a wing wall in that culvert "allowed scour and erosion of soil" to occur, and the erosion "produced settlement which caused the cracks in the wall and the floor" of the station, the letter said. Officials determined the cracks were caused by "inadequate drainage and differential settlement."

The department would have been covered by its insurance policy if the property damage was not caused by the movement of earth, building settlement or faulty design or workmanship, the letter explained.

Hall said the city commission will call a special meeting this month to open the bids received for the repairs.

In other news, the commission also:

- Approved the financial report, showing the city has \$24,600 in its general fund, \$183,600 in its prison fund and \$25,800 in its road aid fund.

- Approved paying \$23,300 in bills for October and \$7,300 in bills for November. Commissioner Andy Akers asked for clarification of about \$257 given to Commissioner Sam Little as reimbursement for supplies he said he bought for the city's haunted house on Halloween. The city spent around \$1,000 on Halloween events, the financial report shows, and the commission approved spending up to \$1,500.

- Approved hiring Jeff Hamilton to paint and make repairs to the city's new fire truck for \$1,150.

- Approved spending up to \$700 to get the required pump testing done on all city fire trucks.

- Approved hosting the city's Christmas parade at 2 p.m. on Dec. 15. The date for the city's tree lighting ceremony has not yet been set.

- Approved spending \$350 to pay transportation costs related to having Floyd Central band members to perform in the parade.

- Approved spending up to \$500 on candy and fruit that the fire department will give away during its annual Santa Run on Dec. 16.

- Approved spending \$4,400 with Mountain Telephone for a new phone system at city hall. Officials said city utilities will pay half of that amount.

- Approved hiring Tony's Electric Heating and Cooling to repair the heating system at the city gym for \$6,500.

- Approved buying hams and turkeys for employees for Christmas

and Thanksgiving, and spending up to \$400 to provide employee meals for those holidays.

- Approved spending up to \$1,000 for up to 60 tons of gravel at Mountain Aggregates in Jenkins.

- Discussed a request from a resident who wants to buy a lot located across from her home, with city officials saying it would not be possible because it's near the city's wall. The motion to allow the purchase failed for lack of a second.

- Approved getting a plaque that honors all former city administrators for the Wheelwright city sign, which was repaired recently after it was damaged in a wreck.

## Family Hope Project

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**To learn more about the Family Hope Project, contact Mountain Comprehensive Care Center at any of the following locations:**

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that he used to hold the couple who lived there at gunpoint, stole \$7 and the couple's vehicle and fled.

He was arrested following a high-speed chase with that vehicle later that day, KSP reported, and he allegedly left the vehicle and fled police on foot prior to his arrest in the Dwale area.

The grand jury indicted Howard in September on charges of first-degree robbery, a Class B felony, and theft by unlawful taking-automobile, a Class D felony.

In court Tuesday, Floyd County Assistant Commonwealth Attorney Greg Adams asked the court to set Howard's bond at \$10,000 full cash, saying that a higher bond is needed because the charges concern an armed robbery that occurred inside a person's home.

Attorney Josh Kinzer, standing in for the public defender's office at the hearing, asked for a lower bond, however, saying that Howard promised to show up for all court hearings and that he has not been found guilty of any crime at this time.

Circuit Judge Tom

Smith agreed with Adams, setting Howard's bond at \$10,000 full cash. He said his decision was made, in part, because Howard is no longer attending a jail-based substance abuse program. He suggested that Howard sign up for that program if he is permitted to reapply for it.

Smith ordered Howard to return to court in February 2019 for a pre-trial conference in the case.

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## PMC – ONE OF THE NATION’S FEW HOSPITALS OFFERING THE NEW MICRA LEADLESS PACEMAKER

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is one of the few hospitals in the nation to provide the new Micra Leadless Pacemaker for their patients.

PMC currently has two electrophysiologists, Michael Antimisariis, MD (Dr. A) and Chase Reynolds, MD and both physicians have completed the extra training to provide this new advancement to the patients in the region.

Dr. Reynolds said, "It is an exciting new technology that allows us to offer a much smaller, and for some patients, safer pacemaker system. It also keeps us on the cutting-edge of what is available in the field of electrophysiology."

He says there are very few centers implanting these devices and he and Dr. A are glad to be among the first.

The new leadless pacemaker allows a patient to undergo pacemaker implantation with no leads or wires in the vascular system at all. There is no generator in the chest, like in a typical pacemaker. Dr. Reynolds says it is a small self-contained device that sits in the

heart. Everything is done through a catheter running thru the femoral vein in your groin, much like in a heart cath.

"You have no incision, no generator or anything in the chest, and no wires in the blood stream," said Dr. Reynolds.

He added that the leadless pacemaker is not something that is appropriate for all patients.

"In those patients who do qualify, it comes with a lower infection risk, less equipment in there for less to worry about within the body," said Dr. Reynolds.

These devices offer ventricular pacing. Dr. Reynolds reports that currently research is being done on a newer version of this device that will allow both atrial and ventricular pacing.

"Since we are already implanting ventricular pacing we should be one of the first centers to implant the newer device once it become available," said Dr. Reynolds.

For additional information about the Micra Leadless Pacemaker call the PMC Heart and Vascular Institute at 606-218-2201.



PMC Diabetes Educators, Sandy Chaney, RN, and Mavis Lowe, APRN, performed glucose screenings in the hospital's atrium for Diabetes Awareness Month.

They performed glucose checks on 120 people. Over all, they found six cases of prediabetes, two people in diabetic range and 11 known diabetics whose condition was uncontrolled.

For more information about Diabetes Education, please call 606-218-3513.

To schedule an appointment with our endocrinologist, call 606-218-2210.



Pikeville Medical Center (PMC), The City of Pikeville and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) celebrated Veterans Day with a program honoring those who served and are currently serving in the Armed Forces on Monday, November 12. Members of the VFW presented a 21 Gun Salute while VFWs Marvin Kiser gave an opening and closing prayer.

Comments were made by Pikeville City Mayor, Jimmy Carter, PMC CEO, Donovan Blackburn, Pike County Judge Executive Elect, Senator Ray Jones II and VFW Post 3769, Commander Jacob Selwood. Pikeville High School Senior, Sarah McCoy performed the National Anthem and Jason Potter sang God Bless the USA and America The Beautiful. Closing the ceremony, Colonel Roy J. Downy shared a few of his personal military experiences. Special thanks to VFW Jacob Selwood, Pikeville City Environmental Codes Officer, Tony Bartley and PMC Director of Public Relations, Carol Casebolt for organizing the event.



## PMC EXPANDS SURGICAL SERVICES USING THE DA VINCI



By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) continues to make advancements for heart and lung patients by using the da Vinci surgical system. This advanced equipment is designed to facilitate complex surgeries using a minimally invasive approach.

The da Vinci technology could improve results and help physicians provide quality care for their patients.

Many patients see faster recovery, smaller incisions and overall less pain.

PMC Cardiothoracic Surgeon John Deel, MD said, "Robotic surgery allows us to do things we could not do minimally invasive before robotics. We have improved visualization, making it possible to see more than I could with an open incision."

The da Vinci camera allows the surgeon to get a three dimensional view of what he is doing.

"In complex heart and lung surgeries, the da Vinci provides me a high definition picture of a person's heart or lung," said Dr. Deel.

Using the da Vinci, Dr. Deel says he is able to increase the magnification to see things better.

He says the da Vinci is designed with safety in mind. The surgeon is in full control of the da Vinci and all of the movements it makes and also has full wrist and finger function during an operation.

"I am able to rotate instruments better during an operation using the da Vinci," said Dr. Deel.

He said he is able to set the da Vinci to perform precise incisions. He is able to adjust the machine to make smaller incisions than when done by hand, performing the same surgery.

Patients needing a lung biopsy, who meet the requirements, are seeing less pain post-operatively.

"With the use of the da Vinci, surgeons do not spread ribs as much, subsequently patients see less pain after the procedure," Dr. Deel said.

Those who are a candidate for da Vinci surgery, will see smaller incisions, faster recovery with less pain and equal results says Dr. Deel. PMC continues to grow by adding more surgical opportunities using the da Vinci.

For more information about the da Vinci or other surgical procedures, visit [www.pikevillehospital.org](http://www.pikevillehospital.org) or call 606-218-3500.

## EDITORIAL

# Holiday season means increased needs for struggling

There's no Christmas break from a lack of shelter and hunger

As the weather turns colder, life gets somewhat more difficult for most of us.

Travel sometimes gets difficult, and there are missed days at school and work due to snow and other inclement weather. In addition, power bills go up, alongside other challenges.

However, for those who are either homeless or on the verge, colder weather is much more than an inconvenience, it's instead a potentially deadly challenge.

In addition to the increased need for shelter and warmth, there's an

increased need for food and other supplies for these families. For those families with children, colder weather becomes even more stressful.

It's an unfortunate fact, but it's also a fact that we can choose to make a difference in this problem.

There have always been organizations and groups which work to help those in need. However, over the past several years, more organizations, churches and individuals than ever before have stepped up to fill in the gaps.

That may be owing to

several factors, including the fact that the past few years' economic climate has reminded all of us how fragile the barrier is that separates us from the absolute worst that negative economic impacts can bring.

While we've been glad to see the improvement in the number and quality of organizations offering help, we've also seen an exponential growth in the need for these services, which sometimes outpaces the help available.

According to the Kentucky Housing Corporation's K-Count or census

of homeless in the state performed in 2017, there were a total of 1,940 people considered homeless in the state on the day of the census in January. And all involved have acknowledged the inadequacy of this count. Simply put, homeless people and others in similar situations often do not want to be counted.

We don't actually know how bad the problem is. We, instead, have indicators or ideas, but no real grasp of the depth of the problem.

That's where you come in.

While there is no

shortage of need, there is also no shortage of opportunities to help. In some cases, that means nothing more than taking a few cans of food to a local food pantry, or buying a blanket or two to be given away by one of these support organizations.

In other cases, that may mean putting some action behind your words and volunteering at a local charity supporting the needy.

And, in some cases, it may just mean donating some money so that these organizations can "keep the lights on" or

expand services to meet the growing needs.

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays draw near, it can be easy to get so focused on ourselves and our families that we forget about the hurting families and individuals all around us.

However, now is the time of their greatest need. Each of us who have the ability to help in some way must do so. The actions we take are bigger than ourselves and each act of kindness can make a massive difference in someone's life.

It could even save a life.

## GUEST EDITORIAL

# Enhancing Kentucky's workforce through apprenticeship

By **SEC. DERRICK RAMSEY**

As Secretary of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet, I am committed to finding new ways to help ensure Kentuckians are equipped with the necessary skills, education and training they need to continue enhancing the state's workforce.

Traveling across the Commonwealth, I consistently hear from parents and students about the rising cost of education. At the same time, local business owners are diligently trying to connect

with highly trained and skilled workers in their own communities. Without a doubt, apprenticeships are the key to remedying both of these concerns.

Apprenticeships create the opportunity to obtain training and education directly linked to employment in highly-skilled sectors like advanced manufacturing, business and information technology, construction, healthcare, transportation, and logistics. Apprenticeships also benefit local business owners by allowing businesses

to develop specialized training to meet industry needs.

The Commonwealth currently has 250 registered apprenticeship programs, with 3,501 active apprentices, and our goal is to double that number over the next year. There are approximately 104,000 open jobs in this state, and apprenticeships will help equip Kentuckians with the skills needed to capitalize on the opportunity.

We are serious about delivering opportunity to every community in the Bluegrass state, and

we are leading America in workforce development innovation. Registered Apprenticeships in Kentucky are supplying our workforce with new forms of job training in top occupations like electricians, pipe fitters, line installers, certified nurse assistants, and steel workers.

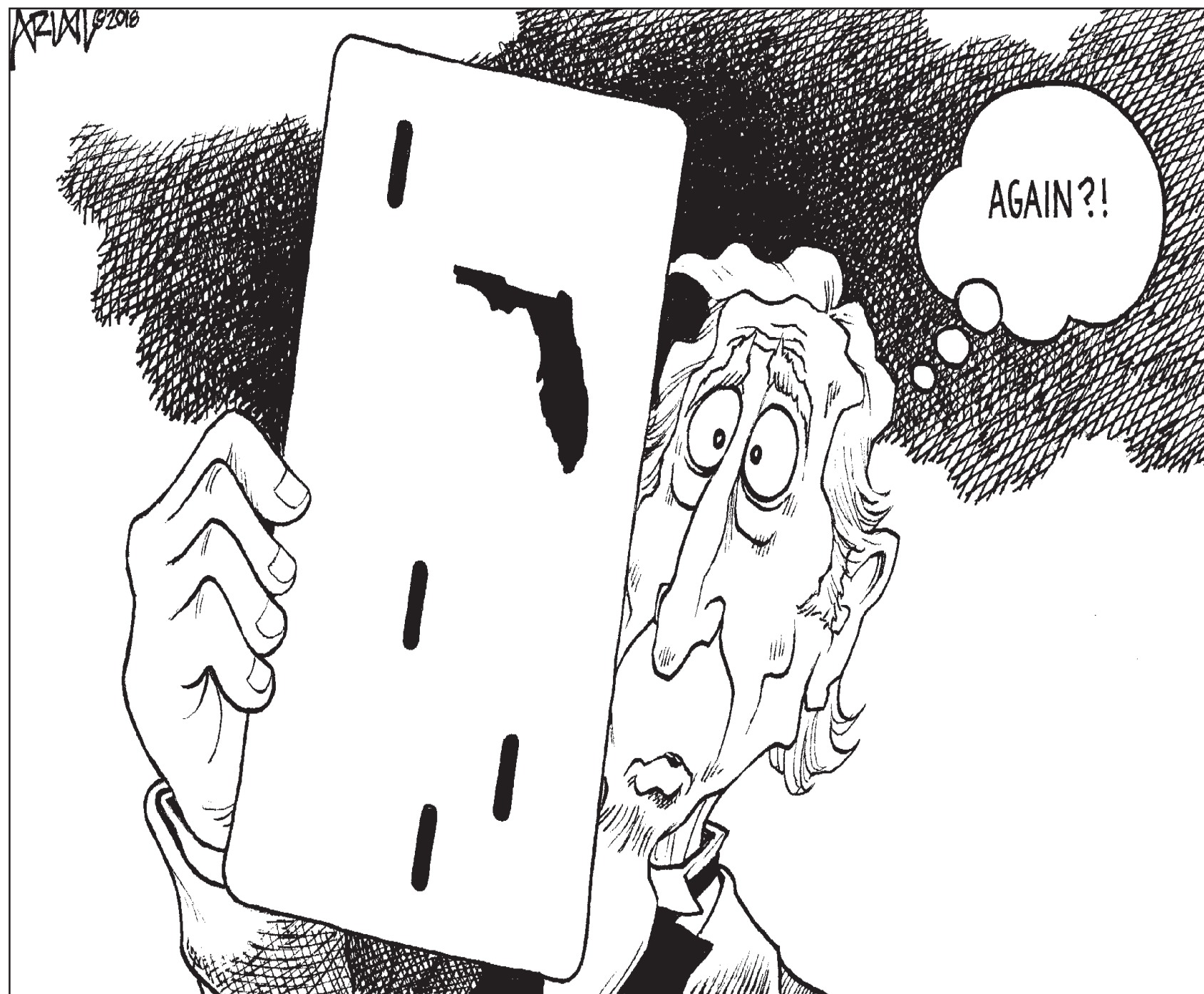
If you are interested in pursuing a registered apprenticeship, the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet will connect you with the resources you need to succeed and advance in your career.

There are more than 60 Kentucky Career Centers (KCC) across the state, filled with dedicated career counselors ready to help connect Kentuckians to employment opportunities at no cost.

The state's Work Ready Skills Initiative is pouring \$100 million into our communities to modernize technical schools across the Commonwealth, and this investment will allow us to create pipelines that connect students with apprenticeship opportunities. Additionally, through Work Ready and

Dual Credit Scholarships, we are helping Kentucky students and adults with education opportunities by providing tuition assistance towards career certifications or associates' degrees.

By creating a highly skilled workforce through education, training, and apprenticeships, we are not just meeting the needs of employers; we are also giving Kentuckians the bargaining power they need to chart their own course in a competitive market. No one's path to success looks the same, and we are empowering Kentuckians to find the path best for them. Utilizing a modern apprenticeship model to recruit, offer hands-on experience, and retain highly skilled, highly trained workers is how Kentucky will continue pioneering the workforce of the future.



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# Hundreds attend biannual job fair

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

The chilly temperatures didn't keep 48 employers and colleges, 500 high school students and 40 local job seekers from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps College/Career Fair last week.

This was the largest college/job fair held at the center.

"The biannual Perkins Job Corps College/Career Fair has become the biggest such event in the area. The fair gives students the opportunity to network with various employers and colleges with programs that match their career paths as well as explore new career options," a statement from the center said. "Thanks to all our employers and colleges that participated as well as to all those who attended. Thanks to Kings Daughter Medical Center for attending and giving free flu shots."

Visitors had the opportunity to talk with representatives from colleges, universities and employers and

see hands-on training demonstrations from the Perkins Job Corps electrical, carpentry and facilities maintenance classes. Visitors also talked with security students as they assisted with checking in and parking cars. The students did demonstrations on various skills, and center tours were also offered throughout the day. Perkins Job Corps culinary and office administration students registered guests and prepared lunch for the vendors.

Participants included students from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps, Betsy Layne High School, Prestonsburg High School, Magoffin County High School, Letcher County High School, Pikeville Independent, Carl D. Perkins Vocational Rehab.

Vendors included the Department of Veterans Affairs, Alice Lloyd College, American National University, Anthem, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Big Sandy Community Education, Big Sandy Health Care, College Access



The Carl D. Perks Job Corps hosted its largest-ever college/job fair last week, welcoming nearly 50 employers and 500 students.

Counselors, Eastern Kentucky University, First Commonwealth Bank, the Floyd County Extension Office, Floyd County Health Department, Humana Care Source, Judi's Place for Kids, Kings Daughters Medical Center, Kentucky Career Center, Big Sandy CAP, Frontier Gas, Office of the Blind, KYVGB Family Program, Lindsey Wilson College, McDonalds of East Kentucky, Morehead State Small Business Development Center, Morehead State University, Mountain Comprehensive Care, Northeast

KCC, South East Kentucky Area Health Center, Senior Community Services Employment Program, Transamerica Agency Network, U.S. Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Marines, University of Kentucky, US Big Sandy Prison, Walmart, Western Construction, Bimbo Bakers, Social Security Administration, Mountain Manor of Paintsville, Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Spin, AT&T, Bellevue College, Floyd County Board of Education and Superintendent of Floyd County Schools Danny Adkins.



Submitted photos

# Criminal cases, lawsuits filed in Floyd

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Charges were filed against several people recently in Floyd District Court, and there were also lawsuits filed in Floyd Circuit Court. The cases include:

**Felony cases files**

Justin Lewis, 24, of Prestonsburg; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jamie B. Brewer, 43, of Prestonsburg; first-degree promoting contraband, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jimmy Wallace Engle, 30, of Sassafras; no tail lamps, reckless driving, driving on a suspended license, failure to maintain insurance, theft by unlawful taking

Joshua B. Allen, 22, of Pikeville; possession of a defaced firearm, possession of marijuana, tampering with physical evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed deadly weapon

Keith D. Osborne, 43, of Ivel; fraudulent use of a credit card, resisting arrest

James P. Allen, 55, of Prestonsburg; receiving stolen property

Gregory Shepherd, 39, of Prestonsburg; receiving stolen property; possession of burglary

tools  
Jeanne Blanton, 43, of Dwale; theft of services, third-degree criminal trespassing, first-degree criminal mischief

Eric R. Howard, 32, of Prestonsburg; first-degree wanton endangerment, fourth-degree assault, endangering the welfare of a minor, third-degree terroristic threatening

Joseph Hall, age unavailable, of Minnie; flagrant nonsupport

**Misdemeanor cases filed**

Ashley M. Stempfl, 18, of Bellevue, Mi.; third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor, person age 18-20 purchasing alcohol

Denicka A. Skeens, 22, of Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance

James B. Brewer, 43, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license, endangering the welfare of a minor, possession of drug paraphernalia

Linda Porter, 54, of Allen; disorderly conduct  
Lenora L. Chaffin, 46, of East Point; driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to produce insurance card

Tammi A. Adams, 52, of David; theft by unlawful taking

Mary J. Bailey, 41, of Prestonsburg; theft by

unlawful taking  
Jared Conley, 34, of Chapmanville, W.Va.; license to be in possession; possessing license when privileges are revoked, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, driving under the influence

Ronald Fogle, 39, of Melvin; third-degree possession of a controlled substance, controlled substance not in original container, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana

Bradley D. Daugherty, 36, of Teaberry; falsely reporting an incident, second-degree disorderly conduct, public intoxication of a controlled substance, third-degree criminal trespassing

Donald G. Rose, 44, of Martin; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Lonzie Edmond Isaac, 36, of Hi Hat; theft by unlawful taking, fourth-degree assault

Katelyn S. Sexton, 25, of Jenkins; second-degree possession of a controlled substance

Jordan S. Smith, 26, of Pikeville; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a defaced firearm, carrying a concealed deadly weapon

Emily Justice, 23, of Pikeville; alcohol intoxication in a public place

Richard S. Baker, 36, of Newport; second-degree promoting contraband

Joseph Nicholas Tussey, 25, of Prestons-

burg; theft by unlawful taking  
Christopher Fitzpatrick, 24, of Banner; alcohol intoxication in a public place

**Lawsuits filed**

ABC Supply Company vs. Kentuckiana General Construction, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Housing Authority of Floyd County; complaint concerning contract

Midland Funding vs. Rodney Gardner; complaint concerning contract

Americredit Financial Services, doing business as GM Financial vs. Corbett Howell, Gladys Howell; complaint concerning contract

Eric Combs vs. Focus Hospitality, doing business as Super 8 of Prestonsburg; personal injury complaint

Sherry Cline, individuals and as executrix of the estate of Julius and Edith Isaac vs. Helen Hill; property rights dispute

Linda Harris vs. Johnny Ray Crisp; divorce  
Vickie Lynn Miller vs. Joe Raymond Miller Jr.; divorce

First Commonwealth Bank vs. the estate of Judith Lynn Brown, James D. Neeley, administrator and individually, Prestonsburg, Floyd County; foreclosure

Kristin Delena Sparks vs. Lee Edward Sparks; divorce

First Commonwealth Bank, as successor in interest to First Guarant-

ty Bank vs. Eddie Akers, Sandra Akers; foreclosure

Leslie A. Collins vs. Stephanie Salisbury; personal injury complaint

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Juda Wells vs. Jarrod Wells; petition for child support and health-care insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Regina Hall vs. Charley Hall; petition for

child support and health-care insurance

*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.*

## FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

**Randall Newsome**  
Randall Newsome, 73, of Teaberry, died Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2018.

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# D12 team 'ready to kick ice'

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Highway District 12 in Pikeville reports that the agency is "ready to kick ice."

"The skill and concentration of Highway District 12's team of snowplow operators make them a force to match the winter weather," the district reported in a press release on Tuesday.

"Our men and women have spent months getting ready for winter," said Mary Westfall-Holbrook, D12 chief district engineer. "The salt domes are full; liquid calcium chloride tanks are topped off; the men have made thousands of gallons of salt brine."

## Priority system be used this winter

Highway District 12 covers 2,145 miles of roadway. Roadway miles are different than lane miles. Counting four-lane roads and three-lane sections, D12 snowfighters are responsible for more than 4,550 lane miles of pavement, the agency reported.

Westfall-Holbrook explained that the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has developed a system that dictates the order in which roads are cleared during a winter storm.

"Roads are designated A, B, or C according to traffic counts, how many homes and businesses are served by each highway. We also take into account the main routes that first responders need to access other roads when emergencies happen, people need to get to a hospital, there is a fire, or some other life-threatening situation," she said in the statement.

Snow and Ice Priority Maps are available by county on the Transportation Cabinet's website, transportation.ky.gov, under the "maintenance" and "pages" links.

Some roads are split; in other words, part of

the road may be an A route and other parts a B route.

## The district has 22K tons of salt

Terry Cole Tackett is responsible for the district's snow and ice materials inventory. Storage domes currently hold 22,373 tons of rock salt in the 10 maintenance facilities positioned throughout District 12's seven counties: Lawrence, Johnson, Martin, Floyd, Knott, Pike and Letcher.

Calcium chloride tanks are filled with 104,025 gallons of the liquid snow-fighting chemical. More than 61,288 gallons of salt brine wait to be used in advance of a storm to prevent ice from bonding with the pavement. For hard-to-reach, stubborn spots, the garages have 1,244 bags of calcium chloride pellets on hand.

Between Oct. 2017 and April of this year, District 12 used 7,319 tons of rock salt, 40,745 gallons of salt brine, 25,969 gallons of liquid calcium chloride and 360 bags of pellets, the agency reported.

"We have almost three times the amount of salt and four times the amount of liquid calcium chloride that we needed last winter," Westfall-Holbrook said. "Plus, we manufacture our own salt brine, so we're not likely to run short."

District 12 uses 89 trucks with plows and 13 contract trucks, which are available on call. "This equipment takes a beating," said Darold Slone, the district's snow and ice coordinator. "Think about it: we run these machines in the worst conditions around the clock, changing operators every 16 hours. The drivers get an eight-hour break between shifts. The snowplows do not. We have to make sure each one is in the best possible condition before the first snowflake falls."

Each snowplow has two drivers, one for each

shift. These two men are responsible to make thorough checks of their equipment before each shift, a process which takes about 45 minutes.

Their backup is the district's equipment garage crew, a group of certified mechanics, welders and heavy equipment technicians supervised by Scotty Tackett. Headquartered in Pikeville, the crew has mechanics placed in each county, ready to tackle all but the most serious issues.

The Pikeville equipment garage keeps an inventory of parts and tools for 700 pieces of equipment and, like the materials that are spread on the pavement, this inventory is replenished in advance of the first snowstorm.

## Communication emphasis during storms

District 12 partners with the National Weather Service office in Jackson. The Jackson meteorologists focus specifically on weather events in Eastern Kentucky, using satellite, radar data and weather spotter reports to make decisions on watches, warnings and advisories.

Before and during winter weather events, the Jackson office sets up regular conference call briefings that help District 12 better prepare for storms.

The District's 24-hour emergency operations center, located at the District 12 headquarters in Pikeville, is in "constant contact" with the superintendents at each maintenance facility and the equipment garage, the agency reported.

"When the first crew is called out, the equipment garage staff is also called out," the press release said. "Every crew is put on alert and called out to mobilize before the storm hits that county. Our dispatchers relay information directly to each snowplow operator. The snow and ice command



Submitted photo

Highway District 12 officials plow US 23 in Floyd County during a previous snowstorm.

center at the district office keeps the Transportation Operations Center in Frankfort advised of road conditions throughout the district."

When the first crew is called out, the district's public information officer, Sara George, is also called out.

"It is Sara's job to notify the public, contact the media, call radio and television reporters, post on Facebook," Slone said. "She gathers information from our command center, from the weather service in Jackson, from TOC in Frankfort and from the maintenance superintendents and provides updates to the public so people can make wise decisions about when it is safe to be on the roadways."

George pointed out that there are nearly 200 people at Highway District 12 who work snow and ice events.

"Everyone has a specific responsibility," she said. "I am always amazed, every year, how everyone works together. I believe the people who live and travel in our seven counties have the best of the best. The determination, dedication, experience, and skills of our people are out-

standing. They truly care about doing a good job, an excellent job. When drivers partner with us, drive safely, and make sure their vehicle is winter ready, we can all get where we need to go safely, without wrecks or injuries. After all, that is the ultimate goal: to travel safely, to take care of each other on the roadways, and to survive winter storms with zero wrecks, injuries or fatalities."

## Agency asks public to be 'Partners in Safety'

District 12 officials ask the public to be "Partners in Safety" during snow storms. They offered several tips for local residents who must get out on the roads during snow.

- Check your vehicle, especially the tire pressure and battery. Low or uneven tire pressure can cause a blowout.

Clean any corrosion from battery posts and cable connections; wash all surfaces with battery terminal cleaner or a solution of baking soda and water. Have battery checked by a professional to ensure it is strong enough to face cold weather.

- Clean your lights and make sure they're working.

- Wear your seatbelt. Use proper child safety seats.

- Make sure you have plenty of gas.

- Be alert. Get rid of distractions.

- Do not pass a snowplow. Give them room to work. Stay a few car lengths behind snowplows.

- If all lanes are snow-covered on a four- or six-lane road, drive slowly in the inside lane near the median. Snow is plowed from left to right, from the passing lane toward the shoulder.

- Treat non-working traffic signals as a four-way stop.

- Drive as though your life depends on it – because it does.

District 12 also encourages residents to keep an emergency kit in their vehicles with a fully-charged mobile phone pre-programmed with important phone numbers, non-perishable snacks for people and pets, a snow shovel, blankets, extra warm clothing like coats, hats and gloves, window washer solvent, ice scraper with brush, a roll of paper towels and jumper cables.

## Food drive to be held this weekend

The Floyd County AARP Chapter will join other volunteers this weekend to gather donations of food to help local families.

The volunteers will collect donations of non-perishable food items from 8 a.m. to

3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17, at Food City in Prestonsburg.

All donations will go to God's Pantry and food pantries in Floyd.

Monetary donations for these pantries will also be accepted during the donation drive.

## Job fair to be held

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center plans to host a job fair next week in Prestonsburg.

The job fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Morehead State University's Prestonsburg campus.

MCCC will hire on-site, MSU reported, and positions are available in 21 counties: Bath, Boyd, Carter, Christian, Clark, Fayette, Floyd, Greenup, Harrison, Johnson, Law-

rence, Magoffin, Martin, Mason, Montgomery, Perry, Pike, Powell, Rowan and Todd counties.

Requirements for these jobs range from high school diploma/GED to being fully-licensed qualified mental health professionals. Some positions require a bachelor's degree within the human services field.

Interested applicants may view available positions and requirements online at, mtcomp.org/careers.

## Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd County

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

### Marriages

Kelli Nicole Ayers, 28, of East Point, to Joshua Shawn Martin, 27, of East Point

Alexus Erielle Hornback, 24, of Leitchfield, to Kristofer Lee Bentley, 32, of Prestonsburg

### Property transfers

Jerry Fannin to Angela Chaney (Deeds Book 641; pg. 468)

Stephanie Paige to Donna Tackett (Deeds Book 641; pg. 471)

Homer Charles Caudill, Olieka Danielle Caudill, Courtney E. Yates, Kaleb M. T. Yates to Eddie Dean

Paige (Deeds Book 641; pg. 477)

Danny Mead to John Meade (Deeds Book 641; pg. 483)

Billy Johns May estate, Patricia May Gibson executor to Patricia May Gibson (Deeds Book 641; pg. 486)

Lisa Suzanne Harris to Mark Woods, Mark C. Woods (Deeds Book 641; pg. 495)

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Jamie Blankenship, Franklin Howell to Community Trust Bank (Deeds Book 641; pg. 500, 506)

Citizens Bank of Kentucky, The Bank of Josephine, to Eastern Kentucky Federal Credit Union (Deeds Book 641; pg. 512)

Tommy Spears to Prestonsburg City Utilities; easement (Deeds Book 641; pg. 519, 522)

Greta Gibson, Gloria McCoy to Brady J. Conn;

property at Prater Creek Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Tommie Carol Patton, Dagen McGuire, Skylar McGuire, Darla Elliott, Jacob Russell, Kambra Russell, Rhonda Stumbo, Rick Stumbo to Patty Johnson, Morris Tackett (Deeds Book 641; pg. 525)

The Bank of New York, The Bank of New York Mellon to Bank of America (Deeds Book 641; pg. 535)

Gage Alexander Ashley, Haley Isabella Ashley, Obra C. Ashley, Pamela Ashley, Selena Goff to Kentucky Power Company; agreement (Deeds Book 641; pg. 552)

Nancy Kidd to Kentucky Power Company; agreement (Deeds Book 641; pg. 554)

Brian Tackett, Jillian Tackett to Kentucky Power Company; agreement (Deeds Book 641; pg. 556)

David M. Gowett Jr. to Kentucky Power Company; agreement (Deeds Book 641; pg. 558)

RS Godwin Truck Body LLC to Kentucky Power Company; agreement (Deeds Book 641; pg. 560)

Kentucky Lodging and Development Company to Kentucky Power Company; agreement (Deeds Book 641; pg. 562)

James D. Wells, Rebecca Wells to Karen K. Osborne; property in Lancer

Kinder Properties to Gerri Thacker Kinder (Deeds Book 641; pg. 566)

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City officials, however, claim the company has been behind on its payments and reports it is required, via the lease agreement, to provide Wayland.

City Attorney Tyler Green sent a letter in September to Thomas Sauve, president of Knott County Coal and its subsidiary Quest Energy.

Quest Energy is required to pay Wayland a minimum of \$4,000 per month in royalties, as well as wheelage payments, and, in September, it had not paid made a payment since June, officials said. Green said it owed Wayland more than \$12,000 at that time, alleging a breach of contract because of the delinquencies and the lack of "true and accurate" reports the company was supposed to provide the city.

On Tuesday, Commissioner Kath "Suzie" Mills asked whether Quest was up to date on its payments. The finan-

cial report showed Quest paid the city more than \$17,600 in October, but those payments were for August, officials said.

"I don't think we've gotten anything for September, October and now we're into November," Mayor Jerry Fultz said. He also reported that the company did not provide any reports for September.

The letter sent by Green in September warned Quest Energy that Wayland could end the contract if the issues weren't addressed within 20 days, but the commission took no action against the company, with Fultz saying he will review the reports provided by the company that day and call a special meeting, if need be, to discuss the issue.

"I know they've moved a lot of coal, or a lot of gob, but they're very slow to pay," Fultz said.

Commissioner Charles "Butch" Bentley voiced his concern, again, about whether the company will leave the

city without paying what it owes. He said the company needs to pay every month.

"It kind of sounds like when they move out, we'll be left with everything. They ain't going to do nothing. They're just going to leave, and leave it just like it is, is what I'm thinking," Bentley said.

Fultz responded, "Well, that's likely, but I hope not. I guess that's why it's important that we're talking about it now, that we not let them get any farther behind than what they are."

In the contract approved by the commission on Tuesday, Jigsaw Enterprises agrees to audit records regarding the amount of material removed by Quest in Wayland, survey the refuse area to make volumetric measurements to determine the amount of material removed, review weights reported by Quest and provide a written report about its findings to the city.

The project shall not exceed \$5,000 per month, the contract says.

Fultz thanked commission members for approving it.

"We have an opportunity there for a limited investment on our part to confirm one way or the other what's going on," Fultz said, telling commissioner that "it's probably worthwhile to explore their services."

"I trust them totally, the agency and the firm here, but I'm a little bit shaky on trusting Quest," he said. "And I'd like to. I'd like to. I'd love to have these services here, and let them go in and do their examination and do what they need to do and come back and say everything's perfect. I'd love to do that, and that's what I hope happens. But, otherwise, we're just, we're at their mercy. We take their numbers and that's where we are."

Green advised the commission to hire Jigsaw.

He said, "And the things we do know, the things that are in the contract that we can ascertain, we know they're not doing correctly, so it

would probably behoove the city as fiduciaries of the city budget to make sure you're getting paid."

Commissioners Curt Lee and Michael Caudill made and seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

"Thank you all. I think that was a good move on our part," Fultz said. The city commission approved the agreement with Knott County Coal and Quest Energy last year and the mining started in June.

In May, American Resources Corporation issued a press release, saying that through its subsidiary Quest Energy and Knott County Coal, it entered into an agreement to "acquire an active surface mining operation focused on remining a coarse disposal area in Wayland." The press release said Knott County Coal will assume ownership of all permits, leases, government approvals and reclamation bonds on the property.

The Mine Safety and Health Administration's online database reports

that a Faith Unlimited Contracting started working as a contractor at this mine in May 2018 with Quest Energy Corporation listed as the controller.

MSHA reports online that the company logged more than 5,500 operator hours at the mining operation and produced 30,137 tons of coal there this year.

The company was cited with several safety violations this year, and faces proposed fines of more than \$15,000, the database says. It is contesting those alleged violations.

The commission also discussed a delinquency owed by Transstar Ambulance at this meeting.

Green reported that Transstar sent a "substantial" check to cover four months of delinquencies — about half of what it owes the city for rent and electricity on property it leases.

He reported that Transstar officials said another check will be sent this week.

**EDITOR**  
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gion news and features, recognizing the broad interest in church matters in the region he serves.

Kentucky Baptist Convention Executive Director Paul Chitwood presented the award to Cassidy at the

750,000-member organization's annual meeting Tuesday at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville.

"Russ is thorough in his coverage of faith issues, providing insightful articles about what's going on the church world, as well as inspirational commentary that provides encouragement to

his readers," Chitwood said. "Our selection committee noted the way in which he approaches every issue with fairness, accuracy and balance."

Kentucky Today editor Roger Alford nominated Cassidy for the award. As regional editor, Cassidy oversees news content in the Appalachian News-Express in

Pikeville, the Floyd County Chronicle & Times in Prestonsburg, the Paintsville Herald, the Hazard Herald and the Mingo Messenger in Williamson, West Virginia.

Alford said Cassidy

understands the impact religion has on the lives of everyday Kentuckians.

"I've known Russ since my days as an Associated Press correspondent covering the Appalachian region," Al-

ford said. "He has been a tenacious champion for a free press and dogged in his pursuit of fair, balanced and accurate news coverage. I can think of no one more deserving of this prestigious award."

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**PASTOR**

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burg, has a broad range of ministry experience that includes international missions and Christian higher education. He was nominated by Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church Pastor Tommy Reed.

"The Lord has taken this man all over the world to share the gospel," Reed said when he initially announced he would nominate Searcy. "He has a vast knowledge that crosses so many bounds. He could do whatever he wants to do, but he chose to come to the mountains to serve as pastor. He is not living

his life for himself; he is living it for Him."

Searcy has a Ph.D. in Christian education from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, where he also received his educational doctorate and master's degree in religious education. He also has bachelor's degrees from Lincoln Memorial University and Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. His affiliation with Baptist institutions dates back to his teenage years, having graduated high school from Oneida Baptist Institute in southeastern Kentucky.

The church Searcy has served the past three years gives approx-

imately 1.5 percent of its undesignated receipts through the Cooperative Program. Last year, the church gave \$4,200 from undesignated receipts totaling \$290,000, according to Southern Baptist Convention records. The church gave approximately \$7,000 more through KBC and SBC missions offerings. Total Great Commission giving, Searcy said, totaled \$27,874 or 9.6 percent, last year. That includes mission trips by his church to Brazil and Swaziland.

Allen Baptist's average worship attendance for the past three years ranged from 220 to 230.

The church reported 69 baptisms since Searcy arrived at Allen three years ago.

In ministry since 1975, Searcy has served as a youth minister, minister of music, associate pastor, pastor, missionary and church planter. He began teaching at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as an adjunct member of the faculty in 1989. Since then, he has served as vice president for academic affairs at Louisiana College, director of institutional effectiveness at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, associate director of the professional doctoral program at New

Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, followed by stints as director of doctoral education programs and director of institutional effectiveness for the seminary.

As pastor, Searcy served churches in Kentucky and Mississippi. He also has served as interim pastor in multiple churches in Kentucky and Louisiana. He planted Vida Nueva Baptist Church in Columbia while serving as a missionary.

Besides Columbia, Searcy has done mission work in Brazil, Costa Rica, Colombia, Russia, Nicaragua, Nepal, Cambodia, and Cuba. His work in

Cuba was with the Baptist Seminary in Havana assisting in training of teachers and developing curriculum.

As president, Searcy said he would "use every opportunity given me to speak God's truth from His Word" concerning the issue of abortion, saying it is not an issue of human choice but of God's truth.

"I believe it is a false concept that a fetus is not a human being until viability. I believe that at the creation of the very first cell with a totally new DNA, they are new persons and they deserve every God given right due them."

# Donation drive underway this month

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

A local business is seeking donations geared to help military members this winter.

OneMain Financial of Johnson County announced this week that it has partnered with Operation Gratitude, a national nonprofit organization

dedicated to meeting the needs of the U.S. military and first responder communities. The company has launched donation drives at more than 1,600 of its branches in the country and has pledged to donate \$20,000 to Operation Gratitude.

"With so many branches throughout the country, we have seen

firsthand the struggles that servicemen, service-women and their families too often face," OneMain Financial Chief Marketing Officer Kim Wijkstrom said. "Operation Gratitude is doing important work to alleviate some of these pressures, and we're honored to have the opportunity to help." Throughout Novem-

ber, local residents may donate hand warmers, lip balm, travel-size deodorant, body and hand wipes and black crew socks at all One Main branches, including the local branch at 309 North Mayo Trail in Paintsville.

All items must be new and sealed. Every item received in the

collection drive will be shipped in care packages to deployed troops, first responders, veterans and military families.

"We are thankful for the passion and dedication of the thousands of Operation Gratitude volunteers around the country, including the employees of OneMain Financial,

who contribute to our mission of thanking all who serve," said Kevin Schmiegel, CEO of Operation Gratitude. "Together, we are helping bridge the divide that exists between those who serve in uniform and grateful Americans everywhere who want to express their support."



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# Floyd County students earn honors in academic tourney

## JV Challenge Overall Results

First place: Floyd Central High School  
 Second place: Pikeville High School  
 Third place: Shelby Valley High School  
 Fourth place: Belfry High School  
 Fifth place: Prestonsburg High School  
 Sixth place: Betsy Layne High School  
 Seventh place: East Ridge High School  
 Eighth place: Letcher County Central High School

## JV Challenge Quick Recall results

First place: Floyd Central High School  
 Second place: Pikeville High School  
 Third place: Shelby Valley High School  
 Fourth place: Belfry High School

## Floyd County student honors

Floyd Central High School  
 Kade Scott: first in arts and humanities, fifth in math  
 Preston Crase: first in social studies, fifth in lan. arts  
 Lindsay Caudill, first in language arts  
 Justin Tussey: second in science  
 Desirae Caudill: second in composition  
 Madison Thornsberry: fourth in composition  
 Adam Hutchinson: fifth in science

Betsy Layne High School  
 Dylan Hamilton: second in math  
 Donnie Hamilton, third in math

Prestonsburg High School  
 Tabitha Mitchell: first in composition, third in math  
 Brycen Shepherd: sixth in social studies

## A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several Floyd County students earned honors at the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition's JV Challenge on Saturday.

The competition included students from Betsy Layne, Floyd Central and Prestonsburg high schools in Floyd County, Belfry, Pikeville and East Ridge high schools in the Pike County and Pikeville Independent districts, and Letcher County Central High School in Letcher County.

Floyd Central High School walked away with first place in both the final standings category and in the quick recall category, while Prestonsburg High School ranked fifth in final standings and quick recall and Betsy Layne ranked sixth in final standings and fifth in quick recall.

Floyd County students who earned honors include Floyd Central students Kade Scott, Preston Crase, Lindsay Caudill, Justin Tussey, Desirae Caudill, Madison Thornsberry and Adam



Submitted photo  
 Floyd Central High School's academic team earned first place overall and first place in quick recall during the JV Challenge on Saturday.

Hutchinson; Betsy Layne High students Dylan and Donnie Hamilton and Prestonsburg students Tabitha Mitchell and Brycen Shepherd.

Scott, Crase and Mitchell each placed in at least two categories during the event.

Floyd County Schools superintendent Danny Adkins praised these students and schools in a press release issued on Monday.

"Our Floyd County team is very proud of our students who compete

in academics and seeing our students take more than one third of the top spots in the JV Challenge for Section 16 is outstanding," his statement said. "Students from all three high schools earned spots in every content area."

He congratulated Floyd Central, noting that two of that school's team members — Scott and Crase — have scores that rank in the top 10, statewide.

Adkins thanked parents, staff and commu-

nity members for supporting Floyd County students. He encouraged community members to attend the next academic meet.

Floyd Central is hosting the high school competition and Adams Middle is hosting the middle school competition of the East Kentucky Academic Conference on Nov. 17, with assessments in the early morning hours and quick recall starting at around 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.



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Floyd Central's Kade Scott, left, earned first place in arts and humanities at the JV Challenge. He is also pictured with second-through sixth-place winners (left to right) Sarah Belcher of Pikeville High School, Olivia Thornsberry of Shelby Valley High School, Elathan Bowling of East Ridge, McKenzie Bailiff of East Ridge and Lindsay Mullins of Letcher Central.



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Floyd Central's Lindsay Caudill, left, earned first place in language arts at the JV Challenge. She's pictured with second-through sixth-place winners (left to right) Felicity Tan of Pikeville High, Chloe Estep of Belfry High, Sarah Belcher of Pikeville High, Preston Crase of Floyd Central (who also earned first in social studies) and Riley Gillam of Pikeville High.

# Dr. Mina exhibits work at BSCTC

## SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Retired doctor Dr. Mina Majmundar, known locally as "Dr. Mina," recently exhibited her artwork at Big Sandy Community and Technical College.

Dr. Majmundar, who serves on the Big Sandy College Educational Foundation Board of Directors, enrolled in the college's 2-D art class this year. The class, with professor Tim Smith, focuses on 2-D printing and explores the concepts of line, texture and

composition. The course also teaches the traditional Japanese process of woodblock printing, which involves drawing a design on a block of wood, cutting lines around the image and then using the block with ink to transfer the design onto a sheet of paper. The print can be repeated multiple times to create different impressions.

"Having her in class was a blast," Professor Tim Smith said. "Mina is a very upbeat person and just a really nice and

talented person to be around."

A native of India, Dr. Majmundar's artwork portrayed Ganesh, the Hindu god of beginnings.

It was exhibited alongside other student work at the college.

"Dr. Majmundar knew exactly what her next step would be. She took her design of Lord Ganesh to Shirt Gallery and had t-shirts printed for her grandchildren," a press release from the college said.

Dr. Majmundar and her husband move to the U.S. from India in



Submitted photo

Dr. Mina Majmundar is shown with her artwork at Big Sandy Community and

the 1970s. She completed her medical residency in New York, and the couple moved to eastern

Kentucky in 1978. She worked more than 30 years as an anesthesiologist before retiring.

For more information on the 2-D art class, visit, [big sandy.kctcs.edu](http://big sandy.kctcs.edu), or call, (606) 886-3863



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Jennifer Wilson member of the The Floyd County Tobacco Coalition and Kentucky cancer program talks to students at Duff Allen Central Elementary about the dangers of use of tobacco and vaping products.

# Students earn honors in coloring contest

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Six Floyd County students earned honors this week in a coloring contest geared to decrease tobacco and nicotine use.

On Monday, the Floyd County Tobacco Coalition honored Kaytlyn Greer of Duff-Allen Central as the overall county winner of the contest, which was open to all students in grades three through five.

In addition to a basket filled with toys and gifts, Greer also received an iPad that was donated by Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicaid.

Other competition winners included Lydia Wallace of May Valley, Shyla Kidd of Betsy Layne, Kalli Newsome of John M. Stumbo, Kadin Moore of South Floyd and Halee Conn of Allen



Submitted photo

Duff Allen Central Elementary student Kaytlyn Greer, center, poses with members of the Floyd County Tobacco Coalition: Zach Osborne of Passport Health, Jennifer Wilson of the Kentucky Cancer Program, Danielle Harmon of Highlands Health, Andrea Slone of the Cooperative Extension Service, Jaimie Whitaker of Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield Medicaid and Jessica Hall of ARH Our Lady of the Way. Greer earned first place overall in the coloring contest.

Elementary. Each of the students won a basket filled with toys and other items that were donated by coalition members.

The Floyd County Tobacco Coalition, chaired

by Jessica Hall of ARH Our Lady of the Way in Martin, is a working group of community partners who focus on tobacco and nicotine use, prevention, education and awareness.

One of its members, Terry Burchett with the Mountain Comprehensive Home Place Clinic, created the coloring sheet that was distributed to all of the students.

## Community Events

- Nov. 16, 9 a.m.: Tiny Bobcat Academy for kids age birth to five, Betsy Layne Elementary. Free. (606) 478-9751
- Nov. 16, 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- Nov. 17, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Local AARP chapter will collect nonperishable food items at Food City, Prestonsburg. All donations will be given to God's Pantry and local food pantries.
- Nov. 19, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Soil and Water Conservation District meets, 18 Mayo Br., Brandykeg. (606) 889-9800
- Nov. 19 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335
- Nov. 20, 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center Board of Directors meet, MAC. (606) 889-9125
- Nov. 20, 5:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Chapter of the AARP meets at Highland Terrace, Prestonsburg.
- Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- Nov. 20, 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office
- Nov. 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- Nov. 22, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- Nov. 23, 7 p.m.: Christmas with Kory Caudill & Friends, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com
- Nov. 23: Christmas light display opens at Archer Park
- Nov. 26, 6:30 p.m.: Floyd County Board of Education meets. (606) 886-2354
- Nov. 26, 5 p.m.: Southern Water meets, Southern offices, McDowell.
- Nov. 27, 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668
- Nov. 27, 11:30 a.m.: Big Sandy Area Development District meets, Big Sandy ADD office. (606) 886-2374.
- Nov. 27, 5 p.m. Tiny Mustang Academy for kids age birth to five, Stumbo Elementary. Free. (606) 587-2212
- Nov. 27, 6 p.m.: Martin City Council meets, city hall.

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## Floyd Central set to host Johnny Martin Tip-Off Classic



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Head coach Kevin Spurlock guided upstart Floyd Central during the Johnny Martin Tip-Off Classic in 2017.

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central High School is set to host the 2018 Johnny Martin Tip-Off Classic on Wednesday, Nov. 21. The latest version of the annual preseason high school basketball event will feature teams from the 15th and 14th regions.

The 2018 Johnny Martin Tip-Off Classic will be made up

of three boys' games and one girls' game.

The games scheduled for the Johnny Martin Tip-Off Classic are as follows: Phelps vs. June Buchanan (Boys); Pike Central vs. Letcher Central (Boys), East Ridge vs. Floyd Central (Girls); Belfry vs. Floyd Central (Boys).

The Jaguars ended the 2017/2018 season 19-12. Floyd Central lost to Paintsville in the opening round of the 15th Re-

gion Boys' Basketball Tournament.

Veteran head coach Kevin Spurlock guides the Jaguars. Floyd Central in the reigning 58th District boys' basketball champion.

The Lady Jaguars concluded the 2017/2018 season 16-10. Floyd Central fell to Pikeville in the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament Semifinals.

Head coach Justin Triplett guides the Lady Jaguars. The

Floyd Central ladies team is the defending 58th District girls' basketball champion.

The Floyd Central boys' and girls' basketball squads as well as teams from across the state will take the floor for season-openers in less than two weeks.

The complete schedule for the 2018 Johnny Martin Tip-Off Classic follows.

### Johnny Martin Tip-Off

### Classic at Floyd Central Wednesday, Nov. 21

1:00 p.m. - Phelps vs. June Buchanan (Boys)

3:00 p.m. - Pike County Central vs. Letcher County Central (Boys)

5:00 p.m. - East Ridge vs. Floyd Central (Girls)

7:00 p.m. - Belfry vs. Floyd Central (Boys)

## Prestonsburg teams to play in Bath County Panorama

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg eighth-grade, freshmen, junior varsity and varsity teams will participate in the Bath County Panorama in Owingsville on Saturday, Nov. 24.

Both Prestonsburg High School and Adams Middle School will field teams in the upcoming Bath County Panorama.

Prestonsburg teams are matched up against Bath County squads in the preseason boys' basketball event. Johnson County native and former Pikeville head coach Bart Williams guides Bath County. Locally, Brent Rose is poised to guide the Prestonsburg boys' basketball program in his first season as the Blackcats' head coach.

The Bath County Panorama will also include Danville, Bryan Station, Fleming County and Powell County basketball teams.

The games will serve as final preseason tuneups for each boys' high school basketball program in the event.

The complete schedule for the Bath County Panorama follows.

### Bath County Panorama Saturday, Nov. 24

Noon - Bath County vs. Prestonsburg (Eighth Grade)

1:15 p.m. - Bath County vs. Prestonsburg (Freshmen)

1:45 p.m. - Bath County vs. Prestonsburg (Junior Varsity)

2:30 p.m. - Bath County vs. Prestonsburg (Varsity)

4:00 p.m. - Danville vs. Bryan Station (Junior Varsity)

4:30 p.m. - Danville vs. Bryan Station (Varsity)

6:00 p.m. - Fleming County vs. Powell County (Junior Varsity)

6:30 p.m. - Fleming County vs. Powell County (Varsity)



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Prestonsburg's Grant Justice drives to the basket last season during the 15th Region Tournament.

## Blackcats to face Boyd County in 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge

### Johnson Central-Wesley Christian matchup slated for nightcap

By **STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Under the direction of new head coach Brent Rose, Prestonsburg is set to face 16th Region title contender Boyd County in the 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge at Paul R. Setser Eagle Field House on the campus of Johnson Central High School on Saturday.

The 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge will include seven games.

All games will be regulation contests with four eight-minute quarters. The admission fee for the 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge will be for all seven games.

Teams from the 14th, 15th and 16th regions will participate in the annual Johnson Central-hosted pre-season high school basketball event. The field for the 2018 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge will include host Johnson Central, Prestonsburg, Boyd County, Sheldon Clark, Phelps, Belfry, Rowan County, Lawrence County, Clay County, Shelby Valley, Ashland, Magoffin Coun-

ty and Perry County Central.

Prestonsburg concluded the 2017/2018 season 14-19. The Blackcats finished runner-up to newcomer Floyd Central in the 58th District. Prestonsburg made an appearance in the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament and ended its season following a loss to perennial title contender Johnson Central.

Boyd County is the reigning 16th Region champion. The Lions, under the tutelage of head coach Randy Anderson, defeated rival Ashland 64-59 in the 2017/2018 16th Region title game.

Fern Creek, a team out of Louisville, ended Boyd County's 2017/2018 season, edging the Lions 69-67 in the opening round of the Boys' Sweet Sixteen State Basketball Tournament.

Tip-off for the Prestonsburg-Boyd County game is set for 2:40 p.m.

Prestonsburg is one of two 58th District boys' basketball teams set to take the floor in the 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge. Lawrence County

is slated to face 13th Region title contender Clay County. Tip-off for the Lawrence County-Clay County game is slated for 4:00 p.m.

The nightcap of the 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge will feature another team from Floyd County. Wesley Christian is due to meet host Johnson Central in the final game of the 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge at 8:00 p.m.

The schedule for the 2018 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge follows.

- 2018 15th Region Pre-Season Challenge**  
at Johnson Central  
Saturday, Nov. 17  
Noon - Sheldon Clark vs. Phelps  
1:20 p.m. - Belfry vs. Rowan County  
2:40 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Boyd County  
4:00 p.m. - Lawrence County vs. Clay County  
5:20 p.m. - Shelby Valley vs. Ashland  
6:40 p.m. - Magoffin County vs. Perry County Central  
8:00 p.m. - Johnson Central vs. Wesley Christian

# Just win baby



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It took thirty-five races to get to this point but this Sunday at Homestead-Miami there will no longer be a need to keep a calculator close by to continuously add and subtract points from a driver. After a season that began in February of trying to keep up with a driver's points that he earned during the first two stages as well as the number of points he won for his race finish and also keeping track of the number of bonus points that he has accumulated, it is time to go to a race where the highest finish between four drivers will now determine this season's champion.

It has been a long time coming but when the checkered flag waved at Phoenix, Joey Logano, Kyle Busch, Martin Truex Jr. and Kevin Harvick finished the Round of 8 and will now go to Homestead as the Championship 4 with the opportunity to run for the title. This will be simplest format for determining the champion because each of the four drivers will enter this race without any advantage in the point standings as the points and any bonus points a driver may have accumu-

lated throughout the season do not carry over to start the race on Sunday.

Busch, Truex Jr. and Harvick made up what became known as the "Big Three" this season as they joined together to dominate the series in wins as they combined for 20 wins on the season. Busch and Harvick tied for the lead with eight wins apiece with Truex Jr. collecting four trips to victory lane. Logano added two more wins to the total and may be arriving at Homestead later this week as the underdog of the group but may have momentum on his side as he won at Martinsville and backed it up with a third place finish at Texas in the Round of 8 before getting caught up in an accident on Sunday at Phoenix.

Although the eventual series champion does not have to win the race on Sunday to become the title holder, the championship experience that each of these drivers brings points to the champion having to claim Homestead's checkered flag. Truex Jr. enters the race as the defending series champion and this will make his third championship 4 appearance in the last four years. He will also enter the race as the sentimental favorite as his Furniture Row Racing team will competing in its final race as it will be closing its doors at the conclusion of the season.


Harvick may have had the toughest path to the Homestead as he left Texas with a win that would have automatically put him in the final

but was stripped of the automatic bid when his car was found to have an illegal spoiler during postrace inspection. NASCAR also took 40 points away from him which left him entering Phoenix with a slim three-point lead above the cutoff line. He survived the day after experiencing an early flat tire and will be making his fourth Championship 4 appearance in the last five years with one of those ending in a title for the Stewart Haas racing driver.

Kyle Busch also enters Sunday's race with a championship on his resume' and plenty of Championship 4 experience. He will be making his fourth consecutive appearance in the Championship 4 and his team will come in on a high after the Phoenix win.

Logano enters as the only driver in the field of four to not have a title under his belt. Even without a title, he enters the race with championship experience as this will be his second time in the Championship 4 in the last three years.

You can make the argument that this may be the strongest field of final four drivers to enter Miami with the championship within reach. Each driver knows his way to victory lane and that may be the only path to the title but he is going to need a championship effort from his crew chief and pit crew. It's a driver's championship but it will take a total team effort to leave with the title in hand.



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# Playoff football previews

**By RANDY WHITE**  
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

## Class A playoffs

**Who:** Williamsburg (9-2) at Pikeville (9-2)

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

**Location:** Hillard Howard Field, Pikeville.

**Coaches:** Williamsburg, Jerry Herron, Jr. Pikeville, Chris McNamee.

**Notes:** Williamsburg is coming off of a 45-27 win over Hazard last week, while Pikeville cruised past Lynn Camp 55-8.

The Yellow Jackets and the Panthers will be playing for the Class A Region 4 championship.

Williamsburg gained 417 yards of total offense against Hazard.

Williamsburg quarterback Dalton Ponder led the charge going 18 for 27 passing for 268 yards and four TDs with an interception. He also led the Yellow Jackets with 108 rushing yards and two TDs on 14 carries.

Caleb Rose led the receivers with eight catches for 120 yards and two TDs. Eli Mattingly had five catches for 84 yards and two TDs.

On the season, Ponder is 169 for 289 passing for 2,796 yards and 34 TDs with seven interceptions. He also leads the team with 1,268 rushing yards and 19 TDs on 166 carries.

Gavon Thomas leads the receivers with 37 catches for 769 yards and nine TDs. Rose follows with 48 catches for 757 yards and eight TDs. Mattingly has 37 catches for 699 yards and 10 TDs. Devontae Powell has 30 catches for 448 yards and four TDs.

Hunter Brown leads the team with 129 tackles, three interceptions and five sacks. Blaine Sizemore follows with 78 tackles.

Pikeville cruised past Lynn Camp last week. The Panthers are playing lights out, but will have their toughest challenge in the playoffs thus far.

Connor Roberts leads the Pikeville offense. He is 83 for 127 passing for 1,740 yards and 22 TDs. He's rushed for 1,048

yards and 15 TDs.

In eight games, Zack Roberts has rushed for 474 yards and eight TDs. Jesse Sparks has come on in the backfield. He has rushed for 256 yards and four TDs.

Jackson Hensley leads the receivers with 31 catches for 647 yards and 13 TDs. Christian Billiter follows with 17 catches for 505 yards and six TDs. Kyle Watkins has 25 catches for 475 yards and four TDs. Seth Pugh has 13 catches for 313 yards and four TDs.

Jon Collum leads the defense with 80 tackles and two sacks. Kaden Caudill follows with 65 tackles. Sparks has 54 tackles and five sacks. Connor Wright has 45 tackles.

Billiter leads the Panthers with six interceptions. Pugh follows with four interceptions.

**Who 2 Watch:** Pikeville's Jesse Sparks.

Sparks is an intimidating defensive end on defense, who also happens to run the ball for the Panthers.

He's a big bruising back.

Last week, he rushed for 91 yards and a TD to lead the rushing attack.

If Sparks can have a big game on both sides of the ball look for the Panthers to have a chance to advance to the Class A semifinals.

## Class 3A playoffs

**Who:** Boyle County (12-0) at Belfry (10-2)

**Kickoff:** Friday, 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** C.A.M. Stadium, Belfry.

**Coaches:** Boyle County, Chuck Smith. Belfry, Philip Haywood.

**Notes:** Boyle County rolled to a 42-8 win over Lawrence County last week, while Belfry won a 55-51 shootout against Lexington Catholic.

Boyle County is the defending Class 3A state champion. Before that, Belfry won four straight Class 3A state championships.

Boyle County coach Chuck Smith has won six total state championships. In 1999 and 2000, he led

the Rebels to back-to-back Class A state championships. He helped lead Boyle County to Class 3A state titles in 2001, 2002 and 2003 before winning another one last year. The Rebels also won Class 4A state championships in 2009 and 2010 under head coach Larry French.

Haywood has six state titles on his resume as well. He led Belfry to back-to-back Class 2A titles in 2004 and 2005 before winning four straight Class 3A state titles from 2013 to 2016.

Boyle County's offense is led by quarterback Reed Lanter. Lanter is 154 for 233 passing for 2,534 yards and 34 TDs.

Reese Smith leads the receivers with 45 catches for 1,034 yards and 16 TDs. Reiley Colwick follows with 47 catches for 607 yards and five TDs. Luke Stephenson has 16 catches for 310 yards and five TDs.

Tanner Crawford leads the Rebel rushing attack with 793 yards and 10 TDs on 127 carries. Landen Barleson follows with 757 yards and 12 TDs on 106 carries. Andrew Sacco has rushed for 414 yards and three TDs on 69 carries.

Ezarius Roller leads the Rebel defense with 109 tackles. Wilson Kelly follows with 88 tackles.

The Rebels have nine interceptions as a team.

Belfry pulled off of a big win over Lexington Catholic last week.

Isaac Dixon had a monster game.

Dixon rushed for 278

yards and three TDs on 13 carries.

On defense, he came up with an interception in the end zone late in the fourth quarter and returned the ball 99 yards for a TD. The interception helped the Pirates get the lead and swing the momentum.

Ben Bentley had a big game with 153 yards rushing and two TDs.

Brett Coleman led the defense with 17 tackles. Justin Barker and Grayson Cook each had 10 tackles.

Isaiah Birchfield and Kevin Browning each had an interception for the Pirates in the win.

On the season, Browning is 26 for 35 passing for 713 yards and 13 TDs; he hasn't thrown an interception all season. He has

added 502 rushing yards and 11 TDs on 49 carries.

Dixon leads the rushing attack with 1,273 yards and 15 TDs on 85 carries. Bentley follows with 828 yards and 12 TDs on 61 carries. Coleman has rushed for 502 yards and five TDs. Kyle Webb has added 349 yards and four TDs on 55 carries.

Bentley leads the receivers with eight catches for 322 yards and four TDs. Dixon has five catches for 155 yards and three TDs. Daniel Oliver has six catches for 102 yards and a TD. Barker has three catches for 100 yards and two TDs.

Coleman leads the way for Big Angry Red Defense with 102 tackles. Barker follows with 91 and Cook has 80. Austin Fields

has 76 tackles on the season.

Jacob Baisden and Seth Mounts each have a sack for the Pirates.

Dixon leads the Pirate secondary with five interceptions. Birchfield follows with three.

**Who 2 Watch:** Belfry's Isaac Dixon.

Dixon is a playmaker.

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*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*  
– Colossians 4:2

For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. – Romans 1:21

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* – Philippians 4:4-7

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. – Ephesians 5:20

*For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.* – Ephesians 1:15-16

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.  
– 2 Corinthians 2:14

*I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge—God thus confirming our testimony*



*about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.*  
– 1 Corinthians 1:4-7

...but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin  
– Romans 7:23-25

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*  
– Colossians 3:15-17

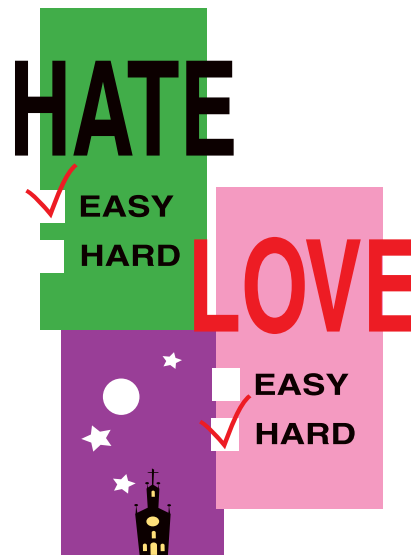
Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.  
– Luke 17:11-16

*Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.*  
– Daniel 6:10

Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. – Psalm 118:19-21

## Hate is easy – love is hard

Hate can be turned on like the flip of a switch. Someone cuts us off in traffic and we are cursing them as if they were the devil incarnate. An unkind word or a slight to our fragile ego can be remembered for years and be a source of resentment we just can't get over. Political demagogues and bullies are experts at flipping the switch of hatred and resentment. It is easy to convince the native-born that the foreign-born are the source of their problems, or to convince the poor and working-class that the rich are their enemies. Human beings get defensive very easily, even when the offense against us is merely imagined. Unfortunately, hatred and anger are the default mode for many of us. Love, on the other hand, takes work and must be nurtured. We have to work at creating loving relationships, and though we all crave them, we are admittedly prickly. That is, we are prone to giving and taking offense. Perhaps that is why all of the world's religions spend so much time and effort trying to inculcate loving kindness and charity. If it were easy and natural there would be no need for it. Work on banishing hate from your life and making your life an expression of love.



– Christopher Simon

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*  
– Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

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## Don't allow the devil to snatch us away



By JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

"When we walk with God, can anyone take us out of His hand (John 10:27-30)?" This question was asked in our Ladies' Bible Class lesson. Those particular verses in John say, "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father

are one."

The statement that we are unable to be snatched away is seen here twice. We can't be snatch away from God. However, did you notice the first part of the question that says, "when we walk with God?"

God offers us many promises in the Bible. However, if you notice they are contingent upon something else. Matthew says God will forgive us if we forgive others (6:14). John writes we shall remain in the Father's love if we keep His commands (15:10). In Matthew 24:13, we will be saved if we stand firm until the end. In order to receive each of these promises (as well as many others), we must first fulfill the request God has of us.

As Christians, we cannot be snatched away from God. That's pretty awesome! After all, He is the creator of the heavens, the earth, us and everything that exists. "For in him we live and move and have our being." As some of your own poets have said, "We are his offspring" (Acts 17:28)." We were created by God and for Him. God is the beginning and the end. Therefore, nothing can stand against God. Nothing is more powerful than Him.

Nothing! That is why we cannot be snatched from the hands of God.

However, if we do not walk in His Word and abide by His commandments, we can fall away from God. The fact is God doesn't move. We move. We know this is possible because Hebrews warns us about falling away (Hebrews 4:4-6). People don't change overnight.

"...no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Usually, it's a slow process, so it's not necessarily noticeable at first. It can be something small and even legitimate. For example, maybe we don't feel good and we miss a worship service. Maybe we've simply had a bad day. Maybe our congregation is holding some of type of event, but we're not interested. I don't want to do that. And before we know it, our legitimate excuses no longer exist. We've become uninterested in attending worship services. We've removed

ourselves from worship and fellowship. But more importantly to note, we have removed ourselves from God.

Reiterating John's words, no one can snatch us away from God. However, we can allow things to come between us and God. We can allow the world and worries around us to infiltrate into our lives. The devil will consistently fight to drag us away from God. He may use work, money, children, strife in our marriage, etc. Satan will use whatever means necessary to drag us from the light into the darkness. Whether or not we stray away from God is our choice.

Do we want the promises God has intended for us? Do we want eternal life? Do we want to walk the street of gold? We can if we remain true in our relationship with Christ. If we hold to the Word of God. If we are obedient to His Word. If we do not allow anything in this life to deter us from our path.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)." God doesn't change, we do. "Stand firm then, (Ephesians 6:14)." Stand firm and don't allow ourselves to be snatched away.

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Expand your interests and make positive changes to how or where you live. Engaging in passionate endeavors and spending time with a loved one are favored, but spending money unnecessarily, to impress someone, for instance, should be avoided. Unwise expenditures will lead to stress and emotional conflicts.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Overreaction should be a red flag that makes you stand up and take note. Whether it's you or someone else making a scene, it will be a sign that something's not right.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Mixing emotions with business or important decisions will lead to a dust-up that you could end up taking the blame for. Listen carefully and stick to the facts.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – A steady pace forward will help you reach your goal. Letting what other people do or say hinder you will be a lesson you won't soon forget. Keep your distance from unpredictable influences.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Address any problems you face before it's too late. Handle matters personally to avoid misunderstanding or extra costs. Personal improvements will boost your morale. Romance is highlighted.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) – Question anyone trying to push or pressure you to do something that doesn't feel right. Emotions will mount if you aren't true to yourself and your beliefs.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) – A money-making opportunity should be considered, but when it comes to joint ventures, you should think twice. Look out for your best interests. Get the facts and don't be afraid to go solo.

**DAILY  
ASTROGRAPH**  
by Eugenia Last



**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) – Carefully examine any offer or suggestion you receive. Although you can make a positive change, you should be reluctant to work alongside anyone who exaggerates or causes emotional discord.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) – Take time to go over any last-minute decisions. Don't trust anyone else to take care of your affairs. A partner will give you the wrong impression.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) – A short trip, educational pursuit or social event will lead to interesting information. Do your due diligence and verify the information offered to you. Don't let an unexpected change lead you astray.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – Focus on personal changes that will improve your life and help you reach long-term goals. A romantic gesture will encourage a change to your current living conditions.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Keep life simple and your conversations precise. Ask for verification if someone makes a statement that sounds implausible. Stick to what and who you know and trust.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Trying to change someone else will be a waste of time. Look inward and consider what you can do to bring about positive personal changes to enhance your life and future.

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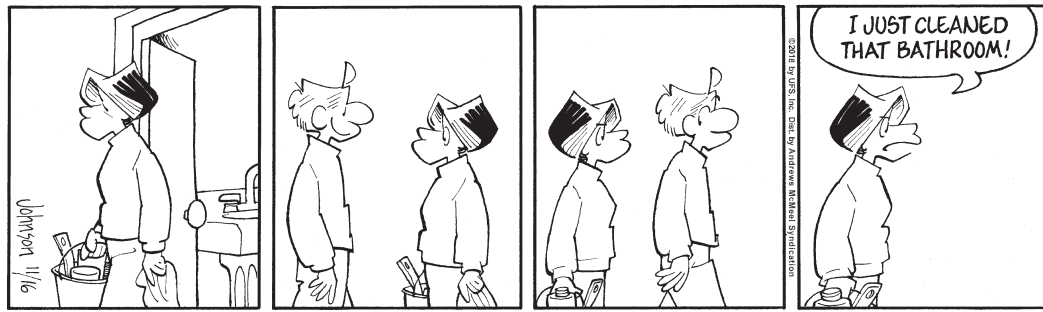
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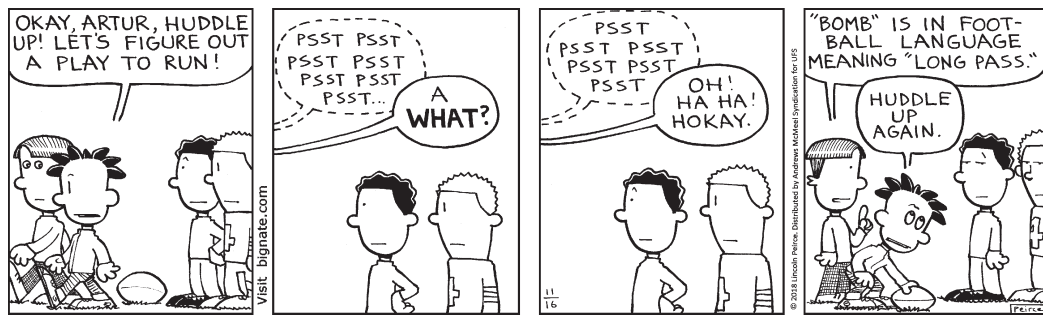
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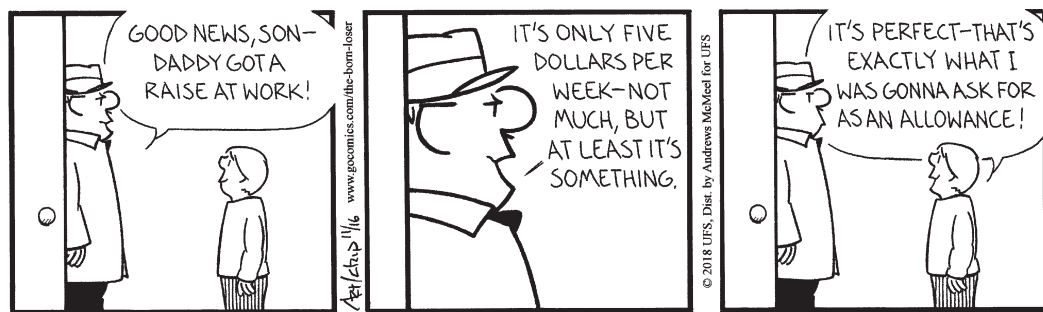
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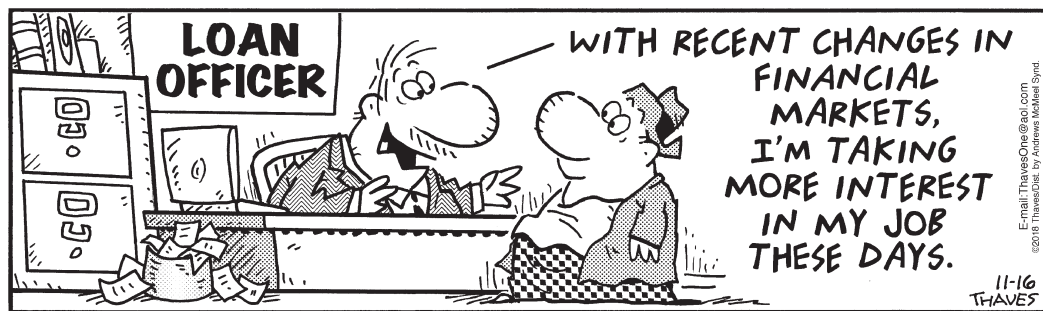
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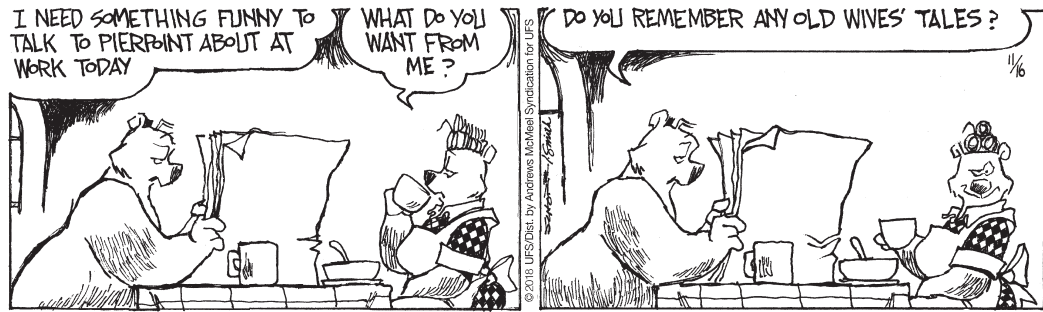
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AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TERRITORY FROM THE EXISTING CITY BOUNDARY TO THE INTERSECTION OF KENTUCKY ROUTE 80 COMPRISING THE CORRIDOR OF KENTUCKY ROUTE 7 AND 550

**WHEREAS,** the City of Wayland is currently a home rule class city governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

**WHEREAS,** KRS 81A.410 authorizes and delegates city legislative bodies the authority to annex territories;

**WHEREAS,** KRS 81A.420 provides the manner in which said annexation should be accomplished;

**WHEREAS,** the City of Wayland finds it desirable to annex the currently unincorporated territory comprising the corridor of Kentucky Route 7 and 550 from the current city boundary to the intersection of Kentucky Route 80; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Wayland has a tangible municipal purpose in annexing the unincorporated territory, as the corridor provides the principal means of ingress and egress from the northern end of the City to and from the remainder of Floyd County, thus providing concrete and tangible value to the City by reason of proximity to urban development; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Wayland does hereby annex the herein mentioned territory;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED** by the City of Wayland Commissioners that;

**SECTION 1: DESCRIPTION OF TERRITORY ANNEXED**  
The area annexed is the currently unincorporated territory comprising the corridor of Kentucky Route 7 and 550 from the current city boundary to the intersection of Kentucky Route 80, an area of approximately 1.3 linear miles. The unincorporated territory is more particularly described by and depicted in the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and is more particularly described in public records and documents referred to in said exhibits.

Given first reading on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2018.  
Given second reading and final passage on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2018.

ATTEST *Sharon Anderson*  
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*Jerry A. Fultz*  
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