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Powers gets 20 years for shooting former police officer

Dixon: 'I forgive him.'

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

Former Prestonsburg Police Office Adam Dixon is still living with the bullet that Robert Powers' gun fired at him three years ago.

That bullet forced him to retire from a job he loved, and it leaves him, still, with "tough" days.

But he forgives Powers for shooting him.

"I forgive him. To be honest with you, I have," Dixon said. "He made a

mistake, and he survived and I survived ... God was gracious enough to let me live and God was gracious enough to let him live, and because of that, I'm not going to hold any grudge or any hard feelings toward him at all. He made a mistake and he's answering for that mistake. It wouldn't

be right of me, with my faith in God and everything else, it wouldn't be right of me to not forgive

He said he was angry after it happened, but a few days after Powers that anger subsided.

"My entire life, I've been raised to forgive people that maybe do things wrong,"

said. "I'm not saying what he done was right, by no means, but I'm not going to hold anything against him."

His comments came appeared in Floyd County Circuit Court to be sentenced.

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Special session underway

By Tom Latek KENTUCKY TODAY

A surprise special session that was called late Monday afternoon by Gov Matt Bevin settled into day two on Tuesday in the state Capitol with lawmakers and advocacy groups scrambling to find their places.

Protests are expected from members of the Kentucky Education Association to again let lawmakers know what they think about how their pension system is being handled.

They showed their strength in numbers at the 2018 legislation session last spring when thousands of teachers came to the Capitol to protest the changes proposed to the pension systems in the bill that was overturned last week by

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Paralyzed beagle found in Floyd County

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

California-based rescue organization is helping a paralyzed beagle that was found at an illegal dumpsite in Floyd

Floyd County Animal Shelter Director Jackie Brown said Monday that the dog, named "Dixie Rose," by the rescue group, is believed to approximately five years old. After receiving a social media post from a friend, Brown said she found the dog at an illegal dumpsite on Arkansas Creek.

"It was the day that we got that big snow," Brown said. "We picked her up that night. We

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

The Prestonsburg Police Department helped 61 children in 25 families during the 20th annual Shop with a Cop program on Saturday. More photos are available on Page 8A.

Shop with a Cop celebrates 20 years

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

Prestonsburg The Police Department celebrated its second decade of the Shop with a Cop program in grand fashion on Saturday, providing gifts, food and more than 60 kids in 25 families.

Prestonsburg Police

Department Chief Mike Conn said the agency served the a day of activities for largest number of children in the program's

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Volunteers cut ribbon for homeless shelter



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Members of the Floyd County Homeless Shelter Committee celebrate as incoming State Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty cuts the ribbon at the East Kentucky House of Hope on Monday.

State permits still pending, officials say

By Mary Meadows STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Homeless Shelter Committee hosted a ribbon cutting and open house this week for the East Kentucky House of Hope.

"It's a blessing to our community," incoming State Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty said. "We've had a lot of people who

have worked very hard to open this, and I'm very proud of our community for coming together to build the first homeless shelter in Floyd County."

The facility, located at 644 Ky. 122, has been under development for three years and will still require minor construction, officials said, before

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didn't want her to be out there in the cold ... She was dirty. Her ears were dirty. She was cold. She had a couple of sores where she had drug her feet. I mean, she had been like that for a while. She had lost the muscle mass on her back end, so she was super skinny, and she was freezing to death."

She said the illegal dump had couches, pallets and boards with nails and other types of garbage.

"All I could think about was that it was dark. It was, like, it was pitch black, and I imagined her crawling through that trying to, you know, find out where she was at. It was really sad," Brown said.

Brown said the First Chance, Last Hope rescue group helped her find a foster home for the beagle and Safe Hands Rescue, a group that regularly works with the animal shelter, paid to have a veterinary checkup on the beagle. The dog's spine has been injured, causing paralysis, Brown said, but a local veterinarian couldn't determine the cause or extent of the injury without an MRI.

"When we did that (checkup), we found that that she needed an MRI to find out exactly where her injuries are at," Brown said. "They don't even do MRIs in Eastern Kentucky. So, I posted her (on Facebook) to get

her in the hands of somebody that was closer to a facility that does that, to a vet that does that."

That social media post attracted the California-based rescue group, called "Rescue + Freedom," which funded a trip to Lexington for the beagle. Brown said the dog was transported there on Sunday for the MRI.

Rescue + Freedom is telling potential donors that the dog is a "victim of animal testing," but Brown believes otherwise.

A New York-based public relations firm representing that rescue group reported in an email that the dog is "likely a survivor of lab testing since rescuers found a marking tattoo in her ear." On Facebook, Rescue + Freedom issued that same assertion, writing on Dec. 14: "R + FP just rescued a PARALYZED victim of animal testing! After enduring EXPERIMENTS she was discarded outside with the other "TRASH."

Brown believes the dog was tattooed because it was either a breeder dog or a dog used locally for raccoon or fox hunting.

"Commonly outside of the area, yes, they tattoo test beagles in their ear, but here in Eastern Kentucky, it's a breeder indication. That's how they identify their dogs, their beagle breeder dogs," Brown said. "I've never seen it on a male, but I've seen it on a lot of female beagles.

From my understanding is that's how they mark them if you are running beagles with your buddy, or whatnot, because that way you tell your beagles apart because they have so many."

She said the number could be tied to the dog's AK registration.

"Around here, I don't think that you'll see a beagle from a laboratory. The closest one is in Ohio, and I don't see anybody rescuing one for it, to let it get in that kind of shape," Brown said.

When informed that the rescue group is alleging the dog was a "victim of animal testing," Brown said, "I don't know why, but, I mean, if it saves her life, I don't care what they believe. It's just common in California, especially out that way, there are a lot of laboratories that test on beagles. I don't think that they understand Eastern Kentucky. It's different here."

April Arrington, vice president of Rescue + Freedom, said the tattoo on the dog's ear is similar to the numbers they've seen on dogs that have been used in research labs.

"Why she's such a little special beagle is she has a tattoo in her ear that is, you know, that is normally used by breeding facilities when they do animal testing and so, we think she was dumped from a laboratory or, you know, someone adopted her from this laboratory and dumped her," Arrington said.



Submitted pho

Floyd County Animal Shelter Director Jackie Brown found this beagle abandoned at an illegal dumpsite on Arkansas Creek earlier this month. She created a Facebook post about the dog, which is paralyzed, and received help from a California-based rescue group.

She also said, "It's not confirmed, obviously, that she's an animal testing victim, but we have speculations because of a certain coding in her ear. It looks familiar to a bunch of the ones we've rescued before, where, you know, some of the breeders, they just do like three numbers, but she has a certain code which is why we speculated that."

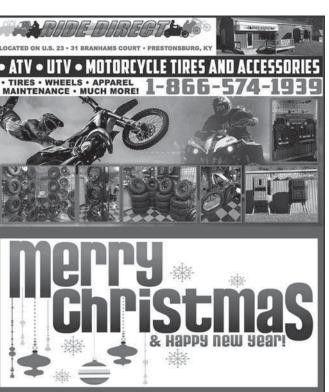
She said her organization has rescued more than 1,500 animal testing surviving beagles.

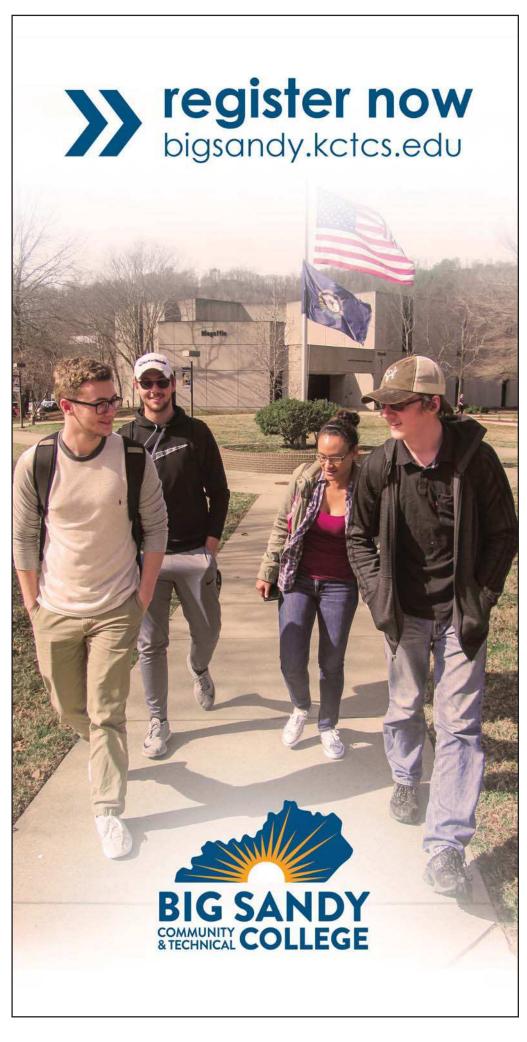
She provided a copy of the US Department of Agriculture's annual report of research facilities that conducted experiments on animals for the year 2015 — the last year this report was made available online to the public. The report lists seven Kentucky colleges and universities that use

animals for research, including Morehead State University, located about 77 miles away from Martin, where the beagle was found.

The USDA reported online in September that

more than 4,175 animals were used for research in Kentucky in 2017, and 452 of them were dogs. That report shows that Kentucky facilities used more than 200 dogs in "activities involving pain."







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it can start housing the homeless.

Committee President Gail Spradlin said an exit door must be added and a bathroom needs to be redone to make it handicap accessible, among other things. She hopes, however, the work can be finished and the permits can be provided in January.

She said after occupancy permit is issued, it will take about two weeks for Kentucky River Community Care to train staff, then the shelter will open.

Prestonsburg attorney Mickey McGuire, who helped the committee secure its location, said having to wait for state permits is frustrating.

"It weighs on our hearts that we need to get this open for cold weather, and we know that we have individuals right now that are in great need and that have no place to go, and so it's important," he said. "We have a beautiful facility here and if we could just get Frankfort to issue a permit, we're ready to start taking people."

Spradlin said the shelter would be full if it opened this week.

"We could be full right now," she said. "We've had so many connections. People have contacted us on Facebook. I've had three phone calls in two days of people trying to be placed."

She talked about an 18-year-old nonviolent offender who is on probation but must stay in jail because she does not have a permanent residence. She also talked about inquiries made by a Floyd County housing complex and Sandy Valley Transportation this week.

"I think once this gets open and people see that it's going to stay full, I'm praying that we're going to be able to get some grants to do something bigger," Spradlin said. "I'm hoping this is a temporary place, that we can move on to bigger things because I know that there's a need there and I know there's people out there suffering."

Floyd County Sheriff
John Hunt praised the
volunteers who made the
shelter possible. He said
the drug epidemic has
left some Floyd County
residents homeless.

"I'm glad to see it come to reality and it's about to open, but I'm even more excited about the community people who's gotten behind it. There's really been a lot of community support," he said. "These people, daggone, these people have worked hard for it, too ... They've done a lot of work and it shows. I can't wait until it opens because it will be a big help to some people. It works two ways. It's not just a shelter and a roof over their head, but they'll get some services while they're here, too. That's the best thing."

Incoming Judge-Executive Robbie Williams also praised the volunteers who have been part of the project, saying they've "done an excellent job."

"When you start something like this from the ground up, it's a challenge, with anything, because the economy's not doing so well," he said. "But they've brought it to fruition and I applaud their efforts. I just hope we can get folks to step up and give them the support they need to be successful here."

When asked whether his administration would financially help the shelter, Williams left the possibility open.

"We'll definitely take a look at it," he said. "Any program that we have that, I think, enhances the lives of folks in our community, we need to be a part of."

Martin City Council Member Harold Case also pledged to support the shelter. He said the city will consider annexing the area in which the homeless shelter is located.

Although the opening has been delayed, officials are still thankful for the progress that has been made.

"After three years, we're just excited about where we are and very grateful for all of the sponsors and all of our benefactors, all of donors who have stepped forward to help make this happen," Spradlin said.

Once open, the East Kentucky House of Hope will serve up to 12 homeless people at a time, and Kentucky River Community Care will provide those individuals with resources and services they need to get back on their feet.

Shelter officials are currently seeking donations of nonperishable food items, microwavable meals, personal hygiene items, lice treatments and other items. They are also seeking 13 groups or individuals who will pledge to provide lunch and dinner for the shelter residents once a month.

For more information, visit the shelter's Facebook page or call, (606) 949-2018.

More information is also available online at, ekyhouseofhope.com or on the homeless shelter's Facebook page.



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the Kentucky Supreme

Court.

Late Monday night in the House, Rep. Jerry Miller, R-Louisville, introduced two bills dealing with the overhaul of the pension to set in motion what could be an eventful week.

House Bill 1 is much like Senate Bill 151, the wastewater bill turned pension overhaul that was struck down by the high court earlier this month, with a few provisions removed. The 252page document has no actuarial analysis. "Not available at this time," it reads. However, a requirement that the legislature switch to a funding method known as level-dollar funding was

removed. It had required large pension payments in the next few years.

House Bill 2 is much like House Bill 362, which capped pension increases for local governments, school districts and regional universities but reduces a 3 percent benefit increase that teachers receive after working 30 years to 2.5 percent in 2024. It also increases in local government payments into the system at no more than 12 percent per year.

Both bills also have a "Severability Clause," meaning if the court strikes part of the legislation, the remainder stays in effect.

The Senate convened 10 a.m. Tuesday but would not receive the pension bills from the House any earlier than

Wednesday.

The House State Government Committee, with Miller as the chairman, was set to meet at 1 p.m. and the House was to convene at 2 p.m. likely for a second reading of the two bills introduced by Miller on Monday.

"We have a legal and moral obligation to provide and deliver on the promises that have been made" to retirees, Bevin said. "The only chance we have of doing that is to change the system going forward."

Kentucky has one of the worst-funded pension systems in the country and are at least \$38 billion short of what is required to pay retirement benefits over the next 30 years, according to some reports.

House Minority Lead-

er Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook, said the governor's actions were appalling.

"Neither I nor any member of the House Democratic Caucus was consulted or even given a courtesy call that this was happening and many of our members are unable to make it tonight," Adkins said. "This is nothing more than a continued mockery of the legislative process and an attempt to silence the public. This is a sad day for the people of Kentucky."

Bevin said the Supreme Court ruling could impact Kentucky's credit rating and needed to be dealt with as quickly as possible. The 2019 regular session of the General Assembly starts Jan. 8.

Daily cost of the session is between \$60,000 and \$65,000.

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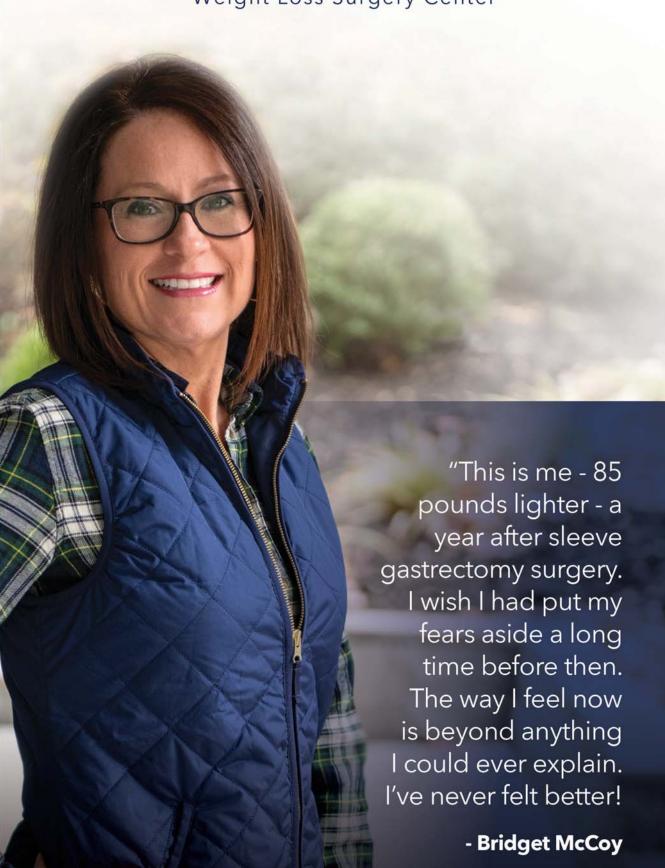
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Local officers honored in Louisville

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County Sheriff Deputy and Kentucky State Police Post 9 troopwere among more than 200 law enforcement officials in Kentucky who earned honors for their efforts to deter drunk driving.

Officials with the Kentucky Office of Highway Safety presented the 2018 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Awards on Dec. 12 in Louisville. In all, 200 officers from 175 departments and agencies received awards.

Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Justin Szymchack won the award in Division 1, representing departments with up to 10 of-

ficers and Kentucky State Police Trooper Robert M. Martin also earned the honor in Division 6, representing KSP posts and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

"Today is more than just receiving an award. It is about saving lives and that is what each of you do every time you arrest an impaired driver," KOHS Acting Director Jason Siwula said.

According to the Fatality Analysis Reporting System, last year in Kentucky, there were 5,350 crashes related to impaired driving, resulting in 2,781 injuries and 154 fatalities. KOHS reported.

"One fatality is one too many," said Siwula. "We will continue to support law enforcement ef-

forts to remove impaired drivers from our roads, including providing federal funds for additional enforcement during this holiday season."

The KOHS, Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement agencies are partnering for the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over holiday enforcement campaign.

Officers will be out through Jan. 1, 2019, watching for any moving hazardous violation, with an emphasis on impaired driving.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds the campaign and states high-visibility enforcement reduces impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 percent.



Floyd County Sheriff Deputy Justin Szymchack, left, pictured with Sgt. Kevin Shepherd, is one of 200 law enforcement officials who received the 2018 Governor's Impaired Driving Enforcement Award last week. He's the only officer from a Floyd County police department to earn the honor, but Kentucky State Police Trooper Robert M. Martin, who is based at Post 9 in Pikeville, was also honored.

Exile performs at the MAC this week



Submitted photo

Exile, which performed live on NBC's Today Show this week, will host a concert at the Mountain Arts Center on Thursday.

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE

Exile will perform a special Christmas concert at the Mountain Arts Center this week.

The pop/country crossover band is set to perform in the "Exile Christmas Spectacular" at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 20.

Tickets are \$25 for the

Originally from Richmond, "The Exiles," as they were named at the time, formed in the early 1960's and made their name playing throughout central and eastern Kentucky.

In 1978, Exile released "Kiss You All Over," which ranked No. #1 on many pop/

rock charts and eventually sold over five million copies worldwide.

Exile went on to have numerous chart- topping hits on the country side, including "Woke Up in Love," "Hang on to Your Heart," and "Super

A Kentucky Music Hall of Fame inductee, Exile has earned number one hits on both the pop and country music charts over the years. It released its first Christmas album last year.

The band performed on NBC's Today Show on Dec. 18, providing background vocals for Trace Adkins.

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Tax reform ideas floated by state task force

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD **CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Last week, A Kentucky task force discussed recommendations that encourage the Kentucky General Assembly to phase out hundreds of state tax exemptions and credits by mid-2020.

On Dec. 13, the Task Force on Tax Expenditures Co-Chair Rep. Ken R-Louisville. Fleming, said the recommended phase-out - which would have to be introduced and passed in a future session of the General Assembly before it would have a chance to become law - would sunset all state tax expenditures except those ranking in the top 10 by dollar value. Those top expenditures include food, medical supplies and other costs that Fleming said have a "significant" social impact. Some of the remaining expenditures, he explained, may have a smaller social impact.

"Some of these things will make sense, whereas some have a really high impact," said Fleming. "Those things will have to be taken into consideration and weights will be applied to those when you go through and look at these next year and the year after."

Fleming did clarify that the task force recommendation does not dictate what action is taken.

"We're not sitting ... regardless of some of

(General Assembly) will hopefully need to take action on some of the things we recommended in here in terms of making sure we go down a very strong and positive path. ... I think we are in a very tough situation when it comes to the financial stability of the Commonwealth."

The task force proposal was one of six draft recommendations reported by the panel, created this year to review and analyze state tax expenditures.

The other five recommendations in the draft report propose that the General Assembly: create a Tax Expenditures Oversight Board for future review of phased-out expenditures; improve the state's Tax Expenditure Analysis report data; improve collection of data by the Department of Revenue; require by law that each state budget bill contain a summary of the state's tax expenditure analysis; and require that all new proposed tax expenditures initially sunset after five years.

Fleming said the task force recognizes that the recommendations "aggressive" but neces-

"We definitely have to have serious consideration and political will to go through this process

here going through and the implications it might chairs the task force with that," said McDaniel. all stability of the Commonwealth," he said.

> Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations the 21st century." and Revenue Co-Chair Sen. Christian McDaniel. R-Taylor Mill, who co-

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pinpointing" any future have, because we've got Fleming, said changes to Tax expenditures financing) expenditures, action, he said. "The to be mindful of the over- the tax code are "never cost Kentucky billions of federal tax expenditures easy" but may be "very necessary to move our economy forward into

> "The members of this committee have done

dollars each fiscal year according to the Office of the State Budget Director. The Office reports that estimated tax expenditures - excluding

sides, TIF (tax increment tax expenditures and related to sales tax on services—will total \$9.7 billion this fiscal year and over \$10 billion in fiscal year 2019-2020.





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EDITORIAL

Homeless shelter group should be commended

the East Kentucky House of Hope this week would not have been possible without years of hard work.

This effort started several years ago with a small group of folks who wanted to make a difference, and now that the work is nearly complete, the homeless in Floyd

The celebration held County aren't so hopeless anymore.

> They now know that people care enough to volunteer their time, donate money to help them, and they now have a place to go.

This project shines a light on what it means to be a true Eastern Kentuckian. Those of us who were raised in these hills

know all too well the challenges we face, parthe county.

This committee of folks set a goal years ago and, day by day, meeting by meeting, they worked toward it. Like true Eastern Kentuckians, they just wouldn't take "no" for an answer, and they should be commended

for that.

This group could ticularly in rural parts of have walked away at the first "no" they received when they were looking for property for this shelter. But they didn't do that. Instead, they found another possible location, and, when that didn't pan out, they found another and another, until they found their home.

The folks who receive assistance from the East Kentucky House of Hope can learn a great lesson in that journey, just by understanding how this committee kept plugging along even when, we're sure, it felt hopeless to them.

They couldn't have picked a better name for this facility.

For the sake of all of Floyd County, we hope this shelter helps our homeless find and complete their own journeys to success.

We hope this grand opening is just the beginning. We hope, years from now, that we can say that countless lives have been changed.

GUEST COLUMN

Crisis in the coalfields and what Mitch McConnell can do about it

BY CARL SHOUPE

My name is Carl Shoupe, from Lynch in Harlan County. I married a Benham woman, so now I reside in this great little community that is struggling, much like my fellow miners in coal counties throughout Eastern Kentucky.

I'd like to explain a little about the dreaded coal miner's disease of black lung, national legislation that pays the health care each month for those miners with the disease, and other legislation that can improve the lives of miners and our communities.

First, it is a known fact that men and women have been mining coal for well over a hundred years here in these mountains. We have contributed to in the U.S.

And it is no secret the coal industry is in a downturn with coal companies shutting down

and putting thousands of coal miners out of work or sick, or both. In Central Appalachia, one in five veteran miners have black lung disease, and younger miners are getting sick at higher rates than ever before, too.

The support received by miners with black lung disease is provided through the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund, paid for by a fee levied on each ton of coal sold. Unfortunately, this trust fund is presently threatened financially to the point that if something isn't done by our legislators in Washington miners with this dreaded disease or their surviving dependents will no longer receive the benefits they are entitled to. The fee that funds these benwinning two world wars efits is set to decrease by and keeping the lights on over half at the end of We can't let them block the year unless Congress this legislation. These that Congress protect moves to extend the fee, coal companies weren't UMWA pensions or strengthen it as is re- concerned when we UMWA miners can conally needed.

mines, filing bankruptcy fathers and our grandfathers had to fight for anything and everything that we've ever gotten from coal companies. So we can't quit now. Our forefathers literally fought for benefits received. But times have changed, and at this time in history we can turn to other methods. One method is through contacting our representatives in Washington, D.C.

We must start now. Already 15 cities and counties in Kentucky, including the Floyd County Fiscal Court, have passed local resolutions asking Sen. Mitch McConnell to support legislation in the U.S. Congress to strengthen the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund. As usual, the National Mining Association opposes anything that will help the coal miner. We coal miners, our ground, working in dust selves and their families.

so thick that sometimes you could barely see your buddy's lights. It's time again to fight for the benefits we have earned and deserve.

Those local resolutions also ask that Congress pass the RECLAIM Act. Just sitting in a fund in Washington, D.C. is hundreds of millions of dollars for the purpose of fixing our mountains and communities that have been torn apart by mining. The RECLAIM Act would make sure this money is passed on to coal communities that need it. This money could employ thousands of miners who have been laid off by the coal industry to work on infrastructure, cleaning up waterways and land, and promoting economic development.

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Sen. McConnell is dragging his feet on these three pieces of legislation! Congress won't do anything unless Mitch McConnell, Hal Rogers, and our Kentucky members of Congress hear from us. These men say they support our communities, so why don't they show it by passing this legislation?

Fellow coal miners, spouses, businesses and friends: we need you to call Washington (use the capitol switchboard: 202-224-3121) and ask these legislators to support and pass these bills that are extremely necessary for us to live good lives and preserve our homeland of Eastern Kentucky.

We need to strengthen the Black Lung Trust, help us coal miners maintain a decent income and And the resolutions make sure we have a sehave one more request: cure retirement. This is not too much for us to ask, considering all we have done for this great nation.

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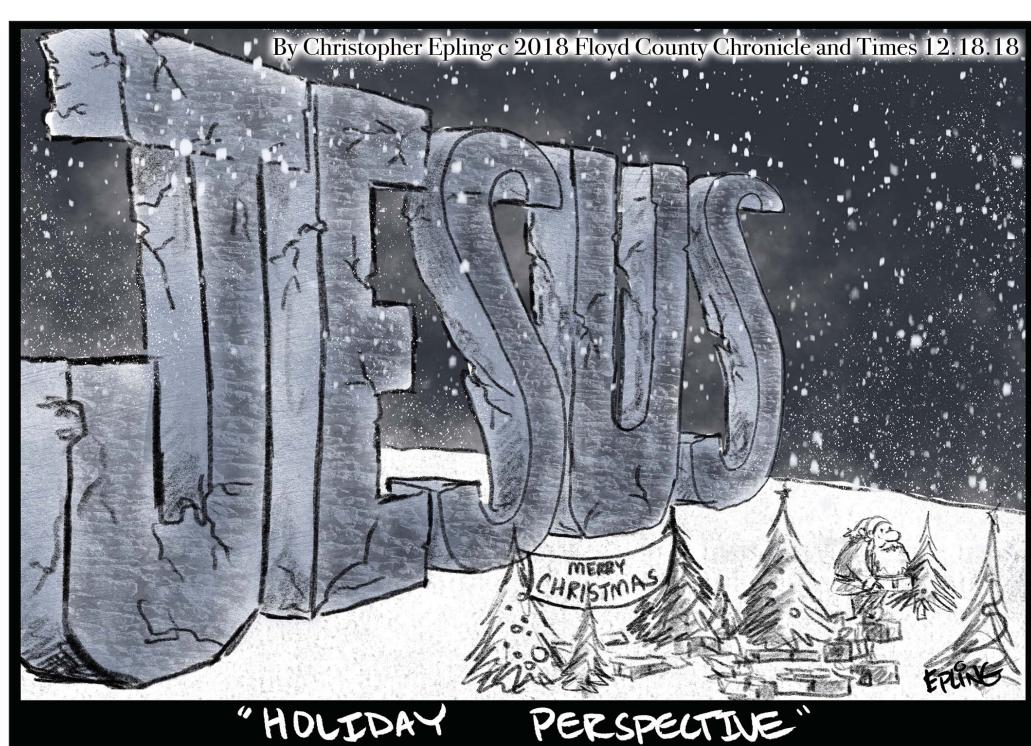
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Irwin tabbed as JWT producing artistic director

SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The Jenny Wiley Theater and its board of directors recently announced that Broadway veteran, director, producer and educator, Robin Irwin, will be the theatre's new producing artistic director. This appointment follows a nationwide search and brings an artistic leader with outstanding credentials, reach and impact, from JWT.

Robin Irwin will lead Jenny Wiley Theater, taking on the position full time this January. Until then, she will be wrapping up prior projects and commitments including producing the New State Theater Jersey Awards.

Irwin, the statement said, brings an impressive and diverse background that includes acting, directing, producing, and teaching. As an actress she was an original cast member on Broadway in

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"Titanic" which received five Tony Awards including Best Musical. She has also performed nationally and regionally as Saraghina in "Nine," Jan in "Grease!," Aldonza in "Man Of La Mancha," The Beggar Woman in "Sweeney Todd," and in the original Broadway cast of the "ill-fated" "Dance Of The Vampires." On television, Irwin has appeared in "Sex And The City," "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," "The Macy's according to a statement Thanksgiving Day Parade" and others.

Irwin is an award-winning director of such productions as "The Crucible," "A Few Good Men," "Lend Me A Tenor," "Les Miserables," "Urinetown," "Rent," "Is He Dead?," "One Flew Over The Cukoo's Nest," "West Side Story" and "Almost, Maine."

In addition to her acting and directing credits, Irwin has been a professor and producing director at NYU Tisch School of The Arts, Montclair State University, The New York Film Academy and The Lee Strasberg Theater and Film Institute. As the director of education and community outreach at Luna Stage, Irwin revolutionized their programming for children and young adults as well as creating brand new arts opportunities for seniors in the community, the statement said.

"Among the pool of impressive and diverse candidates, Robin immediately stood out," said Phillip Hunt, incoming president of the Board of Directors of Jenny Wiley Theater. "Robin's outstanding work on Broadway and around the country and her original programming concepts will propel Jenny Wiley Theater into our next chapter of growth. She brings an exceptional background in acting, directing, teaching, and producing to our community and will bring a new level of live theatre to Eastern Kentucky. We are excited to welcome her to Eastern Kentucky

and the entire tri-state region for the theatre leadership she brings."

When asked what led to her accepting the position at Jenny Wiley Theater, Irwin stated, "I was attracted to the energy of the people, the excitement surrounding downtown Pikeville and Prestonsburg, and the potential of the facilities which offer unique possibilities for productions of all kinds. The goal is to honor the rich heritage of Jenny Wiley Theater and build upon it to create a unique cultural destination in the rapidly growing Appalachian region. With the exceptional support of the cities of Pikeville and Prestonsburg, I look forward to cultivating new artists in the Southeastern region by giving them the opportunity to work side by side with established professionals from Broadway and around the country. We will also aggressively expand arts education opportunities for children, teens, and



Submitted photo

Robin Irwin will start her new role at Jenny Wiley Theatre in January.

seniors; to encourage all citizens in the entire tristate region be stakeholders in the collaborative experience. I believe that Jenny Wiley Theater

will be a vital component to the continued growth and excitement building in Pikeville and Prestonsburg and beyond."

Karen Bevins

Karen Bevins, 47, of Harold, died Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018.

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

Herbert L. Charles

Herbert L. Charles, 86, of Auxier, Wednesday, Dec. 2018.

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Dorothy Slone Enlge

Dorothy Slone Engle, 84, of Wheelwright, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 2018.

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Natalie Rice Lewis, 75, of Betsy Lane, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2018.

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Marie Mynhier

Marie Mitchell Mynhier, 89, of Martin, died Friday, Dec. 14, 2018.

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Joseph Ratliff

Donald "Joseph" Ratliff, 34, of Nicholasville, formerly of Harold, died Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018.

Arrangements under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Brenda Sue Stewart

Brenda Sue Stewart, 59, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, Dec. 17, 2018.

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Hands and Feet Ministry's third Winter Joyfest bigger than ever

By AARON K. NELSON APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

STAFFORDSVILLE — The Staffordsville-based Hands and Feet Ministry works year-round to help fill the needs of local schools' youth service centers, but twice a year, they are able to put on a special all-day event for the kids themselves.

At the recent Winter Joyfest, the third of its kind, children from every elementary school in Johnson County, including Paintsville Independent, were able to visit the activity center at the Staffordsville Freewill Baptist Church and leave with a load of goodies, including food and snacks, clothes, winter weather gear, hygiene items, new pillows, clothes and of course new socks and shoes.

"So many people want to help, but they

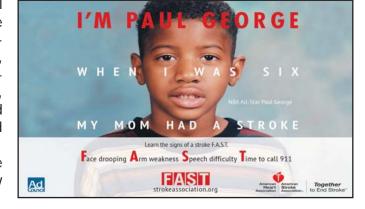
don't know how," said Shauna Patton with Johnson County schools. "By having an organization like Hands and Feet Ministries, it helps others to have a program they can latch onto to help."

The ministry's approach to helping, which involves regular communication with the service centers' needs, is the critical part of what makes their efforts unique, Pastor Jim Price said.

"You can throw mondoesn't really get fixed," Price said. "But when you have the information at hand in detailed form, it gives us the desire, and at events like this, we're extremely blessed. We see the problem and it becomes real and apparent. I just praise God for these ladies."

The event would not be possible without the donations and support of dozens of local groups including area churches, businesses and fellow nonprofits, director Berniece Cunagin said.

"First Corinthians 12 ey at the problem and it speaks as to how the body is not one member, but many. The body is many members, and



it takes many people to **Natalie Rice Lewis** come together." Cunagin said. "We give all the glory to God."



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Office of Highway Safety, KSP reminds motorists to plan a ride this holiday

'Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over' continues through New Year's Day

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The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety and Kentucky State Police remind motorists to be responsible behind the wheel as the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" increased enforcement campaign started Dec. 14 and runs through

Jan. 1, 2019.

"While the holiday season is a special time to visit with friends and family, many of these celebrations include alcohol," said KOHS Acting Executive Director Jason Siwula.

"Drunken driving-related crashes are 100 percent preventable. All we ask is that drivers be responsible and make a plan for a sober ride home."

Images of Santa with the slogan, "He sees you when you're drinking," are at gas stations and bars/restaurants in more than 60 cities throughout the state with higher-than-average drunken driving-related crashes. Additionally, digital and

social media ads will feature the iconic figure.

"The 'Santa' campaign is a fun way to promote a serious message," said Siwula. "No matter what you choose - a sober friend, taxi service or ride booking company we want you to arrive to your destination safely."

The KOHS distributes federal grant money

Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to increase law enforcement presence during designated holiday periods. According to NHT-SA, high-visibility enforcement like the "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign reduces impaired driving fatalities by as much as 20 per-

provided by the National

"While we always patrol for impaired drivers, we'll have extra troopers on the road as motorists travel to and from their Christmas and New Year's celebrations," said KSP Sqt. Josh Lawson.

"Make no mistakeour message is simple. If you are caught driving impaired, you will be arrested. Please, make a plan for a designated driver before the party

In Kentucky, drunken driving deaths occurred during Christmas and New Year's over the last five years.

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Powers, 31, of Auxier, faced 20 years to life in prison if he was convicted on all charges in three cases pending against him, but he opted instead to plead guilty last month and accept a sentencing recommendation from Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner.

On Dec. 13, Circuit Judge Thomas Smith accepted that recommendation, sentencing Powers to serve 20 years on a second-degree assault charge which was enhanced because he is a persistent felony offender. That sentence runs concurrently, or at the same time, as two other five-year sentences and two one-year sentences Powers was given for crimes in all three felony cases filed against him. The charges include first-degree wanton endangerment, possession of a handgun by a convicted felon, first-degree fleeing/evading police and second-degree promoting contraband.

The shooting curred on Oct. 20, 2015.

Dixon was patrolling U.S. 23 in Prestonsburg at 9:30 p.m. when Powers passed him, driving about 80 mph. Dixon attempted to pull Powers over, but he sped off and drove up Abbott, where he parked the car, but left it running, at a family

member's home. Turner shared details about what happened at that home when Powers plead guilty last month. He said Dixon could hear arguing inside the home, so he decided to go inside, thinking a domestic dispute was underway.

Inside, they found Powers lying back on a bed, holding his sevenyear-old brother like a shield. Dixon convinced Powers to let the child and a female leave the room, Turner reported, and then he started "saying crazy stuff."

"He's saying crazy stuff, and at one point is saying, 'Shoot me. Kill me,' almost like this suicide by police thing, you know," Turner said.

Officers used a taser on Powers, but it was ineffective, Turner said.

"At that moment, it appeared to just anger Powers, and then he immediately grabs the pistol and starts shooting at them as he's backing up off the bed, he just starts firing shots," Turner said. "Adam Dixon gets hit in the chest. He's backing out of that room, and he empties his entire gun into there, 16 shots, trying to shoot him or get away from him."

The standoff with police lasted for hours.

Dixon said he thinks about that night every

"Everyday," he said. "Everyday ... Someway, somehow, it crosses my mind every day."

He said the trauma surgeon told him the bullet missed his heart "by less than a centimeter" but doctors decided it would be best to leave the bullet in his chest.

He said it's been tough the past three years.

"Ever since the whole thing happened, it has been tough," Dixon said. "There's other parts with the whole situation that's went on that I can't talk about, but it's been a tough three years. When I originally got shot, I stayed off work for about three months, and then I came back for about a year and tried to push has gone on, his family through it all, and I just has had to endure that, couldn't do it."

work to retire early from law enforcement in the spring and his retirement was granted in July. He started working at Copperhead Gun & Range in Prestonsburg in September, but he misses being in law enforcement.

what I always wanted to do," he said.

He talked about how rewarding the job was, saying, "Anytime that you can be of service to your community and try to help out someway and

try to touch somebody's life and try to change their life or save somebody's life, it's very rewarding to me," he said. "I miss that part of it."

He said the "blessing in disquise" with all of this is that now, he can spend more time with his family.

was done" in this case.

"I'm just glad I'm able to put everything behind me and move on," said Dixon. "With everything that happened that night, his family has been through a lot. Mine's been through a lot. It's good that, maybe from here on, everybody can move forward."

He talked about the lives to help him. problems Powers' family has faced since the happened, a lot of peoshooting.

"In any situation, there's always two sides to every story. With what I went through, it was a bad deal, but you know, his family went through a bad deal as well," he said. "What he done, his family has had to endure, not only with him being jail, but everything else that too. At the end of the He submitted paper- day, we're all people, so, you know, I don't want to think about just myself. His family's been through a rough time with all of this as well."

He said his ability to forgive Powers comes mostly because of his belief in God, but he noted "Since I was a kid, it's that part of it also comes with lessons he learned while being a police offi-

cer for 13 years. He said, "You know, part of what you come to learn about the job is not only protecting people and serving your

community, but, police officers, some way, some how, they have to be able to set an example ... My faith in God is that God doesn't want us to hold a grudge against anybody. One of the greatest lessons that he ever taught us was to forgive. I just felt, for me, the example He believes "justice that should be set is to forgive because I don't make things any easier if I'm not able to move forward with the future if I'm not able to forgive somebody."

He is thankful for all the people who have supported him with "well wishes" and prayers and for the law enforcement officials who risked their

"The night that it ple don't know this, there was so many agencies that came to help," Dixon said. "They were telling me that there was almost 100 police officers up there that night, and I mean, it just wasn't our agency, it was all agencies as a whole. There was almost every trooper

you could think of from Post 9, I mean, there was some of them who were even off duty, that were friends of mine that came out just to help. Fire departments, EMS personnel, we had law enforcement from Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Sheriff's office, the Kentucky Park Rang-

He said that show of force was an example of the Eastern Kentucky law enforcement "brotherhood."

"In Eastern Kentucky, you're kind of limited on manpower. You don't have a lot of us out here, but it's made up for in the closeness, the brotherhood, so to speak, that all of us are a part of. We all take care of one another the best that we can," he said.

He said he's received messages, letters and calls from people all over the country.

"When something like this happens, you don't realize how many people's lives it does touch and how it also binds you to tragedies that other people have been through," he said. "It's kind of unique in law enforcement in that when a tragedy like that happens, people all across the country that's got someone connected to that line of work, will reach out to you and treat you like family."



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Copies may be obtained at the office of Kevin Gilliam, Summit Architectural Services located at 264 Hambley Boulevard, Pikeville, KY 41501, (phone 606-432-1447, extension 322) upon payment of \$100.00 for each set. Hearing impaired individuals may call 1-800-247-2510.

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No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof (February 7, 2019). Federal wage rates DO apply. Successful bidder must be registered with Sam.gov or be in process of being registered at the time of award.

A Pre-bid meeting will be held at the project site 2501 King Kelly Coleman Hwy, Wayland, Kentucky 41666, January 2, 2019 at 2:00 PM

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20-year history this year. The participating families were selected by officials in Floyd County elementary schools.

"It's getting better every year," Conn said. "It started out, I think it was in 1998, with nine children. We had nine grade schools at that time and we took one from each. Now, we're up to taking three families out of the grade schools and our home schools, we actually take a few more."

The event began on Dec. 15 at the Mountain Arts Center, where families received free lunch provided by Pizza Hut, totes of food and piles of presents. Santa Claus also greeted children there for pictures, and he helped the police department tell the children about one of the gifts they would receive.

Conn drew two names of children during the event, telling the crowd that these two children would receive a new bicycle when the department took the children to Walmart to shop. But Santa Claus told the children that two bicycles weren't "good enough."

"I think we can do better than that," he said, telling the children that every one would receive a new bicycle.

The room erupted with applause and cheers.

At Walmart, every child selected for the program was given \$100, and their siblings received \$50, Conn said.

"We try to furnish them with all of their necessities, like all of their clothes and shoes and underwear, toboggans, all of that stuff. We try to furnish that, so when we go to Walmart, they don't have to consider getting that," Conn said. "We want them to actually be able to go in and buy something they really want."

Conn said the program is a "blessing" for him.

"I love it. I absolutely love it," he said. "It's a lot of time and a lot of effort, but, it's worth it."

Prestonsburg Fire Department Lt. Selina Thomas, like several other fire and police department officials, has participated in Shop With a Cop since its inception.

Several years ago, the fire department started sponsoring one child, in memory of Thomas' cousin, fire department member Rusty Chaffins, who died in 2008.

"It's an honor, especially since Rusty was my first cousin, and his son works for the fire department now ...," Thomas said, wiping tears from her eyes. "When we do this for him, we just remember, because he loved kids."

Chaffins' son Jacob, 25, has been a fire department member for seven years, but he has volunteered for Shop with a Cop for 12 years.

"It really leaves me speechless," he said about the Rusty Chaffin memorial project. "I'm just glad that they keep honoring his memory by allowing us to do this."

Chaffins said Shop with a Cop has taught him to "be thankful for what I do have."

He and others talked about the need in the community.

"The people who are in this program, they're in this program because they have a need," Thomas said. "The fire department and police department do not pick the children. The resource directors at the schools pick them, so we don't even know their names until about the middle of October, and that's when we start buying and shopping for them. We want people to know that we want this program to be bigger and better every year. We want to serve more children in our community and more families in our community, and we cannot do it without the public's help."

Thomas said she has seen Shop with a Cop make a difference in the lives of local families, talking about a caregiver who cried when she walked in the MAC.

with a Cop "do it because they truly want to do it." Thomas said Prestonsburg officials start preparing for Shop with

who volunteer for Shop

She said the people

tonsburg officials start preparing for Shop with a Cop in October. She praised city employees for their work.

"They give and give and give, of their time, of their money," she said. "Honestly, we take time away from our families preparing for this ... We've been at this since the middle of October, collecting money, buying food, buying clothes, buying toys, wrapping."



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows Prestonsburg Police Chief Larry Woods, pictured above, credited his employees and the city fire department for working to make Shop with a Cop a reality. He handed out gifts right and played with children at the event.













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Submitted photo Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins poses with third grade winners Chloe Huff, left, and Sam Hyden, right. Hyden, of Prestonsburg Elementary, earned first place and Huff, of Duff-Allen Central Elementary, earned second place in the third-grade category.

tonsburg Elementary and Miles Hutchinson of May Valley.



Submitted photo Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins poses with fourth grade winners, May Valley Elementary students Reagan Laferty, who won first place, and Jackson Hall, who won second place.



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Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins poses with sixth grade winners Ally Newsome of John M. Stumbo and Taylor Stumbo of South Floyd.



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Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins poses with seventh grade winners Dylan Shannon of Adams Middle and Riley Jo Compton of South Floyd.



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Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins poses with eighth grade winners Alex Begley of **Duff-Allen Central and Kiran Thacker of South Floyd.**

Floyd schools hosts first-ever Math Bee

Fifth grade Math Bee winners include Alexandria Hamilton of Betsy Layne Elementary, Ally Hamilton of Pres-

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD **CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Floyd County Schools recently hosted first-ever Math Bee.

Students event, held earlier this month at Floyd Central High School.

Students competed in written assessments and "Multiplication Duels" with each other.

"Our first-ever Math Bee was a huge success," Superintendent Danny Adkins said in a press release. "We'd like to thank Josh Hall, math teacher from at South Floyd Elementhroughout the coun-tary, for bringing this ty earned honors at the idea to us. We believed a math competition would increase interest and engage more students in math and that it would help prepare kids for the two in each grade level," Math Counts competition held every year at part.

Big Sandy Community & Technical College."

Students started the competition at their home schools, Adkins explained, and the top five Hyden, Prestonsburg Elwinners at each school then competed.

"Almost 200 kids Huff, Duff-Allen Central competed and received medallions at the district level on Friday and trophies went to the top Adkins' statement said, in

The winners included the following students:

> Third grade winners

First place: Sam

ementary

Fourth grade

winners First place: Reagan Laferty, May Valley

Second place: Jackson Hall, May Valley

Fifth grade winners

First place: Alexandria Hamilton, Ally Hamilton, Prestonsburg Elementary

Second place: Miles Second place: Chloe Hutchinson, May Valley

Sixth grade winners

First place: Ally Newsome of John M. Stumbo Second place: Taylor Stumbo of South Floyd

Seventh grade winners

First place: Dylan Shannon of Adams Mid-

Second place: Riley Jo Compton of South Floyd

Eighth grade winners

First place: Alex Begley of Duff-Allen Central Second place: Kiran Thacker of South Floyd

Students earn honors in academic tourney



Brock Horn Duff-Allen Central



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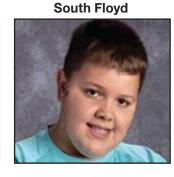
Madison Sullivan South Floyd



Sara Springer, Adams Middle



Taylor Stumbo



Zachary Goble Duff-Allen Central

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins recently recognized several Floyd County students who earned honors in the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition's Sixth Grade Showcase.

The showcase, held as part of the Governor's Cup competition, was hosted earlier this month by Porter and Valley elementary schools, featurcompetitions from participating students in surrounding counties.

In Section 36, John M. Stumbo Elementary competed against students from Central Elementary, Flat Gap Elementary, Highland Elementary, Porter Elementary, Paintsville Elementary and W.R. Castle Elementary.

In Section Duff-Allen Central Elementary and James D. Adams Middle School competed against Belfry Middle, Johns Creek School, Phelps Elementary, Pikeville and Valley Elementary.

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In final standings, Duff-Allen Central ranked third in Quick Recall and fourth in overall scores. South Floyd ranked fifth in Quick Recall and eighth overall, while Adams Middle earned fifth in Quick Recall and sixth overall.

"Congratulations to our sixth grade students and teams on placing in the Governor's Cup event," Adkins said in a press release. "Congratulations Brock Horne from DACE, first place in Arts and Humanities and Ethan Walls from AMS, first place in science. Our Floyd County team is also proud of Duff-Allen Central Elementary on placing third in Quick Recall and fourth overall."

He encourages community members to support academic competitions in Floyd County.

"We hope to see everyone out supporting

our academic team students at our upcoming Governor's Cup events after the first of the year," Adkins said. "Each level has district and regional competitions and the middle and high school students and teams can advance to state competition. These begin mid-January."

Students who earned individual honors included South Floyd students Taylor Stumbo (second place in composition) and Madison Sullivan (fifth place in science); Adams Middle students Grace Miller (fourth place in composition), Sara Springer (fourth place in arts and humanities), Ethan Walls (first place in science and fifth place in language arts); and Duff-Allen Central students Zachary Goble (fourth place in math), Brock Horn (first place in arts and humanities) and Emery Bartrum (second place in social studies).

Community **Events**

- 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
- Dec. 20, 3:30 p.m.: Gingerbread classes, Floyd County Public Library, Eastern branch
- Dec. 20, 7 p.m.: Exile performs, Mountain Arts Center. Tickets \$25 macarts.com
- Dec. 21, 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court meets, county courthouse.
- Dec. 27, 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193
- Dec. 30, 6 p.m.: City and county officials to participate in a swearing-in ceremony, Mountain Arts Center
- 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.
- 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
- 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.



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Patriot Pen winners



Duff-Allen Central Elementary students Isabella Cordial, Allie Hicks and Katelyn Shortridge were honored as winners of the Veterans of Foreign Wars annual Patriot Pen essay contest. Isabella Cordial, who earned first place, will now compete on the district level. Hicks earned second place and Shortridge earned third place.

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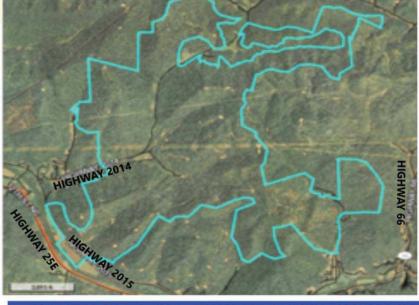
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Prestonsburg and Floyd Central split double-header

Blackcats turn back Jaguars, move to 2-0 in district

By Steve LeMaster Sports Writer

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg sits atop the 58th District boys' basketball standings. Winning at home, the Blackcats prevailed at the Fieldhouse on Friday night, defeating visiting Floyd Central 56-40 in an early-season 58th District boys' basketball game.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 4-2 overall and 2-0 in the 58th District.

Floyd Central fell to 2-5 overall and 0-1 in the district with the loss.

The Blackcats set the tone early, outscoring Floyd Central 15-2 in the first quarter. Prestonsburg led 25-12 at halftime and added to its lead after the intermission period.

"I thought we got off to a good start," said Prestonsburg coach Brent Rose. "We did a good job of protecting the basket and doing the things we have been working on. We have stressed taking care of the basketball and getting good shots.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Floyd Central's Jacob Hamilton drives against Prestonsburg's Josh Hall on Friday night.

58th Distict Girls: Floyd Central holds off P'burg



Both Prestonsburg's Caroline Ariaz and Floyd Central's Abby Maggard work to chase down a loose ball.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by

By Steve LeMaster Sports Writer

PRESTONSBURG — Visiting Floyd Central held on to defeat Prestonsburg 68-60 in a 58th District girls' basketball game at the Fieldhouse on Friday night.

With the win, Floyd Central moved to 5-0 overall and 1-0 in the 58th District.

Prestonsburg dropped to 3-5 overall and 0-2 in the district with the loss. Floyd Central led at the conclusion of each quarter. The Lady Jaguars moved ahead early, outscoring Prestonsburg 24-13 in the first quarter.

Floyd Central, which owned numerous leads in each half, led 44-32 at half-time and outscored Prestonsburg 13-8 in the third quarter.

But Prestonsburg made the game interesting late. The Lady Blackcats were within six points of Floyd Central in the game's final minute. Prestonsburg outscored the Lady Jaguars 13-8

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Hi-Tech Signs & Graphix Holiday Classic to tip off Thursday

By Steve LeMaster Sports Writer

PRESTONSBURG — The Prestonsburg boys' basketball program is preparing to host a holiday event. The Hi-Tech Signs & Graphix Holiday Classic is set for Thursday-Saturday at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

Boys' high school basketball teams slated to join host Prestonsburg in the Hi-Tech Signs & Graphix Holiday Classic are Cordia, East Ridge, Johnson Central, Knox Central, Perry Central and Shelby Valley.

"This year's format

Thursday, Dec. 20

3:45 p.m. - Knox Central vs. Cordia

5:30 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Shelby Valley (JV)

7:00 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Shelby Valley

8:15 p.m. - Johnson Central vs. Perry Central

Friday, Dec. 21

5:30 p.m. - Cordia vs. Johnson Central

6:45 p.m. -Perry Central vs. Shelby Valley

8:00 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. East Ridge (JV)

8:45 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. East Ridge

Saturday, Dec. 22

Noon - Cordia vs. Shelby Valley

1:30 p.m. - Prestonsburg vs. Perry Central

3:00 p.m. - Pike Central vs. Johnson Central

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is that of a classic as opposed to a tournament," Prestonsburg coach Brent Rose confided. "It should be a great three days of basketball. We have some of the very best teams in the Mountains playing in the event this year. Fans will be able to see some of the top players and teams from the 13th, 14th and 15th regions. Knox Central and Perry County Central are always good. Cordia once again has a great roster and Johnson Central is one of the favorites to win our region. Somehow we ended up playing Shelby Valley,

who is playing better than anyone in the Mountains, the first night. East Ridge, Pike County Central and us are all young and trying to improve. I think we will have competitive games. We want to thank Rick Hughes and everyone at Hi-Tech Signs & Graphix for being our sponsor this year. We want this event to become one of the premier invitational tournaments in Eastern Kentucky and with this year's field we are well on our way."

The schedule for the Hi-Tech Signs & Graphix Holiday Classic follows.



SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN The _ Floyd Central Jaguars and Lady Jaguars are set to host holiday high school basketball tournaments.

The Jaguars will host the Pop's Chevy Clas-Thursday-Saturday. During the Pop's Chevy Classic, Floyd Central is slated to face Nelson County (Thursday), Christian County (Friday) and First Love Christian

team out of Washington,

The Jaguars will take a 2-6 record into the holiday tournament.

The Floyd Central girls' basketball team will host the Lady Jaguar Invitational Thursday-Saturday. The Lady Jaguars are slated to meet Montgomery County (Thursday), Lewis County (Friday) and 15th Region counterpart Magoffin County (Saturday) during

tournament.

The Floyd Central girls' basketball team is undefeated heading into the holiday tournament. The Lady Jaguars have notched wins over Magoffin County, Owsley County, Mingo Central (W.Va.), Perry Central and 58th District rival Prestonsburg.

Each Floyd Central basketball team is a reigning 58th District champion.

Bobcats level Piarist, 80-31

By Steve LeMaster SPORTS WRITER

BETSY LAYNE — Betsy Layne dominated at home on Thursday, leveling former 58th District rival Piarist School 80-31 in a boys' high school basketball game.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 4-3.

Piarist slipped to 0-7 with the loss.

Betsy Layne shot 42 percent (37 of 88) from the field. The Bobcats were seven of 27 (25.9 percent) from three-point

Betsy Layne finished one of two from the freethrow line.

The Bobcats dominated inside, pulling down 51 total rebounds.

Zack Bentley, Davy Bentley, Jordan Frazier and Frank Tackett scored 11 points apiece to lead the Bobcats to the victo-

Betsy Layne received scoring from 11 different players. Narrowly missing double figures in the scoring column, Byron Tackett netted nine points for the Bobcats.

Dalton Hall added

eight points while Nicholas Howell and Chase Mims posted six points apiece for Betsy Layne in the convincing win.

Hall barely missed reaching double figures in another key category, pulling down nine rebounds for the Bobcats.

Seth Hall led Piarist with 28 points and 11 rebounds. Hall led all players in both scoring and rebounding.

Dalton Jude rounded out the Knights' scoring, chipping in three points.

Betsy Layne 77 East Ridge 73

Zack Bentley scored 25 points and Jordan Frazier netted 24 points as Betsy Layne upended host East Ridge 77-73 in a boys' high school basketball game on Wednesday night.

Familiar 15th Region rivals, Betsy Layne and East Ridge battled in a non-district matchup. Betsy Layne dealt East Ridge its third straight loss.

Frazier flirted with a double-double, pulling down nine rebounds for the Bobcats.

Thriving offensively, Betsy Layne shot 56 percent (28 of 50) from the field. The Bobcats were nine of 18 (50 percent) from three-point range,

Betsy Layne shot 80 percent (12 of 15) from the free-throw line.

Brady Robinson and Davy Bentley added eight points apiece for Betsy Layne in the victory.

Rounding out the Betsy Layne individual scoring, Nicholas Howell and Chase Mims posted seven points and five points, respectively.

Cameron Hess led East Ridge with a teamhigh 21 points. East Ridge featured four scorers in double figures as Kane Taylor contributed 17 points, Elijah Sykes posted 14 points and Hunter Damron added 12 points.

Hess led the Warriors inside, grabbing nine re-

The Warriors lost despite shooting 56 percent (28 of 50) from the field. However, East Ridge was only 11 of 23 (47.8 percent) from the free-throw line.

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in the fourth quarter before falling short.

Sophomore Moore led Floyd Central led Floyd Central to the win, scoring 28 points and pulling down 14 rebounds. Moore led all players in scoring and rebounding.

Abby Maggard scored 12 points and Grace Martin netted 11 points for the Lady Jaguars. Recording a double-double, Martin grabbed 11 rebounds.

Barely missing double figures, Lauren Preston tossed in nine points for the Lady Jaguars.

Senior Kaitlyn Keathley paced Prestonsburg with a team-high 23

points. Joining Keathley in double figures for the Lady Blackcats, Celina Mullins netted 14 points and Alison Campbell contributed 10 points. Narrowly missing double figures, Alivia Slone posted

nine points. Floyd Central is slated to host Prestonsburg in a late-season 58th District girls' basketball game on February 8.

BLACKCATS

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probably played slower than we need to, which probably played into Floyd Central's game plan, but we are trying to improve in the areas that will help us be successful in March. I like the way we are sharing the ball and gang rebounding. Our guys coming off the bench are improving each day and I believe as we develop more depth, our team will improve big time. We just have to remember we are young and inexperienced, so at times we will look good and at other times, we aren't going to look too good at all."

Three Prestonsburg players reached double figures in the scoring column. Senior Blake Slone led the way for the Blackcats, scoring a team-best 17 points. Adam Slone added 15 points while Graham Burchett posted 14 points for the Blackcats.

Grant Justice and Will Gullett contributed three points apiece for Prestonsburg in the victory.

Rounding out the Blackcats' individual scoring, Clayton Smith and Kaleb Jervis chipped in two points each.

Ethan Smith-Mills led Floyd Central with a game-high 18 points. Accompanying Smith-Mills in double figures for the Jaguars, Brandon Little added 11 points.

Skyler Hall scored seven points while Jacob Hamilton and Grant Blackburn chipped in two points apiece for the Jaguars in the setback.

Jaguars fall in Buffalo Wild Wings Shootout at Pike Central

BY RANDY WHITE
REGIONAL SPORTS EDITOR

Pike Central held its annual Buffalo Wild Wings Shootout over the weekend and the Hawks went 2-0 in the event with a 74-33 win over Mount Mission and a 62-60 win over Buckhorn.

Friday night, The Hawks knocked off Mount Mission in the event. The other game saw Knox Central roll to an 80-54 win over Ashland Blazer.

Saturday, Shelby Valley continued to roll this season as the Wildcats rolled to an 87-57 win over Knott Central.

Shelby Valley's Cody Potter scored a teamhigh 27 points and he pulled down 10 rebounds. He also knocked down three of his six three-point shots and 11 of his 17 field goal attempts. Potter is averaging 25.2 points per game this season and 10.6 rebounds per game.

Samuel Stanley followed by scoring 16 points and five rebounds for the Wildcats. Cameron Worrix followed with 13 points and John Flanery also reached double figures with 10 points.

Orbie McPeek added eight points and Peyton Blackburn added four. Keian Worrix scored three and Seth Johnson chipped in two.

Shelby Valley improved to 5-0 on the season with the win. The Wildcats are scheduled visit Prestonsburg Thursday in the Hi-Tech Signs/Graphix Holiday Classic at Prestonsburg.

Belfry fell to Knox Central 86-49.

With the loss, the Pirates fall to 1-3 on the season.

Dezmon Roblee led the way for the Pirates with a team-high 18 points. Kevin Browning followed with 10.

Belfry is scheduled to take on Model at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Sayre School-Jim Lankster Classic at Sayre.

Justin Barker added six points and Caleb Spears scored five. Isaiah Hackney and Tyelin May each added four points for the Pirates. Chandler Fluty added two.

The other games Saturday, Magoffin County picked up a 64-53 win over Letcher Central. George Washington (W. Va.) picked up a 65-44 win over Cordia. Hazard rolled past Floyd Central 64-45.

Sports Editor's Note: Pike Central didn't have any stats posted on the KH-SAA website.



Floyd Central's Ethan Smith-Mills pulls up for a jumper Saturady night against Hazard.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Cory Vance
Floyd Central's Brandon Little drives through the lane
for a shot Saturday night against Hazard during the Buf-

falo Wild Wings Shootout at Pike Central.

Floyd Central's Braden Moore breaks through the Hazard defense Saturday night during

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Other than the extension of the expiration date of the affected tariff provisions Kentucky Power is not proposing to change any charge, fee, condition of service, or rule regarding the provision of service under the tariffs. The proposed amendment will not produce a change in existing rates or the amounts paid (as a dollar amount or as a percentage).

The proposed effective date for the amended tariff sheets is January 1, 2019.

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