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Martin resident Nikki Queen Gilliam raises her hand to ask the Martin City Council whether the city will try to accommodate a large crowd that is expected to turn out for a Jan. 31 meeting in which the city's proposed annexation of 800 acres on Ky. 80, Ky. 1428, Ky. 550, Ky. 2554, Ky. 777, "Old Ky. 80 Road," Ky. 3188, Ky. 680 and Ky. 122 will be discussed.

## Concerns raised about annexation in Martin

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Dozens of people stood in the Martin City Hall meeting room, in the adjacent hallway and outside of Martin City Hall Tuesday night, in an attempt to attend a meeting to learn about an 800-acre annexation the city is planning.

At least 20 people who wanted to attend the city meeting were not permitted to enter the meeting room or hear the business being discussed. Officials with the Maytown Volunteer Fire



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

People who attended the Jan. 22 Martin City Council meeting read a letter sent to businesses regarding the city's proposed annexation of 800 acres of property.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

The Martin City Hall meeting room was overfilled with people who wanted to address the city council on Jan. 22. At least 20 people were standing in the hallway and outside of city hall during the meeting. No city official publicly told those standing outside the room that they were welcome to come into the room.

## Documents: Highlands acquisition moving forward

A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The sale of Highlands Health System to Appalachian Regional Healthcare is moving forward, according to documentation filed this month.

The companies jointly announced a plan of merger in September 2017, and this month, the organizations filed

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## Mayor: Update on rail-trail project

By ELAINE BELCHER  
STAFF WRITER

Mayor Les Stapleton told the Prestonsburg City Council this week that progress is being made on the Prestonsburg rail-to-trails project to convert an unused CSX rail line to a hiking trail stretching from West Prestonsburg to David.

During the monthly city council meeting Monday, Stapleton reported that the commission had granted permission to Big Branch Holdings, Inc. access to

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## BSADD names 2019 board officers

By ELAINE BELCHER  
STAFF WRITER

The Big Sandy Area Development District hosted its first board meeting of 2019 on Tuesday, naming new officers to hold positions for the organization in the upcoming year.

Former Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale relinquished the Big Sandy ADD Chairman position to Coal Run Mayor Andrew Scott, with Johnson County Judge-Executive

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# Golf course closure addressed at meeting

A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
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Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams reiterated last week that the closure of the county's golf course is only temporary.

"I want to reiterate this is being closed on a temporary basis. This isn't permanent," Williams said. "We have some things we have to, some personnel issues, we have to take a close look at, I guess."

Williams said the golf course had a "substantial loss" last year. County Treasurer David Layne reported after the meeting that the golf course lost more than \$100,000.

"We understand we're not going to break even at a golf course, but we have to close the gap," Williams said. "We have to close the gap and we have to look at some things. We have to get some, probably get some new blood in there. We need to get some young people involved and try to get some younger people out and doing those things."

Magistrate Ronnie Akers asked whether the golf course was closed.

"Well, I was by there twice this week and there were golf carts and cars and stuff," Akers said.

Williams said, "We are addressing that. The golf course is closed."

Williams reported after the meeting that although the golf course is closed, the golf course supervisor, Allen Commission Member Clyde Woods, is still earning his salary of about \$33,800.

Williams said Woods is retiring in April.

"He's still working. He's doing the paperwork and things that we need to do up there and goes over and kind of checks everything. He still works. We have to have someone over there to kind of maintain everything," Williams said. "And we hope to have the golf course opened back up in two or three weeks."



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams speaks during a Jan. 18 fiscal court meeting.

# Statement issues on Trans-Star purchase

BY MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

A Trans-Star Ambulance official provided comments Tuesday about the sale of the business, pledging that it will "continue to put patient care first" in communities it serves.

James Brandon Spencer, the CEO of Lafferty Enterprises, the parent company of Trans-Star Ambulance Service, said in an email that the company is in an "transitional period" that involves processing of employees, strategic planning of resources, the introduction of management personnel to local officials and healthcare partners and other matters.

"It's an exciting time for our region, as Life-

guard Ambulance Service brings with them a vast amount of resources and technologies, as well as being a sister company of the world's largest ground ambulance supplier, AMR," Spencer said in an email. "I can assure coverage to our geographic territories will go uninterrupted and we will continue to put patient care first in our communities. I cannot speak directly for Lifeguard Ambulance Service with the exception of saying, their mission mirrors that of Trans-Star in providing the very best in patient care, and assuring a seamless transfer in service coverage duties in the near future."

Trans-Star Ambulance, based in Prestonsburg, filed a notice of

acquisition with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services on Jan. 15, reporting that the company will be bought by Mercy Ambulance of Evansville, Inc., doing business as American Medical Response in Colorado. According

to a press release issued by American Medical Response in 2018, Lifeguard Ambulance Services is a subsidiary of Air Medical Group Holdings.

Trans-Star, the only ground ambulance service in Floyd County, also serves residents of Pike

and other counties. It expanded operations into Wheelwright and other areas of the southern end of Floyd County in 2017, following the closure of the Left Beaver Ambulance Service.

However, several complaints have been

made by officials in the Wheelwright area since that time, alleging that residents have to wait for emergency medical care.

Company officials have said that more details about the sale will be released at a later date.



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# Deputies: Anonymous tips lead to drug trafficking arrests

A FLOYD CHRONICLE  
AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department reports that an anonymous tip led to the arrest of three people accused of drug trafficking.

The department received an anonymous tip that drugs were possibly being sold in the McDonald's parking lot in Martin, officials reported, and Floyd County Sheriff's deputies and the department's K9 "Drago" responded to the complaint.

"As deputies were interviewing the three occupants, K9 'Drago' alerted deputies to possible drugs inside the vehicle," a statement from the department said. "The investigation resulted in the discovery of drugs and drug paraphernalia."

Deputies arrested Rodney Porter, 37, Barry Hunt, 28, and Tabatha Hunt, 30, all of Corn Fork in Prestonsburg. Each of them were charged with first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and tampering with physical evidence. Barry Hunt was also additionally charged with violation of an emergency protection order.

They appeared in Floyd District Court this week for arraignment. They are scheduled to return to district court on Jan. 30 for a preliminary hearing.

The sheriff's department reports that additional charges may be filed, pending further investigation.

This week, the department also announced the arrest of Bronson



Submitted photo  
**Rodney Porter**



Submitted photo  
**Tabatha Hunt**



Submitted photo  
**Barry Hunt**



Submitted photo  
**Bronson Bishop**

Bishop, following a three-month investigation into alleged drug trafficking.

Bishop, 28, of Tackett Fork in Beaver, was charged with first-degree trafficking of a controlled substance (methamphetamine). That three-month investigation, the department reported, also came about because of anonymous tips provided.



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## Ball: Unclaimed property returned to Floyd

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Kentucky State Treasurer Allison Ball reported this week that her office has returned more than \$70 million in unclaimed property statewide, a "record amount."

Ball's office reported that amount also includes more than \$171,000 that has been returned to Floyd County residents since she took office and there's still more than \$2.4 million in property that is yet to be claimed in Floyd County.

"One of my favorite things to do as Treasurer is to return people's money to them," Ball said. "I am a big believer in property rights and I am proud of the success we have seen at the Treasury in returning a record amount of property to Kentuckians."

Ball, a Prestonsburg native, has filed paperwork to seek another term as the state treasurer.

The Kentucky State Treasurer administers Kentucky's Unclaimed Property Fund. Unclaimed property generally consists of payroll checks, unclaimed safety deposit boxes, old life insurance policies, stocks and other

items that have remained unclaimed by their owners after several years.

"The Treasury's Unclaimed Property Division works diligently to reunite these items with their owners, or in cases where the owner is deceased, the owner's family," Ball's statement said. "Floyd countians still have over \$2,417,650 of unclaimed property waiting to be claimed."

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## PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER ELECTROPHYSIOLOGISTS PERFORM REGION'S FIRST WATCHMAN PROCEDURE

By: Carol Casebolt

The Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) Heart and Vascular Institute is the heart of health-care in the region. The hospital is leading the way to a healthier and longer life for patients in and around the community.

Not only does PMC have a state-of-the-art facility, but the services provided at the hospital are saving countless lives right here in eastern Ky.

PMC CEO Donovan Blackburn said, "We are performing procedures that have never been done in the region and are the same procedures you would have traveled hours to receive in years past."

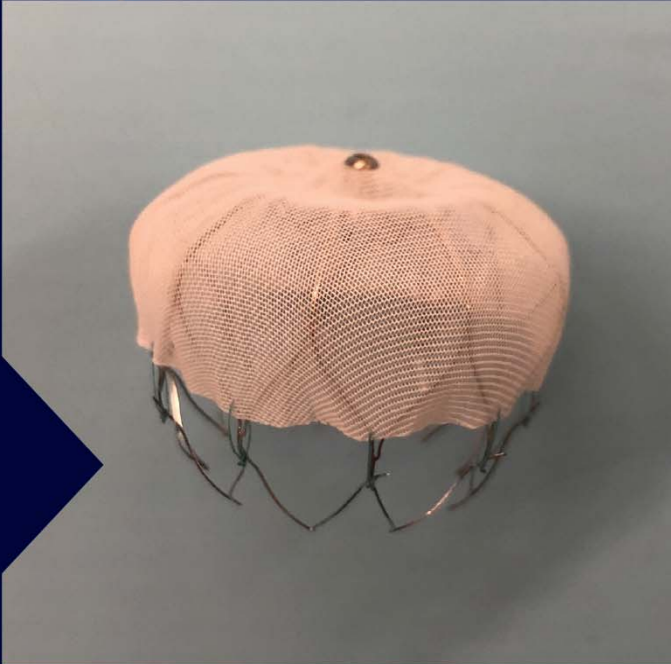
January of 2019 will be noted as a pivotal moment in heart care in the Commonwealth.

During January, five PMC patients underwent a heart procedure that has never been performed in the region before.

PMC Cardiac Electrophysiologists Michael Antimisiaris, MD, and Chase Reynolds, MD, performed the first Watchman Device Procedures.

During this procedure, a tiny device called the Watchman Device is implanted into the left atrial appendage of the heart.

"Patients with atrial fibrillation are at a significantly increased risk of stroke due to clot



formation within the heart. Over 90 percent of those clots form within the left atrial appendage. During implantation of the Watchman Device, we seal or put a lid over the left atrial appendage," said Dr. Reynolds.

This process removes the risk of clot formation within the left atrial appendage. Implantation of this device allows the physician to take atrial fibrillation patients off of anti-coagulation while still effectively managing their stroke risk.

Patients who qualify for the Watchman Device are those with AFIB who are at a higher risk for bleeding.

"We are one of the few hospitals chosen to implant the Watchman Device," said Dr. Antimisiaris. "We are honored and proud to have been chosen by Boston Scientific to launch this new procedure in our region."

For additional information about advanced heart procedures at PMC call 606-218-2201 or visit [www.pikevillehospital.org](http://www.pikevillehospital.org).



## LESTER LOSES 259 POUNDS AND RECLAIMS HIS LIFE

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

Carl Ryan Lester of Phelps, Ky is a fabulous example of what a couple of years and a heart full of determination can do to change your health and your life.

Lester is an eight year veteran at Pikeville Medical Center (PMC). He is a registered nurse and serves as a shift supervisor on the surgical unit.

When he came to the decision to make a change in his life and his weight, he was determined to lose 200 pounds.

He says when he started his weight loss program, he found himself struggling to walk even one mile and his walks always ended with back pain.

His journey began in 2017. Lester was one of 72 PMC employees who began Health Management Resources (HMR), a medically supervised, meal replacement plan for weight loss.

Lester made significant strides toward his weight loss goal when he lost 100 pounds.

He then decided he needed to be more active to continue progressing toward his goal.

"I took the charge to exercise seriously. I joined a local 'boot camp' in an effort to improve myself," Lester said.

The accountability and running helped Lester lose an additional 89 pounds.

"The support I received from both programs was simply life-changing and just exactly what I needed," Lester said.

In August, Lester was still trying everything possible to obtain his goal weight, but was struggling to make any further progress.

"I felt like I still needed help getting the excess weight off," Lester stated.

He actually works on the very floor that cares for bariatric patients after their surgery. He has seen, first-hand, countless patients who found success through weight loss surgery. He knew PMC Bariatric Surgeon Amy Johnson, MD, personally and professionally. He knew what could happen with the right tools for weight loss success.

His decision for weight loss surgery proved to be the one that would help him reach his goal and change his life. He lost an additional 70 pounds.

Lester began his journey experiencing exhaustion, sleep apnea and was even dependent on oxygen.

Since surgery, Lester no longer faces any of these health issues.

"If I had not done anything about my weight, I was going to die," Lester stated.

"Ryan should be, and is, an inspiration to everyone," said Dr. Johnson. "He has worked hard, stayed on course and his weight loss and improvement in medical problems is his reward."

Today, Lester is a healthier and happier version of himself and is a true success story. He runs religiously. He has completed 5Ks, 10Ks, half marathons and plans to run a full marathon. He says life is better than he could have ever imagined.

"I am so thankful for the love and support of my family and friends," Lester added.

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# EDITORIAL

## The public has the right to attend public meetings

In light of concerns raised during the Martin City Council's Jan. 22 meeting, we thought it may be helpful for us to let the public know, according to Kentucky Open Meetings laws, they have the right to observe the public meetings of any local government body and they have the right to file a complaint when they feel their right to observe a public meeting has been violated.

Kentucky law does not give members of the public the right to comment during public meetings — that right is up to the local government body to decide — but it does specifically detail the ways in which local government bodies are required to make a rea-

sonable effort in good faith to provide a place where the public can effectively observe a public meeting.

In light of that conversation and suggestion that Martin will not attempt to accommodate the crowd it should expect to see on Jan. 31, if a special meeting is called, we thought it might be helpful for the people who were denied access to the Jan. 22 meeting to know that they have the right to file an open meetings complaint if they feel they are denied access to any public meeting.

KRS 61.820 (1) states: "All meetings of all public agencies of this state, and any committees or subcommittees thereof,

shall be held at specified times and places which are convenient to the public. In considering locations for public meetings, the agency shall evaluate space requirements, seating capacity, and acoustics."

The Kentucky Attorney General has ruled in numerous cases in which Kentucky Open Meetings law violations were alleged by people who claimed they, or others, could not effectively observe or hear a public meeting because of inappropriate accommodations. On June 14, 2018, that office highlighted several of those rulings in 18-OMD-118, which states, in part, "The mere fact that 'numerous citizens were not able to

enter' the meeting room due to overcrowding 'and observed the proceedings from the hallway' does not per se establish 'that persons wishing to attend or participate in the proceeding were effectively prevented from doing so.' In 97-ORD-28, however, the office held that a public agency confronted with a crowd that is larger than anticipated is "under a duty to make some attempt to correct the matter."

Floyd County residents who feel any public agency has violated its duties or their rights under the Open Meetings Act may submit an Open Meetings Act complaint to the presiding officer of that public agency, namely, the city/county

clerk and/or secretary of that agency.

Open meetings complaints should specifically describe what the agency did to violate the open meetings law and it should also propose a remedy for the violation.

Open meetings complaints can cite state law, prior attorney general opinions, statements made, recordings of, or articles about the public meeting to validate allegations that there was a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

People who decide to file such complaints with any public agency should keep a copy of the complaint for themselves to use if the complaint is denied by the public agency.

State law gives public

agencies three working days to respond to open meeting complaints, and on the third working day the agency must issue a written response to the person who filed the complaint or request, explaining whether it agrees that violation occurred and whether it will take steps to remedy it. If that agency claims a violation did not occur, it must cite state laws supporting its denial that a violation occurred.

If the person who filed the complaint is not satisfied by the written response, he or she then has the right to file an appeal with the Kentucky Attorney General's office.

All of these rights are defined online by that office at, [www.ag.ky.gov](http://www.ag.ky.gov).

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### KYCPG conference will honor local accountant

The 22nd Annual Educational and Awareness Conference presented by the Kentucky Council on Problem Gambling (KYCPG) is dedicated to the memory of Caleb Cooley.

A Pikeville accountant who served clients in Prestonsburg and surrounding communities, Mr. Cooley was a trusted leader and valuable contributor to the KYCPG mission of increasing awareness of problem gambling, promoting prevention and research

and advocating for the availability of treatment for problem and addicted gambling.

Mr. Cooley, who died in October 2018, was a long-time member of the KYCPG Board of Directors and a KYCPG Past President. He also served as KYCPG's affiliate representative to the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG).

He served several years on the NCPG Board of Directors and served a three-year term as NCPG

treasurer. KYCPG will miss Mr. Cooley's wise insight in developing programs and services for individuals and families suffering from problem and addicted gambling.

In 2003, he received the KYCPG Jim Cooke Leadership Award, which is KYCPG's highest honor and only bestowed for exceptional leadership. It is fitting that the 22nd annual conference honor Mr. Cooley.

The 12-hour educational program for behav-

ioral health counselors and prevention specialists seeks to increase the knowledge of problem and addicted gambling to better assist individual and family recovery from problem and addicted gambling and to implement awareness program to mitigate the amount of problem and addicted gambling in Kentucky.

*Michael R. Stone  
Executive Director  
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# Criminal charges, lawsuits filed in Floyd County

## 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

Jessica Bertram, 38, of Langley; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jeffrey Kyle Halbert, 35, of Langley; two counts of first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Jamie Ray Scott, 39, of Garrett; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Eric Caudill, 30, address unavailable; first- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana

Samuel Cecil, 58, of Pikeville; first- and second-degree possession of a controlled substance, prescription not in original container

Jessica Stumbo, 37, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting), third-degree criminal trespass

Shawna Kay Rose, 44, of Betsy Layne; improper equipment, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance

Michael Crum, 45, of Langley; rear license not illuminated, no registration plate or receipt, improper display of plates, failure to maintain insurance, failure to produce insurance card, no operator's license, driving on a suspended license

Jessie E. Tackett, 34, of Melvin; theft by unlawful taking (auto), first-degree fleeing/evading police, theft by unlawful taking, improper signal, improper turning, no registration plates

Matthew Cook, age unavailable, of Nippa; flagrant nonsupport

John Hall, 24, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking (firearm)

Bobby Blackburn, 59, of Prestonsburg; theft by deception (cold checks)

### Misdemeanor cases filed

Wade Stewart, 48, of Catlettsburg; violation of

an emergency protection order

Joseph Serrano, 34, of Printer; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Nancy A. Akers, 39, of Harold; public intoxication of a controlled substance, theft by unlawful taking

Brett Hall, age unavailable, of McDowell; public intoxication

Robert Skeans II, 33, of Salyersville; third-degree criminal trespassing, two counts of third-degree terroristic threatening, harassing communications, third-degree terroristic threatening

Cora J. Vance, 42, of Beaver; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Melissa Vanderpool, 47, of Printer; violation of an emergency protective order

Pansy Estella McCoy, 51, of Printer; harassment

Goldie Spears, 51, of David; reckless driving, driving under the influence, failure to produce insurance card, no registration receipt

Angie Marie Hamilton, 38, of Tram; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Angela Owens, 29, of Pinetop; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Christopher Howell, 42, of Betsy Layne; theft by failure to make disposition of property

Eric R. Howard, 32, of Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault

Stephen Clark Vanner, 35, of Auxier; driving under the influence, one headlight, failure to produce insurance card; no registration receipt; failure to maintain insurance, possession of drug paraphernalia, no brake lights

Frank London, 30, of Garrett; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Keshon Lee, 21, of Detroit, MI; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Andrea DeRossett, 31, of Minnie; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Dontae Thompson, 28, of Lexington; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Nicki Spurlock, 29, of Martin; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Terry Tackett, 38, of Hi Hat; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Zella M. Johnson, 22,

of Bevinsville; driving under the influence, failure to produce insurance card, failure to maintain insurance, leaving the scene of a wreck, third-degree criminal mischief

Michael Mullins, 41, of Betsy Layne; harboring a vicious animal

### Lawsuits filed

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Delores Bentley vs. Angel Bentley; petition for child support and health care insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Harold Howell vs. Tameka Jarrell; petition for child support and health care insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Shawn Conn; petition for child support and health care insurance

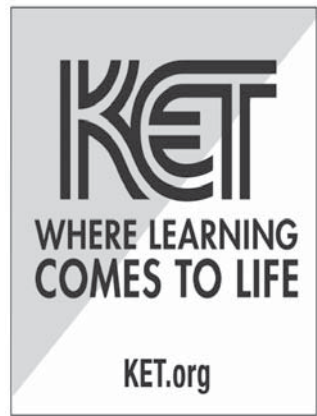
Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Janet Conn; petition for child support and health care insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Angelica Slone vs. Douglas Slone; petition for child support and health care insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Velma Blanton vs. Christine Clouse; petition for child support and health care insurance

Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, Velma Blanton vs. Ricky Wright; petition for child support and health care insurance

Correnia J. Proffitt, individually and as administrator of the estate of a baby, Shawn Hill vs. Highlands Hospital Corporation, doing business as Highlands Regional Medical Center, Consolidated Health Systems, doing business as Highlands Health Systems, Raymond J. Monaco Jr, MD; personal injury complaint



### ATTENTION:

If you were represented by former attorney **Eric C. Conn** between 2006 and 2016, and would like your client file returned to you, please contact Cary B. Howard, Jr. by email at [receivers@ksattorneys.com](mailto:receivers@ksattorneys.com) or by telephone at (859) 226-7580.

FLOYD COUNTY  
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# OBITUARIES

### Roscoe Lewis

Roscoe Lewis, 78, of Hazel Green, died Monday, Jan. 21, 2019.

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

### Glen H. Lykens

Glen H., Lykens, 80, of Langley, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2019.

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

## Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd

### SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

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

### Marriages

Rachael Renee Caudill, 34, of Prestonsburg, to James Wesley Lafferty of Prestonsburg

Anna M. Lawson, 61, of Harold, to Mark Jervis, 48, of Prestonsburg

Elizabeth Grace Skeens, 30, of Oil Springs, to Gregory Lee Smith Jr., 36, of Cumberland

Linda Scott Samons, 30, of Martin, to David Samons, 34, of Martin

Shelby Craft, 28, of Auxier, to Justin Carroll, 28, of Auxier

Stephen Ray Duchowski, 25, of Berea, to Tabitha Lynn McGuire, 28, of Morehead

Debra Johnson, 34, of Prestonsburg, to Bruce Victor Nichols, 49, of Prestonsburg

Matthew Lawson, 19, of Banner, to Rebecca Ratliff, 19, of Banner

Drema Diane Mahan, 18, of Harold, to Kasey Allen Clark, 23, of Grethel  
Stephanie Renee Roberts, 45, of Prestonsburg, to Kyle Howard, 46, of Prestonsburg

### Property transfers

Eddied Harris, Samantha Harris to William Ray Hedrick III (Deeds Book 642; pg. 584)

Master Commissioner

Greg Issac, Alan McCarty, Doreka Vaughn to Doreka Vaughn, (Deeds Book 642; pg. 589)

Doreka Vaughn to Steven Vaughn (Deeds Book 642; pg. 594)

Clifford Blanton, Darleen Blanton to Cecil Blanton, Zandra Blanton, Rando Shepherd (Deeds Book 642; pg. 597)

Rebecca Mullins to Timothy Mullins (Deeds Book 642; pg. 601)

Lola Walters to Steven Stanley (Deeds Book 642; pg. 605)

Derrick Newsome to Brittney E. Maines, Carmen Maines (Deeds Book 642; pg. 612)

Brady J. Conn, Wilma R. Conn to Brady D. Conn (Deeds Book 642; pg. 615)

Rhonda Boggs, Roy Boggs to James Fields, Joyzette Fields (Deeds Book 642; pg. 618)

Brittany Neeley, Aaron Neeley to Renee Reeder (Deeds Book 642; pg. 621)

Bertha Hall, James Hall, Kathy Hall, Stewart Hall, Ernie Moore, Rita Moore, Gary Douglas Hamilton, Robin Hamilton to Bertha Tackett (Deeds Book 642; pg. 627)

Palmer Hall to Homer Hackworth, Lydia Hackworth (Deeds Book 642; pg. 635)

Master Commissioner Greg Issac, Michael Gearheart, Suda Gearheart, US National Bank Association to US Bank National Association (Deeds Book 642; pg. 643)

## Advertisement for Floyd County Schools

# Local Planning Committee Meeting and Public Forum

The Floyd County Schools' Local Planning Committee will conduct a meeting on February 5, 2019, at 6 p.m., at Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg KY, 41653.

This meeting is the second orientation meeting for the committee and is one of a series of meetings to develop a District Facilities Plan for the Floyd County Schools.

There will be a Public Forum conducted at 7 p.m. This forum is to encourage local participation in determining how existing school facilities are used as well as the construction of new school facilities. Suggestions will be used as input to the Local Planning Committee as a new district facilities plan (DFP) is developed. Hope to see you there.

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# We The People

## Organized Floyd County Citizens

### Responding to City of Martin’s Proposed Annexation

### For Central Floyd County Businesses & Schools

The annexation actions taken by the City of Martin involves along with my commercial property six Floyd County schools, the county bus garage, the McDowell ARH Hospital, the Mark West Natural Gas facility and every commercial property located along:

- 1. Route 122 from Martin to McDowell Hospital.
- 2. Route 80 from Martin to Route 680.
- 3. Route 680 from Kentucky 80 to Route 122 at Minnie.
- 4. Kentucky Route 550.
- 5. Kentucky Route 777.
- 6. Old Kentucky Route 80.
- 7. Kentucky Route 3188.
- 8. Kentucky Route 1428.

These locations stretch close to seven miles from the City of Martin. It is impossible to know if Martin’s intent extends further due to their advertisement of the area in a manner that the ordinary citizen has no way of understanding.

The Floyd County school system will be involved with 7 locations containing 1,952 students, 325 school personnel and \$93,099,158 insured value of property. The school teachers and support staff will pay approximately \$140,000 in occupational tax. The value of the McDowell ARH and the Mark West Natural Gas facility would be in the tens of million dollars in value. The value of the commercial property of the citizen involved would also be valued in the tens of million dollars. The hundreds of citizens that would be subject to taxes such as:

- 1. City Property Tax
- 2. Business License
- 3. 1.5% occupation tax paid by everyone who earns a paycheck on any of these properties.
- 4. A percentage of any profit shown by any of these properties.

The City of Martin now covers an area of 0.73 square miles. In acres this is 467 acres. Their literature states that they intend to annex 807.25 acres. The end result is that the City of Martin will triple in size and collect several hundred thousands of dollars each year without one single vote from any citizen of the proposed annexation.

They can do this because property owners cannot vote in this annexation. If the annexation is successful for the City of Martin, property owners will never be able to vote on any issues in the future in the City of Martin.

Only residents have the right to vote. That is why Martin is not attempting to annex any residence.

A few years ago Martin annexed the roads they are citing today. We protested and were told by Martin that we were only trying to cause trouble because they had no intention of forcing us to be a part of Martin.

Make no mistake, if this annexation is successful, it will be by the vote of six Martin Council members and their part time mayor. They have found themselves a legal loophole that they are intending to exercise to the full extent. Legal action is the best chance to stop this annexation.

Attention of this should be taken by all other citizens that live close to these small towns that are out of money and have no quams about where and how to obtain more revenue.

While the citizens of Martin have been plagued by mismanagement, past administration that have been imprisoned for fraud and theft and poor judgment for years and years, they have certain benefits such as a Martin City water department, Martin City sewage, Martin police department, Martin fire department and Martin street department. In the event that this annexation is successful, the new annexed areas deserve the same benefit as the city now provides for its present day citizens.

The facts are that there are no financial means which would allow Martin to extend these benefits to the proposed annexed area. The millions on top of millions that it would involve to do so would be prohibitive. If they incorporated every commercial property and every resident they could not generate enough revenue to do so. In the event that there was a way to finance such an undertaking, one would expect ten to fifteen years to plan and build such infrastructure. The City of Martin does not intend to provide the newly annexed property any benefits. The only way this annexation is profitable for Martin is to collect the taxes and the only benefits offered would be a Martin Police car driving by the property occasionally.

Martin’s infrastructure and description is:

- 1. Years ago Martin was forced to begin buying water from Prestonsburg due to the failure to repair and maintain their own water plant.
- 2. Martin has been plagued by loss of water due to old leaking pipes for years and continues the loss today.
- 3. There is a new Renaissance School built and paid for located next to Martin City Hall that cannot be used due to Martin’s Department of Water inability to provide proper water pressure. The state will not allow occupancy until situation is corrected. This is a multi million dollar facility, paid for by the Corp of Engineers, setting idle due to the failed Martin water system. The present Renaissance School is located in Martin. The roof is falling in. Floyd County Schools have plans to relocate the school to the Allen Central location until and if ever Martin water department gets its act together and solves the pressure problem.
- 4. The Corp of Engineers built Martin Fire Department a new station also next to City Hall. Martin Fire Department cannot fill its trucks with water at the station due to low pressure.

The proposed annexation area is now served by Southern Water. In the event that the annexation is successful, the proposed annex area will continue to be served by Southern Water. City of Martin cannot extend lines and serve our properties. They do not have and cannot generate enough revenue to do so.

Southern Water has problems of its own. The citizens of Floyd County are saddled with millions of dollars of debt to pay off Southern’s responsibilities. They have stated that if they cannot get the rate increase they have asked for, there is a chance they could go bankrupt. The base flat rate for water in Prestonsburg is \$9.15

per month. If Southern gets their rate increase, then the basic flat rate will be \$34.60. The bottom line is that we will be subsidizing Southern Water with county taxes and pay Martin City taxes for the same service.

Sewage:

Martin has been plagued by sewage problems for years and years due to bad management of not maintaining and upgrading their system. They do have sewage service in the city even if it is of poor quality due to leaks of old leaky pipes and pumping stations that do not operate as they should.

It would take millions of dollars and ten to fifteen years to develop sewage service to the proposed annexed area. Martin knows this. They have no intention of providing sewage service to the new annexed areas. Again, we would be paying for a service without really any sewage system.

Streets and Street Lighting:

All motorists who have traveled down the main street of Martin in front of the old City Hall building have been forced to travel through flooded main street. For the past several years, the drainage system adjacent to Main Street has failed. Martin is forced to pump water off streets after every rain. They have spent more on pumping than was necessary to fix the drainage system several times. This is an example of Martin’s nonexistent or at least troubled street department. Martin, other than a lawn mower and a few weed eaters, has no equipment or capable personnel to man a street department.

Again, we would be paying for a service that we will not receive.

Fire Department:

Martin’s Fire Department has an ISO rating of 5. Maytown Fire Department has a rating of 5. Middle Creek without any incorporated areas has an ISO rating of 3. Prestonsburg has an ISO rating of 2.

State ISO regulations state that Martin’s ISO rating will remain as 5 until the road mileage extends past the 5 mile point. Thus all property in the City of Martin that is 5 miles from Martin Fire Station, which will include the portion of the annexed area, will have an ISO rating dropped from 5 to 10. Such property annexed, including the new 55 million dollar Floyd Central High School, will be exposed to a huge increase in their fire insurance.

In fact, most insurance companies will not insure class 10 structures. This forces the property owner to go to secondary insurance companies who charge exorbitant prices and are rated at less than normal financial strength.

Police Department:

The City of Prestonsburg has three schools in its boundary. Each morning and evening they have at least 2 to 3 police cars at each school directing traffic and protecting our children. Martin is proposing through new annexation to protect and service six schools. I don’t know how many police officers Martin has, but I have seen their parking lot and only saw 2 police cruisers.

I have lived in this area my entire life. We have drug and theft problems throughout our county as our main complaint. In my view the Martin area is no better or worse than the remainder of the county. I do not see an above average police protection for the proposed annexed property.

Services we now pay for and receive from the county and state verses what we can expect if annexation is successful.

|                 |                        |                           |
|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Service         | With County Government | With annexation           |
| Police          | County/State           | Martin City/County/ State |
| Water           | Southern Water         | Southern Water            |
| Street          | None                   | None                      |
| Sewage          | None                   | None                      |
| Fire Department | Maytown, Left Beaver   | City of Martin            |
| Taxes           | County/State           | City/County/ State        |

The City of Martin is attempting to force annexation down our throats whether we like it or not. They are well aware that the only way that it is a successful move for them is if they annex us, charge us tax and do not give us any benefits. If they were intending to give us benefits, it would make no sense of them annexing us. They would spend more than they took in.

Martin’s problems are a result of years and years of mismanagement. If they are successful in this annexation and collect the 100 of thousands of dollars per year, they will have some relief for a few years. With the same people in charge, they will have the same problem that they now have only it will be a bigger mess in another few years.

Martin needs to solve its own problems. If they need more revenue, they need to cut expenses and raise taxes in the city.

Martin has a part time mayor who holds another full time job in another county. He is not available except in certain instances for city responsibilities.

Should we trust people who are proven failures to be responsible for the health and safety of our 1,952 students, 325 school personnel and \$93,099,158 insured value of school property, tens of millions of dollars of commercial property and hundreds of employees of these commercial properties? Do we send these people hundreds of thousands of dollars each year and expect them to spend it in our best interest. This would all occur without our having any vote what so ever in how they conduct activities that directly affect our personal lives.

We are taught in school that one of the founding principles of our country and the reason that we fought the Revolutionary War with England was “no taxation without representation.” That may be so in the rest of the country but it definitely is not true in and around Martin, Kentucky.

Terry Thornsberry  
Property Owner  
Member of Local Citizens Group Known as “We the People”.  
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## OFFICERS

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Mark McKinzie replacing Scott as vice-chair.

Magoffin County Judge-Executive Matt Wireman replaced former Johnson County Judge-Executive R.T. "Tucker" Daniel as second vice-chairman while Nita Collier moved into the BSADD secretary position. Floyd County Judge-Executive Robbie Williams replaced Collier as treasurer.

Susan Howard was named regional low-income representative, with Lyndon Butcher and Mark Gooch named as citizen members.

Citizens appointed to the board by judge-executives of each county are Rick Roberts for Floyd County, Chase Caudill from Johnson County, Dan Cecil from Magoffin County, Steve Goble from Martin County and Pike County Deputy Judge-Executive Reggie Hickman.

Scott and Prestons-

burg Mayor Les Stapleton were named to the Kentucky Council of Area Development Districts, representing the interest of BSADD before the state council.

Hale, who serves as BSADD executive director, said during the meeting that the role of legislative representative takes on more importance as tensions between the KCADD and the current state administration increase.

The Big Sandy Area Development District and 14 others were created more than 40 years ago to help encourage regional planning and development, and according the KCADD website, the districts receive federal and state funding for workforce training, aging and home care, transportation, and planning and development and their executive committees are typically made up of county judge-executives and other locally-elected officials.

goffin counties.

Under the agreement, the 192-bed Highlands Regional Medical Center will operate under a new name, the Highlands ARH Regional Medical Center.

ARH operates hospitals in McDowell, Hazard, South Williamson and other locations throughout the Kentucky and West Virginia. It also bought the former Saint Joseph Martin in Floyd County last year, and since July 2018, that hospital has been operating as ARH Our Lady of the Way.

Calls seeking comment from officials at ARH and Highlands were not returned as of press-time Thursday.

## HIGHLANDS

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paperwork with the state to start the acquisition process.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services reports online that ARH Tug Valley Health Services or another "entity of Appalachian Regional Healthcare" filed a notice of acquisition of both Highlands Regional Medical Center and Highlands Home Health on Jan. 15.

Highlands and ARH signed a letter of intent for a merger in September 2017, reporting it would include Highlands hospital as well as its outpatient facilities in Floyd, Johnson, Martin and Ma-

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a byway through a portion of the proposed trail and details of the deed would be shared at a later date.

Stapleton also issued a check for \$395,000 from the city for the 159 acres of property, an action approved by the Prestonsburg City Council during a special meeting on Dec. 27 where the city council gave Stapleton authority to buy the properties for the trail from CSX.

The city received preliminary approval in Aug. 2017 to receive \$1.95 million as part of the 2016 Abandoned Mine Lands Pilot Program for this project and officials report that about \$63,000 has been spent to-date on engineering, surveying and deed work.

Stapleton said the city received the authority to proceed on the project from the U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement in November and CSX has already started removing the rails along the proposed trail.

## Community Events

- Jan. 25, 8 p.m.: John Vaught to perform at The Brickhouse, Prestonsburg
- Jan. 26, 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Buffalo Night, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.
- Jan. 26, 8 p.m.: Russ Preston to perform at The Brickhouse, Prestonsburg
- Jan. 26, 8 p.m.: Colby O'Bryan to perform at Lizzy B's, Prestonsburg
- Jan. 26, noon: Buffalo Night begins, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park
- Jan. 27, 4 p.m.: Community meeting, Maytown Volunteer Fire Department, regarding proposed annexation of 800 acres near Martin.
- Jan. 28, 5 p.m.: Southern Water meets, Southern offices, McDowell.
- Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m.: Floyd County Board of Education meets at May Valley Elementary School. (606) 886-2354
- Jan. 29, 5:30 p.m.: Basics of Home Vegetable Gardening, session 1, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

## New council members in P'burg



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Elaine Belcher

**New Prestonsburg City Council members Josh Turner, left, and Rick Hughes, right, were welcomed by Mayor Les Stapleton during the Monday city council meeting. Turner and Hughes replaced Roy Roberts and Michael Lafferty during the November 2018 elections.**

## OPEN RECORDS REQUEST TO CITY OF MARTIN ITS MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

On January 22, 2019 approximately 100 fellow citizens and I attended your regular Martin City Council meeting. We attended this meeting in hopes of having a dialogue to allow us a better understanding of your annexation of our schools, hospital and commercial property over a broad section of central Floyd County. We were met with a city council and mayor who refused to discuss any issues concerning this very troubling issue that Martin has created.

You excused yourselves to discuss a litigation matter in closed session. Apparently, while in closed session, you also discussed our presence which was not a litigation matter. Our presence and your response should have been in open session in order that we at least could gauge each of your positions on the matter. I, at this time, accused you of discussing public business behind closed doors.

When you returned from your private meeting, you had apparently instructed your attorney, Doug Adams, to make any and all comments for the City of Martin.

The entire reply of what few issues we made was with the statement, "any information you want will have to be asked through an "open records request" in writing. You have made it very plain that you do not intend to inform us of any information that we need to evaluate our position in this matter.

The only avenue left to us to evaluate the City of Martin's past, present and future issues is through written open records request which we will use extensively. Please prepare prompt, accurate and full disclosure of the following.

1. Employees and volunteer workers.
  - a. List of all employees on payroll as of this date and all employees of the past year that no longer work for the City of Martin. This will include Mayor and City Council .
  - b. Complete and total compensation of all employees including mayor and city council members.
  - c. Address of all employees.
  - d. List of job descriptions and department for each city employee.
  - e. Any felonies or misdemeanors that an employee has been charged with or found guilty of in past two years. This includes Mayor and City Council members.
  - f. List of each employee's education, training and experience.
2. Copy of all county, state and federal actions describing any and all actions taken against the City of Martin for failure to follow any regulatory law or rule for the past three years.
  - a. Copy of any and all settlements of noncompliance issues through county, state or federal government for the past three years.
  - b. List of all noncompliances that are outstanding as of this date.
  - c. Copy and list of all litigations the city is involved in as of this date.
3. List of all checks and expenses incurred and or paid for in the past two years including description of expenditure.
4. Copy of all debts owed by City of Martin as of January 1, 2019 to any vendor, contractor or obligation for payment to any county, state or federal government.
5. Copy of cost of water purchased from Prestonsburg City Utilities for the past three years reported month to month.
6. Report of all water sold in past three years showing total billed per month.
7. List of water loss per month for past two years.
8. List of all equipment, vehicles and machinery owned by City of Martin listing who is responsible for each item, its condition and its value.
9. Copy of written policy for city vehicle use by city employees.
10. Provide a readable map of all city boundaries.
11. Provide a readable map of all proposed annexation areas.
12. Provide a list of all commercial property listing owners' names in the City of Martin.
13. Provide list of all properties and or individuals sent an intent to annex letter during January, 2019.
14. Provide a list of all annexed property that has occurred in past 10 years showing the exact location of annexation and date it was annexed. This especially means all roadways.
15. Provide a copy of all notes, studies or information collected regarding the feasibility of the January, 2019 annexation including how much revenue is expected from each location annexed. Provide all information listing how and where you make your estimate of money to be obtained through the annexation. Further furnish all information, notes, studies on any other information made and procured by you in relationship to the cost of extending services to all proposed annex locations.
16. Provide a list of all benefits you intend to furnish to each proposed annexed location.
17. Provide a copy of all reports of any nature that has been issued by the City of Martin to county, state and federal government in the past two years. This is to include yearly budgets and proposed budgets for the future.
18. Provide a copy of all minutes of any and all meetings for the past two years.
19. Provide copies of all contracts, the amount and purpose, issued by City of Martin in past three years. List all responding contractors who were unsuccessful in bid process and winning contractors and their contact information.
20. Provide all documents relating to normal operations listing rules and regulations for employees and guidelines of business procedure to be followed by the City of Martin in daily operation.
21. Provide list of all financial institutions the City of Martin does business with. As of January 1, 2019 provide a financial report listing all cash balances in financial institutions as well as a list of all accounts receivable and accounts payable. Include copies of year end balance sheets for past two years.
22. Provide a copy of the contract issued to Alchemy Engineering containing the amount paid Alchemy along with bid or quotes from any other engineering firm concerning the annexation description sent to me in January, 2019.
23. Provide a copy of all files and communication describing all related activity occurring between City of Martin and Corp of Engineering and total amount of Corp work in Martin since beginning including the dollar amount the Corp has spent. List proposed Corp work expected in next two years with dollar amounts expected to be spent.

I realize that this is a lot of information that I need prior to the January 31, 2019 meeting. I further remind you that Martin's annexation was dropped on us expectantly and does not give us proper time to evaluate our position in this matter. Martin had its first reading of this action prior to anyone knowing about the annexation in progress.

I will expect all answers in the time frame allowed to respond to Open Records Requests.

Terry Thornsberry

Date: January 24, 2019  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Received by City of Martin

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: January 24, 2019  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Fiscal Court changes meeting times

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court changed its monthly meeting times last week.

During a Jan. 18 meeting, the fiscal court unanimously approved a resolution to change meetings from the third Friday of every month at 10 a.m. to the third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m.

It marks the first time the fiscal court has met in the evening for decades.

Magistrate Ronnie Akers, who voted against the change, asked whether changing the meeting times would require some county departments — like the county clerk's office — to pay overtime wages to employees required to attend fiscal court meetings.

"Judge, if we're going to vote on that, since that's going to be a six o'clock meeting, will we be paying people overtime, like, from Chris' office, the sheriff's office, Keith Bartley's office?" Akers asked.

Williams told him officials would coordinate with those offices to see what needs to be done, saying some employees may want to work a shorter day to keep from getting overtime.

Akers asked County Clerk Chris Waugh whether he would be okay with paying overtime to employees who will be required to attend evening meetings.

"Well, that's the pleasure of the court," Waugh told him. "I do whatever you all say. It makes it easier for me, it's less money at 10 o'clock because we're already here."

County Treasurer David Layne said employees could come in late or leave early to reduce overtime caused by evening meetings. Williams agreed.

"We're just trying to accommodate the public," Williams said. "We want folks out, to get involved in the fiscal court meetings. We work for you."

In other news, the fiscal court also:

- Approved adopting Mitchell Drive, a 660-ft. road at Harold, into the county road system.

- Approved transferring \$25,000 from the ABC "Sin Tax" to the sheriff department.

- Approved official holidays for 2019, giving employees state holidays off, including Martin Luther King Jr. Day this month, a half-day on Good Friday in April, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years day. In addition to those state holidays, county employees will also be off work on the day after Thanksgiving, the day after Christmas and on New Year's eve.

- Appointed all fiscal court members to the Floyd County Development Authority Board, with terms expiring for Mike Tackett in December, Mark Crider in 2021,

Akers in 2022, George Ousley and Williams in 2023.

- Appointed Delia Craft to serve on the Wayland Fire Department Taxing District Board,

replacing Denzel Martin, who resigned his position. Craft will serve through July 18, 2020.

- Rehired Mark York and Larry Stumbo, who were laid off at the last

meeting, placing York in parks and Stumbo as a road department mechanic.

- Hired Wheelwright Mayor Don Hall as the county park supervisor,

to be paid a salary of \$1,250 bi-weekly.

- Approved spending \$2,900 for security bonds for various county officials.
- Approved a

\$100,000 county revenue bond for the clerk's office.

- Re-appointed Tim Fields, Hattie Owens and Gary Garrett as the county's FEMA applicant agents.

## ANNOUNCE YOUR NEWS

### Welcome Baby Smith



John Caleb Smith, the son of Aaron and Christy Smith of Allen was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Thelma Ratliff of Allen and John and Dorothy Smith of Wheelwright, Ky.

### Birth Announcements

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

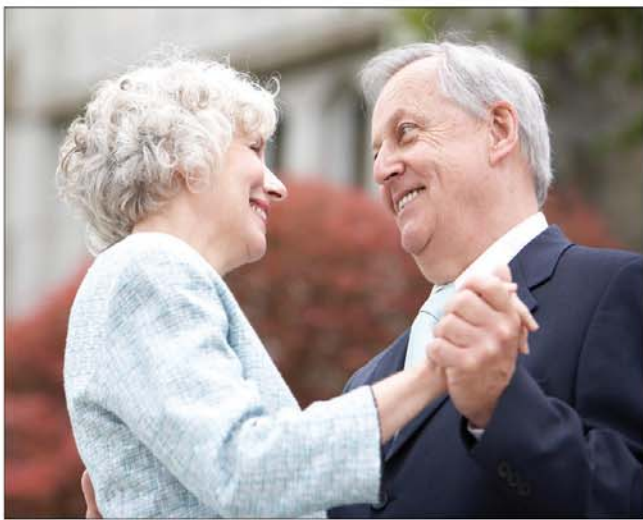
### Celebrating Birthdays



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.

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# Scriptures during financial difficulties

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and making their treasuries full. – Proverbs 8:20-21

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but whoever gathers money little by little makes it grow. – Proverbs 13:11

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it; – Psalm 24:1

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.” – 1 Chronicles 29:14

But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is to-day. – Deuteronomy 8:18

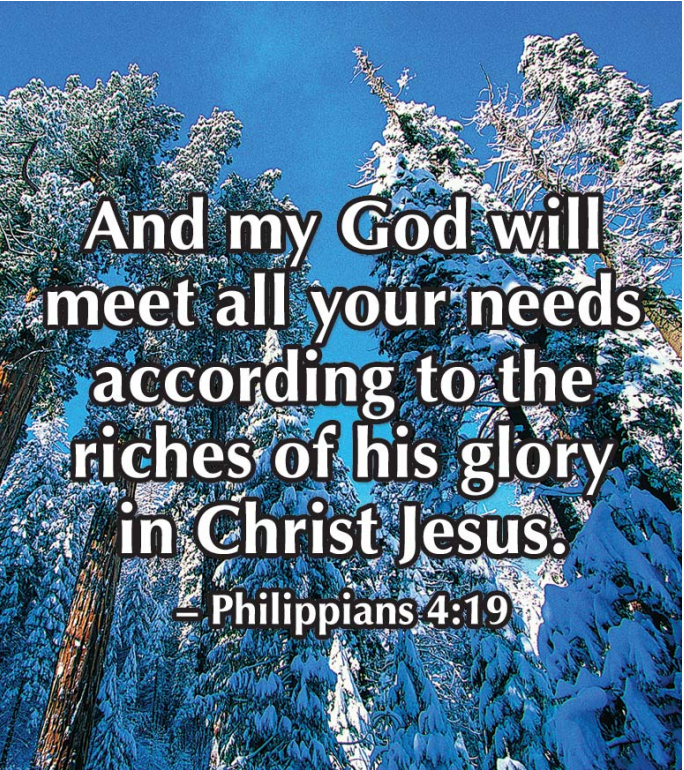
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!  
– 2 Corinthians 9:15

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. – 2 Peter 1:3

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? 26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” – Matthew 6:25-26

He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.  
– John 21:6

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:



“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.”  
Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. – 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

Do not be overawed when others grow rich, when the splendor of their houses increases; for they will take nothing with them when they die, their splendor will not descend with them.  
– Psalm 49:16-17

Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.  
– Proverbs 11:28

# Enerblu needs our prayers



By JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

Enerblu President and CEO Daniel Elliott announced the company needs \$30 million to prepare the land at the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park in Pikeville, Kentucky before the building begins. This \$30 million wasn't included in their original figures for constructing their 1.5 million square foot manufacturing facility.

My heart sunk when I read the words written by Chase Ellis in the weekend edition of the Appalachian News-Express. As coal production continues to decline, so does everything else. Thousands have lost jobs. People have relocated or taken lower-paying jobs. Some are still in search of work. Some people remain living in the area, but drive hours away to work in Huntington, Charleston or elsewhere. Quite simply put: We are struggling economically. People are losing their homes. It's truly a heart-breaking situation.

With the rapidly declining economy, I have considered Enerblu to be our area's best financial hope.

It's a beacon of light in the darkness. But as I read the words Elliott stated to the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, fear crept into my heart. Now, I'm calling out to all prayer warriors to pray for our economy and to pray for Enerblu.

Enerblu needs investors to cover the \$30 million needed. “One thing that would help is to get more local investment in our project. The big banks, like in New York, they go, ‘Oh, the local investors, community is putting in,’ then they feel better about it,” Elliott said. This isn't something that I (nor most of you) are able to help out with. In order to invest, you need a minimum of \$1 million. I don't have that kind of money. However, if I did, I would invest \$1 million in them. We need our local investors – banks, company owners, individually wealthy people – to provide the capital. We need them to invest in our people and our future. Our area is in dire need. Those who have the ability to help need to step up and aid in this project. The fact is, even if Enerblu doesn't build here, they will build somewhere. Therefore, the investors will get their money back – and more.

Secondly, everyone needs to cooperate to get this project off the ground. Elliott said while in China, he saw “a lot of, what we would call, corruption,” but

that government entities, from “the local community, their city, their county, their province, the federal ... central government in Beijing ... were all in alignment.” “Not everything here is in alignment. Even when the government is operating, there are all sorts of different factions and arguments and things that go on,” he said. “I didn't even speak the language (in China) and was able to build a facility in three years, because they were all lined up. They were all in agreement and that is not what we find here.” Here's the fact: Politicians are there to serve the people. The people need Enerblu. Stop griping about the unimportant. Stop putting one area/region over another. Stop impeding progress. Deliver on the promises you made. Our livelihood depends on this.

I'm calling on all prayer

warriors to pray over these issues. I'm asking you to go to God Almighty, the creator of all things, and ask for His divine guidance. Ask that the company seeks God as they face these challenges head-on. Ask for God's help, so that Enerblu receives the necessary funds in order to build in Pikeville. Ask God that those person(s)/companies who have the ability to invest, to do so. Ask for God's mighty hand to guide this project and all government entities will align to make this project run smoothly and get off the ground. Ask God that Enerblu be able to open the doors of Enerblu in Pikeville before the delayed completion of 2021, allowing hundreds of people to gain employment.

Our area desperately needs Enerblu and God has the ability to deliver such an ambitious feat. The God that moves mountains, parted the Red Sea (Exodus 14:29), delivered Daniel from the lion's den (Daniel 6:22) and Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from the fire (Daniel 3:26-27) can build Enerblu. As children of God, we are assured that He will listen to our prayers, He will hear us and He will answer. Let us have no doubt. Even if His answer isn't what we want, when we want it, He will provide us with exactly what we need. Let us go before the God of the universe and ask for His help.

The fact is,  
even if Enerblu  
doesn't build here,  
they will build  
somewhere.

# Living the good life

The ancient philosophers agreed on the value of philosophy to the good life. While this may seem like self-praise, it is simply the recognition that life is problematic, and that happiness, virtue and the good life are not things that just happen. A life well-lived must be planned, and worked at, and reflected upon. Socrates considered that living well, in the sense of being a good person and living virtuously, was so important that he spent his entire adult life questioning people who claimed to know about virtue, famously saying that “the unexamined life is not worth living.” Unfortunately for Socrates, the so-called experts didn't know as much as they thought, and Socrates' role as a social critic led to his downfall. Aristotle stressed the importance of philosophy to the good life because he thought that the part of the soul which understands should be the guiding element in life, saying “the human good proves to be activity of the soul in accord with virtue, and indeed with the best and most complete virtue, if there are more virtues than one.” Ironically, the ancients seemed to understand that life is complicated and requires deep thought to figure it out, whereas in our more complicated modern times, we seem to drift through life without giving much thought to the most important questions, such as the meaning of life and how to live a good life. Look around at all the unhappy people who think that happiness is just a feeling or a psychological state and that if only they take the right pill, or amuse themselves with the right entertainment, they will be happy.



– Christopher Simon

“Let no one delay the study of philosophy while young nor weary of it when old. For no one is either too young or too old for the health of the soul.”  
—Epicurus (Letter to Menoeceus)

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Prestonsburg senior Reesce Endicott looks to push the basketball up the floor as the Lady Blackcats defeated Perry Central 63-42 at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Monday night.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Steve LeMaster

# Lady Blackcats top Perry Central

**By STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Claiming another victory over a tradition-rich program, host Prestonsburg pulled away to defeat visiting Perry Central 63-42 in a non-district girls' high school basketball game at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Monday night.

With the loss, Perry Central dropped to 4-12.

Prestonsburg improved to 14-7 with the win.

Senior Kaitlyn Keathley poured in a game-high 25 points to lead Prestonsburg to the victory. Prestonsburg featured two scorers in double figures. Accompanying Keathley in double figures for the Lady Blackcats, Caroline Ariaz added 14 points.

Alison Campbell narrowly missed reaching double figures for the Lady Blackcats, netting eight points.

Prestonsburg took control of the game in the opening quarter, outscoring Perry Central 21-11. The Lady Blackcats led 33-18 at halftime and remained in control after the intermission period.

Alivia Slone (five points), Reesce Endicott (five points), Kylie Stephens (three points), and Faith Lazar (one point) accounted for the rest of Prestonsburg's individual scoring.

Courtney Hoskins paced Perry Central in scoring, finishing with a team-high 18 points. Rani McIntyre was the only other Perry Central player to reach double figures in the scoring column, netting 14 points.

Brook Whitaker (four points), Sydnee Minks (three points), Madison Eversole (two points) and Chelsea Napier (one point) provided Perry Central's additional scoring in the setback.

The Prestonsburg and Perry Central girls' basketball teams met for the first time in the 2018/2019 season.

# Bobcats suffer district loss to Lawrence County

**By STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

LOUISA — Fresh off a 58th District win on the road over Floyd County rival Prestonsburg, Betsy Layne couldn't carry that momentum into its next matchup. Host Lawrence County pulled away to defeat Betsy Layne 69-41 in a 58th District boys' basketball game on Tuesday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne slipped to 10-10 overall and 2-2 in the 58th District.

Lawrence County improved to 14-6 overall and 3-1 in the district with the win.

Cody Maynard led Lawrence County with a game-high 17 points. Two Lawrence County players reached double figures in the scoring column as Tyler Maynard netted 15 points.

Flirting with double figures for the Bulldogs, Alex Ratliff flipped in nine points.

Lawrence County set the tone early, outscoring Betsy Layne 17-6 in the opening quarter. Ultimately, Lawrence County doubled up Betsy Layne 30-15 in the first half.

Extending its lead shortly after halftime, Lawrence County outscored Betsy Layne 22-12 in the third quarter.

Chase Sartin (eight points), Trenton Adkins (six points), Baden Gilispie (four points), Noah Fairchild (four points), CJ Fairchild (three points) and Jacob Savage (three points) combined for the rest of the Bulldogs' scoring.

Betsy Layne shot 36.7 percent (18 of 49) from the field. The Bobcats were missed all 10 attempts from three-point range.

Visiting Betsy Layne shot 42.9 percent (three of seven) from the free-throw line.

Betsy Layne didn't feature any scorers in double figures. Jordan Frazier led Betsy Layne with nine points. The other scorers for Betsy Layne were Nicholas Howell (six points), Chase Mims (six points), Grant Orsborn (six points), Lukas Manns (four points), Frank Tackett (two points), Davy Bentley (two points), Brady Robinson (two points), Zack Bentley (two points) and Nate Mims (two points).

# Lady Jaguars knock off Shelby Valley, 53-43

**By STEVE LeMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

ROBINSON CREEK — After trailing in the fourth quarter, Floyd Central battled back to beat host Shelby Valley 53-43 in a girls' high school basketball game on Tuesday night.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 19-1.

Shelby Valley dropped to 10-11 with the loss.

Finishing strong, Floyd Central outscored Shelby Valley 16-3 in the final quarter.

Floyd Central shot 41.3 percent (19 of 46) from the field. The Lady Jaguars were four of 11 from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 73.3 percent (11 of 15) from the free-throw line.

Thriving inside, Floyd Central outrebounded Shelby Valley 31-23.

Katie Moore led Floyd Central with a game-high 21 points and eight rebounds. Following Moore in scoring for the Lady Jaguars, Lauren Preston added 12 points and nine rebounds. Matching Preston's offensive output, Kaylee Moore tossed in 12 points while securing seven rebounds.

Grace Martin (four points), Abby Maggard (three points) and Brook Stumbo (one point) combined to account for the rest of Floyd Central's scoring.

Shelby Valley, which led 28-14 at halftime, shot 37 percent (17 of 46) from the field, finishing only two of 16 from beyond the arc. Home-standing Shelby Valley shot 58.3 percent (seven of 12) from the free-throw line.

Alyssa Elswick led Shelby Valley with a team-best 20 points. Elswick was the only Shelby Valley player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Alyssa Newsome posted eight points while Kylie Hall netted five points for Shelby Valley in the setback.

Cassidy Rowe (three points), Laci Johnson (three points), Tori Hampton (two points) and Kaitlyn Adkins (two points) provided the rest of Shelby Valley's individual scoring.



# Betsy Layne captures Floyd County K-5 title



photo courtesy of Betsy Layne Elementary School

**Betsy Layne captured the Floyd County K-5 boys' basketball title on Tuesday night.**

BY STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — Betsy Layne captured the Floyd County K-5 boys' basketball title earlier in the week. The Bobcats beat May Valley 28-13 in the Floyd County K-5

title game at J.E. Campbell Arena on Tuesday night.

Carter Parsons scored a game-high 12 points, recorded three steals and dished out three assists to lead Betsy Layne to the victory.

Four players accounted for all of Betsy Layne's scoring in the championship-clinching victory. Isaiah Allen added seven points, two rebounds and one steal for the Bobcats. Keaton Brown, who ranked as the Bobcats' top defen-

sive player, added five points, four steals and two rebounds. Accompanying three of his teammates in the Betsy Layne scoring column, Andrew Collins contributed four points while pulling down three rebounds.

Ethan Hammond, who dominated inside, delivered three steals and a game-high 10 rebounds for the Bobcats. Contributing inside for Betsy Layne, Canyon Slone and Carson Campbell pulled down one rebound apiece.

Trey Turner led May Valley with a team-best six points. May Valley featured three different scorers as Logan Slone netted five points and Brady Meadows finished with two points.

# Blackcats beat Belfry, 46-38

BY STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

Blackcats doubled up  
Belfry 16-8 in the final  
quarter.

PRESTONSBURG - Blake Slone scored 14 points while Graham Burchett and Josh Hall posted 11 points apiece as host Prestonsburg beat 15th Region rival Belfry 46-38 in a boys' high school basketball game on Tuesday night.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 9-10.

Belfry slipped to 6-14 with the loss.

Prestonsburg recovered from a slow start to claim the victory. Belfry edged Prestonsburg 11-10 in the first quarter. Then, adding to its lead, Belfry outscored Prestonsburg 10-7 in the second quarter to lead 21-17 at halftime.

But Prestonsburg excelled after the intermission period, outscoring Belfry 29-17 in the second half. The

Adam Slone (four points), Grant Justice (two points), Clayton Smith (two points) and Kaleb Jarvis (two points) accounted for the rest of the Blackcats' scoring.

Prestonsburg was nine of 17 from the free throw line in the win.

Canaan Fletcher led Belfry with a game-high 15 points. Fletcher was the only Belfry player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Dezmon Roblee  
scored seven points  
while Ty May added six  
points for Pirates.

The other scorers for Belfry were Avery Browning (five points), Brett Coleman (four points) and Josh Barker (one point).

Belfry was 13 of 22 from the free-throw line in the setback.

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# Jaguars remain in loss column at Magoffin County

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

SALYERSVILLE — Floyd Central remained in the loss column earlier in the week. Magoffin County rolled past visiting Floyd Central 63-31 in a boys' high school basketball game on Monday night.

With the loss, Floyd Central dropped to 2-18.

Magoffin County improve to 11-8 with the win.

Brady Whitaker poured in a game-high 29 points to lead

Magoffin County to the victory. Joining Whitaker in double figures for the Hornets, Randy Bailey added 10 points.

Narrowly missing double figures for Magoffin County in the victory, Chandler Lykins netted nine points.

Magoffin County took control of the matchup versus Floyd Central early and never faltered, eventually winning convincingly.

The Hornets set the tone during the game's initial eight minutes, outscoring Floyd Cen-

tral 11-5 in the first quarter. Magoffin County outscored Floyd Central 15-12 in the second quarter to lead 26-19 at halftime.

Starting to distance itself from Floyd Central shortly after the intermission period, Magoffin County outscored the visiting team 19-10 in the third quarter.

Finishing strong, Magoffin County outscored Floyd Central 18-2 in the final frame.

Magoffin County shot 76.9 percent (20 of 26) form the

free throw line. The Hornets were five of 14 from three-point range. Magoffin County shot 46.7 percent (14 of 30) from inside the arc.

Aden Barnett (seven points), Mason Lovely (four points), Ryan Henderson (two points) and Isaiah Salyer (two points) accounted for the rest of the Hornets' individual scoring.

Struggling offensively, Floyd Central shot 26.5 percent (13 of 49) from the field. The Jaguars were only one of 16

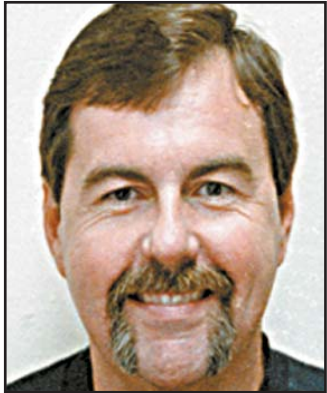
from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot just 33.3 percent (four of 12) from the free-throw line.

Brady Conn and Ethan Smith-Mills led Floyd Central with nine points apiece. Narrowly missing a double-double, Conn pulled down a game-high 15 rebounds.

Hayden Hall added six points, Dalton Boyd flipped in four points and Caleb Hager contributed two points for the Jaguars in the loss.

# McMurray's Daytona ride set



Racin'  
Steve Mickey

Retirement announcements in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series like any other of the professional sports doesn't always translate into forever but for Jamie McMurray it appears that after the Daytona 500 that the former Chip Ganassi Racing driver will walk off into the sunset for the final time. Late in the 2018 MENCS season, Ganassi and McMurray announced that he would not be coming back to CGR as a full time driver in 2019 but the door was still open for him to land another ride for this season.

It had to be tough on McMurray to walk away from the organization that had been home to

him for the bulk of his career. He actually started driving for CGR in 2002 when he filled in for the injured Sterling Marlin and surprised the entire series when he won in only his second start at the Cup level in Charlotte. The win set the record for the fewest number of starts before his first win. He eventually made six starts that season before becoming a full-time driver the following season.

While he never won a championship in his time at CGR, he did win some of the sport's biggest races. He was one of only three drives that have won the Daytona 500 and the Brickyard 400 in the same season, a feat that he shares with Dale Jarrett and Jimmie Johnson. He also paired his Daytona 500 win with a checkered flag in the Rolex 24 at Daytona which put him in an exclusive club with drivers such as Mario Andretti, Jeff Gordon and AJ Foyt.

McMurray would like to once again capture

some of his old Daytona magic as it was just announced that he would drive in this season's Daytona 500 before he begins doing some TV work in the sport. He will be driving for Spire Motorsports who bought Furniture Rowe Racing's charter for the season which guarantees him a starting spot for the season opener. Spire's Daytona effort should be made a little easier as it has formed a partnership with CGR which will help in their prep work in the days leading up to the race.

The partnership should put McMurray into a car that he feels very comfortable in but when he crawls in behind the wheel it will not have his familiar No. 1 on the side. His Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 will campaign the No. 40 but he will recognize the names adoring the car's paint job. His long-time sponsors McDonald's, Bass Pro Shops and Cessna will be will be on board when he takes

the green flag to start the race.

There would be no better way for McMurray to step away from the sport than to add another Harley J Earl trophy to go along with the one he captured in 2010 as the Daytona 500 winner. That may be tough as it is for anyone but Austin Dillon showed everyone last year that all you have to do is be around at the finish to have a chance to make a trip to victory lane and with his Daytona experience, it may not be as long of a shot as what it appears

**SAD NEWS:** NASCAR lost one of its pioneers and most successful figures on Friday when Glen Wood passed away at the age of 93. He formed Wood Brother Racing in 1950 and that organization is still competing in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series in its famous No. 21 Ford. He was the team's first driver and won 4 races in NASCAR's top series but it was his contributions

as an owner that set him apart. He is credited with creating the modern day pit stop that we see today. Wood's list of drivers that he put behind the wheel of his famous Ford includes 18 different winning drivers with 10 of them being NASCAR Hall of Fame members.

The organization has accumulated 99 wins with at least one win in each of the last six decades including 5 Daytona 500 wins. The team will continue competing as it has in recent years being led by his sons Eddie, Len and daughter Kim.

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| Adult/Teen Lego Night (No Kids)<br>Tuesday, 22nd, 5 PM<br>Prestonsburg  | 7 Wesley Christian (B), Bright Beginnings (B)   | 8 Creekside (B), Ivy Creek (B), Unsolved Mysteries 7:30 PM (P), Design Our Bookmark Contest (P), Sign Language 5:30 PM (EB) | 9 Dixie Apartments (B), Toddler Time 12pm (EB)                  | 10 Adventure Learning Center (B), Martin Senior Citizen's Outreach, Story Time 10 & 2 (P)  | 11   | 12   |
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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – If you connect with former co-workers, an opportunity or suggestion will lead to a new beginning. Plan something special with a loved one.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) – Rethink your current status and lifestyle. Consider the company you keep and the things you spend your money on, and make some improvements.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) – Emotions will run high, and you will need to channel your energy into something productive. Much can be accomplished if you focus on being helpful and loving.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) – Keep everything in order. Don't lose sight of your goals. Focus on quality, not quantity. Take care of unfinished personal business, de-clutter your life and let new beginnings emerge.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) – Socialize, travel and learn. Discuss your feelings, intentions and plans with a loved one. Change requires thought and a precise blueprint for you to follow.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) – Slow down and think before you make a move or say something you'll regret. Concentrate on projects that require you to learn something new or that challenge your imagination.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – Aim to get ahead. Success will be yours if you mix business with pleasure. Personal improvements will lead to compliments, and romance will enrich your

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life. Live up to your promises.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Live within your means. Learn from your mistakes. Don't let anger take the reins when the best revenge is your own success. Focus on what you can do, not on what you cannot.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Know what you want, and don't let anyone come between you and achieving your goal. Let your charm and intelligence help you outmaneuver anyone trying to hold you back.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Stick to your game plan and refuse to let what others do interject and lead you off course. Taking a different approach and working alone will bring the highest returns.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Pick up the pace and take care of unfinished business. Make plans that encourage exercise, proper diet and a chance to try something new. Plan a romantic evening or attend a social event.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Walk away from unstable people and projects that aren't intriguing or realistic. Don't let anyone tamper with your emotions or box you into a corner. Know when to say no.

# TODAY'S SUDOKU PUZZLE

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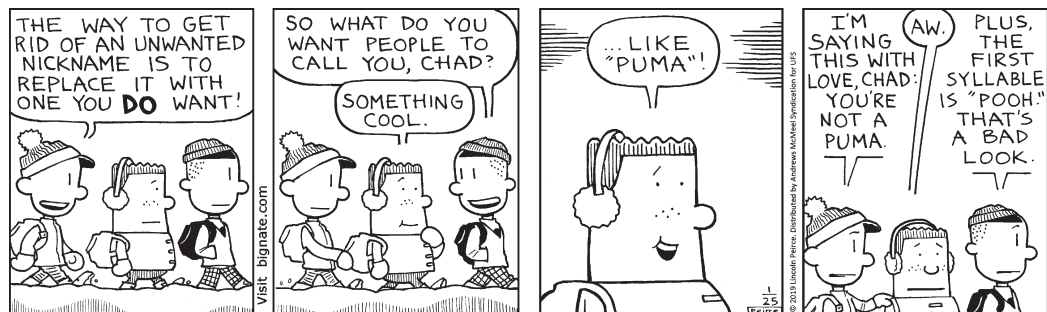
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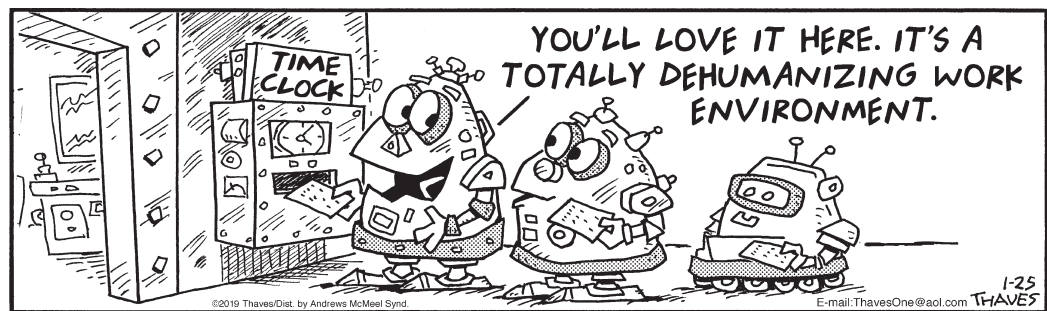
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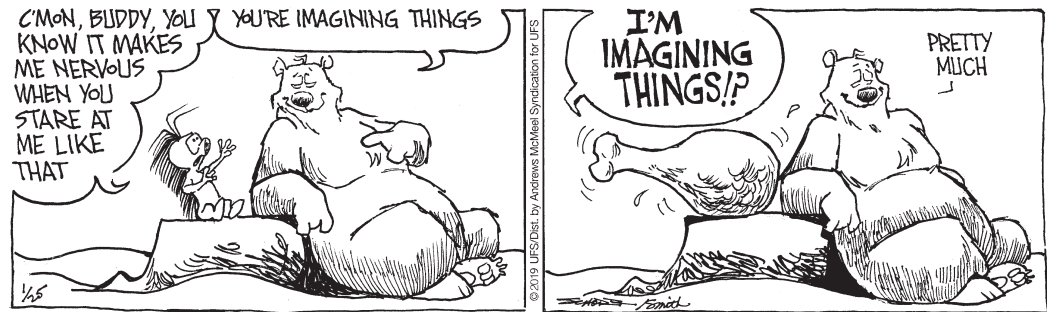
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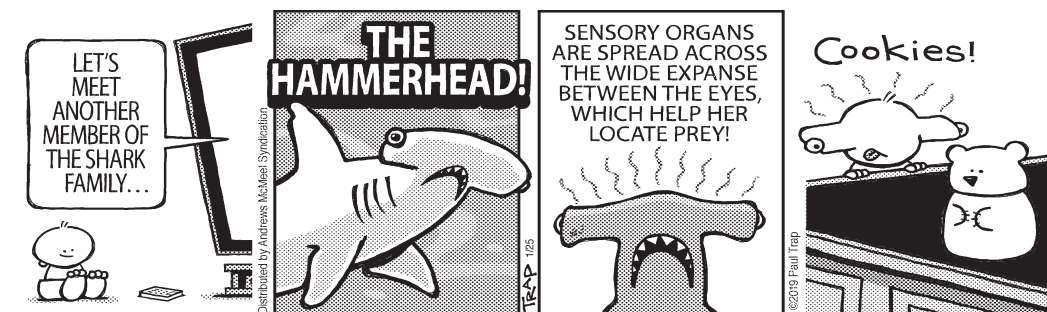
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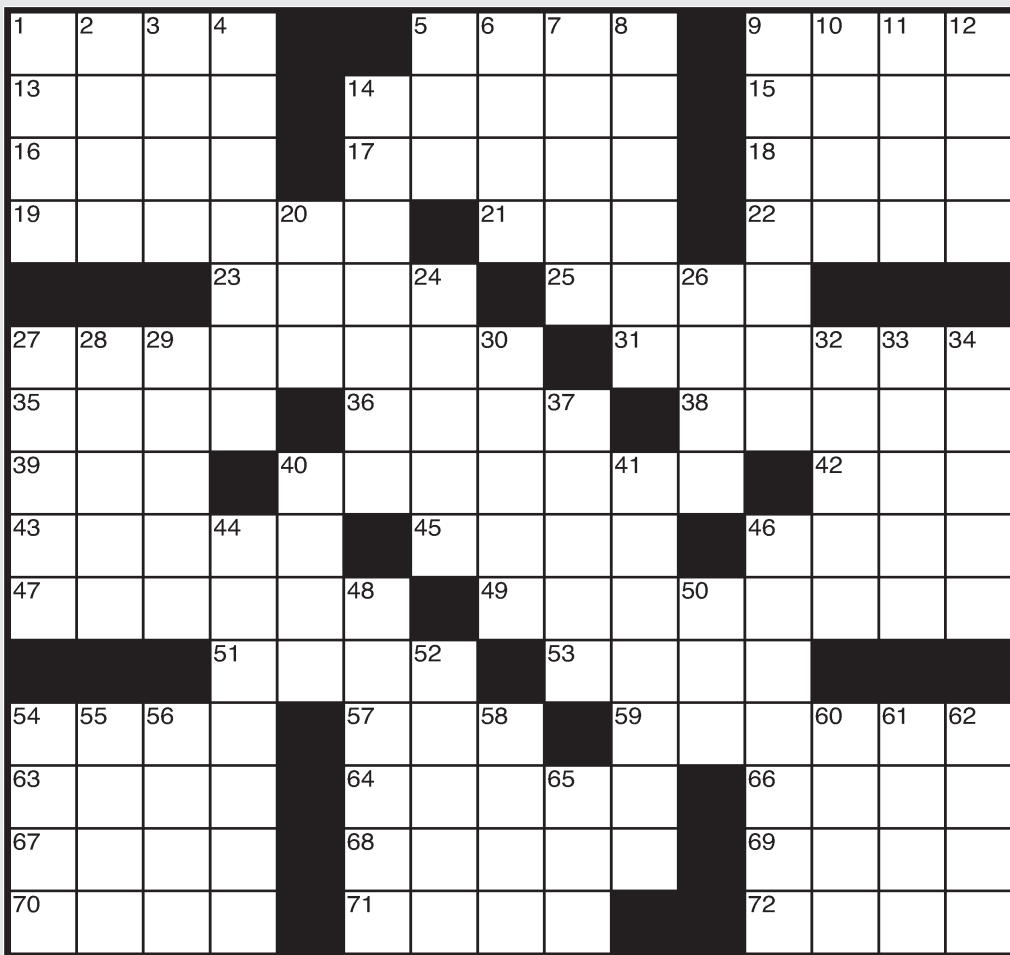
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| 3  | — -do-well          | 54 | Sampras of tennis       |
| 4  | Goes off the track  | 55 | River in Russia         |
| 5  | Time divs.          | 56 | Tiny stream             |
| 6  | Naturalness         | 58 | Not spicy               |
| 7  | Make additions to   | 60 | Extreme                 |
| 8  | Takeoff (hyph.)     | 61 | Designer — Schiaparelli |
| 9  | Doorbell ancestor   | 62 | Meg — of films          |
| 10 | Gutter site         | 65 | Mauna —                 |
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5615

Renewal No. 7

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509, has applied for a renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located approximately 2.60 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 2.22 surface. The proposed operation is approximately 0.90 miles east from KY 1929's junction with CR 1140 and located along Gap fork.

The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Brenda J. Edington and Laurel Mountain Resources, LLC. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources' Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of Mine Permits, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Spurlock Mining, LLC, 3228 Summit Square Place, Suite 180, Lexington, Kentucky 40509 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increments 3, 7 and 10

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of permit number 836-0445

which was last issued on June 22, 2018. Increment 3 covers an area of approximately 27.09 acres, Increment 7 covers an area of approximately 24.47 acres and Increment 10 covers an area of approximately 18.75 acres located 0.6 miles south of Hite in Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 0.6 miles northwest from the junction of KY Route 122 and KY Route 2030 and located in the vicinity of Osborn Branch. The bond now in effect for Increment 3 is a surety bond in the amount of \$103,000. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$103,000 is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment 7 is a surety bond in the amount of \$115,600. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$115,600 is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment 10 is a surety bond in the amount of \$92,300. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$92,300 is included in this application for release. Reclamation work performed for Increment 3 includes backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Summer of 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 7 includes backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall 2017. Reclamation work performed for Increment 10 includes backfilling, grading and seeding which was completed in Fall of 2013. Results thus far achieved are backfilling, grading, and initial revegetation of disturbed areas.

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Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by March 4, 2019.

A public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 4, 2019.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Lexington Coal Company, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 2, Milton, WV 25541 has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Increment No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of **Permit Number 836-0461**, which was last issued on November 16, 2018. Increment No. 1 covers an area approximately 132.55 acres, Increment No. 2 covers an area approximately 206.48 acres, Increment No. 3 covers an area approximately 330.80 acres, Increment No. 4 covers an area approximately 30.42 acres, Increment No. 5 covers an area approximately 25.91 acres, Increment No. 6 covers an area approximately 102.90 acres located 1.0 miles northwest of Hennon in Floyd and Pike Counties. The permit is approximately 2.93 miles northeast from the junction of US 23 with CR 1026 and located along Shop Branch of Mare Creek.

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The bond now in effect for Increment No. 1 is a Surety Bond in the amount of forty-three thousand nine hundred dollars (\$43,900.00). The remaining bond of forty-three thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$43,900.00), is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 1 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 2 is a Surety Bond in the amount of seventy thousand six hundred dollars (\$70,600.00). The remaining bond of seventy thousand, six hundred dollars (\$70,600.00), is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 2 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 3 is a Surety Bond in the amount of one hundred thirty-three thousand one hundred dollars (\$133,100.00). The remaining bond of one hundred thirty-three thousand, one hundred dollars (\$133,100.00), is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 3 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 4 is a Surety Bond in the amount of thirty-two thousand four hundred dollars (\$32,400.00). The remaining bond of thirty-two thousand, four hundred dollars (\$32,400.00), is being requested for release. Reclamation work performed on In-

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crement No.'s 4 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 5 is a Surety Bond in the amount of eight thousand eight hundred dollars (\$8,800.00). The remaining bond of eight thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$8,800.00), is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 5 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

The bond now in effect for Increment No. 6 is a Surety Bond in the amount of thirty-one thousand eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00). The remaining bond of thirty-one thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$31,800.00), is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment No.'s 6 include: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching and planting of trees completed in Fall 2000.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Blvd., 2nd Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by March 11, 2019.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by .

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5616

Renewal No. 7

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The proposed operation is approximately 0.10 miles south from KY 1929's junction with Ned Fork Road and located 0.10 miles south of Frasure Creek. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Della Vance and Wade Frasure. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Depart-

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In accordance with the publication requirements under the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, notice is hereby given that Peoples Bank intends to apply to the Federal Reserve Board and the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions for permission to cause The First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Inc., to merge with and into Peoples Bank. Peoples Bank has its principal place of business located at 138 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750. The First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Inc., has its principal place of business located at 311 N. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. It is expected that after the completion of the merger, all of The First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg Inc.'s banking office locations will continue to be operated as branch locations of Peoples Bank.

The Federal Reserve considers a number of factors in deciding whether to approve the application, including the record of performance of the applicant banks in helping to meet local credit needs.

You are invited to submit comments in writing on this application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, 1455 East Sixth Street, Cleveland, OH 44114, or via e-mail: comments.applications@clev.frb.org. The comment period will not end before **January 28, 2019**. The Board's procedures for processing applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. Part 262. Procedures for processing protested applications may be found at 12 C.F.R. 262.25. To obtain a copy of the Federal Reserve Board's procedures, or if you need more information about how to submit your comments on the application, contact Allen M. Brown, Banking Supervisor, at (216) 579-3091. The Federal Reserve will consider your comments and any request for a public meeting or formal hearing on the application if they are received in writing by the Reserve Bank on or before the last day of the comment period.

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