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Prestonsburg man pleads not guilty to federal meth charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Prestonsburg man pleaded not guilty this week to federal methamphetamine and other charges, some of which could carry a maximum

prison sentence of 30 years.

Court records show James William Miller, 34, pleaded not guilty Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville to two counts of distribution of methamphetamine, posses-

sion of a firearm in the furtherance of a drug trafficking offense and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Miller was originally charged in October in

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JAMES MILLER

Nutcracker ballet on stage



Dancers of all ages from throughout the region graced the Mountain Arts Center stage this week during Dance Etc.'s annual performance of "The Nutcracker" ballet. The show opened on Wednesday and the final show will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30. For more information, visit, macarts.com.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows



Couple faces criminal abuse, sexual abuse charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner released indictments on Tuesday that were filed in September against a Martin couple accused of criminally and sexually abusing two children.

The indictments were filed under seal in Floyd Circuit Court and they were temporarily unsealed when the couple, Javier Maldonado and Heather Pennington, were arraigned this month.

According to the indictments, Maldonado, 30, is charged with two counts of first-degree criminal abuse and one count of first-degree sexual

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Floyd BOE begins planning for future projects

By MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Board of Education took steps to start building a map for future growth in the school district this week, while also adding more vehicles to its fleet.

With the construction of Floyd Central High School complete and renovations of Betsy Layne High School nearing completion, district officials are also eyeing future growth for county schools.

During a Nov. 26 meeting, the board unanimously appointed Board Member William Jr. Newsome to the district's Local Planning Committee, a group of school officials and community members who are tasked with devising a new District Facility Plan.

The Kentucky Department of Education approved the district's current facilities plan in 2011, which outlined the need to build Floyd Central and make renovations to other schools,

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BLHS gym to honor board member

By **MARY MEADOWS**
STAFF WRITER

The new gym at Betsy Layne High School will honor the Floyd County Board of Education's newest member.

During a Nov. 26 meeting, Board Member William Jr. Newsome made the motion to name the BLHS gym, which is under construction, in his honor.

In making the motion, he also asked the board to approve two other consent agenda items, including one that would name the gym at the Renaissance Learning Center, which is under construction in Martin, after Denzil "Hoss" Halbert, the namesake of the old gym in Martin.

The motion was approved unanimously.

BLHS Principal Jody Roberts asked the board to honor Newsome as the gym's namesake, praising him in documents he filed. He described Newsome as a "long time" BLHS coach who had "500+ wins, numerous titles, and All 'A' State Title" at the school. The document claims Williams was elected into the Kentucky High School Athletic Association's Hall of Fame in 2002.

Former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb nominated Newsome for the KHSAA Hall of Fame in May 2017, calling him a "legend in Eastern Kentucky." He reported Newsome coached basketball for 24 years and earned

497 wins, 12 district titles, two regional championship titles and an All-A state title in 2011. He also coach baseball for 14 years, earning 280 wins, seven district finals and one 15th region championship, Webb reported.

Superintendent Danny Adkins added the naming the RLC gym for Halbert to the agenda.

"Just for the record, the old gym is named after coach Halbert as well, so this would just be moving his namesake on up the hill to the new building," Akers said.

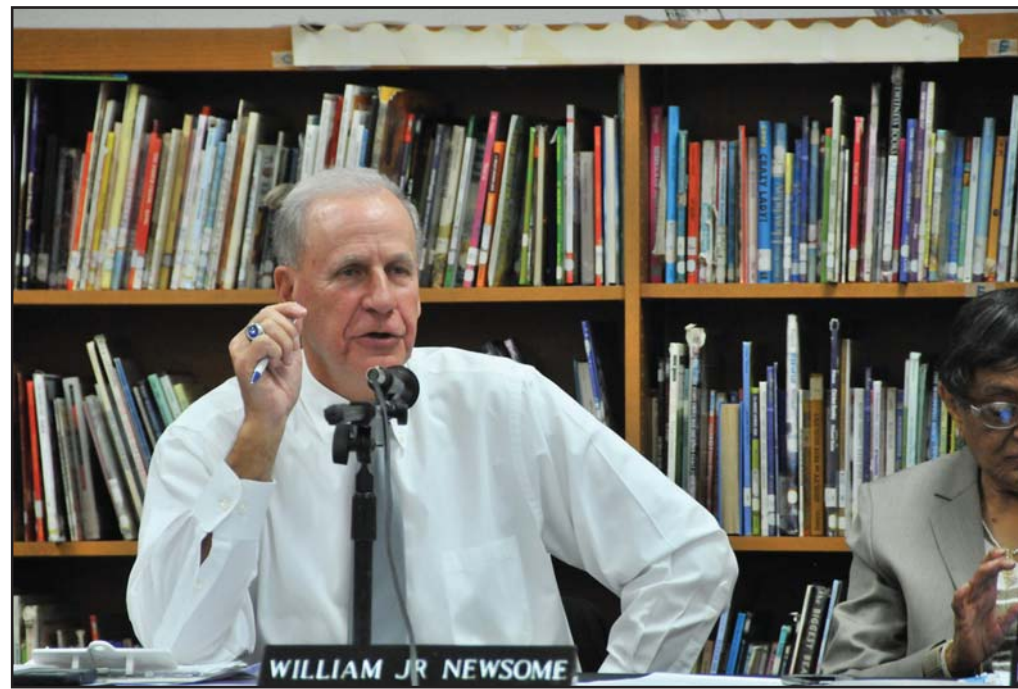
Halbert, a World War II veteran and former mayor and council member in Martin, taught and coached basketball at the former Martin High School from 1947 until the school consolidated with other schools to form Allen Central High School in 1973. He was inducted into the KHSAA Hall of Fame in 1995.

The board of educational also:

- Received a report from Betsy Layne Elementary school officials, with Principal John Kidd talking about achievements and programs at the school. Among the accomplishments, he said BLES students can earn high school credit in algebra, integrated science and Spanish, that the school started a robotics team and is implementing literacy emphasis at all levels with the Striving Readers grant.

dra Varia said she learned while campaigning that while the district provides laptops for students, some students don't have access to Internet outside of school. She asked Kidd for suggestions. He said the devices have "done wonders" for increasing student engagement and said his school buys a classroom set of books and prints things off for students who don't have Internet access at home. He said the school's printing costs have not decreased since computers were provided. Newsome pointed out that BLES always has a high attendance rate and asked about incentives the school provides to promote attendance. Kidd talked about having drawings and prizes for students, but he said that making the classroom "engaging and fun" is the key to high attendance. He praised the school's site-based decision-making council and Parent Teacher Organization for their efforts.

- Received comments from Floyd County Education Association President Angela Coleman, who complained about not being told about a recent visit from Gov. Matt Bevin. Bevin attended a Kentucky School Boards Association meeting at Floyd Central in October with all board members present, and his visit was not publicly announced by the district. Coleman told the board, "I'll be in trouble if I don't men-



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Floyd County Board of Education Member William Jr. Newsome speaks during a Nov. 26 meeting. At the meeting, he made the motion to rename the Betsy Layne High School gym in his honor, as well as a motion to continue to honor Denzil "Hoss" Halbert with the naming of a gym in the newly-built Renaissance Learning Center in Martin.

tion this, but the next time Mr. Bevin or anyone like that comes to Floyd County, the members would really like to know so we could have our presence be known." Adkins told her, "If they give me the green light, I'll give you the green light." He asked Coleman to tell FCEA members that the district appreciates that they "singlehandedly go out here and push the issue" on pensions. The group protested actions taken by the Bevin administration several times this year. "We're going to keep fighting. It's going to take all of us," Coleman said.

- Received comments from Floyd Central teacher Mary Slone, who thanked the district for

helping the school with the Narrative 4 program, which brought students from New York to Floyd County last month. She said it was "an amazing experience" for students. She also talked about an inflatable portal brought to the school through that program. It allows students to video conference with students in Mexico. Slone invited other schools to bring students to use the portal at Floyd Central and asked the board to help fund their transportation costs.

- Received more than \$46,000 in Kentucky Education Technology System funds made available through the School Facilities Construction Commission, with the district

providing matching funds of that amount.

- Approved designating Allen Elementary as a National Board Pilot Learning School.

- Created an account clerk's position and a maintenance technician position for the nutrition department, with Varia opposing the vote. Adkins said the maintenance position is needed because an employee who already maintains all of the kitchen equipment makes "grass cutter pay."



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including Betsy Layne High School.

In 2015, the board approved a waiver that would allow that plan to continue, instead of convening a Local Planning Committee to create a new one.

District officials reported at the time that a new plan wasn't needed because the district had no "significant change in enrollment, educational programs or building needs" since the plan was adopted.

The plan called for the renovation of Allen Central into a permanent area technology center, district transportation and maintenance department, and it also called for the renovations and roof replacements at Duff-Allen Central and Betsy Layne Elementary, the construction of an auditorium and soccer field at Prestonsburg High School and other projects.

Superintendent Danny Adkins said several aspects of the plan are now complete, but other unfinished projects are holding the district back.

"Basically, we're looking at updating our facilities plan, our long-term facilities plan, simply because a lot of the things on the plan now have already been addressed, and every so often, you have to do that ... But we're to the point now where ours needs to be

addressed," Adkins said.

He and Board Chair Sherry Robinson said some unfinished projects on the district's current facilities plan are preventing the district from moving forward on other projects because the district cannot get funding or bonding until the unfinished projects are addressed.

"They won't approve the bonding, say, let's just throw this out, baseball," Adkins said. "The old gym at Betsy Layne High School was placed on the facilities plan to be turned into an auditorium. Well, wrap your mind around what that would cost, turning that gymnasium into an auditorium. We don't have the bonding capacity right now to do that. So, it's really holding us back from what we could do. We could build a baseball field for probably for \$1.2-\$1.3 million, whereas turning that gym into an auditorium is probably going to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2-\$2.5 million."

He said those issues need to be re-addressed in the new facilities plan.

During the meeting, the board also approved a lease agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to lease eight vehicles for the district's light duty fleet.

Officials reported that leasing the vehicles will cost less than maintenance on older vehicles currently in use.

At a cost of about

\$49,000, the five-year lease gives the district the option to replace trucks annually "should the market value of the truck result in a refund to the district." If the trucks are not replaced, they will remain in the district for five years.

The district budgeted \$75,000 in its general fund to buy vehicles in this school year, and the board also recently approved \$1 million in financing from the Kentucky Interlocal School Transportation Association to buy 10 new school buses.

Adkins said possible refunds could, within a few years, provide the district with a vehicle for between \$8,000 or \$10,000.

During the meeting, the board also declared a lot across the road from the entrance to South Floyd Elementary as surplus, with Adkins reporting the property is of no use to the district. He said the property appraised for \$4,000 in 2015.

The board also discussed what Adkins said was "property acquisition" in closed session for about 30 minutes without citing the specific open meetings exemption that permitted the closed session.

One exemption does permit closed session discussions on future property acquisition if open discussion would hamper the value of the property.

No action was taken.

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Man charged with assault, intimidating a witness

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County resident accused of assaulting his paramour (lover) earlier this year was arrested this month in Morgan County.

Trooper Daniel Armstrong from Kentucky State Police Post 8 in Rowan County arrested David Neal Hall, 50, of Dana on Nov. 21, serving an arrest warrant filed against him in Floyd County in July.

That warrant, signed by Floyd County Sheriff Department Sgt. Roger Shepherd, alleges that Hall struck his lover in the head with a knife, causing physical injury, on July 11, and then physically injured his son.

"The defendant fired a handgun in the close proximity to his paramour and son," Shepherd reported. "The defendant threatened to kill his paramour if she called the police."

Hall faces several fel-

ony charges, including second-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment and intimidating a participant in a legal process. He is also charged with two misdemeanor crimes, including fourth-degree assault, third-degree terroristic threatening.

On Monday, Floyd County District Judge Jimmy Marcum issued an order requesting Hall be transported from the Rowan County Jail to the Floyd County Detention Center.

A hearing is scheduled in the case for Friday.

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connection with the case and formally indicted on the charges in November, court documents show. Due to a previous drug trafficking conviction, records show, Miller could be sentenced to a maximum of 30 years in prison on either of the two charges of distribution of methamphetamine, if convicted.

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

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

In July, Copley wrote, troopers seized approximately five grams of methamphetamine from a cooperating witness, who told the troopers they had purchased the drug from "Will Miller" for \$300. The witness, the affidavit said, observed that Miller had "larger amounts of methamphetamine," as well as numerous firearms, including a handgun, shotguns and an AR-15 rifle in his residence. Miller, the affidavit said, has at least four felony convictions on his record.

Troopers, Copley

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

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

After Tuesday's hearing, Miller was remanded by U.S. Magistrate Judge Edward Atkins back to the custody of the U.S. Marshal's Service, which has held Miller in the Pike County Detention Center since October.

Traffic stop leads to trafficking charges

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A traffic stop in Printer on Monday led to multiple drug trafficking charges for a Louisville resident.

According to a press release issued by the Martin Police Department and District Court filings, Dennis G. Wilkins, 37, of Louisville was arrested on Nov. 26 and charged with two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance and several traffic-related crimes.

Martin Police Officer Brad Stidham was patrolling Ky. 122 in Printer and noticed Wilkins driving about 30 miles per hour under the speed limit, the citation says, and the license plate on the vehicle did not match the vehicle listed in the

NCIC system.

Floyd County Sheriff Department Sgt. Oliver Little and Deputy Justin Szymchack and his K9 Drago assisted at the scene.

Stidham reported in the citation that following a K9 search, officers found three small baggies filled with a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine and a small bag with "half of a Suboxone in it." Approximately \$690 in cash was also seized, Stidham reported, as well as "some loose crystal-like substance believed to be meth."

Wilkins pleaded not guilty during an arraignment on Nov. 27 in Floyd District Court. District Judge Jimmy Marcum placed him under a \$5,000 full cash bond and scheduled a preliminary hearing in the case for Dec. 5.

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Officials with the Martin Police Department and Floyd County Sheriff's Department confiscated money and suspected illegal drugs.

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abuse, and Pennington, 30, is charged with two counts of first-degree criminal abuse.

The wording about the criminal abuse charges in both indictments alleges that each of them "intentionally abused or permitted another person to abuse" the children, and "thereby caused torture or cruel punishment."

Maldonado is accused of allegedly criminally abusing two children and having sexual contact with one of them in Oct. 2017. Turner said Pennington is accused of allegedly committing the abuse and allowing the abuse to occur last year.

Turner confirmed that Maldonado and Pennington were each arraigned in Floyd Circuit Court before Thanksgiving, but information about whether they were arrested, plead not guilty, or post-

ed a bond is sealed. The names of attorney(s) representing them, as well as any other information about the cases, is also not available to the public while both cases remain under seal.

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PMC REVEALS 52 MILLION DOLLAR GROWTH PLANS AND SPOTLIGHTS NEW CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

By: Carol Casebolt

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) hosted a press conference on Tuesday, November 27th at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville. A crowd of nearly 200 gathered to see 10 different projects in the works at the hospital.

PMC Board Members and Senior Vice Presidents flanked the stage with drawings of new buildings, remodels and floor plans as CEO Donovan Blackburn led the program announcing the 52 million dollar commitments made for health care in the region. Growth, services, convenience and job opportunities were the prevailing message of the day.

Although the program highlighted the new heart and vascular institute, lab expansions, clinics in Whitesburg, Williamson and Martin, new jobs, the hospital network headquarters and a new coffee shop, the grand finale was the biggest surprise announcement.

PMC Board of Directors Member and Pediatrician, Jyothi Mettu, MD and PMC Board Member

Debbie Blackburn unveiled an artist rendition and floor plans for PMC's new Children's Hospital. Dr. Mettu explained the two-phase project that will change health care for children in the region.

Dr. Mettu said, "We serve a large number of children in our region. We have a state-of-the-art pediatric clinic and four highly-qualified pediatricians providing pediatric care, along with community based independent pediatricians, all of whom admit patients to our hospital."

For now, there is one component missing for children's health care and that is an inpatient hospital.

Dr. Mettu stated that quite a large number of children must be sent away to children's hospitals in Lexington or Cincinnati for hospital care.

When faced with accidents or when illness strikes, driving hours away for health care is not only expensive but inconvenient as it places a number of burdens on family and friends who support the child.

The goal of the hospital is to provide expanded services for area children through this new PMC Children's Hospital.

"We designated the area currently occupied by hospital administration, to develop this new children's service," said Dr. Mettu. "It will have a bright, inviting and playful décor that children will surely enjoy."

The children's hospital will give parents, family and friends the opportunity to remain with their children throughout their hospital stay, but still remain close to home.

This project is planned to be completed in two phases with the first phase consisting of the re-



location and expansion of the clinic.

"By bringing the clinic to the second floor, we have better access for the parents," said Dr. Mettu.

There will be designated parking on the second floor of the parking garage and the children's hospital will be located on the second floor of the May Tower beside the new coffee shop and the Corner Market."

When coming to PMC for appointments, parents will have the convenience of avoiding long hall ways and exposure to other patients.

"We will have 17 state-of-the-art patient exam rooms and two waiting areas," said Dr. Mettu. "Phase one is expected to be completed by mid-2019."

Phase two is the expansion and relocation of inpatient care and is planned to be completed in 2020. The total estimated cost of this major project is \$7 million dollars.

For additional information about services offered at PMC, visit pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-3500.

MORE JOBS COMING TO PMC – THE ECONOMIC DRIVER IN THE REGION

By: Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) anticipates hiring several hundred new employees in the upcoming year. This new phase of job creation will begin with bringing the physician billing and coding department back in-house by August of 2019.

The physician billing and coding department is responsible for ensuring accurate charge capture, coding, billing and A/R follow-up for the services that PMC's employed and contracted physicians and Allied Health Professionals provide.

"We recognize our responsibility as an economic driver in the region," said Chief Financial Officer, Michelle Hagy. "We understand the economic future is by-in-large about jobs."

This department has been outsourced to a company outside of this region since late 2014. The decision to bring the department back to PMC will bring 45 jobs back to people of the community.

"Having a local voice and contact means everything when it comes to patient satisfaction," Hagy added.

The Kentucky Hospital Association reports that PMC's workforce already represents 17 percent of Pike County's total wages. Based on PMC's growth, as the region's largest employer with nearly 3,000 employees and even more service lines, that percentage could raise higher. Sixty percent the City of Pikeville's occupational tax can also be credited to PMC.

PMC has already started hiring our Medical Coders. The coders will occupy the former banquet space on the fourth floor of the Landmark Inn. This project is slated for completion in February. The Mark II is also being renovated to house the billing department. The total renovation involves 2,006 square feet of space with an estimated cost of nearly \$180,000.

For more information about PMC, please visit pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-3500.



PMC DISPLAYS 32 MILLION DOLLAR PLANS FOR NEW HEART & VASCULAR INSTITUTE

By: Carol Casebolt

At Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Press Conference Tuesday, plans were displayed, mapping out the future of heart care in the region.

PMC Senior Vice President and Chief Regulatory Officer, Cheryl Hickman began by outlining the history of heart care at the hospital. "In order to appreciate where we are now, you must understand our history of investing in cardiac care at PMC," said Hickman.

Why was cardiac care necessary in the region? Hickman says most people do not understand that providing a heart patient a higher level of care, at that time, meant two and one half hours in the back of an ambulance.

Hickman was one of the nurses who worked with cardiac care at PMC and has watched it develop into the life-saving department it is today.

"Today, we are unveiling monumental capital investments that will forever change cardiac care not just for us, but for our children, grandchildren and future generations," said Hickman.

The new Heart and Vascular Institute will be located in the Miners Building. The new space will include a new Cardiac Rehab Department, 29 exam rooms, two waiting rooms, one new electrophysiology cath lab, one new cath lab, and one existing electrophysiology cath lab, each with their own control room, six pre/post-operative bays, physician locker rooms, registration area and a multipurpose room.

The second floor of the Miners Building has already started demolition. This, more than 14,000 square feet area, houses the physician work area and several support services. The Miners Building will also see a two story addition involving a space exceeding 9,000 square feet.

Rounding out this amazing new area is new construction of the canopy and vestibule at the heart institute entry and reskin of the Miners Building, giving the exterior and roof a new modern look.

PMC Board of Directors, President, Ron Burchett said, "Not only will you see a state-of-the-art facility but the services we are providing will save countless lives right here in our community."

"These are amazing achievements, in the world of heart care, and they are taking place right here at PMC," said PMC Board Member, John LaBreche.

Procedures are now being performed that have never been done in the region and are the same procedures you would have traveled hours to receive in years past.

The PMC Heart and Vascular Institute is leading the way in heart health. The new expansion of the heart and vascular institute is a USDA project with an estimated price tag of 32 million dollars and construction completion date is August of 2020.

For more information about the PMC Heart and Vascular Institute, visit pikevillehospital.org or call 606-218-2201.



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EDITORIAL

Fiscal court needs a better system for bid approval

The Floyd County Fiscal Court's method of opening and awarding bids is outdated, cumbersome and ill-informed.

The fiscal court recently approved seeking bids to sell 17 vehicles and equipment as surplus, and it opened 36 bids received from eight people who sought to buy that stuff during a special meeting this month.

If any of those bidders were in the audience, however, they probably didn't learn how much money they spent because officials had a hard time keeping track

of which VIN number went with which bid and, in the end, the motion to accept all highest bids was all that was told.

Fiscal court members didn't even know how much money the county gained in this surplus sale by the end of the meeting.

The opening and reading and checking VIN numbers and recording each bid was so tedious, that audience members stopped listening to the meeting and started talking with each other.

The information about these sales weren't

made available to this newspaper until days later, in part, because of the Thanksgiving holiday, but also because although the bids were opened and the motion was made, it took additional time for officials to organize the bids, per item, to see which one was the highest. One bidder, for example, bid on 17 items up for bid, and some of the bidders described their bids with only descriptions like "maroon Tahoe."

A similar issue happens when the fiscal court considers bids every year for items that the county

uses regularly, including gravel and asphalt. When those bids are opened, it also takes time for the fiscal court to figure out how much they're paying for this or that, especially since members have a habit of accepting all bids for certain products. They also have a hard time determining which bid is the best because each bidder puts in their own variables. It difficult to properly evaluate bids if they are opened and accepted in the same meeting.

The fiscal court should consider a new way to open and evaluate

bids for the public. Yes, the bid opening should be open to the public. We do not disagree with that.

But it is not necessary to open bids during the public meeting in which the bids will be approved. When opened like they were last week, the public gains little insight from the process.

In this case, the public would have been better served if the fiscal court designated one employee to evaluate all bids, open them during a public bid opening event and submit his or her recommendation, as well as

copies of all bids, to the fiscal court. That person could easily explain why this bid is best or why it is not as good as another bid, and the fiscal court members could take that recommendation into consideration while making a decision.

Opening bids during the same meeting in which they are approved leaves little time for fiscal court members to evaluate what they're looking at, and even less time for the public to know what's being done.

There has to be a better way to conduct county business.

GUEST COLUMN

The Kentucky high school diploma has to mean more

By **WAYNE D. LEWIS, JR.,**
Ph.D.
KENTUCKY EDUCATION
COMMISSIONER

Change is scary. I understand that. Yet we have reached the point in Kentucky's history when change to our minimum standards for high school graduation is necessary to ensure that our children are well-prepared for postsecondary education and the workforce.

The case for raising the bar is compelling.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of educators, policymakers, parents and Kentucky communities, our state's public education system no longer ranks at the very bottom of the nation in education. Our high school graduation rate is now one of the highest in the nation. Kentuckians should be proud of that progress. Yet much remains to be done.

Even with an extraordinary graduation rate, we consistently send fewer students than the national average on to postsecondary education after high school. Of the students we do send on to postsecondary education, about a quarter of them arrive on campus without having reached readiness benchmarks and even fewer students earn a credential or degree.

In fact, of the more than 32,000 Kentucky high school graduates in the class of 2010, only 26 percent had earned a credential or degree of any type by 2017 (you can learn more about this study by the Kentucky Center for Statistics here). That's while approximately 90 percent of the American jobs created since the Great Recession require some postsecondary education. Given the expectations

of postsecondary institutions and the economy — and many Kentucky high school graduates' unpreparedness to meet those demands — we must make changes now.

There has been much written and said about my proposed changes to graduation requirements currently open for public comment. A full description of my proposal can be found here (<http://bit.ly/HSGradProposal>). But I want to use this opportunity to clarify a few of the most common questions and misconceptions about it.

First, what has proven to be most controversial in the proposal is that students would be required to demonstrate basic competence in reading and mathematics during an assessment in 10th grade. I am not proposing a new test for graduation. Instead, I have proposed that the

reading and mathematics assessments high school students already are required to take include a score that approximates basic competence in reading and mathematics. To receive a high school diploma, students would be required to either reach those scale scores in reading and math or demonstrate basic competence through a portfolio submitted for approval by their local district superintendent. This basic competence requirement would apply first to the class of 2024, this year's 7th-grade class.

Second, I have proposed greater flexibility in the state's minimum course requirements. While the minimum number of earned credits would remain at 22, students would have greater flexibility in choosing courses, most notably in English and mathemat-

ics. In English, students would be still be required to successfully complete English I and II, but would have greater flexibility with the additional two required courses, provided the courses align with Kentucky's Academic Standards. In math, students would no longer be required to successfully complete Algebra II. They would be required to complete Algebra I and Geometry, but permitted to choose two additional math courses, provided the courses also align with state academic standards.

The proposed change in the mathematics requirement has been criticized by some math teachers in the state, but applauded by many other educators and leaders at the high school and college levels who recognize the need for students to have multiple pathways, some of which don't in-

clude Algebra II.

Our current graduation requirements call for the successful completion of an Algebra II course for all students, which at least in theory is a much higher bar than the basic competence requirement I have proposed. In practice, however, we know that many students pass the required Algebra II course and graduate without having demonstrated mastery of basic concepts. We know this to be true because many of these graduates and Algebra II completers arrive on college and university campuses requiring substantial remediation in mathematics.

Interestingly, I have received the most emails with questions, concerns and frustrations from world language teachers and postsecondary faculty members. Most

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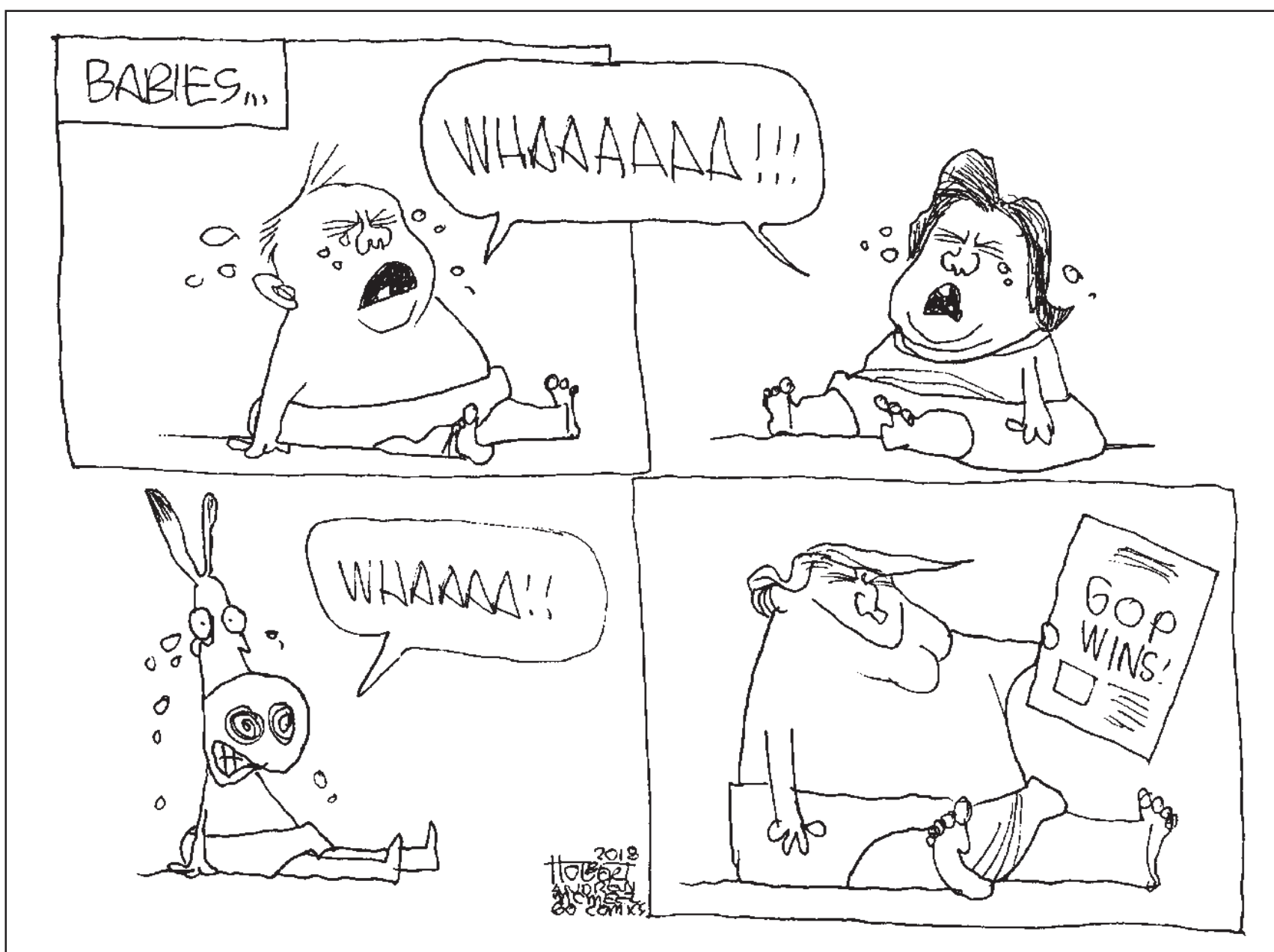
Clarification

The guest editorial, "A safer world for women means a brighter future," which printed on Nov. 28, failed to note that it was originally published by The Winchester Sun.

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Kelli Chaney

Chaney selected as president of community college in Tenn.

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Board of Regents of the College System of Tennessee announced this month that an official at Big Sandy Community and Technical College will lead a college in that state next year.

According to the press release published online, Kelli A. Chaney will become president of the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Knoxville on Jan. 2.

Chaney, the dean of career education and workforce development at BSCTC in Prestonsburg and satellite campus director of the college's Pikeville campus, was named a finalist for this position in October.

She is working to earn her doctoral degree this semester in education leadership and policy at Eastern Kentucky University.

She has earned several other degrees in Kentucky, including an

Associate of Arts from Prestonsburg Community College prior to its renaming as BSCTC, and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Arts degree in community college leadership at Morehead State University.

As dean of the BSCTC Career Education and Workforce Development program since 2016, Chaney has helped the college obtain accreditations for and provided oversight for 16 technical programs. For years, she has helped BSCTC change its technical programs to meet the needs of local businesses and created programs through which BSCTC students were trained for emerging businesses, like BitSource, Silver Liner and EnerBlu in Pike.

Her resume reports that she has helped BSCTC receive more than \$8 million in grants and funding for various programs and projects.

many ways to demonstrate transition readiness — and because of state resources recently made available to students and schools such as scholarships and reimbursements for fees for exams like Advances Placement (AP) — even smaller schools will have the ability to offer multiple avenues to transition readiness.

Demonstration of transition readiness, in some form or fashion, is critical for ensuring graduates are equipped to successfully transition to postsecondary education or the workforce immediately following high school graduation. Ways to demonstrate transition readiness include, but are not limited, to:

- earning one of more than 100 state-approved industry recognized credentials;
- completing a CTE end-of-program assessment for postsecondary articulated credit;
- earning a grade of C or higher on 6 credits of

Community Events

- Through Jan. 18: Judi's Place for Kids seeks designs from school-aged youth in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties for its 2019 Run with Courage 5K Run t-shirt. Submit entries of original artwork (no copyrighted images, please) to info@judisplace.org or mail it to 128 South College Street, Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

- Through Dec. 14: Essentials for Santa, a program hosted by Duff-Allen Central students and Dumas Rescue, seeks donations of blankets, pillows, socks, personal hygiene items, clothes, toys and nonperishable food items at donations boxes at DACE, the Dollar Store at Eastern, the county library at Eastern, Howard Family Pharmacy. Donations will be given to Floyd County children in need.

- Through Dec. 20: East Kentucky Science Center hosts holiday-themed laser shows, "Season of Light" at 2 p.m. and "Laser Holidays at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesdays through Saturdays. (606) 889-8260

- Through Dec. 10: Kentucky State Police Post 9, Pikeville, invites the public to donate nonperishable food items during Cram the Cruiser. Donations may be dropped off at any time at Post 9 or at Food City, 215 Cassidy Blvd., Pikeville, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 1.

- Archer Park Christmas light display is open to the public through New Years. The park will offer sleigh rides from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., carnival rides and other events on Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 22. Carnival rides, games and food will be available in the evenings, throughout the week. Admission is free. Group discounts are available for the rides.

- Nov. 30, 7 p.m.: The Nutcracker, Mountain Arts Center. macarts.com

- Nov. 30, 6 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College to host Christmas Around the World event, Mayo Campus, featuring free photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. (606) 886-7374

- Nov. 30 through Dec. 2: The Brickhouse, Prestonsburg, is seeking new toys in a donation drive for the Floyd County Shrine Club

- Dec. 1, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.: Angie G. Photography, 147 West Court Street, Prestonsburg, to host a fundraiser for Kentucky State Police's Shop with a Trooper. Community members may have their photos taken with Santa Claus to raise funds for the event.

- Dec. 1, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 8 at 2 p.m.: Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry performs Christmas show at the Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS or macarts.com

- Dec. 1, 15, 22; 11 a.m.: Arts and Crafts for Adults, Floyd County Public Library, Prestonsburg

- Every Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Moms Meet Moms in Recovery support group, offering free diapers, baby items, babysitting, food, refreshments, informational resources, at Destination Church. Qualifies as "parent education" and "peer support group" required by drug court. For information, call Kelly at (606) 886-2788

- Dec. 3, 8 a.m.: Submissions for Prestonsburg's Window Decorating Contest due from businesses and homeowners. For details, visit the city's Facebook page.

Woman denies animal cruelty charge

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Metcalfe County resident is denying allegations that she abandoned an animal in Floyd County.

Lillie Rhinehart, 40, of Edmonton, entered a not guilty plea in Floyd District Court on Monday to one count of second-degree cruelty to animals, a misdemeanor.

According to court records, Floyd County Sheriff Department Sgt. Oliver Little arrested Rhinehart on Nov. 21, serving a complaint warrant that was filed against her by Joseph Weddington of the Kentucky State Police Post 9 in Pikeville.

Weddington alleges in the citation that Rhinehart committed the offense of complicity to commit animal cruelty when she allegedly failed to provide food, water or shelter for a pit bull mixed-breed dog that she allegedly abandoned at a residence she previously rented.

"Dog was covered in some sores and was limping," Weddington reported in the warrant. "Dog was food aggressive."

During her arraignment, District Judge Jimmy Marcum ordered Rhinehart to have no animals. He scheduled a pretrial conference in the case for Feb. 18.

FLOYD COUNTY CHRONICLE AND TIMES OBITUARIES

Loretta Adams

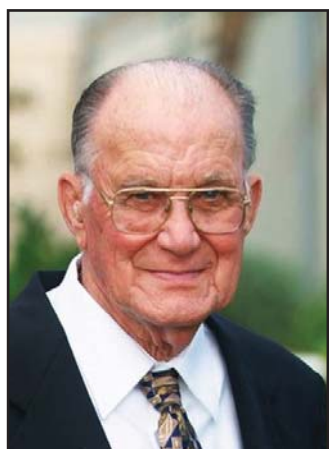
Loretta Faye Adams, 71, of Galveston, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2018.

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

Deborah Smith

Deborah Jean Smith, 66, of Harold, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2018.

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



Harlie Sturgill

On the morning after Thanksgiving, Nov. 23, 2018, Harlie Sturgill came to the end of his life here on Earth and journeyed on over Jordan as the words of his favorite song aptly put it, "I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home." He was a loving father, brother, grandfather, father-in-law, veteran and friend. He was converted late in life at the age of 62 and has now gone on to that glorious home that God has prepared for those who love Him and who have received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

We rejoice in that eternal hope but grieve in his passing.

Harlie was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who served proudly on board the aircraft carrier USS Hornet. He was

a former Commander in the D.A.V. and served that organization faithfully for 31 years.

He was born Sept. 20, 1924, the son of Henry and Exer Sturgill. He was married to Wilma Sturgill, July 2, 1947. Out of that union, four wonderful children were born: James of Maryville, Tenn., Johnny of Miami, Fla., Lana Rovinelli of Lexington, and Kevin of Lutz, Fla. Harlie was also blessed with eight sweet and caring grandchildren, Chris Sturgill, Candice Brooks, Ashley Rovinelli, David Rovinelli, Josh Sturgill, Tara Sturgill, Danielle Sturgill, and Jordan Sturgill and 11 loving great-grandchildren, Richard, Harlie, Abby, A.J., Ethan, Clayton, Brandon, Haleigh, Maggie, Olivia, Hunter and Ryleigh, all whom survive him.

He was a member of the United Baptist Church.

He was dearly loved by all who knew him. He was an honest, hard working, role-model of a man and will be sorely missed. We will meet you on that beautiful shore!

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel with burial to follow in the Highland Memorial Park, Staffordsville. Friends may visit the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Friday, Nov. 30, from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m.

Full military honors will be conducted by Auxier Chapter 18 D.A.V.

Arrangements are under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home of Paintsville.

This is a paid obituary.

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messages begin or end with a plea to reconsider elimination of a world language requirement for graduation. But there is no current world language graduation requirement to eliminate, neither at the state nor local levels. With my proposal, students would continue to take world language courses as electives as appropriate for their college and career plans.

Finally, I have proposed that as a requirement for graduation, students demonstrate transition readiness through one of many routes as defined in the state's accountability system. Questions and concerns have arisen, and rightfully so, concerning the reality that smaller schools with smaller budgets will have fewer ways for students to achieve transition readiness. But because there are so

general education or career and technical education dual credit courses;

- earning qualifying scores on AP, Cambridge or International Baccalaureate exams;
- meeting state readiness benchmarks on the ACT exam; or
- completing a pre-apprenticeship program; or completing a documented work-based learning experience.

The transition readiness requirement would apply first to the class of 2023, this year's 8th-grade class.

Whether a Kentucky high school diploma is earned in Jefferson County or Cloverport Independent, the diploma must signify that a student has at least basic skills in reading and mathematics and is equipped to move successfully into postsecondary education and/or the workforce. That's minimally what the public expects of its public education system. Failure to ensure such minimum requirements would be

a betrayal of the public's trust in the system and sets students up for failure.

While issuing a high school diploma to a student without basic skills might feel like an act of kindness or mercy, that graduate soon finds that we have done him or her no favors, as he or she lacks the basic skills and competencies needed to earn gainful employment or be successful in post-secondary education. We can and we must do better. Our students and our commonwealth deserve more. It's time to raise the bar.

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Several charged in Floyd District Court

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 filed

Mikayla D. Wallen, 20, of Louisville; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance
 Kathy Muncy, 59, of Inez; third-degree burglary
 Anita Lazar, 39, of Hueysville; first-degree and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in proper container
 Keith D. Webb II, 44, of Dwale; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Christopher Hamilton, 47, of Grethel; second-degree fleeing/evading police, resisting arrest, second-de-

gree disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal trespassing, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, public intoxication of a controlled substance
 Crystal D. Newsome, 41, of Prestonsburg; no registration receipt, no registration plate, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, second-degree fleeing/evading police, driving on a suspended license, reckless driving, resisting arrest
 Gary L. Slone, 66, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, prescription not in proper container
 Grover Jason Allen, 37, of Salyersville; first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Lillie M. Rhinehart, 40, of Edmonton; driving on a suspended license, first-degree possession of a controlled substance
 Antonia Vance, 22, of Harold; first-degree possession of a controlled

substance, driving under the influence, tampering with physical evidence
 Lonna Music, 26, of Auxier; theft by unlawful taking (automobile)
 David Neal Hall, 50, of Dana; third-degree terroristic threatening, fourth-degree assault, second-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment, intimidating a participant in a legal process
 Dennis G. Wilkins, 37, of Louisville; two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, improper plates, no registration receipt, failure to maintain insurance, failure to produce insurance card
 Katelyn Haley A. Roberts, 18, of Harold; first-degree and third-degree possession of a controlled substance
Misdemeanor charges filed
 Melvin Lewis, 29, of Van Lear; public intoxication of a controlled substance, possession of

drug paraphernalia
 Joshua A. Little, 27, of Prestonsburg; possession of marijuana, five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor
 Jakob Eggers, 32, of Louisville; public intoxication of a controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking, possession of drug paraphernalia
 Nicholas Burkett, 24, of Prestonsburg; possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor
 Joseph Serrano, 34, of Printer; public intoxication of a controlled substance
 Daniel L. Rogers, 30, of Garrett; fourth-degree assault
 April Hamilton, 27, of Banner; third-degree terroristic threatening, second-degree promoting contraband (inmate)
 Codie Miller, 27, of Harold; falsifying report of emergency/use of a party line
 Joy R. Jervis, 36, of Prestonsburg; driving under the influence, driving on a suspended license,

reckless driving, leaving the scene of a wreck, failure to maintain insurance, second-degree wanton endangerment, failure to notify department of transportation of address change
 Scotty Conn, 28, of Garrett; theft by unlawful taking (checks)
 Edgory Collins, 39, of Bevinsville; fourth-degree assault
 Lillie Rhinehart, 40, Edmonton; second-degree cruelty to animals
 Jose Estrada Jr., 45, of Kimper; second-degree criminal mischief
 Eugene James Grizzle Jr., 47, of Raccoon; second-degree criminal mischief
 James R. Castle, 34, of Grethel; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Shawn Henson, 38, address unavailable; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)
 Tim Mosley, 27, of Minnie; fourth-degree assault, menacing (inmate)

Linda Steele, MidSouth Capital Partners, MTAG as custodian for MGD, Pam Institutional Tax Lien Fund, unknown owner or occupants, Frank Fitzpatrick, Floyd County; foreclosure
 Dallas Conn vs. Dairy Queen Corporate Stores; personal injury complaint
 Geico General Insurance Company vs. Delores Hall, Edward Goble; property damage complaint
 Kimberly Dawn Moore vs. Eric Christopher Glenn Reid; petition for custody
 MTAG vs. Deloris Johnson, unknown occupants, Floyd County; foreclosure
 MTAG vs. Anthony Conn, Leicia Conn, USA, acting through Farmers Home Administration, Department of Agriculture, US Attorney General, Floyd County; foreclosure
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.

PPD: Men endangered five children with marijuana

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Prestonsburg Police Department alleges that two residents endangered the lives of five children by allegedly smoking marijuana

around them. Prestonsburg Police Officers Bradley Calhoun and Brandon Martin arrested Nicholas Burkett, 24, and Joshua A. Little, 27, at Cliffside on Nov. 20, following an anonymous tip about marijuana being

used on the property. The officers allege in the citations that the area around the apartment in the housing complex contained a strong smell of marijuana, and Calhoun also reported observing smoke in the room upon

his arrival. The citations allege that five children were in the apartment at the time, and social services officials were called to investigate their welfare. Nicholas Burkett was charged with possession

of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor. Little was charged with possession of marijuana and five counts of endangering the welfare

of a minor. They entered not guilty pleas to the misdemeanor charges on Nov. 20. District Judge Eric Hall scheduled court trials to be held on Feb. 14.

Martin meeting canceled; Christmas events planned

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Martin City Council's regular meeting was canceled for lack of a quorum on Tuesday, Nov. 27. Mayor Sam Howell and Council Member Harold Case were the only two council members in attendance, alongside City Attorney Doug Adams. Council members April Gayheart, Charles Justice, Gary Akers, James Reynolds and Eulene Ratliff were absent

with Howell reporting various reasons, from illness to work. Howell said he isn't sure whether the council will have a meeting in December, either. City officials are planning Christmas events for Martin. Police Chief Kenny Stidham said donations are being collected for the police department's Shop with a Cop. A date has not yet been set for the event, but Stidham said officials expect to provide gifts and a pizza party for up to 40 chil-

dren. Donations may be dropped off at the department or city hall. Tourism Director Kris Rudder also reported that the city's Christmas tree

lighting ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 in downtown Martin. The city will provide free hot chocolate, cookies, Rud- der said, and Santa Claus

will be there. There will also be live music at this event and Gary Mitchell of the Church of Christ in Martin will read Bible stories to the crowd.

The Martin Fire Department is also planning its annual Santa Run, but that date is not yet set. For more information, call, (606) 285-3062.

Documents: KSP seize more than a pound of meth

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County grand jury will determine if there's enough evidence to indict a Louisville resident accused of bringing more than a pound of methamphetamine to Floyd County. On Nov. 26, District Judge Eric Hall referred the case against Mikayla D. Wallen, 20, of Louisville to the grand jury, keeping her bond at \$20,000 cash. She was arrested on Nov. 20 on Ky. 404 by Kentucky State Police troopers Matt Martin and Adam Hall. According to the citation filed by Martin in Floyd District Court, he and Hall were dispatched to investigate a complaint of a "suspicious male sub-

ject" who had reportedly knocked on someone's door looking for a ride. Martin reported in the citation that Prestonsburg Police Officer Brandon Martin advised him that he located the male subject and learned, allegedly, that he had traveled from Louisville with Wallen, but they "got into a fight" and she "kicked him out." Matt Martin alleged in the citation that Wallen flushed the contents of several baggies down the toilet of the home, and upon search of her vehicle, troopers found a container with several packages of what appeared to be methamphetamine. The trooper reported the total quantity of meth is suspected to be more than one pound.



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PMC announces nearly \$52 million in investments

By **JOSH LITTLE**
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Pikeville Medical Center announced Tuesday that it will be expanding services across the region, creating new facilities and creating a children's hospital in Pikeville. The organization plans to invest nearly \$52 million.

During a press conference held at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville on Tuesday, PMC made a series of announcements — nine in total — including the announcement of Pikeville Medical Center's Children's Hospital, which will occupy the second level of PMC's main campus, the current administrative block.

PMC Board Member Jyothi Mettu, M.D., said the announcement was one of the best that the organization would be making for children in the area.

"Pikeville Medical Center has always played a crucial role in taking care of the children," said Mettu.

She said PMC's pediatrics department currently has four full-time physicians who provide inpatient and outpatient care. Mettu noted that children are often transported to other facilities for treatment.

"We realize there is a need for expansion of services for inpatient care as well," she said.

The proposed second-floor location will also provide convenience for families, as patients to the children's hospital will be able to enter the children's hospital through the building's main entrance.

The children's hospital will be completed in phases. The first phase, according to Mettu, will include the location of the facility and the expansion of the clinic space, which will include 17 examination rooms as well as a spacious waiting area and child-friendly decor.

The second and third phase include the expansion of and relocation of inpatient services.

"This unit will have accommodation for more children to be hospitalized and given state-of-the-art care," said Mettu.

The estimated cost of the project totals \$7 million and is expected to be completed by March 2019.

Expanding heart, primary care services

A number of other announcements Tuesday focused on expanding primary care, lab testing and cardiac care.

The creation of a new heart and vascular institute, touted to cost \$32 million, is underway, according to officials.

Cheryl Hickman, PMC senior vice president and chief regulatory officer, said PMC has been investing in cardiac care since 1975. In December 1999, Hickman said PMC performed its first open-heart surgery.

Hickman said the new institute, which is expected to be completed by August 2020, will be located on the first floor of the Miner's Building and will span 31,500 square feet.

"The new space will include registration, a new cardiac rehab department, 29 exam rooms, two waiting rooms, one new EP cath lab, one new cath lab, one existing EP cath lab, each with their own control to monitor the patient always, six pre-postoperative bays, physician locker rooms and multipurpose rooms," said Hickman.

Officials said demolition has already begun at the Miner's building.

PMC's lab expansion is underway, as phase one, recently completed, included a state-of-the-art laboratory automation line and 10 new analyzers.

Kansas Justice, senior VP and chief operat-

ing officer, said this has allowed for quicker turnaround time on tests and quicker diagnosis for patients.

"We are now performing 98 percent of our test volume in house. The national average for hospital laboratories is around 85 percent," said Justice.

Phase two will add new equipment to the lab and pathology departments. Phase three will add consulting space and technology for the microbiology department.

PMC's lab extension is expected to cost \$7 million.

Additionally, PMC announced that it will be repurposing the first level of the hospital's information technology building directly behind the hospital to create more space for primary care.

"The family practice itself will see patients of all ages, as it does now. This clinic will accept appointments and walk-ins and you'll be able to select the physician of your choice while you're there," said PMC Board Member Aaron Crum, M.D.

Crum said that, by July, PMC expects to have three additional family-practice physicians.

Expanding the footprint

During Tuesday's press conference, PMC officials discussed the expansion of services to residents throughout the region.

PMC recently opened its clinic in the City of Martin and, upon opening, quickly added two providers as well as expanded operating hours to meet the needs of the area.

Additionally, PMC announced that it will be expanding services in South Williamson, and into Whitesburg in Letcher County.

The PMC South Williamson Clinic currently offers cardiology, neuro-



Appalachian Newspapers photo by Josh Little

PMC Board Member Aaron Crum, M.D., announces the expansion of the family practice at the hospital. PMC announced that it will be repurposing the first level of the hospital's information technology building directly behind the hospital to create more space for primary care.

logy and electrophysiology services, with three physicians serving the clinic.

The expansion planned for the area includes a standalone facility off U.S. 119, near the Southside Mall, on land purchased by PMC. The clinic will feature a heart and specialty clinic and primary care clinic.

"Today, we are in the advanced planning stage for this clinic ... When completed it's going to be almost 9,000 square feet," said Tony Damron, PMC chief information officer. "We're anxious to get this project completed. We're anxious to get this new location open for business. That new location is going to allow us adequate space for future growth. It will give us excellent visibility and it will give our patients ease of access."

The estimated completion date for the clinic is May 2019, with an estimated cost of \$2.2 million.

PMC purchased the Whitesburg Motel, which will be used to expand the services of the existing Whitesburg clinic. The current clinic, according to officials, served 6,000 patients last year. The Whitesburg Clinic currently has 11 providers, with more likely as services expand.

Demolition on the Whitesburg Motel is com-

plete, officials said, and remodeling is underway and is expected to be completed by January 2019. This project is estimated to cost \$1.7 million.

Further upgrades, expansion and job creation

Pikeville Medical Center will operate from a centralized location, in what's known as the Turkin Building in downtown Pikeville, located near El Azul Grande. The Turkin Building will soon house the network's headquarters, as the current administration block will become the children's hospital.

Donovan Blackburn, PMC president and CEO, said the creation of a centralized headquarters in necessary, noting that PMC provides services via more than 43 buildings throughout the region.

"Our model must change as has our business plan. With the evolution, the necessity for the creation of a health care network headquarters is necessary," said Blackburn.

According to officials, several structures, including El Azul Grande, will be demolished for the headquarters creation. The restaurant will relocate to the top of the Landmark Inn. Demolition is expected to be-

gin in December and be completed by March.

The fourth floor of the Landmark Inn will also be converted into office space for coders, with the former Mark II being used to house the organization's billing department.

Officials said Tuesday that approximately 45 jobs will be created by bringing billing and coding operations back in house, with 19 jobs expected by January.

The second floor atrium of the hospital will also be receiving some attention, with the announcement of a nationally-known coffee shop being added to the space. The shop is expected to be completed by March 2019.

Erich Blackburn, PMC's chief legal officer said relocating the hospital's home health equipment store freed up some space in the atrium that will allow PMC to create a more relaxing environment for patients and their families as well as retail opportunities.

Erich Blackburn said the coffee shop will be a national, household name, "that everyone will recognize."

"It will be a full-menu store, not just a kiosk, and will feature all of the specialty items that our region has desired for years," he said.

Pension plans need attention, oversight board told

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Funding for Kentucky's public pension systems continues to be challenge, a state retirement official told a state pension oversight board.

With the KERS (Kentucky Employees Retirement System) nonhazardous plan now less than 13 percent funded with around \$13.5 billion in unfunded liabilities — making it the worst-funded of all the state's pension plans — Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) Executive Director David Eager told the Public Pension Oversight Board that legislative attention is needed.

"We're pretty close to pay as you go on KERS

nonhazardous," Eager said, explaining to the board that pension funds have decreased as retirements rise and payroll contributions fall.

"If we receive no contribution and no investment income, it'd be insolvent in two years," Eager said of the KERS nonhazardous plan. "That's not going to happen. We're going to get contributions and hopefully we're going to get investment income. (But) we're in a very fragile state."

Some good news shared by Eager and KRS Deputy Executive Director Karen Roggenkamp indicates that the unfunded liability for KRS overall decreased by \$450 million between 2017 and

2018, thanks mostly to a decrease in the unfunded liability of retiree health insurance plans.

"So we gained \$450 million on that unfunded," Eager said.

The KRS actuarial review excludes legislative changes made under 2018 Senate Bill 151 — the 2018 General Assembly's pension reform bill — which is pending a ruling from the Kentucky Supreme Court.

KRS' County Employees Retirement System (CERS) nonhazardous pension plan's funding level dipped only slightly from 52.8 percent to 52.7 percent in 2018, accompanied by a slight uptick in the pension plan's unfunded liability, according to a state legislative actu-

arial and financial update provided to the board.

Showing improvement is the Teachers' Retirement System, the state's retirement system for Kentucky's active and retired educators. The funding level for the TRS pension plan increased

from 56.4 percent to 57.7 percent in 2018, according to the legislative update, while the pension system's unfunded liability was unchanged.

The unfunded liability for the state's pension plans overall (including KRS, TRS, and the Judi-

cial Retirement Plan and Legislators Retirement Plan) totals \$37.97 billion for 2018 — an increase of \$430 million over previous levels, according to preliminary numbers included in the legislative update.

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'Scared Scriptless'

tour comes to the MAC

Tickets on sale Dec. 4

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Mountain Arts Center is opening ticket sales next week for a comedy show that's set to be held there in May.

Comedians Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of the television show, "Whose Line is it Anyway?" are scheduled to bring "The Scared Scriptless Tour" to the MAC on May 17.

"Known by TV audiences for their work on The CW Network's Whose Line is it Anyway?, Colin and Brad improvise new material every night from audience sugges-

tions and participation," a press release from the MAC said. "Interactive in every sense of the word, Colin and Brad will take the audience on a comedic high-wire act... just like a live version of 'Whose Line!' Get ready for a night of non-stop laughter for all ages!"

"Whose Line is it Anyway?" premiered its 14th season on The CW channel in June.

The MAC will open ticket sales at 10 a.m. on Dec. 4 and at the box office, online at, macarts.com.

Tickets are \$27 and may be purchased by calling, 888-MAC-ARTS.



Submitted photo
Comedians Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood of "Whose Line is it Anyway" will perform at the Mountain Arts Center during their "Scared Scriptless" tour in May.

Superhero artwork sought for t-shirt design

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Judi's Place for Kids is asking local children to help design a T-shirt that will be given to run-

ners in next year's Run with Courage 5K. The child advocacy center has facilities in Pikeville and Prestonsburg, but it serves children who have been abused throughout

the region. Through Jan. 18, the center is seeking t-shirt designs from school-aged children in Pike, Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Magoffin counties.

Officials at Judi's Place are seeking only original designs for these t-shirts. Computers may be used to create a design, but no copyrighted images or characters are

permitted in the contest, the center reported. The winner will be recognized at the superhero-themed race next April, and will receive \$50 and free t-shirts for

family members. Entries may be emailed to, info@judisplace.org or mailed to, Judi's Place for Kids, 128 South College Street, Pikeville, Ky. 41501.

Shop with Trooper fundraiser this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Prestonsburg business is help the Kentucky State Police and its professional association raise funds to help children in need this Christ-

mas. Angie G. Photography, located at 147 West Court Street in Prestonsburg, is hosting photo sessions with Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 1, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds from the

event benefit Shop with a Trooper, a program that provides shopping sprees for children in every school in all counties served by KSP Post 9 in Pikeville. Participants can have a picture of their loved

ones, including pets, with Santa for \$10 at this event. The photo session is open as "walk-ins only." The post's professional association is planning to host Shop with a Trooper at Walmart in

Pikeville on Dec. 7. Officials report that the post is assisting at least 80 children this Christmas. They have worked with Family Resource Youth Service Centers at schools to select two

children from every elementary school in Floyd and Pike counties, and three children from every school in Martin, Magoffin and Johnson counties, which have fewer schools.

All roar and no bite

Hollywood's Leo the lion seems harmless enough

Maybe you heard about the two red-necks who went on safari. They were sitting comfortably in the shade of a tree one afternoon when a huge African lion came along, looked directly at them, and roared loudly.

"Let's get out of here," one screamed.

"Are you kidding me," said the other. "I want to watch the movie."

That, of course, is a reference to Leo the lion, the mas-



ROGER ALFORD

cot for Hollywood's MGM studio. He has become a familiar face to movie watchers everywhere. We've seen him so often, we have begun to think of him as entirely harmless. Familiarity can do, even with the king of beasts.

It's not at all unusual to read newspaper articles about people who grew familiar with an exotic pet, thinking they have formed a loving relationship only to be bitten or mauled or killed. You might

remember the chimpanzee that made news several years ago when it went berserk and attacked a Connecticut woman, leaving her in critical condition, even though the monkey had been living peacefully among people for many years.

Truth is, we're surrounded by dangers every day. Routine things, like driving to work, is dangerous. So is taking a bath, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which reports about 235,000 people a year go to hospitals because of falls in their bathrooms.

The Bible tells us to be on alert. "One who is wise is cautious ... but a fool is reckless and careless" (Proverbs 14:16).

That's not to say we should shut ourselves up in our homes, and never take baths. To the contrary, we need to embrace the abundant life promised to all believers. That promise allows us to walk in boldness, because our confidence is in the Lord who will never leave us nor forsake us.

So, if ever we're on safari and encounter an African lion, what should you do? Run for

your life? Or watch the movie?

It probably won't matter. A lion is fast enough to catch us and eat us whether we run or whether we foolishly sit and wait for the movie to start.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on our own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Roger Alford offers words of encouragement to residents of America's heartland. Reach him at rogeralford1@gmail.com.

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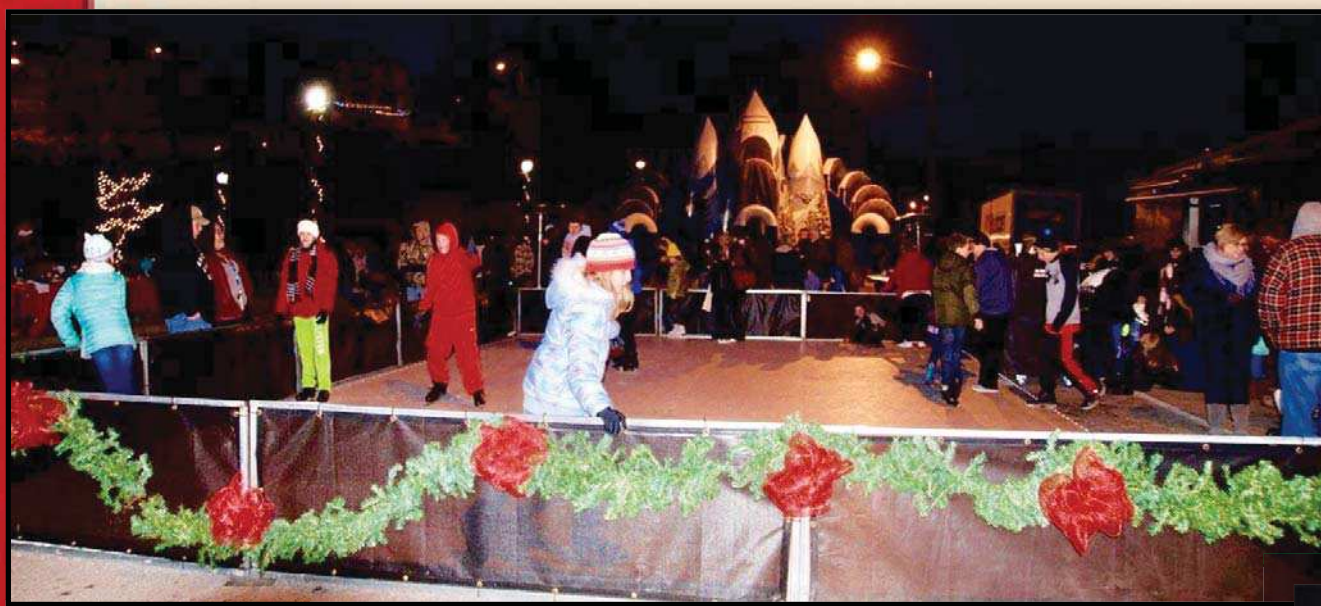
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Jaguars too much for Magoffin County



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central senior forward Brady Conn puts up a shot up over a Magoffin County defender in the first quarter. The Jaguars were able to pull away from Magoffin County for a 60-42 win over the Hornets.

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Floyd Central overcame a cold offensive stretch in the second quarter to pull away to defeat visiting 15th Region rival Magoffin County 60-42 in a boys' high school basketball season opener on Tuesday night.

Junior guard Ethan Smith-Mills poured in a game-high 26 points to lead Floyd Central to the win.

"I thought our team defense was solid, especially in following the game plan," said Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock. "I thought we found some rhythm on offense in the second half and we were strong from the free throw line, especially in the fourth quarter. I was really encouraged by the play of our supporting cast. Each player gave us something positive and collectively showed up big. It was a good start to the season."

Smith-Mills was the only Floyd Central player to reach double figures in the scoring column. Dalton Younce netted eight points, Hayden Hall added six points and Brady Conn contributed five points for the Jaguars.

Floyd Central started strong, outscoring Magoffin County 11-5 in the first quarter.

But the Hornets

wouldn't go away. At least not in the first half.

Magoffin County opened the second quarter on a 9-0 run to move out in front 16-11.

However, Smith-Mills produced before half-time, completing a three-point play in the opening half's final minute to allow the Jaguars to take a 22-19 lead into the break.

Floyd Central led 35-32 at the conclusion of the third quarter and extended its lead early in the final period.

The Jaguars converted at the free throw line late to pull away for the win.

Additional scorers for Floyd Central were Dalton Boyd (four points), Jacob Hamilton (four points), Sebastian Tackett (two points), Markus Thacker (two points), Grant Blackburn (two points) and Kobe Brown (one point).

Senior guard Brady Whitaker paced Magoffin County, scoring a team-high 22 points for the Hornets. Whitaker was the only Magoffin County player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

The Hornets were just 10 of 21 from the free-throw line in the setback.

Floyd Central was visiting perennial 14th Region title contender Perry Central at press time on Thursday.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Steve LeMaster

Junior guard Ethan Smith-Mills drives to the basket against Magoffin County. Smith-Mills scored a game-high 26 points to lead Floyd Central past visiting Magoffin County in the season opener on Tuesday night.



Floyd Central's Payton Tackett guards a Magoffin County ball handler Tuesday night at Floyd Central.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Logano proves no match for Big Three



Racin'
Steve Mickey

The format that the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series uses to crown its champion may be the toughest in all of professional sports. A driver has to put together the kind of a 26-race regu-

lar season that is good enough to transfer him into the playoff round of 10 races that are divided into three rounds of three races each with an elimination of four drivers after the end of each one. If you happen to be one of the four remaining drivers that advances to the final race of the season at Homestead-Miami still with the opportunity to win the title, what awaits you when you drive into the track is 400 miles of white knuckle racing where the highest finisher of the four is finally crowned the cham-

pion. Sunday at Homestead, Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. entered the race collectively known as the "Big Three" as they had dominated the season up to that point. Joey Logano was also part of the Championship 4 by winning a single race during the regular season. During the playoffs he grabbed a checkered flag at Martinsville by bumping then race leader Truex Jr. before making the pass that won the race and in the process secured his spot as one

of the four that would compete for the title on Sunday.

Logano was the only one of the four title contenders without a series championship but he set the stage for Sunday's race when he said earlier in the week that he was the favorite to win the title. That is some very bold words for a driver that if he had not made the move on Truex at Martinsville would not have transferred to Homestead as one of the Championship 4.

The competition between the four did not

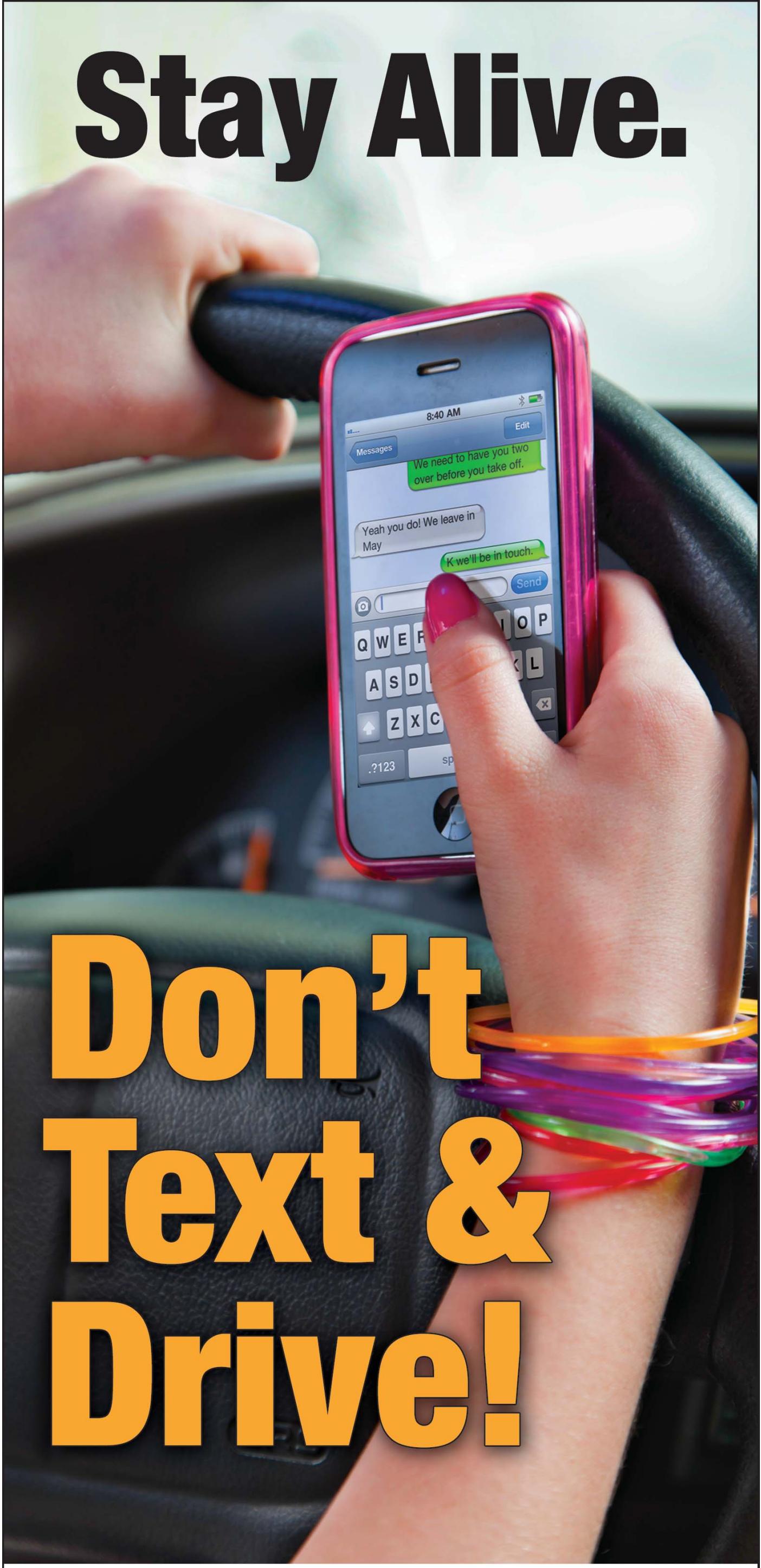
take long to develop once the green flag waved as the Championship 4 quickly gathered at the front and began to battle in a race that at times looked like each one of the four was going to be the driver to beat. The race started in daylight but ended after the sun went down forcing crew chiefs and drivers to adjust on their cars at ever pit stop and for drivers to try and find the line that best suited their cars.

Logano led a race-high 80 laps but found himself starting third behind Busch and Truex Jr. with 15 laps remaining on the final restart of the day after a caution flag that allowed Busch who had yet to make his final pit stop to come in under the caution flag and come out as the leader. Busch had struggled more than any of the four drivers in his Toyota and his struggles continued on the restart as he choose the outside lane but was passed by Truex Jr. as he went into the first turn. It looked as though Truex Jr. had control of the race at that point but Logano's car had been so strong on 20-lap runs that he was soon able to reel in the defending champion as he made his most important pass of the season on lap 256 of 267 and pulled away on his way to his third win of the season,

21st of his career and the all-important first MENCSC championship of his career. He was followed across the line by Truex Jr. in second, Harvick in third and Busch finishing fourth.

Logano's title was the second for Penske Racing as his teammate Brad Keselowski won the title in 2012. The title also capped off a big weekend for the Ford Motor Company as Logano took the checkered flag in the Ford EcoBoost 400 in a Ford Fusion. The win also captured Ford's first manufacturer's championship since 2002 and the first driver's championship for the Blue Oval gang since Kurt Busch won the first ever playoff in 2004 while driving for Jack Roush.

Logano now has the short off season to enjoy the title because as soon as the series gets started again at Daytona in February, it will once again be all about the wins and bonus points. It's the toughest road for a title in all of sports so Logano and his team deserve to enjoy every moment because this was one title that was earned by a young driver that turned out to be an "old school" driver that did what he had to do to capture the championship.



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Bobcats roll past Jenkins in season opener

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Betsy Layne won its season opener against Jenkins, but fell to Buckhorn the next night.

**Betsy Layne 74,
Jenkins 40**

Betsy Layne won in Brad Short's debut as head coach, rolling past host Jenkins 74-40 in a boys' high school basketball season opener on Tuesday night.

Short will look for his team to improve throughout the season.

"It's going to take some time for us to play well," said Short. "The one thing I did like was that we played very hard. Jordan Frazier was able to help with the scoring. We missed a lot of easy buckets as a team and had way too many turnovers. I think we will continue to get better as we mature as a team."

Frazier poured in a game-high 28 points to lead Betsy Layne to the convincing victory. Betsy Layne featured three scorers in double figures as Zack Bentley netted 12 points and Nicholas Howell added 10 points.

As part of a balanced offensive effort, Lukas Manns scored seven points and Chase Mims chipped in six points for the Bobcats.

Betsy Layne moved ahead early, outscoring Jenkins 11-8 in the first quarter. The Bobcats led 29-25 at halftime before pulling away to win convincingly in the second half. Betsy Layne opened the second half on a 20-7 run. Finishing strong, Betsy Layne outscored Jenkins 25-8 in the final quarter.

Other scorers for Betsy Layne in the season opener were Nathaniel Mims (four points), Davy Bentley (four points) and Frank Tackett (one point).

Davy Bentley and Zack Bentley paced the Bobcats inside, pulling down nine rebounds and eight rebounds, respectively.

Payton Rose paced Jenkins with 17 points. Rose was the only Jenkins player to reach double figures in the scoring column. John Fleming netted seven points, Ethan Cummings chipped in six points and Jahkaya Templier contributed five points.

Rounding out the Jen-

kins individual scoring, Jeremy Potter and Anthony Newman added three points and two points, respectively.

**Buckhorn 48,
Betsy Layne 36**

Betsy Layne slipped into the loss column for the first time in the young 2018/2019 season on the road at Buckhorn earlier in the week. Host Buckhorn pulled away late to beat Betsy Layne 48-36 on Wednesday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 1-1.

Buckhorn started its season 1-0 with the win.

The Bobcats faltered late after carrying a five-point lead into halftime.

The low-scoring boys' high school basketball game yielded many defensive highlights for each team.

"We only shot 11 percent from the field in the second half." Betsy Layne Coach Brad Short confided. "We will have these growing pains for awhile but we will continue to get better. Most of our guys are playing their first varsity minutes. I really think the more we play and get on court experience, we are going to see great improvement."

Betsy Layne led 24-19 at halftime but struggled following the break. Buckhorn outscored the Bobcats 14-2 in the third quarter.

Danny Abner led Buckhorn to the win, scoring a game-high 14 points. Abner was the only player from either team to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Following Abner in scoring for the Wildcats, Jacob Caudill and Kobe Bowling added seven points apiece.

Lucas Manns and Chase Mims paced Betsy Layne with eight points each. Following Manns and Mims in the Betsy Layne scoring column, Zack Bentley and Jordan Frazier added seven points apiece.

Shawn Howell, Nathaniel Mims and Davy Bentley completed the Betsy Layne individual scoring, finishing with two points apiece.

Chase Mims led Betsy Layne on the backboards, collecting seven rebounds.

The Bobcats are scheduled to visit June Buchanan on Friday night. Tip off is set for 7:30 p.m.

Lady Blackcats fall to Belfry

BY STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BELFRY — Much-improved Prestonsburg was unable to notch a win on the road in its 2018/2019 season opener as host Belfry pulled away to win 61-46 on Tuesday night.

Belfry led at the conclusion of each quarter. The Lady Pirates used a 20-11 scoring advantage in the second quarter to lead 31-18 at halftime.

Kenzie Maynard, one of the top players in the 15th Region, led Belfry with a game-high 23 points and 24 rebounds.

As part of an outstanding performance, Maynard registered eight blocks. Accompanying Maynard in double figures for the Lady Pirates and posting a double-double of her own, Kylea Stanley netted 11 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

Linzee Stanley narrowly missed reaching double figures in the Belfry scoring column, posting nine points for the Lady Pirates.

Another Belfry player, Robbi-Ann Brewer, chipped in seven points.

Belfry shot 44.2 percent from the field. The

Lady Pirates were four of 14 from three-point range.

Belfry dominated inside, claiming 54 total rebounds.

Lindsey Miller (five points), Ariel Mounts (three points) and Emily Deaton (three points) provided additional scoring for Belfry in the winning effort.

Senior Reesce Endicott, Prestonsburg's longtime leader, paced the Lady Blackcats with a team-high 19 points.

Another senior, Kaitlyn Keathley, a newcomer to the Prestonsburg

hoops program, added 10 points.

Alivia Slone and Caroline Ariaz provided six points apiece for the Lady Blackcats in the setback.

Rounding out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, Faith Lazar and Alison Campbell chipped in three points and two points, respectively.

Prestonsburg is slated to host Letcher Central in a home opener on Friday night. Tip off for the Prestonsburg and Letcher County Central girls' basketball game is set for 7:30 p.m.



Prestonsburg's Reesce Endicott, FILE

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Problems with someone in a position of authority will not bode well for you. Avoid doing anything that may draw attention. Moderation will be in your best interest.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Look for good ways to reduce your taxes. Moving money around and updating personal documents before they lapse should be a priority. Don't offer a handout to someone pestering you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Look at the big picture and make an adjustment to the way you earn your living. Take steps to protect your reputation. An emotional matter should be handled with tact.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) – Emotional matters will surface, causing a problem with a partner, sibling or close friend. Watch what you say. Once the words are out of your mouth, there will be no reversing the damage done.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) – Tidy up loose ends. Don't leave any paperwork unfinished. Taking care of someone else's affairs will lead to an unexpected reward. Don't reveal private or personal information. Romance is highlighted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) – You'll learn a lot through observation. Dealing with people who are different from you will be eye-opening. Don't fear or feel threatened by change. Be positive and keep moving.

**DAILY
ASTROGRAPH**
by Eugenia Last



GEMINI (May 21-June 20) – Look at what you can achieve and be honest about what you cannot do. Playing it straight will deter others from expecting or asking for too much. Handle an emotional issue with care.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) – Make travel plans or arrangements for end-of-year festivities. Double up on your workload in order to free up more time to enjoy with friends and family.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) – Social events will change the way you think and could push you toward a healthier lifestyle. Stick to a set limit to help avoid excessive behavior.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Get involved in activities that will put you in the spirit of the season. You'll find the perfect way to please a loved one. A personal change will turn out well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Consistency will make a difference. Stop waffling and make a concrete plan. A conversation will reveal information that could influence the way you feel about someone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Do something creative. Decorate your place for upcoming events or make something that you can put on display or give to a loved one. Use your time wisely.

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All answers are in today's edition

TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

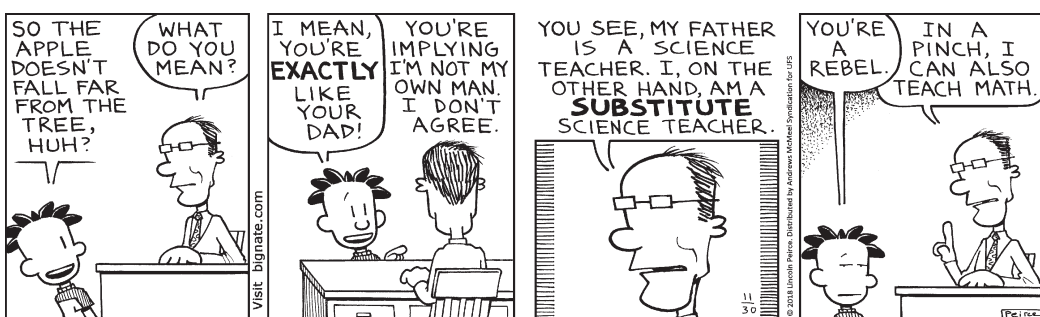
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Padlocked
 - 5 Arizona scenery
 - 10 Wide urban st.
 - 14 Little child
 - 15 Queen of the Misty Isles
 - 16 Hawaiian party
 - 17 Highest point
 - 18 Force back
 - 19 Beggar's cry
 - 20 Limit
 - 22 Curt
 - 24 Push with the head
 - 25 Pottery
 - 26 Storage structure
 - 29 Pertaining to the home
 - 33 Blockhead
 - 34 Pledged
 - 35 Bravo, in Barcelona
 - 36 Gossip
 - 37 — and dined
 - 38 Look-alike sibling
 - 39 Just as I thought!
 - 40 Boastful
 - 41 Fantastic
 - 42 Road de-icer (2 wds.)
 - 44 Shortenings
 - 45 This senora
 - 46 "Topaz" writer — Uris
 - 48 Increase
 - 51 Attendant's place during takeoff (2 wds.)
 - 55 Spring up
 - 56 Tierra del —
 - 58 To boot
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- DOWN**
- 1 Betelgeuse
 - 2 Ad spiel
 - 3 Mini-guitars
 - 4 Student's buy
 - 5 "The Lion King" voice Cheech —
 - 6 Choose
 - 7 Equinox mo.
 - 8 Had a picnic
 - 9 Greeted with respect
 - 10 Sounds loudly
 - 11 Comic-strip moppet
 - 12 Siren
 - 13 Check for prints
 - 21 Corrode
 - 23 Multiplied
 - 25 Amazed
 - 26 Ravi's forte
 - 27 Snake River locale
 - 28 Fragrant shrub
 - 29 Popular pastry
 - 30 Loom
 - 31 Work by Homer
 - 32 Dollar fractions
 - 33 Cello kin
 - 34 Angry
 - 37 Do business
 - 40 Discreet summons
 - 41 Mashed potato serving
 - 43 Topknot doll
 - 46 German pistol
 - 47 Atlanta university
 - 48 Pleased
 - 49 Vegas rival
 - 50 Nose-bag tidbits
 - 51 Ballet move
 - 52 Essayist's pen name
 - 53 Hot — oven
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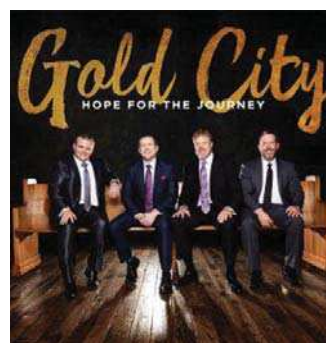
November album releases



The Beginning and Everything After
by The Afters
Genre: Pop/Rock



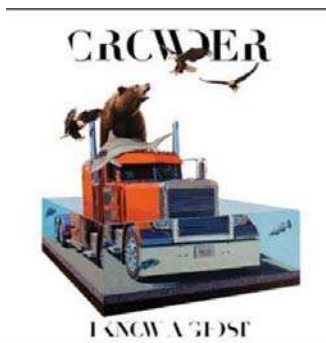
Kosmos
by William Matthews
Genre: Pop/Rock



Hope For The Journey
by Gold City
Genre: Country/Southern Gospel



You Raise Me Up: Greatest Hits
by Selah
Genre: AC/Inspo



I Know A Ghost
by Crowder
Genre: Praise & Worship



Skyscrapers
by Connor Flanagan
Genre: Rap/Urban



Jesus tells the story of the good Samaritan in the context of being asked by an “expert in the law” what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus throws the question back onto the man, asking him “What is written in the law?” to which the man replies “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Luke 10:27 NIV) After telling the man that he has answered correctly, this expert then asks “And who is my neighbor?” The well-known story of the good Samaritan follows, where a priest and a Levite both ignore a man who has been beaten, robbed, and left for dead on the side of the road, but who is then helped by the Samaritan. In a study done with seminary students at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1973, Darley and Batson found that students, even after being reminded of the story of the good Samaritan, were likely to ignore a person in need if they were in a hurry. This doesn’t speak highly of our altruistic impulses if we are only willing to help when it won’t inconvenience us, but we all know the struggle of wanting to help someone but feeling that our other obligations are a higher priority. Perhaps the moral of this story is not simply that we should be willing to help a stranger in need (who is after all, our neighbor), but more importantly that we shouldn’t be in such a hurry. Slow down and take time to notice the needs of those around you.

— Christopher Simon

“But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him.”
— Luke 10:33-34 NIV

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Diocese: Lexington

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SUNDAY
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Services – 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Services and Youth Group – 6 p.m.

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Pastor Dennis Love
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Worship – 11 a.m.
Healing Service – 7 p.m. on last Sunday of month
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Ignoring the Holy Spirit



By JAMIE BECKETT
CHRONICLE & TIMES

It was a Tuesday night and I was running late for an East Kentucky Bible Institute class at our church. My low tire pressure light came on. I had been having problems with one of my tire pressure sensors for a while. When I bought the previous set of tires for my car, they almost broke one of the sensors off. Recently, the light had been staying on constantly, even if my tires were at the right pressure. After a recent air fill-up, the light had gone off. But due to the recent issues, when my low pressure light lit up this time, I simply ignored it.

I continued on to church, telling myself to check my tires when I got out. But I didn't. I went ahead and went inside. As I was sitting in class, my phone began vibrating with an incoming call. It was my husband Brandon calling. At first I simply looked at the screen. *He knows I'm in class. Why is he calling?*

Maybe something's wrong. I should answer it. I left the sanctuary and entered into the hallway before answering. He wanted to borrow my car because his niece had a flat. She and her family were sitting by the road. My husband has a regular cab pickup truck and couldn't haul everyone, so he needed my car.

As I waited for Brandon to arrive, I thought about telling him to look at my tires before he took off. He arrived, dropped off his truck and keys and left. I failed to mention the tire. Why? Honestly, I'm not sure. I don't know if I forgot, or if I didn't deem it as something important at the moment. Whatever the reason, I said nothing.

A few minutes later I received a text message from Brandon. I almost had a flat. He traveled a mile down the road to the nearest gas station to put air in my tire. However, the air wouldn't stay. It was leaking out. Brandon came back to the church and replaced my tire with the spare. Afterwards, we both headed down the road to pick up his niece and family who were still waiting. My husband joked that it would have been bad if the rescuer had also needed rescued.

The following day, I took my car in to get the

flat fixed. However, I needed a new tire instead. Perhaps I could have avoided this if I simply pulled over and checked my tires. But I didn't. Thinking that my tire pressure sensors were still functioning improperly, I ignored the sign so clearly lit up before me.

The Holy Spirit may prompt us, but we still have to make the decision to act.

How many other times in life do we ignore the signs? How often does the Holy Spirit try to guide us and give us a nudge but we fail to listen?

We see evidence in the Bible of the Holy Spirit leading. Simeon was “moved by the Spirit” in Luke 2:27. Jesus was “led by the Spirit into the wilderness (Luke 4:1).” Paul was “compelled by the Spirit” to go to Jerusalem (Acts 20:22). The Holy Spirit led them and, as Christians, He continues to lead us – if we allow Him to do so.

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Birth Announcements

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

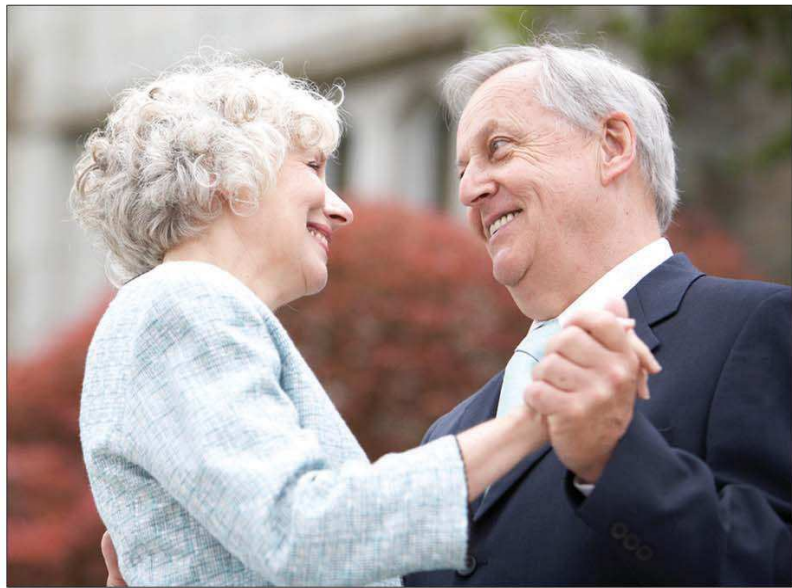
Celebrating Birthdays



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

Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

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



Celebrating 55 years

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

Wedding Anniversaries

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

Dotson-Simpkins



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

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Wedding

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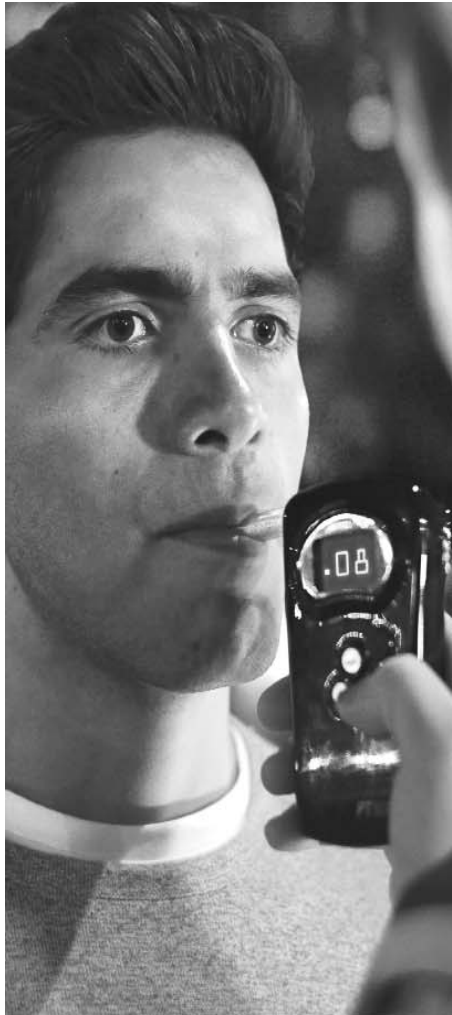
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