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## Flood caused telecommunications outage in Floyd, Pike

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

The recent flood damaged fiber lines that service customers of Gearheart Communications and InterMountain Cable this week, causing an outage of telephone,

internet and television services to thousands of residents in Floyd and Pike counties.

The Feb. 14 outage impacted homes and businesses in Ivel and other areas located along U.S. 23, as well as David, Martin, Blue River,

Garrett, Grethel, Minnie and areas on the northern end of Pike County. The outage began at approximately 12:20 p.m. on Feb. 14 and service was restored after 4 a.m. on Feb. 15, Gearheart Communications Marketing Director Heath Wiley

said.

He said the outage impacted most of Floyd County, and a few places in Pike County.

Wiley reported that the outage occurred because of recent flooding. Flood waters downed a pole near Hylton Homes

in Ivel and a fiber cable that stretched across the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River was damaged.

Service was not impacted, he said, until after flood waters started receding and debris in

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## Conn disbarred

BY AARON K. NELSON  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Former Social Security attorney Eric C. Conn has been formally disbarred from practicing law in Kentucky, after filing a letter of resignation with the Kentucky Bar Association.

According to a ruling from the Kentucky Supreme Court, the KBA has two files on Conn's actions supporting the case for disbarment.

The first followed a 2013 plea to a campaign finance violation in which Conn pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor after making "straw" donations through his employees to the campaign of Justice Will T. Scott.

The second came after he pleaded guilty last year to felony charges for bribing an administrative law judge to approve his clients' Social Security cases. Conn wrote a letter resigning from KBA after that plea, and Conn's attorney, Scott White, of Lexington, filed the relevant motion while Conn was allegedly out of the country, the ruling said.

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## Women in Red raise awareness



Nearly 80 people gathered at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Thursday to celebrate the ninth annual Go Red for Women Lunch & Learn event. The event is sponsored by Saint Joseph Martin, KentuckyOne Health and the American Heart Association. The event offered attendees the chance to receive information about heart disease and ways to prevent it. John Triplett, MD, was the keynote speaker for Thursday's event.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Josh Little



## MCCC celebrates opening of Dogwood Apartments

BY MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

new apartment complex this week.

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center officials joined others to celebrate the opening of its

A ribbon-cutting was held on Feb. 15 at MCCC's new Dogwood Apartment complex, located at 1416

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Floyd Chronicle and Times by Mary Meadows

Mountain Comprehensive Care Center officials and community leaders cut the ribbon to officially open the Dogwoods Apartment complex in Prestonsburg.

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Gina Rose of the Kent Rose Foundation, left, and BSCTC President Dr. Sherry Zylka sign an agreement to establish a new automotive technology scholarship.

## Kent Rose Foundation launches BSCTC scholarship

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

A Prestonsburg resident who died in 2016 is leaving a legacy at Big Sandy Community & Technical College.

BSCTC President Dr. Sherry Zylka finalized an agreement on Feb. 8 with the Kent Rose Foundation to establish the Kent Rose Foundation scholarship.

Rose died of lung cancer in 2016, and his wife Gina established the foundation to “carry on Kent’s vision of helping students achieve their goals by providing community college scholarships.” Rose owned an automobile repair shop in Prestonsburg for years prior to his death. The scholarship is open to high school students seeking associate degrees in automotive technology at BSCTC.

“We are overwhelmed with emotion today as we sign the agreement with Dr. Zylka in partnering with

Big Sandy Community & Technical College to establish the Kent Rose Foundation Automotive Technology Scholarship,” Gina Rose said in a press release. “This scholarship has been years in the making. We are so thankful for the support we have had on the journey here and look forward to continued growth as, together we can change lives.”

The scholarship is open to students who have demonstrated a financial need and may be renewed for a second year if they maintain a 3.0 GPA. Applications are being accepted at BSCTC through April 1.

“We are thankful for our community partners like the Kent Rose Foundation, Inc. who continue to help us provide educational opportunities to students in our area who may not have had them otherwise,” Dr. Zylka said in a statement.

For more information, call Kelli Ayers at, (606) 886-7358, or email, kayers0006@kctcs.edu.

## All applications filed in superintendent search

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

All applications for the Floyd County School District’s new superintendent have been received.

The Kentucky School Boards Association, which was hired by the Floyd County Board of Education to conduct the district’s search for a new superintendent, closed the application process on Feb. 9.

Don Martin, a KSBA representative who is leading the search for the district, would not disclose how many applications have been received this week, saying he wants to first present that information to the board.

The Floyd County Board of Education and the district’s Superintendent Search committee will host a joint meeting on Monday, Feb. 19, at 6 p.m. at May Valley Elementary School to discuss the search.

The board approved the appointment of the six-member search committee last year, accepting nomination from teachers, principals, classified employees and parent organizations. It includes Floyd County Board of Education Chairman Sherry Robinson, Floyd Central High School Principal Greta Thornsberry, Talented and Gifted Program coordinator Karen DeRossett, Adams Middle School math teacher Charles Rowe, maintenance employee Mike Howard and Floyd County Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, a parent representative.

In previous board meetings, Martin described the joint meeting with the screening committee as an “opportunity for the board of education to tell the screening committee what they want”

in a new superintendent. He said the screening committee will go through the applications submitted that evening, and start writing questions they want to ask the candidates. The number of applications would be narrowed down, he said, to 10 or 11 people the committee members want to know more about.

The KSBA will provide a rubric, he said, that will quantify the board’s criteria against each applicant so the candidates can be ranked. Interviews will begin at the second screening committee meeting, he previously reported, and virtual interviews will be permitted.

When he shared this information with the board last year, Martin suggested waiting until the spring to collect applications, saying that more candidates may be available at that time. He joked, “Usually that’s what we call in the business, is the fishing season for superintendents.”

His comments prompted Robinson to ask if the district can extend the search into the spring if the “fish aren’t biting.” Martin told her the district can advertise for as long as it wants at no additional charge.

The committee will review applications and make recommendations to the Floyd County Board of Education. The board, however, is not required to hire the candidate recommended by the committee.

Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble was hired on June 26, 2017, to replace former Superintendent Dr. Henry Webb, who resigned that month and moved to Kenton County. Trimble’s contract runs through June 30, 2018.

## Marriages filed

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The following marriages were recently filed in the Floyd County Clerk’s office:

Cary Jennifer Wicker, 43, of Auxier, to Amanda Faye Blackburn, 38, of

Auxier  
Shelly L. Hall, 43, of Auxier, to Madison Hall, 53, of Auxier  
Roger D. Hicks, 67, of Topmost, to Lavena S. Hall, 52, of Melvin  
Megan Nicole Auxier, 28, of Paintsville, to John Douglas Holbrook, 36, of

Salyersville  
Herman H. Adams Jr., 61, of Wayland, to Elizabeth Parsons, 38, of McDowell  
Brady Clyde Hall, 25, of Harold, to Victoria Whitney Rice, 23, of Harold.

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reflected in his pleading guilty to multiple

charges, exhibit conduct which make him unfit to practice law in the Commonwealth,” the Supreme Court ruling said. “Aside from

Conn’s recent behavior, fleeing the country, he has pleaded guilty to enough criminal financial activity to support permanent disbarment.”

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# Wayland looking into agreement with Quest Energy

By JOSH LITTLE  
STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission discussed entering into an agreement with the Quest Energy Corporation that would allow the corporation to finish mining the “gob” in the city, while allowing the city to increase its revenues.

At its regularly-scheduled meeting Tuesday, the Wayland City Commission voted to terminate a contract between the city and Landfall Mining, citing a breach of the agreement between the two.

“We have been through about four revisions of that contract since I have been here and none of them have seemed to work to get that gob mined in 28 Hollow,” said Tyler Green, attorney for the City of Wayland, referring to the contract with Landfall.

Green said the original contract stated that if Landfall failed to per-

form their duties under the contract, then the city could terminate that contract. Green read the letter of termination to the city council Tuesday. The commission voted unanimously in favor of terminating the contract.

The commission then heard from Rex Frohnafel, co-owner and vice president of coal operations for Quest Energy Corporation, about a possible agreement between the two entities.

Frohnafel told the board that Quest had no ties to any of the companies which have leased the mining area in question before. He said that Quest would have an advantage on the mining because they are the only company within a two-hour commute with a preparation plant.

“It’s very hard for a third party to mine this coal and then try to sell it,” Frohnafel told the commission. “The reason being is that it’s a very low quality of coal, but

it is valuable ... We own every preparation plant within two hours of here. So, this coal is going to be extremely tough to transport out of there with a third party.”

As of Tuesday, Frohnafel said agreements discussed between Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz and himself consisted of a \$1,000 monthly minimum if Quest Energy was not mining on the property and a \$4,000 per month minimum when the company does work. He said he believes that Quest can get around 6,000 clean tons of coal per month, which would

be \$6,000 for the City of Wayland each month, at \$1 per ton.

“I’m pretty confident that for the next two years, we have an order that we can probably put 2-3,000 clean tons on a train,” said Frohnafel. He said the order would be going to a utilities plant in Gainesville, Florida.

Frohnafel told the commission that the order that Quest wanted to put the coal on from Wayland, began in January. He said that the company is currently purchasing outside coal at a higher price to fill the or-

der.

“This (agreement) is going to allow us to turn that around; to get back underneath to where we are showing a profit,” he said. He said he would like to see a move on the agreement within the next 15 days, as of Tuesday.

“I know that’s not giving you all a lot of time,” said Frohnafel to the commission. “But I have to start moving coal probably within the next 15 days.”

Frohnafel said his company would need to receive a lease for the property from Landfall

Mining before being able to mine the gob. He said the city would have to approve an agreement with Quest before that could take place.

If the agreement is approved, once the mining is complete, the reclaimed land could be used by the city for a number of purposes.

No action was taken by the commission at Tuesday’s meeting, but Green said he, Fultz and Frohnafel would meet to discuss the agreement. Fultz was not present at Tuesday’s meeting, due to a family emergency.

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South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg.

The complex offers 20 apartments designated for low-income individuals and families. Most of the apartments are reserved for homeless individuals, and others are reserved for people who have special needs, including those who have physical or mental disabilities, are victims of domestic violence, are undergoing addiction treatment or are senior citizens.

“These apartments are a fantastic opportunity for our citizens in the region,” said Jordan Gibson, president and CEO of the Southeast Kentucky Chamber of Commerce.

Regena Jones, a representative of U.S. Sen. Rand Paul, talked about the benefits the complex would provide, noting a high number of disabled people and the region’s struggle with drug addiction.

“Mountain Comprehensive Care saw a void and they filled it with this project,” she said.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale commended MCCC for its recent expansions, thanking the agency for its effort.

“I want to thank you guys,” he said. “You guys have been a real partner here in Eastern Kentucky... If it wasn’t for you all filling that void, which one of you all talked about a minute ago, I don’t know exactly what we would do right now with this opioid addiction that has been a scourge on this whole county.”

He specifically thanked MCCC leadership and its CEO Promod Mots Bishnoi for the “changes you’ve made and the hope that we have because of you all.”

Bishnoi thanked all the partners that made the project a reality, as well as MCCC staff who led it. He explained that MCCC hosts quarterly meetings with community partners to determine what types of services are needed, and the apartment complex project came out of one of those meetings.

“We are just trying to meet the needs of our

community and of our clients,” he said.

MCCC held a groundbreaking for the apartment complex last April in the former location of the Layne House substance abuse treatment facility. MCCC tore down the Layne House to pave the way for the new apartment complex after it opened the Mountain Center for Recovery and Hope at StoneCrest in 2016.

The project cost about \$1.7 million, with the majority of the funds coming from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, an organization that offers funding to banks and sets aside a portion of its revenues to provide affordable housing grants. It partnered with First Commonwealth Bank to make those funds available for the project.

John Byczkowski, of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati, said his agency has provided more than \$700 million for housing projects since that program started in the 1990.

Jackie Long, MCCC director of housing and grants, said applicants for apartments are now being accepted. MCCC does not have a rental assistance program, she said, and applicants should call local public housing associations to get on a waiting list for Section 8 or HUD rental assistance.

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# Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

Charges were filed against several recently in Floyd District Court. The charges included:

**Lawsuits filed**

Krystal Lynn Hall vs. Kevin Jerome Hall.  
Courtney Alison Dingus vs. John William Dingus.  
Briann McKinney, et al. vs. Jack Anderson.  
Kyle Williams vs. Jessie E. Tackett, et al.  
Stephanie Dye, et al. vs. Justin Conley, et al.  
Community Trust Bank, Inc. vs. Estate of Jeffrey Meade, et al.  
Amanda Miller vs. Saint Joseph Martin.  
Priscilla Conn vs. Family Dollar Stores of KY LP, et al.  
Brandon Lee Wright vs. Tori Cline.  
TD Auto Finance, LLC. vs. Rhonda Mullins.  
Teresa Bates vs. David L. Hendry, et al.  
Heather O'Brian vs. Wesley R. O'Brian.  
Discover Bank vs. Carlos Chirinos.  
James Blackburn vs. Rebecca Garrett, et al.  
Charles E. Hicks II vs. Brit-tany Zimmerman Hicks.

MTAG as C/F MGD-KY LLC. vs. Shane D. Boudle, et al.  
Curtis Ingram vs. St. Vincent Mission, Inc. and Store David.  
First Guaranty Mortgage Corporation vs. Stephen Johnson.

**Felony charges filed**

Kenneth Allen, 53, of North Fourth Street, Allen, driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.  
Joey R. Hopkins, 37, of Gardner Fork, Shelbiana, flagrant nonsupport.  
Kenneth Hayden, 30, of Ky. Rt. 404, David, flagrant non-support (two counts).

**Misdemeanor charges filed**

Jeremy Ryan Carr, 32, of Indian Hills Apartments, Prestonsburg, public intoxication of a controlled substance.  
Ricky Lee Crider, 29, of Weddington Lane, Prestonsburg, careless driving, not using turn signal, violation of EPO.  
Chad Jarrell, 33, of Shop Branch, Printer, third-degree possession of controlled substance, second-degree possession of controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shane Thomas Engle, 32, of Ky. Rt. 306, Wheelwright, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).  
Jacob Henson, 21, of Ky. Rt. 1100, East Point, first-degree criminal trespassing, second-degree criminal mischief.  
Thomas Jenkins, 38, of Cracker Bottom Road, Martin, harassment.

Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

## Caudill joins Wayland City Commission



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Josh Little  
Michael Caudill was sworn in as the newest member of the Wayland City Commission at its most recent meeting held Tuesday. Caudill will replace Craige Case, whose resignation letter was accepted at the commission's January meeting. Caudill was sworn in by Wayland City Clerk Sharon Anderson.

## AppalRed offers helps to clients of Eric C. Conn

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The Appalachian Research and Defense Fund is offering services to former clients of attorney Eric C. Conn.

The nonprofit agency sent out a press release this week, encouraging clients to reach out to attorneys there if they need help during the redetermination process.

“About 2,000 more former clients of Attorney Eric C. Conn are facing a review of their eligibility for Social Security Disability and SSI benefits because of possible fraud,” the press release said. “Those people will be receiving notices informing them of the review and giving them 30 days to provide additional medical evidence supporting that they were disabled at the time they were awarded benefits.”

The agency “strongly encourages” everyone who receives a redetermination notice to get an attorney.

“All affected persons should follow the directions on their notices and send in any appropriate medical

records to the Social Security address given as soon as possible,” the press release said. “Most of those who receive notices will face a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. AppalReD Legal Aid strongly encourages all those who receive notices to get an attorney.”



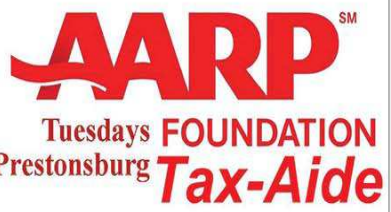




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GUEST EDITORIAL:

While waiting for pension reform, don't ignore other bills

This week, the Kentucky legislature will pass the halfway point in the 2018 session and, if you're wondering where pension reform stands, a bill still hasn't been introduced by the Republican majority.

Kentuckians have been waiting for action by state officials since last year, when we were promised a special session on pension reform. Now, it appears that legislators are continuing their work in private. Recently, acting House Speaker David Osborne set a target for introduction of a bill, and missed that target. So, it's likely he'll stay out of the prediction game for a while as Kentucki-

ans continue waiting for the long-awaited proposal from the legislature.

Meanwhile, other bills continue to move through the legislature. Most do not have the significance of pension reform, but they should not be ignored. Dozens of bills and resolutions have passed at least one body of the legislature.

Several have passed both bodies. Marsy's Law is an example. The measure, which isn't law yet, would extend equal rights to victims of crime. As a constitutional amendment, it requires voter approval in November. The right to be notified of a criminal's

release is among the many provisions in the bill.

Two bills have passed both bodies with overwhelming support and been delivered to the governor for final approval.

House Bill 146 makes a number of name changes to divisions within the Department of Agriculture and other technical corrections. If its overwhelming passage through both bodies of the legislature — 94-0 in the House and 36-0 in the Senate — is any indication, it will likely receive Bevin's signature.

House Bill 157 is slightly more consequential. In a similar manner to Republicans and Democrats, it

would allow minor political parties to have their own caucus campaign committees, which can receive donations and spend money to support political candidates. Still, no one in either body of the legislature voted against the bill.

Finally, Senate Bill 70 would allow the University of Louisville to spend \$8 million on a TV studio and renovate existing network infrastructure. Related to its membership in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the ACC Network, the bill says it's "imperative that the commencement of this capital project begins in fiscal year 2017-2018."

With dozens of bills

and resolutions that have passed at least one house, it's likely we'll see a steady stream of measures sent to the governor or passed into law in the coming weeks. They may not have a broad effect on the commonwealth, but they're still worthy of attention.

The most likely candidate to join the ranks of passed bills is HB 153, which would allow trucks to carry larger loads of animal feed. It has received approval in the House and Senate. However, it was sent back to the House for concurrence on changes made in the Senate.

— The State Journal

GUEST COLUMN:

Candy Crush

By JK COLEMAN  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

Back in elementary school, Valentine's Day for me was free of Democrats and Republicans, for I didn't know how to recognize one from the other. Looking back, I realize I was in fact the biggest Democrat of them all, handing out goodies to every girl in class while making promises no one man could ever keep.

Young people are sometimes gullible, as are some adults; one group overcome by Cupid, the other by stupid. At what point do people in Eastern Kentucky and southwest West Virginia

look around and realize that the years of being courted by handouts have brought about what some would consider an unemployed OxyContin Candyland?


Decades of the systematic dumbing down of our own people has made for the fertile ground that many entrenched politicians continue to cultivate. It's been ground so fertile with green tax dollars of the working class that it fed a handful of local opportunist judges and lawyers to the tune of \$500 million, up to the point that even the enablers couldn't stomach it anymore. Entrenched or not, and though all

politicians aren't guilty of it, the thought of allowing working people to keep more of their own money stills irks plenty.

West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin recently proclaimed that Washington D.C. sucks, a notion that I wholeheartedly support. But what also sucks are elected officials who vote against tax breaks for workers while their overall state's economy ranks at or near last in the nation. This is evidenced by the Democrat congresswoman playing Candy Crush on her phone during the State of the Union Address. It's hard to focus on lowering taxes and creating

jobs while your hands are busy playing addictive games.

A friend of mine suggests that the IRS put a box at the bottom of the new tax forms so that should you be adamantly against tax breaks, you could check the box and pay according to the old rate. That way you could keep funding the likes of the National Science Foundation, which contributed \$700,000 of



JK Coleman

your money towards a New York musical about climate change. Or maybe you could hope to help finance another IRS conference in California where they spent \$50,000 on line dancing lessons.

Our own Pike County sued the drug manufacturer of the aforementioned local candy, and was awarded approximately \$4 million. Only God knows where that

money wound up being wasted, for it certainly didn't finance any rehab centers. If staring down the barrel of local ineptness and the subsequent squandering of your money isn't enough to get your blood boiling, check out, usaspending.gov. Any way you slice it, it's typically the Democrats who are busy line dancing their way through their candy kingdom, while the poor man pays the band.

The difference in Democrats handing out candy in their kingdom and my handing it out in school is that the Democrats are handing out other people's candy. Mine was bought by my mom at Piggly Wiggly. Heart-shaped candy one day a year is fine. But sugar is addictive, and too much candy has made a lot of people sick.

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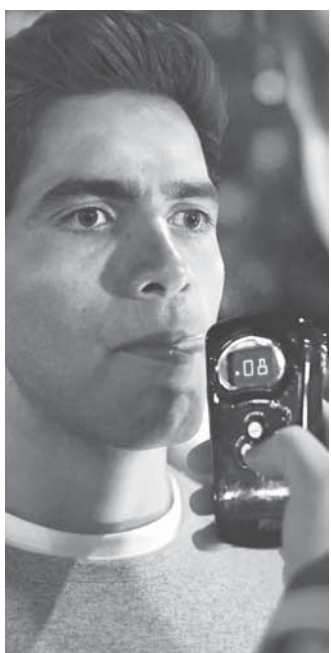


**Bobby D. Burchett**  
Bobby D. Burchett, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018.  
Arrangements are under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

**Betty Ruth Howell**  
Betty Ruth Howell, 61, of Beaver, died Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018.  
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Barbara Princess Acree Martin, 88, of Vanceburg, formerly of Eastern, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2018.  
Arrangements were under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

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Franklin Eugene Whitt, 65, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018.  
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# Researchers find largest recorded cluster of black lung

By Will Wright  
Lexington Herald-Leader

A new research letter published in the Journal of the American Medical Association details a cluster of black lung disease in Central Appalachia that researchers believe is the largest ever recorded.

The study, published Feb. 6, said three clinics in southwest Virginia identified 416 coal miners with the deadly disease from January 2013 to February 2017. Of those, 157 lived in Eastern Kentucky.

The study provides further evidence that progressive massive fibrosis, commonly called black lung, has surged in recent years among coal miners in Central Appalachia.

"It's shocking and it shouldn't be happening," said Scott Laney, one of the authors of the study and a researcher with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Progressive massive fibrosis is an irreversible disease caused by inhaling dust created during coal mining. The dust scars the lungs, making it difficult to breathe and often leading to premature death.

Most of the miners identified in the study were retired and had worked in mines for more than 25 years, but more than 20 percent worked for just 10 to 20 years before being diagnosed.

The study "provides a lot of credence to what we've been

saying now for almost a decade, which is this is a very serious problem," Laney said.

Because progressive massive fibrosis can take years to develop, new cases will continue showing up for years, he said.

"We can't just turn this tap off," Laney said.

For Henry Yonts, the first signs of black lung became noticeable about a year after he retired in 2009 from a 32-year career working in underground coal mines.

Yonts, of Letcher County, noticed he became quickly exhausted when walking up hills during hunting trips.

"Years ago I could walk to the top of the mountain," he said.

Yonts said he was officially diagnosed with black lung in 2013. He now uses an inhaler in the mornings and evenings, and needs to rest more frequently when playing with his grandchildren.

The level of dust in the mines during his last 10 years was significantly better than when he started in 1977, Yonts said.

"The companies I worked for, they done the best they could do," he said. "It's just a hard thing to keep down, you know, I mean 100 percent down."

Congress passed legislation in 1969 requiring coal companies to reduce the amount of dust inhaled by miners in hopes

of eradicating the disease. By some measures, the effort was largely successful.

By the late 1990s, the Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program, a federal initiative to record levels of progressive massive fibrosis, rarely found miners afflicted with the disease, according to the study.

But in the 2000s, the disease started to reemerge, according to a 2012 report in the American Journal of Public Health.

In 2016, a report showed a single radiologist in Pike County had identified 60 cases, the majority from Pike, Knott, Floyd and Letcher counties.

NOISH estimates more than 76,000 miners have died from progressive massive fibrosis since 1968.

Laney said NIOSH is working to create the first concise database that shows the full scope of the disease's impact.

The database will gather information from a number of sources, including clinics that provide X-Rays to miners as part of a federal surveillance program, lung transplant data and death certificates.

Evan Smith, an attorney with the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center in Whitesburg who represents miners seeking black-lung benefits, said a number of factors have likely led to the increasing prevalence of the disease.

"I think what we're seeing now really is a remnant of the

90s and 2000s," Smith said.

Those factors include longer shifts that cause miners to inhale more dust; the mining of thinner coal seams, which requires cutting through more sandstone rock that creates a more harmful dust; cheating on the reporting and enforcement of dust-related rules; and the use of heavier equipment, which churns up more dust.

Smith said new regulations created in 2014 and largely put into effect in 2016 may help curb the prevalence of the disease, but he said it is too early to tell if the regulations will be successful.

The new rules include a lower limit on the permissible level of dust, and require miners to wear personal dust monitors, which tell them how much dust is currently in the mine.

According to the latest study, between April 2016 and June 2016, 99 percent of operator-provided samples from mines were in compliance with the new rules.

"I'm hopeful that they will be effective," Stephen Sanders, director of the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center, said of the new regulations.

He also said they were "way overdue."

Yonts is more circumspect. The regulations may help, but there will always be dust in a coal mine, he said.

"That's just the way the job was," he said.

## Community events

- Feb. 16; 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting cancelled. Special meeting expected to be called for 10 a.m. on Feb. 20
- Feb. 16; 7 p.m.: Big Sandy Trail Riders meet, Floyd County Extension Office.
- Feb. 17; 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosts elk tours. \$30 per adult; \$15 for children; free for kids age 12 and under. (606) 889-1790
- Feb. 17; 8:30 a.m.: Dewey Lake Fish & Game Club to host hunter safety class, Stratton Branch.
- Feb. 17; 7 p.m.: East Kentucky Science Center to host Laser Genesis, Prestonsburg
- Feb. 19-Feb. 28; 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host initial surface mine training. (606) 218-1228
- Feb. 19; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Soil & Water Conservation meets. (606) 889-9800
- Feb. 19; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets. (606) 886-2335
- Feb. 19; 6 p.m.: Floyd County Board of Education to meet with members of Superintendent Search Committee, May Valley Elementary
- Feb. 20; 3:30 p.m.: Moun-

- tain Arts Center Board of Directors to meet. (606) 889-9125
- Feb. 20; 5:15 p.m.: Jenny Wiley Chapter of the AARP meets at Highland Terrace, Prestonsburg.
- Feb. 20; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office
- Feb. 20; 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court special meeting, courthouse
- Feb. 21; 5 p.m.: Wheelwright City Commission, special meeting, city hall.
- Feb. 22; 11:30 a.m.: Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, to host community relations council meeting. (606) 433-2265
- Feb. 22; 4 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Prestonsburg, to host dental hygiene pre-admission conference, Johnson Building (J117). (606) 886-7352
- Feb. 22; 3 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Mayo campus, to host respiratory therapy pre-admission conference, building D, room 202. (606) 788-2822
- Feb. 22; 5 p.m.: Highlands Health to host Diabetes Support group in meeting rooms A & B. (606) 886-7490
- Feb. 22; 5 p.m.: Floyd County Tourism meets, court-

- house
- Feb. 24; 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.: Jenny Wiley State Resort Park hosts elk tours. \$30 per adult; \$15 for children; free for kids age 12 and under. (606) 889-1790
- Feb. 24; 7:30 p.m.: Ronnie Reno and Reno Tradition, Mountain Arts Center. (888) MAC-ARTS
- Feb. 25; 7:30 p.m.: Chris August performs, Mountain Arts Center. 888-MAC-ARTS
- Feb. 26; 10:50 a.m.: Kentucky Chautauqua performance features Virgil Covington Jr. as William Wells Brown, Gearheart Auditorium, Big Sandy Community & Technical College. Free. (606) 889-4750
- Feb. 28; 6 p.m.: Friends of Jenny Wiley will meet at the May Lodge to discuss Operation Clean Sweep and other items. Any person interested in improving Jenny Wiley State Resort Park is encouraged to attend.
- The Big Sandy Area Development District offers SHIP counselors to help with Medicare information and plans like Medicare Advantage Plans, Part D., LIS (Extra HelpP, Medicare Savings Programs and Medigap Plans. For details, stop by the office on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call (606) 886-

- 2374 or 800-737-2723
- Every Tuesday, Thursday, 4 p.m.: Let's Get Moving, Eastern library.
- First, third Thursday, 8 p.m.: Comedy Night, Dewey's Bar and Grill, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. (606) 889-1790
- Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.: Lane of Roses Women's Bible Study meets at City Perk, Prestonsburg. ayngeleastevens.laneofroses@gmail.com or (606) 367-2970
- Every Monday; 3:30 p.m., through May 7: Mommy and Me Sewing Class, Prestonsburg Library.
- Every Tuesday, Through May 1; 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Mayo campus, to host woodworking class. Registration accepted on any Tuesday. The class is for anyone interested in woodworking and building projects with wood. This course is specifically designed for working adults with beginner, intermediate, and advanced experience levels. (606)788-2832
- Big Sandy Community & Technical College hosts driver's education and refresher courses on an individualized basis. Basic River Motorcycle classes also available. Pre-register at (606) 218-1228

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# Saint Joseph Martin sale moving forward

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

The sale of Saint Joseph Martin is moving forward this month.

On Feb. 5, Appalachian Regional Healthcare's Mary Breckinridge Health Services, Inc. filed paperwork with the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services about the acquisition of Saint Joseph Martin and its facilities, the Betsy Layne Clinic, the Martin Clinic, the Seton Family Health Center in Martin and the Wheelwright Family Health Center.

Those documents note a March 1 date, but Saint Joseph

Martin President Kathy Stumbo said she believes that date is just a regulatory requirement. Officials have not finalized the date on which the sale will take place, she said. She expects it to be finalized this spring.

KentuckyOne Health announced last May that it would sell Saint Joseph Martin along with several other hospitals it owned as part of an "evolution" of the company's transition into a new structure.

In a press release announcing the sale, KentuckyOne Health President and CEO Ruth W. Brinkley cited financial strains caused by "great change and great uncertainty

in the health care industry" as the driving factor for the sales.

In December, ARH and KentuckyOne Health signed a Letter of Intent to exclusively negotiate that sale, calling the agreement the "next step for the future of healthcare" in Martin. ARH Mary Breckinridge, a nonprofit corporation, operates McDowell ARH and Hazard ARH, among others.

Stumbo is looking forward to the sell.

"We'll be part of a regional system that provides services in Appalachia and in Eastern Kentucky, and there are a number of locations that are fairly close to us," she said. "I

think it will be a good situation for us and for the community."

She said the hospital has not lost any employees due to the proposed change of ownership.

"We have a wonderful group of employees," she said. "We've not lost any employees related to the sale. Our employees are very dedicated to the hospital and I think I can say that they want to remain here and stay here."

She talked about recent Best Places to Work honors the hospital received, saying her staff represents a "loyal, dedicated workforce."

Officials at ARH did not

return calls seeking comment prior to press deadline.

The organization is also eyeing the merger of another Floyd County hospital.

In September 2017, ARH and Highlands Health announced a proposed merger, reporting officials at both hospitals entered into a Letter of Intent to merge Highlands in Prestonsburg and its facilities with the ARH system. If that merger is finalized, Highlands will become known as the Highlands ARH Regional Medical Center.

## Legislation aims to cut electric rates

A NEWS-EXPRESS  
STAFF REPORT

Sen. Ray S. Jones, II has filed legislation that seeks to offer relief from high electricity rates in economically distressed counties.

If approved, according to a statement issued Wednesday, Senate Bill 147 would require the Public Service Commission (PSC) to reconsider previous electricity rate increases in economically-distressed counties and consider whether future increases would have adverse economic impact on the citizens of those counties. In cases involving retail electric suppliers that have economically-distressed counties in their service territory, the bill states "the assumed rate of return on investment shall be no more than 6 percent." The most recent PSC decision allowed Kentucky Power to recover a 9.7 percent return on investment while the national average rate of return for electricity utility is 10 percent.

Under this legislation, PSC would have the authority to modify, repeal, or replace rates and charges that do not meet established criteria.

"The economic downturn and financial hardship of the past 10 years has had a significant impact on the people of Eastern Kentucky," said Jones. "We have some of the most poverty-stricken counties in the nation. I live in one of the areas that has been devastated by the loss of coal mining and mining-related jobs. We have a lot of struggling families who are trying their best, but jobs — good jobs — are scarce. Many families are paying a disproportionate percentage of their income for basic utility services."

Jones said he is in daily conversations with people who don't know what to do about their expenses.

"Every day I hear from people who say to me, 'Ray, I don't know how much longer I can pay these electric bills,'" Jones said. "It is not uncommon to have ratepayers with power bills in excess of \$1,000 — and many of them are on fixed incomes. We have to help these folks."

Sen. Brandon Smith, R-Hazard, cosponsor of the bill, said he shares the same concerns as Jones.

"Ratepayers in Eastern Kentucky are struggling to manage their bud-

gets on a monthly basis with the continual rate increases," Smith said. "The hikes on these people who have suffered enough simply is unacceptable."

The bill further states that, within six months of when a rate increase appears on the bill, ratepayers may file a petition with the PSC for a rehearing of the rate increase approval. Within 60 days of receiving a petition with 1,000 signatures, according to the proposed bill, the PSC would hold a public hearing and review the evidence supporting and opposing the increase. Testimony from ratepayers would be heard during this hearing, according to the bill.

Based on the bill, the PSC would render a decision about the rate within 60 days of the hearing. After the rehearing, ratepayers may appeal the original commission decision to the Franklin Circuit Court.

This bill proposed by Jones and Smith comes just after the PSC's ruling regarding Kentucky Power's rates; the ultimate result of which was a 4 percent decrease in residential customer bills. However, Kentucky Power has requested a rehearing.

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear responded to Kentucky Power's request for a rehearing, calling the PSC's decision "merited and well-received."

"The Attorney General applauds the commission's actions in ultimately reducing monthly bills for (Kentucky Power) residential customers," the response said. "The commission's actions acknowledge an undeniable truth: (Kentucky Power)'s rates are unaffordable."

According to Beshear, the public comments in the record for the case showed an obvious need for "desperate" customers who could not afford their electric bills.

"For that reason, the Attorney General opposes any argument to change the reasoned and balanced final order of Jan. 8, 2018, in any manner that would prevent the implementation of the 4 percent on-average reduction for residential customers," Beshear's response said.

Beshear's response cited tax issues, clarification issues, financing issues and tariff change proposals as some of the reasons for not supporting a rehearing of the case.

## Floyd Rescue Squad member charged with using squad's credit card

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

A member of the Floyd County Rescue Squad was arrested after he allegedly used the squad's credit card, which was reported stolen, to spend more than \$390 at various locations.

Jacob Carpenter, 40, of Prestonsburg, was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card under \$500 within a six-month period.

According to Officer Kelly Frasure with the Prestonsburg Police Department, during Feb. 2 and Feb. 3, Carpenter used a stolen credit card be-

longing to the Floyd County Rescue Squad numerous times: at Speedway Gas Station for \$299.56, Jenny Wiley Liquors for \$54.91 and Marathon Gas Station for \$36.01. The total charges amounted to \$390.48.

According to Jennifer Little, public relations officer for the Floyd County Rescue Squad, Carpenter was a member of the rescue squad between Feb. 2 and Feb. 3, but he was on reserved status with the squad.

An arraignment hearing for Carpenter is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 21, in Floyd District Court.



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the river broke the line. Gearheart employees and employees of Intermountain Cable and Coalfields Telephone worked through the night and in the rain to run new fiber in that area, Wiley said. He said they re-routed about 2,900 ft. of line and it is no longer spanning the river.

"I think it was a full-on team effort," he said. "I'm really proud of how they stepped up. It took everyone..to get it done."

Several local agencies were impacted, including the Floyd County courthouse and Floyd County Schools, among other agencies.

Pam Caudill, community education liaison for the district, said internet

and telephone services were down at every school district location except Prestonsburg Elementary, Prestonsburg High School and the district's central office.

Wiley praised the school district for notifying parents of students in schools that were impacted, saying officials there "did a great job" in helping Gearheart notify its customers.



Bailey was love



By JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

A few weeks ago, we lost our beloved black lab Bailey. She was truly the epitome of love. She genuinely loved people. She loved people so much we were unable to keep her in our fenced-in yard. She always managed to find a way out. Her last escape place was a spot between where our fence ended and the neighbor's former pump house stood. I filled the space with barbed wire to discourage her from escaping. Bailey escaped anyway, leaving strands of her black hair stuck to the barbs. I gave up and let her freely roam the neighborhood.

As a result, she become the "neighborhood dog." During the mornings, she waited for one of our neighbors, Connie, to go by. Often Connie had treats. Bailey would follow Connie to her workplace just down the road at Rogers Petroleum. Connie and the crew loved her. Bailey would often greet drivers coming in. She even knew what day the garbage truck ran and greeted them too. I've been told the garbage men sometimes shared their lunch with her. I cringed. I didn't mind Bailey visiting, but I didn't want anyone thinking she didn't have a home or food to eat. Once, someone stopped by Rogers Petroleum and offered to take Bailey home. But the crew informed the person she already had one.

Bailey had a couple of dog pals, Gizmo and Marley, as well as a cat pal, Shadow. Gizmo belonged to a neighbor who has since passed away. Marley belonged to a neighbor who up and left, leaving her behind. And Shadow was a stray cat I found eating Bailey's food. The four-some become their own crew. Bailey introduced the crew to Rogers Petroleum too.

Marley was adopted by our neighbor Gina and began sleeping over there. But Bailey followed. Oftentimes on weekends Bailey wouldn't allow Gina to sleep in. If Marley was still in her dog box, Bailey protested, barking at Marley until she came out to play. The commotion often woke Gina from her sleep.

Then, Bailey and her

friends met another neighbor Carol. Carol became the pet-sitter, so to speak. They would visit her often. She kept them entertained, gave them company and love and vice versa. During days Carol would take "the girls" on walks. Sometimes Shadow went and sometimes he didn't. On hot days in the summer, she took the girls down to the creek to cool off. Over time, the animals basically moved home-steads and lived at Carol's house. Except for Bailey. Bailey would visit Carol, but she still came home. Often with a mouth full of treats Carol gave her.

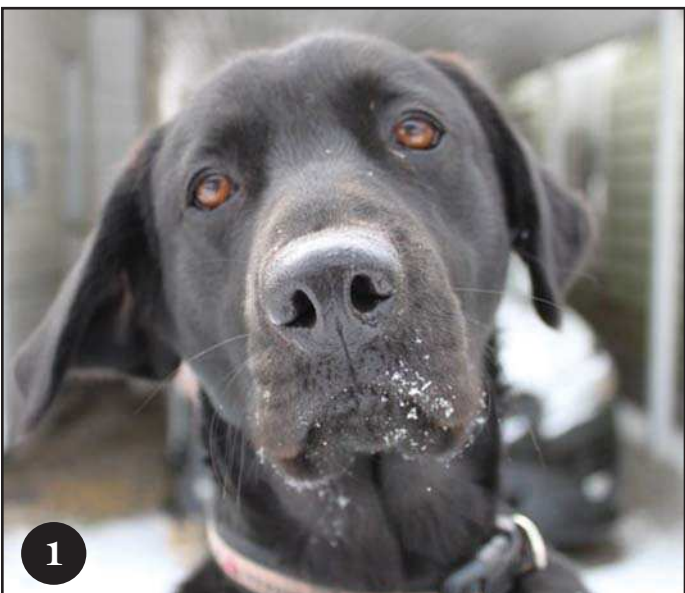
In addition to doing morning hellos, Bailey also greeted people in the evenings. And it wasn't just Brandon (my husband) and me. When seeing our neighbor Kelly's truck, she would run after Kelly, ready to meet him when he got out.

Bailey simply loved people. She wanted to be petted and have her belly rubbed. Oftentimes, I would start petting her back or her head. She would move and look at me, as if to say "That isn't the right spot." If you were sitting, she would lay her head on your lap, requesting your attention.

The day that we had to say goodbye to Bailey was one of the hardest. It was simply awful. I have no words to describe how terrible it was. I felt as though I let her down. She trusted and loved me and I didn't do enough for her. I didn't realize exactly how sick she was. Because regardless of how she felt, she was always happy to see us.

Bailey was truly the epitome of love. She loved all and was loved by many. I know she was a dog, but she's the biggest example of love I've ever seen. It was her nature. I wish I could demonstrate the kind of love she had. Love that is forgiving and everlasting. The kind of love that keeps on loving regardless of anything else. It's the kind of love that Christ has for us and we should have for others. I'm not there yet, but I'm working on it. I never would have imagined that Bailey could show me what I needed to be.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." – 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a



1) Bailey enjoying the snow. Photo by Jamie Beckett. 2) Bailey showing love to Brandon. Photo by Jamie Beckett. 3) Bailey visiting neighbors at Christmas. Photo by Durunda Varney. 4) Bailey visiting at Gina's house. Photo by Gina Justice. 5) Bailey, Marley and Shadow greeting the crew at Rogers Petroleum. Photo by Pete Runyon. 6) Bailey and her favorite toy – a previously stuffed duck. Photo by Jamie Beckett.

Most of world is invisible

Physics provides a wealth of examples which illustrate that we see but a tiny fraction of the universe. Visible light is a tiny fraction of the electromagnetic spectrum, and whereas our galaxy (the Milky Way) was believed by scientists less than a hundred years ago to be the only galaxy, it is now known that there are at least 100 billion galaxies besides our own, each galaxy containing some 100 billion stars. The universe is quite large, it is expanding, and it is expanding at an accelerating rate. And consider that the entire universe, some 14 billion years ago, was confined to an area smaller than an atom. There are so many ways in which what we see and experience is just the tip of the iceberg that we would do well to be humble. Overconfidence can be dangerous in the realms of both knowledge and action. The psychologists Amos Tversky and Daniel Kahneman have done seminal work exploring cognitive biases (the ways in which our thinking leads us to make faulty judgments or errors). One of these biases is the "availability heuristic," which leads us to favor data and facts that are ready to hand. We give prominence to recent events and are biased towards what we know, when in fact what we don't know can be very important to the issue or judgement we are making. Be humble in the face of what you do not know.

–Christopher Simon

"For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

– 1 Corinthians 13:9-12 NIV



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# Lawmakers drop 401(k)-style retirement plan for government workers

By TOM LATEK  
KENTUCKY TODAY

A mandatory 401(k)-style plan will not be part of an overhaul of Kentucky's public pension systems, lawmakers said Wednesday, because the savings wouldn't be sufficient to make it worthwhile to the state.

Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, said the overhaul, which is now in the hands of legislative staffers, has undergone substantial change since it was unveiled last October. The most significant being a move away from the 401(k)-style plan endorsed by Republican Gov. Matt Bevin.

The provision was the

most controversial part of the proposed pension overhaul, and drew boisterous protests from government employees.

With legislative elections coming later this year, angering Kentucky's politically active state workers and teachers wasn't seen as a wise move by many incumbents on the ballot. But lawmakers said the decision to stray from the 401(k)-style plan had only to do with dollars and cents.

"If you're in a defined benefits system, you want to continue in a defined benefit system," Stivers said.

Kentucky's pension plans for government employees and school teach-

ers are among the most underfunded in the nation, to the tune of somewhere between \$30 billion and \$80 billion.

House Speaker Pro-Tem David Osborne said data shows changing employees to a 401(k)-style plan has short- and long-term financial costs.

Stivers said lawmakers are considering giving new teachers the ability to choose from a variety of retirement plans, but he didn't elaborate.

Drafting the roughly 200-page bill has been a tedious and long process for lawmakers, who are now halfway through this year's legislative session.

# Legislators seeks RECLAIM Act approval

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

Several local representatives filed bipartisan legislation this week to ask congress to pass the an act that would help coal producing counties.

Representatives Angie Hatton, D-Whitesburg, John Blanton, R-Salyersville, Larry Brown, R-Prestonsburg, and Chris Fugate, R-Chavies, filed House Resolution 154 on Feb. 13, asking the U.S. Congress to pass the Revitalizing the Economy of Coal Communities Act, also known as the RECLAIM Act.

They request that a copy of the resolution be sent to President Donald Trump, Vice President Mike Pence, House Speaker Paul Ryan, Majority Leader Sen. Mitch McConnell and Sen. Chuck Schumer, minority leader of the U.S. Senate, as well as all members of Kentucky's congressional delegation.

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers, representing the fifth congres-

sional district in Kentucky, introduced the RECLAIM Act of 2016 and he joined McConnell in an effort that resulted in the filing of two RELAIM Act bills filed in the U.S. House and Senate last year. Those bills would bring \$1 billion in funding to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program over the next five years to "revitalize communities that have been impacted by the downturn of the coal industry," the resolution states.

The funds would be distributed to states in \$200 million increments each year for five years and those funds would "empower states to work with local communities to identify and fund economic development projects on abandoned mine lands," it says.

The resolution points out that 13,000 coal mining jobs have been lost and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement estimates the act would create 4,600 reclamation jobs in the U.S.

# Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium set

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The 19th Annual Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium will be held in Johnson County this month.

The event, presented by Morehead State University's East Kentucky Small Business Development Center, will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Paintsville.

Themed "Making

Connections," the symposium will feature workshops, informational breakout sessions, meals and other activities.

"All women are invited to attend the symposium," a press release from MSU said.

Registration and networking begins at 9 a.m. with opening remarks scheduled at 10 a.m. by Trish Adams. Attendees may choose to attend breakout sessions on QuickBooks or social media in the morning.

The afternoon keynote address will be delivered by Amelia "Mimi" Brown, who mentors individuals and businesses.

"With more than 10 years of corporate training experience, a knack for making meaningful connections with audiences and an insatiable appetite for helping others maximize their potential, she knows how to rock a platform, connect with a crowd and provide training so that others can effectively do the

same," the press release said. "Brown's down-to-earth humor compels audiences to laugh while they learn."

The Pike County Central Jazz Band will provide entertainment at the event and the Picture Perfect Photo Booth will also be available to guests.

The symposium is funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration. Sponsors include AAA Real Estate, Appalachian Wireless, BB&T

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Amelia "Mimi" Brown, who mentors individuals and businesses, will be the keynote speaker at the Big Sandy Women's Business Symposium.

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Intelligence is a powerful tool that needs to be used with integrity to make your life better. Consider all your options and bring about change that will ensure greater stability and long-term security. Offer hands-on, not financial, help to those in need.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) – Do your best without going over budget. Don't indulge in excessive behavior or be enticed by people who want to take advantage of you. Take care of your needs first.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) – Put your time, effort and energy into something worthwhile. If you offer understanding, compassion and practical solutions to someone you love, it will draw you closer together. Avoid disagreements.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) – An offer may not be all it's hyped up to be. Look at the pros and cons and negotiate a deal that is fair, but also offers you greater incentive and long-term benefits.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) – Joint ventures are best avoided. Keep your finances, personal information and passwords tucked away somewhere safe. Explore a unique idea to come up with a worthwhile plan.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) – Don't let someone you have dated or worked with in the past interfere in what you are trying to accomplish now. Emotional manipulation and deception are prevalent.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) – Put what you have experienced to good use. Explore new possibilities and expand your circle of friends. Short trips, retreats or reunions will lead to a positive lifestyle change.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) – A change will do you good, but don't go into debt to keep up

DAILY  
ASTROGRAPH  
by Eugenia Last



with your neighbors or friends. Only spend what you have, and appreciate what you've got.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – Taking part in industry events, seminars or trade shows will help you decipher what you want to do next. Mix business with pleasure and include someone you love in your plans.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) – Consider all the things you have done to earn a living and the skills you have honed that can help you explore new professional options. Be open to change.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) – Participate in events that include friends, family or a loved one. Doing something that will make a difference in your community or to an organization you believe in is favored.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) – Stick close to home and avoid anyone with a tendency to take advantage of you or bully you. Personal changes at home based on intelligent ideas will improve your life.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – Emotional distress will take charge if someone takes advantage of you. Only agree to what's fair, and designate more time to the people and things that bring you joy.

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All answers are in today's Mingo Messenger

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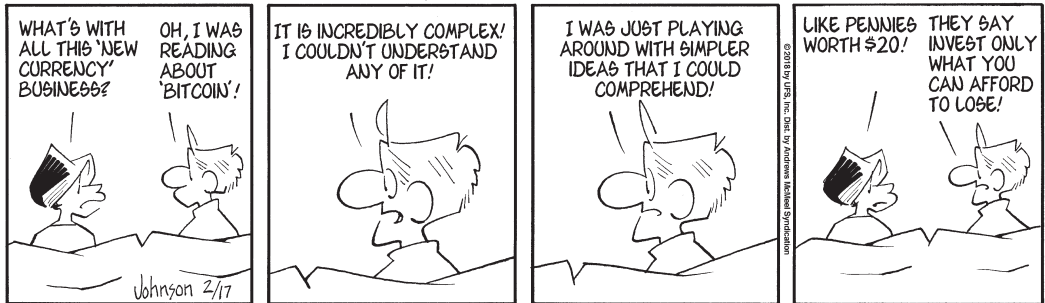
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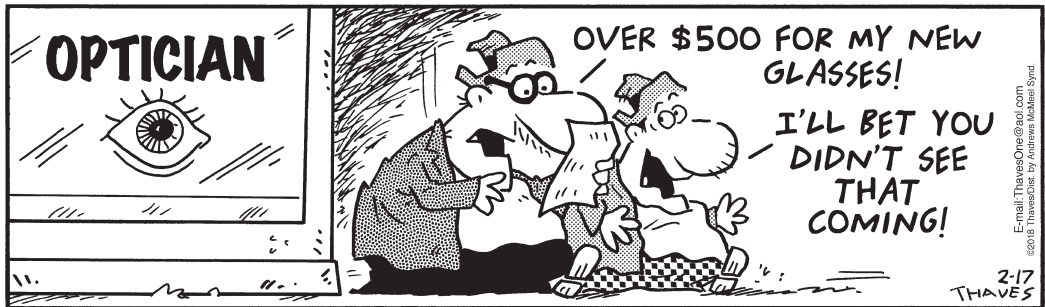
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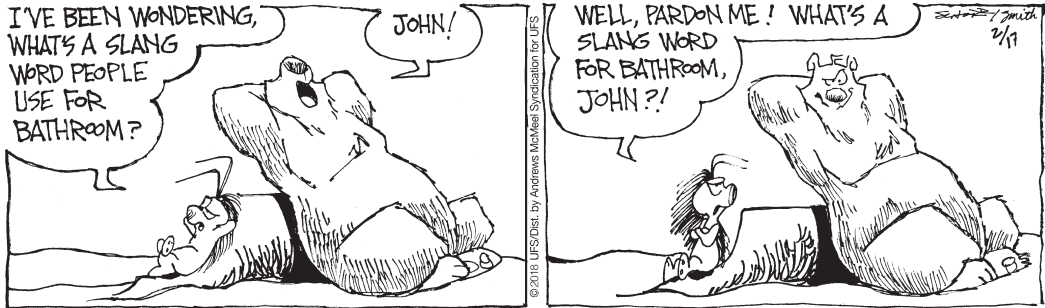
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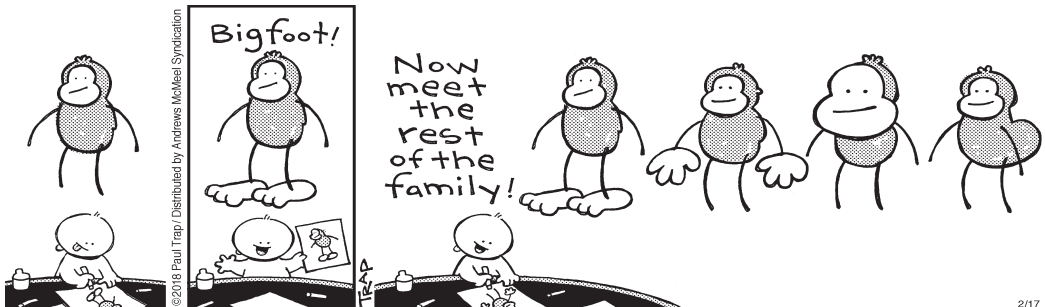
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# ANNOUNCE YOUR NEWS

## 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**.

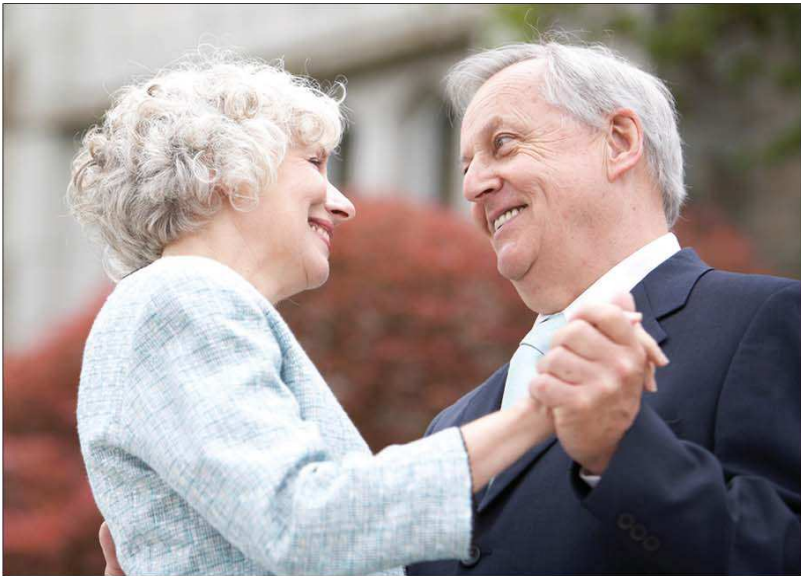
## Celebrating Birthdays



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**.



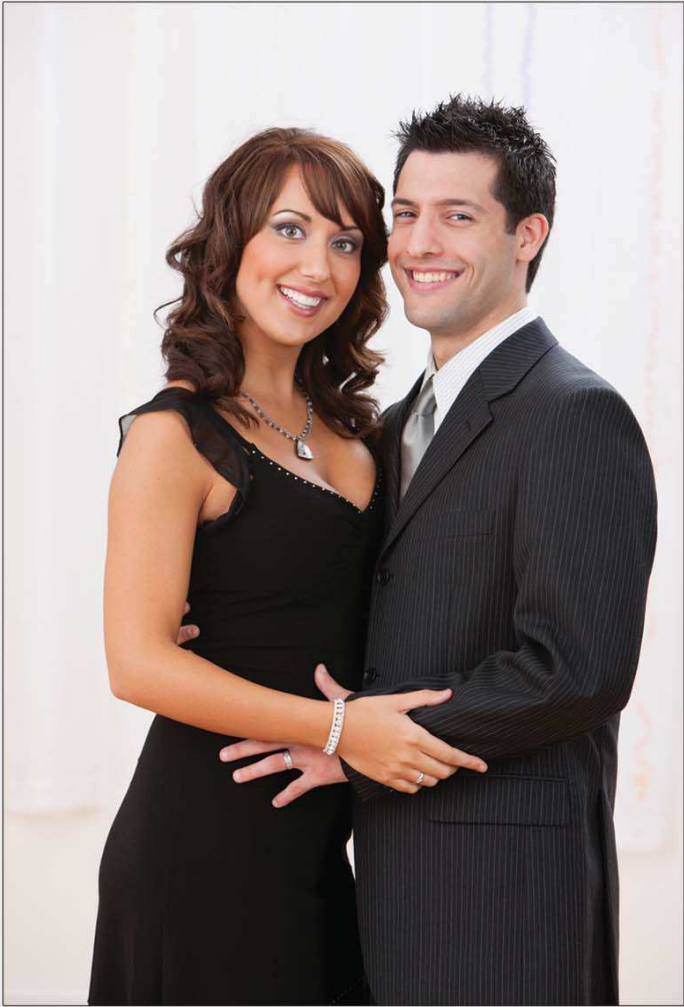
## Celebrating 55 years

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.

## Wedding Anniversaries

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

## Dotson-Simpkins



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

## Engagement

Announce your engagement in the Floyd County Chronicle for **FREE**.

## Wedding

Announce your recent marriage. Weddings within 3 months are **FREE**.

## Hatfield-McDaniel



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



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# Jaguars hold off Golden Eagles, 60-55

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — In a big 15th Region boys' basketball showdown, host Floyd Central held on to defeat Johnson Central 60-55 Tuesday night.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 16-11.

Johnson Central dropped to 14-13 with the loss.

After leading 36-24 at halftime and owning multiple double-digit leads in each half, Floyd Central found itself having to answer numerous Johnson Central runs after the intermission period. The Golden Eagles, prior to falling short, outscored Floyd Central 21-15 in the fourth quarter.

Floyd Central returned to the win column following three straight losses. The Jaguars' recent losing skid was made up of losses to North Laurel, Frederick Douglass and Scott County.

"We played very well in the first half and played just well enough to pull out the win in the second half," Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock said, following his team's hard-fought win. "Johnson Central is a very good team that plays hard. It was a good win following three hard losses last week. We need to build on it in our two other tough regular-season games as we prepare for the district tournament."

Floyd Central shot 44.9 percent (22 of 49) from the field. The Jaguars were seven of 15 (46.7 percent) from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 50 percent (nine of 18) from the free-throw line.

Inside, Floyd Central outrebounded Johnson Central 36-33.

JR Tackett, a senior guard, led Floyd Central with a game-high

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Floyd Central's Brady Conn

## Bradley Woods signs to play football for Union College



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Betsy Layne's Bradley Woods signs on the dotted line to play football this fall with Union College surround by friends, family and teammates at Betsy Layne. Woods racked up a 46 percent pass completion, 589 yards and eight touchdowns through the air on his senior season, as well as 326 yards on 63 attempts and two TD's on the ground for the Bobcats.



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18 points, six assists, seven rebounds, three blocks and two steals.

Kyle Isaac, who drained four 3-point field goals, followed Tackett in the Floyd Central scoring column, posting 15 points.

Bigman Brady Conn accompanied Tackett and Isaac in double figures in scoring and recorded the game's lone double-double, finishing with 12 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

Ethan Smith-Mills narrowly missed reaching double figures in scoring for the Jaguars, delivering nine points.

Cameron Nelson, Jake Collins and Dylan Caudill completed the Floyd Central individual scoring with two points apiece.

Johnson Central shot 37.7 percent (20 of 53) from the field. The Golden Eagles were seven of 20 (35 percent) from three-point range.

Johnson Central shot 57.1 percent (8-of-14) from the free-throw line.

Gabe Ferral led Johnson Central with 18 points, sharing game-high scoring honors with Floyd Central's Tackett. Ferral connected on four three-point field goals for the Golden Eagles.

Isaiah May added 16 points and Jacob Rice contributed 13 points for the Golden Eagles in the setback. May and Rice led the Golden Eagles in rebounding, claiming seven rebounds apiece.

Cory VanHoose and Dalton Collins rounded out the Johnson Central individual scoring, chipping in five points and three points, respectively.

Johnson Central slipped back into the loss column after defeating Sheldon Clark, Pikeville and Paintsville as part of a three-game win streak.

Each team committed 13 turnovers in the game, which served as the first-ever meeting for the two 15th Region boys' basketball programs.



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Floyd Central's JR Tackett drives to the basket on a break away Tuesday night against Johnson Central. Tackett had a game high 18 points to lead the Jaguars to a 60-55 win over the Golden Eagles.

Graham leads Blackcats past June Buchanan

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PIPPA PASSES — Prestonsburg claimed its second straight win on the road at June Buchanan on Monday night, prevailing 70-57 in a boys' high school basketball game.

Non-district rivals, Prestonsburg and June Buchanan hail from neighboring regions. June Buchanan is a former champion from the nearby 14th Region.

Prestonsburg claimed its fourth win in five games. The Brandon Gearheart-coached Blackcats have shown much improvement over the past month.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 12-16.

June Buchanan dropped to 8-17 with the loss.

The Blackcats fared well offensively throughout the non-district contest.

Prestonsburg shot 46 percent (23 of 50) from the field. The Blackcats were 10 of 22 (45.5 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 58.3 percent (14 of 24) from the free-throw line.

Graham Burchett, a sophomore forward, led Prestonsburg to the win, scoring a game-high 25 points and pulling down eight rebounds for the Blackcats. The hot-shooting Graham drained four three-point field goals for the Blackcats in the win.

Following Graham in the Prestonsburg scoring column, senior guard Phil Cornett contributed 20 points. Cornett drained five three-point field goals for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg featured three scorers in double figures. Accompanying Burchett and Cornett in double figures, sophomore forward/guard Adam Slone added 17 points for the Blackcats.

Active around the goal, Slone pulled down eight rebounds for Prestonsburg in the victory.

Prestonsburg is closing in on the postseason. The Blackcats are due to face longtime rival Betsy Layne in the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament at Floyd Central on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Prestonsburg entered the final week of the regular-season with other games remaining versus Magoffin County and Jenkins.

Lady Blackcats upend June Buchanan, Oneida Baptist Institute

By STEVE LeMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG

— Earlier in the week, Prestonsburg was enjoying a four-game winning streak under first-year head coach Brandon Kidd. The Lady Blackcats posted back-to-back wins over June Buchanan and Oneida Baptist Institute on the road.

Following a victory over Oneida Baptist Institute on Tuesday, Prestonsburg extended its winning streak to four games, the most successful stretch for the Lady Blackcats thus far in the 2017/2018 season.

Prestonsburg 68, June Buchanan 34

Reesce Endicott poured in a game-high 26 points to lead

Prestonsburg over host June Buchanan 68-34 in a girls' high school basketball game on Monday night.

Prestonsburg shot 39.3 percent (24 of 61) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were seven of 24 (29.2 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 70 percent (14 of 20) from the free-throw line.

Joining Endicott in double figures in the Prestonsburg scoring column, Alivia Slone added 15 points and Celina Mullins contributed 10 points.

Alison Campbell (seven points), Nicole Burchett (four points), Maddie Rainey (three points), Alexis Beatty (two points) and Faith Lazar (two points) provided additional scoring

for the Lady Blackcats in the victory.

Burchett paced Prestonsburg inside, grabbing a game-high eight rebounds.

Prestonsburg 67, Oneida Baptist Institute 29

Alivia Slone scored a game-high 24 points to lead Prestonsburg past host Oneida Baptist Institute 67-29 in a late-season girls' high school basketball game on Tuesday night.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 12-14.

Controlling the backboards, Prestonsburg claimed 45 total rebounds.

Oneida Baptist Institute slipped to 1-26 with the loss.

Reesce Endicott posted 15 points and Nicole Burchett add-

ed 12 points as three Prestonsburg players reached double figures in the scoring column.

Burchett recorded a double-double, pulling down 14 rebounds for Prestonsburg in the triumph.


Maddy Rainey also grabbed 14 rebounds as the Lady Blackcats dominated inside.

Narrowly missing double figures in scoring for the Lady Blackcats, Celina Mullins netted nine points.

Alison Campbell and Faith Lazar rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, registering five points and two points, respectively.

Prestonsburg exited the contest with other regular-season games remaining versus Shelby Valley and East Ridge.

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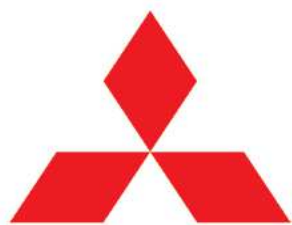


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