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Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble talks about the decision to place police officers in county schools during a Feb. 26 Floyd County Board of Education meeting.

## Partnership provides law enforcement officers in Floyd schools

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Armed police officers are now patrolling and stationed in Floyd County schools.

Talking about the fear that parents and students are facing following recent

mass shootings at schools in Kentucky and Florida, the Floyd County Schools Board of Education took steps this week to place officers in schools.

The action comes with a partnership between the school district, the Floyd

County Fiscal Court and its sheriff's department as well as the cities of Prestonsburg and Martin and their police departments. That partnership came from a closed Feb. 22 meeting between school officials, law enforcement

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## State, federal agencies complete damage assessment in Floyd

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Officials with Kentucky Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency toured Floyd County on Feb. 23 to assess damage from flooding that occurred Feb. 9 through Feb. 12.

The officials met with county officials before touring areas of the county that were impacted by flooding.

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale previously reported damages of between \$600,000 and \$700,000 in Floyd County, and Junior Lewis, of Kentucky Emergency Management, confirmed that estimate.

Lewis said Floyd County will have no trouble meeting its mandated damage threshold of \$145,000 — the amount of damage the county needs to report in order to qualify for public assistance from FEMA if a federal disaster is declared.

Lewis said statewide assessments of the storm should be completed by the end of this week and he also feels

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## Eastern Kentucky will become the 'Heart of the Dragon'

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

A group of trail enthusiasts from Eastern Kentucky are plotting a new, heart-shaped, scenic route through the region: The "Heart of the Dragon."

The initiative, backed by the Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreation Authority in partnership with motorcycle clubs, is still in the planning stages, but it will incorporate motorcycle routes in 22 Eastern Kentucky counties, including Floyd, Pike, Johnson, Perry, Knott, Lawrence, Martin and surrounding counties.

A heart-shaped trail map has been created, a website is under development, a logo was designed by a graphic artist in Johnson County and, at a recent

meeting, the KMRRA approved trademarking the "Heart of the Dragon" name.

It's modeled after similar motorcycle trails in other states, the "Head of the Dragon" trail in West Virginia, the "Back of the Dragon" and "Claw of the Dragon" trails in Virginia and the "Tail of the Dragon" trail in North Carolina and Tennessee.

The KMRRA, created by an act of the Kentucky legislature last year, is working to develop a system of ATV trails that connect Eastern Kentucky counties with trails in surrounding states — an attempt to boost economic development through tourism.

This "Heart of the Dragon" project comes as part of that effort. Organizers are calling it

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## Audit: Wheelwright financial records incomplete

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

A financial audit that Wheelwright has been trying to get on the record for years now is finally complete, and it details

about three years' worth of missing records.

The lack of records for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 fiscal years prompted the auditor to

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Wheelwright City Attorney Tyler Green, right, talks to Wheelwright Mayor Don Hall during a Feb. 21 meeting. Commissioner Vernon Smallwood is also pictured. Commissioners Bobby Akers and Andy Akers were absent from the meeting.

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# PCUC files motion to intervene with Martin County Water District case

By **JOSH LITTLE**  
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission filed a motion Friday to the Public Service Commission seeking to intervene in case number 2016-142, a case relating to the investigation of the operating capacity of the Martin County Water District.

If the motion is approved, the PCUC would be able to participate in the case by calling witnesses and providing testimony before the judge.

The motion, filed by Louisville-based Lawyer Kipley J. McNally, states that the PCUC seeks full intervention to "protect its interest in ensuring that the MCWD provides reasonable, safe and adequate water service to its customers."

PCUC Superintendent Turner "Eddie" Campbell said Monday that the PCUC decided to file the motion because the commission is being affected by the hearings and the investigations.

"We're asking to become a part of the hearings," said Campbell. "We are involved in (MCWD's) situation because, we are their supplier now. We have been a part-water supplier at Honey Branch for years."

Campbell said the PCUC needs to be able to present testimony in the case.

"Right now, we can't be heard unless we are called as witnesses," he said. "By intervening, we can be a part of the hearings."

In the motion, the PCUC argued that the motion was timely, due to the fact that the investigation, al-

though filed more than two years ago, "is far from over." In the motion, the PCUC states that it has not received a plan on how the MCWD will improve its water service or improve its deficiencies. Therefore, testimony presented by the PCUC on the scope and impacts of the deficiency is still necessary.

On Feb. 20, the PCUC filed a municipal lien against the MCWD, amounting to \$51,045.50, for past due amounts owed to the PCUC. The motion also states that the PCUC has supplied a substantial amount of water to the MCWD in Feb. 2018, that has not been billed. At a Jan. 26, 2018, hearing in the case, "considerable blame was directed towards PCUC for the financial problems of MCWD. No one mentioned that PCUC was the supplier of 'last resort' (water), providing substantially all of the water delivered in Jan. 2018."

On Friday, Feb. 22, the PCUC addressed a letter to John Horn, chairman of the MCWD, with intent of purchasing the water tank and related facilities, water distribution center and customers of the Honey Branch Industrial Park in Martin County. The PCUC listed a purchase price of \$925,000.

"This is something that we have recently decided to put in writing," said Campbell. "It has been a subject that has been discussed back and forth between Martin County Water and Prestonsburg City Utilities for two years."

Campbell said the PCUC believes the offer would benefit the MCWD positively and would help their current financial situation.

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"low hanging fruit" that can be developed and marketed more quickly than the ATV trails.

That's what Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale called it when he shared information about the project with members of the county tourism commission last week. He and Misha Curnutte, a Big Sandy Area Development District employee who is also involved in the project, said the "Heart of the Dragon" trail will boost local tourism.

Hale explained that public meetings will be held in the future to plan routes for the ATV trail system that is planned by KMRRA, and it will be a "slow process" of identifying areas, securing lease agreements and adhering to rules and regulations. But he expects the Heart of the Dragon to be mapped out and ready to invite tourists this year.

"That's why they've talked about low-hanging fruit right now, with the state highways. It's scenic highways on the heart, the head and the

tail of the dragon," Hale said.

Curnutte pointed out that Eastern Kentucky roadways will attract motorcycle enthusiasts.

"They call it knee-draggers," she said. "There's like 50-some knee dragger curves within 50 miles, who that is apparently attractive to riders."

Debby Spencer, one of several organizers working with the KMRRA on this project, said she and others from Martin County, Johnson County, Lawrence County and Harlan County toured the motorcycle trails in Virginia to see how it was benefiting communities there. She said they were contacted by Jim Bentley, who recently bought a motorcycle dealership in Pikeville, and he agreed to partner with the group in this project.

She, too, refers to the project as "low-hanging fruit."

"We thought this would be some low-hanging fruit that we could go after right way because it wouldn't require any property acquisition," she said. "The roads are already there."

Spencer said officials

are "still tweaking" local Heart of the Dragon routes that detail points of interest motorcycle riders may visit on their tours. Maps for Knott, Perry and Breathitt counties are already completed, she said, but are still preliminary.

She's said Floyd County's routes will likely pass through Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, pointing out that the county is "on the big loop, the big heart of it." The international TransAmerica Bike Tour Route (Rt. 76), which passes through the Elkhorn City area of Pike County and the Bevinsville area of Floyd County, is also highlighted as part of the Heart of the Dragon route.

In Johnson County, the Heart of the Dragon will likely take bikers near the world's longest plastic bridge, located in River and the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway Museum, well as other areas of interest, Spencer said.

The group is looking for suggestions, she said, as these routes are developed.

For more information, visit SKY Mountain Trails on Facebook.



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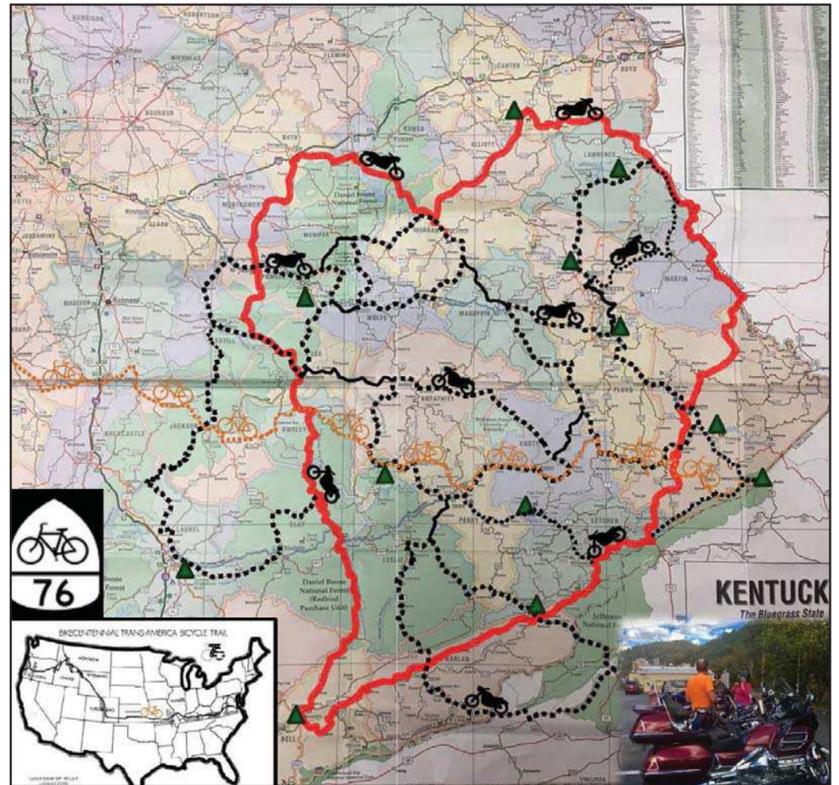
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The "Heart of the Dragon" motorcycle trail is currently under development. This map shows proposed primary and secondary routes. Individual maps are being created for all counties that show all routes available to motorcycle riders.



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# Four arrested on trafficking, other drug charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES  
STAFF REPORT

Four people were arrested in Floyd County recently after officers allegedly located drugs in the vehicle in which the four were traveling.

Roger Collins, 30, of Fords Gap, Auxier; Aaron Patton, 29, of Ky. Rt. 7, Estill; Ashley B. Crider, 25, of Hopson Street, Auxier; and Ricky L. Crider, 29, of Hopson Street, Auxier, were charged with trafficking in marijuana, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a prescription drug not in proper container. Ashley and Ricky Crider were also charged with violating an EPO. Patton was charged with failure to notify transportation department of an address change.

According to a citation written by Kentucky State Police Trooper Tiffany Bond, on Feb. 19, while traveling southbound on U.S. 23 in the Stanville community of Floyd County, the officer noticed an SUV driven by Ricky Crider cross the fog line three times within a half of a mile distance.

"The vehicle then used a right turn signal as if going to turn off right handed, then swerved back to not make the turn

off," Bond wrote in the citation.

Upon stopping the vehicle, Bond said Ricky Crider, the driver, had "constricted pupils and heavy eyelids." Ricky Crider told Bond he was taking a friend home and "misunderstood the directions," the citation said. The officer stated in the citation that the occupants of the vehicle appeared more "paranoid" and "nervous" than during a "normal" traffic stop. Crider told the officer there was nothing illegal inside the vehicle, according to the citation.

When the Floyd County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit arrived at the scene, the K9 made an indication at the vehicle. In the front passenger side of the vehicle, officers located three bottles containing marijuana inside three separate baggies and various pills, the citation said. The pills included: Suboxone, Adipex, clonazepam and diazepam. The K9 also made an indication near the trunk of the vehicle. In the trunk, the citation said, 28 empty syringes, five cut straw, a baggie with marijuana seeds, a baggie containing other small baggies of marijuana, small empty baggies, a scale and various pills were located inside a lock box. The pills included: Oxycodone, Suboxone and gabapentin.

Bond said all parties in the vehicle denied ownership of the items.

# Banner duo arrested in Paintsville

By WAYLON WHITSON  
APPALACHIAN  
NEWSPAPERS

Paintsville Police Department officers arrested a Banner man and woman Saturday on charges of meth trafficking and assault after a used hypodermic needle punctured an officer's skin, according to a statement released by the PPD.

PPD officers responded to a call Saturday afternoon that advised a man, later identified as Billy J. Hall, 31, of Banner, was "passed out inside his vehicle," and, upon arrival, found Hall in a "standing position" in the driver's seat of his vehicle with his hands concealed beneath him, according to the citation. PPD Officer Zac Mitchell, according to the citation, woke Hall and advised him to stand up.

After Hall exited the vehicle, the statement said, Mitchell was able to observe both drug paraphernalia and a large amount of cash lying in "plain sight" in the vehicle. The statement said that, during the process of detaining Hall, officers were met with "mild resistance." According to the statement, after arresting Hall and detaining him, officers were advised by witnesses that a female, identified as Stephanie Hall, 31, also of Banner, had gone inside a Subway restaurant nearby and had "picked up a container (of) what witnesses identified as a 'white powder'."

Mitchell, the citation said, went inside the restaurant and made contact with Stephanie Hall and asked her to step outside. He advised her of the nature of the complaint, the statement said, before attempting to detain her. The statement said she then began resisting, pulling away and trying to

stop officers placing her in handcuffs, resulting in the use of physical force to gain compliance.

After detaining both Stephanie and Billy Hall, Mitchell and another PPD officer began a search incident to arrest on the vehicle, the statement said, resulting in the discovery of "numerous pills ... a scale, three containers of (a) crystal substance (approximately 30 grams), a glass pipe and (more than \$1,000 in cash)." According to the statement, during the search one of the officers present was "poked by an uncapped needle" and immediately left the scene to receive medical treatment.

Both Stephanie and Billy J. Hall were arrested and received identical charges including public intoxication (controlled substance), second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, buying or possessing drug paraphernalia, first-degree and first-offense trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to two grams of methamphetamine), first-degree and first-offense trafficking in a controlled substance (less than 20 dosage units of an unspecified substance), first-degree assault on a police officer, first-offense unlawful possession of a meth precursor and menacing, according to the statement.

Both subjects were transported to the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center for medical clearance and then taken to be lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, where they remained as of presstime. Mitchell is leading an investigation, according to statement, and more details will be released as the investigation progresses. Both cases are scheduled for a preliminary hearing Wednesday in Johnson County courts.

# Printer man withdraws guilty plea

By JOSH LITTLE  
STAFF WRITER

A Printer man who was scheduled to be sentenced to two years in prison Thursday withdrew his plea and will now face a jury trial.

Joseph Serrano appeared before Judge Thomas Smith in Floyd Circuit Court Thursday for a sentencing hearing in relation to crimes allegedly committed by him in January 2017.

Serrano, 33, of Printer, and Andrew Crum, 31, of Drift, were arrested after a complaint of a shoplifting attempt from the Auto Zone store in Prestonsburg in Jan. 2017 and another complaint of individuals in the same vehicle the following day in the plaza near the Walmart store in Prestonsburg, according to Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney Brent Turner.

"(Officers) located a vehicle parked near (the former) Reno's (Roadhouse) and (Joseph) Serrano was driving the vehicle and around that time the barber shop (near Walmart) called and said they thought someone had crawled underneath their floor," said Turner. "Police went there and found Crum hiding under the building."

Turner said Crum gave a detailed explanation to

officers of what the duo had been doing. During his statement, he said the two had been shoplifting from multiple places and then would trade the shoplifted items for drugs, Turner said. He said Serrano's testimony to officers was less detailed.

"He didn't really deny the thefts, but he said he was on drugs and high a lot of the times and he didn't really remember everything they did," said Turner, referring to Serrano's testimony.

In January, Crum was sentenced to six years in prison in relation to the crime.

Turner said he recommended a two-year pris-

on sentence for Serrano. Serrano originally pleaded guilty to complicity to theft by unlawful taking over \$500. He was charged with four other charges: possession of a controlled substance, operating a motor vehicle on a revoked/suspended license, driving under the influence and failure to maintain required insurance.

"I never had a chance," Serrano said Thursday in Floyd Circuit Court. "... The way the system is set up."

After consulting his attorney, Serrano withdrew his guilty plea Thursday and will go before a jury at 9 a.m. on March 5.

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# Kentucky lawmakers working to 'untie hands' of PSC

**AN APPALACHIAN  
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STAFF REPORT**

Kentucky representatives announced a proposed protection plan Monday they say would protect Kentuckians in utility rate cases. The proposed bill, according to the representatives, would give the Kentucky Public Service Commission more power in deciding if rates are fair and affordable.

Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear gathered at the Kentucky State Capitol with Dist. 93 state Rep. Chris Harris, Dist. 94 state Rep. Angie Hatton and Community Action Kentucky Executive Director Roger McCann to discuss the proposal, which

Beshear said "can help our hurting families."

"We hear what Kentucky families are telling us. They can't afford their electricity bill. Too many of them have to decide, at the end of the month, between food or medicine or heating their homes," Beshear said. "Do they feed their children or do they keep them warm? No Kentucky family should ever have to make that decision."

According to Beshear, the legislation being proposed by Hatton and Harris is a step in solving the issue.

"With this legislation, the Attorney General's Office will have the tools and the PSC will have the authority to hold down utility rates," Beshear said. "So

that, hopefully, no Kentucky family in the future ever has to make that decision."

Harris said he and Hatton have been working closely with Beshear's office on the bill and he hopes it will help Kentucky's ratepayers.

"It addresses what we believe are some serious issues that are present with the PSC. And it gives them the ability — the leeway — to actually save customers money around Kentucky," "They have made the statement — in effect — that they believe their hands are tied on a number of issues in the way that the law is written and we're hopeful and we believe that this new bill, this legislation, will solve a lot of those problems."

According to Harris, under the proposed bill, the "fixed customer charge" — or the amount owed on a bill before the charge of the actual electricity usage is added — on utility bills will be limited to costs related to metering, service connections and customer service.

"We believe that will bring that customer charge under control and give us a fair, more accurate picture of what is being charged and what is being paid for," Harris said.

He said "affordability" is a major change on the bill proposal, combining riders and surcharges from the bills into the base rate.

Harris said operations audits will also be required under the proposed bill as

well, to "investigate the management effectiveness and operating efficiency" of utility companies. If approved, according to Harris, the first audits would take place in January 2021.

Hatton said people from outside of the Eastern Kentucky area are noticeably "shocked" by the utility bills from Kentucky Power and many locals have accepted the high rates as the "norm."

"This is what we've come to in Eastern Kentucky with these electric rates," Hatton said. "We're the region that has mined the coal, that has powered this nation and now we're having trouble even keeping our own power connected."

She said the fact that the poverty level in Eastern Kentucky is the highest across the commonwealth is shocking enough without the added fact that utility bills are the highest as well. She said the monopoly Kentucky Power has in the area is even more shocking since the high rates can't be considered by the PSC.

"Their hands were tied. They're not permitted to consider what's affordable," Hatton said. "Of all the things that we'd expect that they would be able to do for us, surely they can consider whether the rates are affordable."

Beshear said the monopoly of utility companies may need to change.

"If they cannot provide affordable energy, then they deserve competition," Beshear said.

Hatton said if the PSC's hands are tied "according to the law," it's time to "change the law."

"We have to change the way that they make their decisions and we have to make sure that these companies are audited," Hatton said. "Because my people can't take anymore."

McCann said his company sees affordability as "something that can help people be successful and help Kentucky to be successful."

"I was surprised to learn that the PSC does not currently take into account the affordability of rates when they review rate increases," McCann said. "And the more I learned about that, the more kind of stunned I was. Because I do think it's important that they be able

to do that. It needs to be a part of the equation; they need to be able to look at that and evaluate that."

Minority Floor Leader Rep. Rocky Adkins said the bill is a "common sense piece of legislation."

"This bill is common sense because it does give the PSC more options," said Adkins. "It allows the PSC to take into consideration the economic conditions of a region. It allows them to take into consideration the income conditions of a region."

Adkins said the bill, if approved, would help the ratepayers and the economic development of the region and he "looks forward" to supporting it.

Harris said the Democrats have not reached out to the Republicans, but said this bill is "comprehensive and detailed."

"It's certainly not a partisan issue," Harris said. "This is a common sense bill that there's no reason why Democrats and Republicans can't support it and we hope that they will and think that they will."

The bill had not been filed as of presstime Monday, but Harris said it would be filed by the end of business day.

Beshear said the bill is not criticizing the PSC, but is helping to clean up what "should have been" law and to make sure people aren't breaking.

"Our hope is that by making the change, again, we untie their hands to do the right thing," Beshear said. "And I believe that they will."

Kentucky Power responded after the announcement, saying the solution isn't to fix the PSC's rate reviews, but to bring in more jobs.

"As a regulated utility, our rates are already limited to only allow us to recover our reasonable costs and earn a return that enables infrastructure improvements to provide safe and reliable service to our customers," said Kentucky Power President Matt Satterwhite. "The real solution to address rates is to bring in industry and jobs, and that is why we are leading the focus on an economic revival in the region and invite others to join us."

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### Special audits needed in Allen, Wheelwright

There are no valid excuses for a city's lack of financial records, and just "moving forward" does not cut it.

With reports last week of significant financial reporting deficiencies in Wheelwright, Floyd County now has two cities that stand far below the mark — they are nearly drowning — in terms of their financial reporting and documentation.

We've reported about filing delinquencies in these two cities for more than a year now, but until recent reports from an auditor, we did not know the extent of the problem in both cities.

In November, Certified Public Accountant David Garrett pulled out of a contract he had with Allen to conduct Uniform Information Reports and a financial audit that spanned from 2013 to 2015, citing the lack of documentation.

In a letter announcing his end of the contract, he reported that, among other things, 83 percent of Allen's invoices were missing for

2013, 42 percent of the invoices were missing for 2014 and 54 percent of the invoices were missing for 2015. A lack of city meeting minutes and payroll records, as well as other problems, were also cited as his reasons for not being able to complete financial work for Allen.

Garrett's problems combing through the financial records in Allen appear to be mirrored, to some extent, in the audit he provided to Wheelwright last week for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 fiscal years.

Although Wheelwright also had missing records, the city had enough documentation to complete those audits.

The audit explains that the city "misplaced or lost" supporting documentation for revenue it received, money it paid out, bank account statements and payroll records for 2013, 2014 and 2015 — problems listed, among others, that kept Garrett from expressing an opinion in the audit.

He reported that because of the lack of documents, he was "unable to confirm cash" the city received, "unable to confirm or verify revenue," "unable to verify expenditures," "unable to verify payroll expenditures," "unable to verify capital assets" and "unable to test compliance of grant expenditures."

Officials in both cities have talked about how these auditing problems stem from years ago, and how records are better maintained these days. That is certainly a move in the right direction, and that's commendable, but it is no excuse for the lack of paperwork in prior years.

We ask that the cities do a better job of keeping the records which need to be retained for not only legal reasons, but also for transparency's sake. We will be watching to make sure they do.

State law prohibits the destruction of public records, unless they qualify to be destroyed for specific reasons. State law also

requires the permanent retention of all records that are likely to be of continuing value to the city — which is why grant funds are available to help local government agencies keep track of their records.

With missing records like those mentioned by Garrett, the residents of both Allen and Wheelwright have no guarantee that the taxes they have paid were spent appropriately.

There is absolutely no way to ensure anything — except, of course, that these records are not there.

Allen officials reported that the Kentucky Department for Local Government has informed them that they should just move forward with audits and financial reports of years the city can account for — and that's what Wheelwright did by skipping its 2011 audit and starting this batch of reporting in 2013.

But that, too, is a far cry from what needs to be done in these

cities. Especially so since, in recent years, the mayors of two other Floyd County cities were charged with crimes related to financial matters of the cities they were overseeing.

With more than a year now of repeated reports about these problems — it's time for the state auditor's office to intervene to whatever extent the office can without over-burdening taxpayers. If a forensic audit can be performed without a city's residents being punished for the government's lack of taking its responsibilities seriously, then that should be the course of action taken. If a special examination is all that can be performed, we would ask that action be taken. It's vital.

Floyd County taxpayers deserve to know where their funds are going. They deserve special examinations of these two cities that can show them exactly what happened and where those funds went.

## GUEST COLUMN:

### Senate week in review

By **JOHNNY RAY TURNER**  
29TH DISTRICT STATE  
SENATOR

Well, the much-anticipated pension reform measure was filed in the Senate during the eighth week of the 152nd regular session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

The jargon surrounding Kentucky's public pension debate is jarring enough before the numbers are even thrown in. The Governor's proposed budget earmarked more than \$3 billion from the state's general fund for state employees and the teachers' public pensions. That's nearly 14 percent of the state's general fund. And that's on top of the more than \$1 billion allocated for public pensions in the past biennial budget.

Now, it's a dense 289-

page bill. It outlines the Senate Republican plan to cover an unfunded pension liability estimated to be \$42 billion to as much as \$60 billion over the next three decades.

With these complex figures, I am estimating a lengthy review process. As I continue my critical analysis of the bill, here are a few highlights of Senate Bill 1.

It contains significant structural changes from the Governor's original failed pension proposal. Proponents of SB 1 stressed the measure would not force any current or future state employees or teachers into a defined contribution 401(k)-style retirement plan. Still, I am concerned this bill will cut in half the annual cost of living adjustments received in retirement for 12 years, from 1.5 percent to .75 percent.

In addition, this legislation will cap teachers' retirement benefits and sick days accumulated as of July 31, 2018.

SB 1 also calls for future teachers to be placed in a hybrid cash-balance plan. This would be the first time members of the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (KTRS) would be placed in such a plan. Some other public employees were transferred into a similar plan after pension reforms in 2013. The teacher's plan, however, would be more lucrative to compensate for the fact that they do not participate in Social Security. Although, unlike the current pension plan for teachers, the ultimate benefits are not guaranteed, and are instead, left to investment earnings, which I foresee being a major issue with many teachers.

In the so-called hybrid plan, it combines the defined-contribution design of a 401(k) with some level of guaranteed return like a pension. Employers and employees are required to contribute certain amounts, but the employer guarantees the employee will receive a certain return on their investments, and if they do not, the employer promises to make up the difference. For Kentucky Retirement System (KRS) employees, under SB1, members would receive 85 percent of the investment earnings above 0 percent rate of return, with rate of return being changed from a 5-year to a 10-year average.

The cash-balance part of the name means that when the employee retires, the balance in their hybrid plan is their payout. There are no

promises made about future earnings, and there are no cost-of-living adjustments, like there are for both traditional pensions and for Social Security. Hybrid cash-balance plans are transportable and any remaining money in them can be passed on to heirs. SB 1 also shifts some costs to local school districts, who would have to contribute 2 percent of salaries for new teachers into the hybrid cash-balance plans.

As we reviewed this bill to determine what is best for taxpayers, public employees, teachers and retirees, we still vetted bills in committee and on the floor. Some bills and resolutions we passed in the Senate this week:

- Senate Bill 119 would require venison meat processors to dispose of waste or unused material produced

from processing venison meat in the same manners as required for livestock, poultry and fish carcasses. Citizens have complained that deer hides are being dumped in wooded, rural areas. Livestock processors and taxidermists already have to dispose of animal byproducts and renderings according to state regulations. SB 119 passed by a 35-0 vote.

- House Bill 74 would require the daily transactions at pawnshops to be entered into a database accessible to police. The database would include descriptions of identifying characteristics such as the make, model, color, size, manufacturer, vintage and distinguishing marks of all merchandise pawned or sold. Customers selling or pawning an item would have to give a form of identification but they would not have to provide their Social Security number. A second provision would require secondhand merchandise sold to pawnbrokers to be held for a minimum of 12 days before being resold. A third

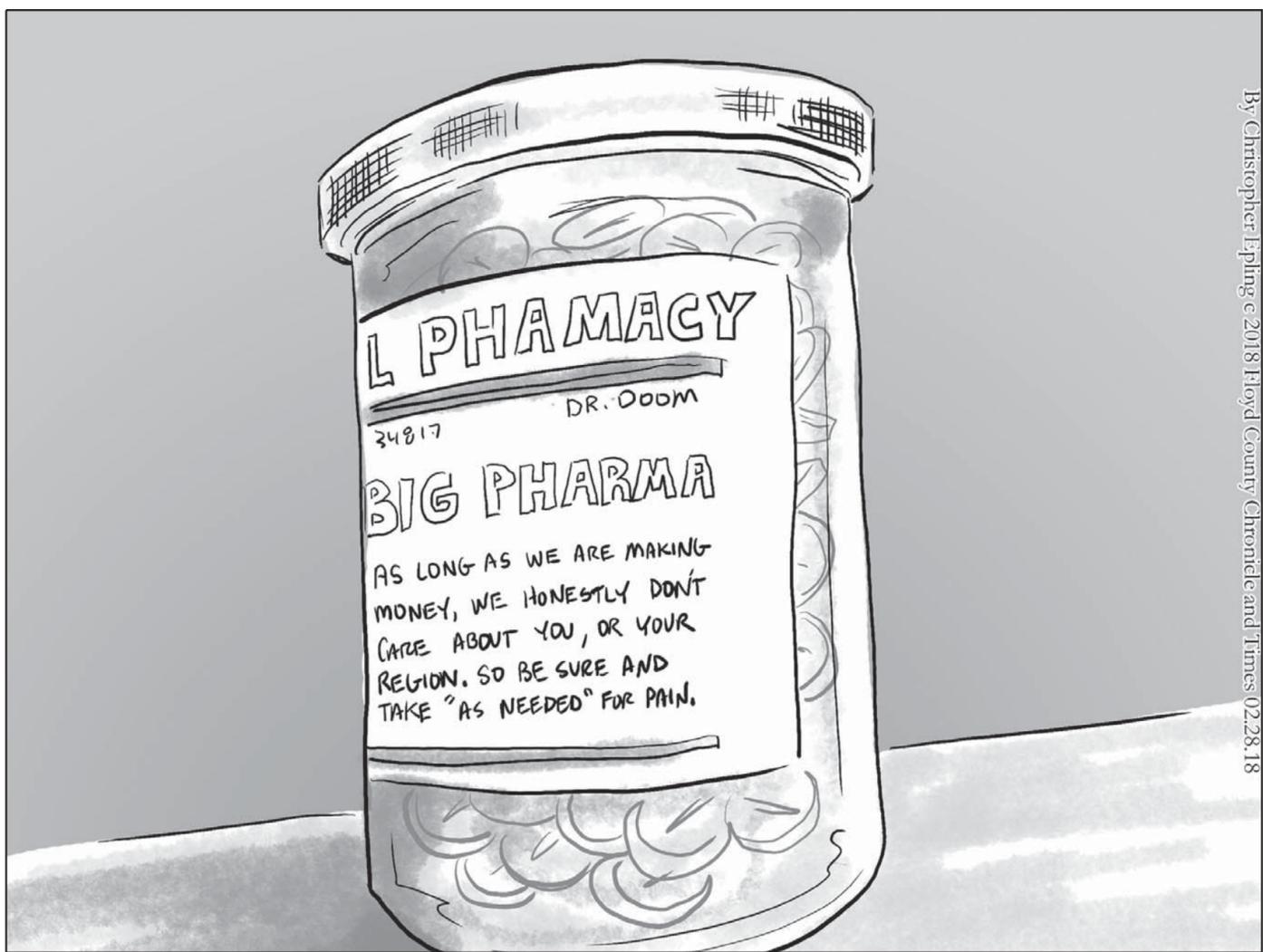
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**Wanda Marie Reed Baer**

Wanda Marie Reed Baer, 82, of Betsy Layne, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018.

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

**Edward Ray Bradley**

Edward Ray Bradley,

54, of Blue River, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.

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

**Wiley Herman Elliott**

Wiley Herman Elliott, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018.

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Martin.

**Herbert Hoover Goble**

Herbert Hoover Goble, 87, of Goble Roberts, died Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018.

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**Joe Eddie Hunt**

Joe Eddie Hunt, 53, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2018.

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**Stella Mae Lafferty**

Stella Mae Lafferty, 87, of Floyd County, died Wednesday, Feb. 21,

2018.

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**"Jimmy" Little Jr.**

James Norman "Jimmy" Little Jr.

James Norman "Jimmy" Little Jr., 71, of Wheelwright, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.

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**Otis R. Ousley**

Otis R. Ousley, 88, of Martin, died Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.

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provision would require police to provide a case report or other documentation that an item has been stolen before a pawnbroker will be required to surrender the item to law enforcement. HB 74 passed by a 35-0 vote. The measure now goes back to the House for consideration of

a Senate amendment to the bill.

• Senate Resolution 149 recognized the hospitality industry's role in identifying and preventing child sex trafficking. The resolution also encourages Kentuckians to patronize hospitality facilities that participate in the Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct. The code of conduct is an "established initiative to provide support in training the travel

and tourism industry in preventing sexual exploitation of children," according to supporters. According to SR 149, an estimated 199,000 incidents of sexual exploitation of minors occur each year in the United States. Of those incidents, 45 percent of youth victims are exploited in hotels. SR 149 was adopted by a 35-0 vote.

• Senate Resolution 220 recognized the bravery and courage of Rachael Den-

hollander, the first victim to speak out on the sexual abuse by Dr. Larry Nassar and the last victim to give her testimony at sentencing. Her courage started a movement that led more than 160 women to come forward and publicly accuse the sports physician at Michigan State University. The Louisville resident and mother of three spoke up before the #METOO campaign made it easier for victims to con-

front their abusers and to be taken seriously. Rachael put her name and her face to this story to bring national attention to sexual assault. As members, we praised her bravery and we condemned all forms of systemic sexual abuse.

Having passed the 35th day of this 60-day session, the activity in the Capitol will escalate in the weeks ahead. Not only do we have the pension bill to vet, but

we are also waiting on the House to file a budget bill. There are other — though not as significant, but still important — pieces of legislation that we also will address in the remaining days. Your input remains invaluable in the legislative process. You may leave a message for any legislator at the General Assembly's Message Line at, 800-372-7181. You may also email me at, JohnnyRay.Turner@lrc.ky.gov.

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confident that the state will meet its \$6.2 million threshold. He expects Gov. Matt Bevin to request a presidential disaster declaration. If that is issued, the state and all counties that received damage can get financial help.

"We'll gather all of the information and put it together and I know that we're going to more than exceed the state's \$6.2 million threshold," he said. "FEMA is verifying the numbers we have given to them ... Once they do that, then I'm certain Gov. Bevin will ask for a presidential declaration."

Lewis reported there are three applicants seek-

ing public assistance in Floyd County, the Floyd County Fiscal Court, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet — which are both dealing with road damages — and Southern Water & Sewer, which experienced line breaks and damages during the storm.

He said no individual assistance was requested by any county impacted

by flooding on Feb. 9-12.

"The state will not be asking for individual assistance," he said.

He said Harlan County was the hardest-hit area, but it didn't meet its threshold — at least 25 homes with major damage or total destruction — to qualify for individual assistance for homeowners.

Once a presiden-

tial declaration is issued, Floyd and other impacted counties can seek funding to fix damages to public roads and other infrastructure.

Bevin declared a statewide emergency on Feb. 23 for a storm that caused significant damage to other parts of the state. His press release noted that FEMA officials were assessing damage

in 21 Eastern Kentucky counties impacted by the Feb. 9 storm, and they would remain in the state to assess damages caused by storm that caused significant damages in Louisville and other areas.

Lewis said damage assessment of that storm will likely begin five to seven days after the water recedes.



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officials and others.

On Feb. 26, the Floyd County Board of Education unanimously approved an amendment to a contract it secured last year with the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, reporting that the county will fund the placement of a school resource officer in one high school for the remainder of the school year.

"I know that with all that's going on across the nation and in our state, everyone is kind of on edge about school safety, and very understandably so," Interim Superintendent Steve Trimble said.

He detailed several safety measures schools are already taking and also mentioned the need to repair security cameras in schools and add new ones, calling that security measure "very important."

"We work on those things constantly," he said, "and it's never out of our minds to try to do things to make things safer in our schools."

Trimble said the school district will spend up to \$12,000 to place a sheriff's deputy in another high school for the remainder of the school year. Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton said the Prestonsburg Police Department will increase patrols of

Prestonsburg High School and its feeder schools this year, with the goal of a full time school resource officer in the future.

The Martin Police Department is also providing increased patrols of the Renaissance Learning Center, Garth Vocational School and May Valley Elementary, Sheriff John Hunt said.

Trimble praised local law enforcement officials for partnering with the district, saying they were "itching to help."

"Again, hopefully, as you say, we're going to go into thirds and take care of this," Trimble said. "Money's tight all around. Their money's tight; our money's tight up here, but the safety of our kids is the most important thing that we can ever do in the school district. And believe me, that is the most important thing."

Stapleton talked about an enhanced 911 system that the city council recently approved, which will provide "panic buttons" in schools in the city limits.

He told meeting attendees that in active shooter situations, school staff can hit a "panic button," which will automatically place a "geo-fence" around the school. That technology will allow emergency officials to pinpoint locations of all inbound calls inside the building and will allow those in the building to

text police directly.

"So, we're going to get they're quicker, we're going to have a lot more information when we get there and we're going to be able to act a lot quicker," he said.

School district officials reported that around 118 Kentucky schools already have resource officers.

"If you look at the map, a lot of Eastern Kentucky schools don't have that, which is a shame," Trimble said. "There's no reason that we can't do that. We talked about that. There's no reason why we can't pool our resources together, become partners, to put school resource officers in our district. And we're not talking about next year. We're talking about tomorrow, if the board passes that tonight, and stuff here."

Through the partnership, the officers will spend the majority of their time in the county's three high schools, but they will also serve in schools in each attendance area.

"If there's an emergency in one of the schools they're going to be close by and they can get there," Trimble said. "They're going to know the buildings and those type of things. I'm just tickled to death with everybody coming together as a community and as a partnership to help keep our people safe here. They need to be commended,

every one of you."

High school principals thanked local agencies for their help.

Floyd Central High School Principal Greta Thornsberry said a parent called her after the mass murders at a Florida high school to report her daughter was afraid to attend school.

"So, I brought the daughter just to talk to her, just to reassure her the safety procedures that we already have in place," she said. "So, I asked her what would make her feel better, what would make her feel safer at school and she said having a police officer. So, I think that's enough said right there."

Hunt commended the school board for its action.

"I want to say something, as a parent, I appreciate what you're doing," he said.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale also commented at the meeting, saying that "hopefully, it will put parents at ease."

"It's exactly what you were talking about," he said. "Our kids are on edge. Our parents are definitely on edge. You approached us about 66 days in this year, and we're willing to help in any way to make sure that you guys have an SRO officer ... We'll find the money. We'll get it somewhere."

He referred to a special meeting the Floyd

County Fiscal Court had the following day to secure funding to place sheriff deputies in schools. At that meeting, the fiscal court approved seeking \$92,000 in coal severance funding, with \$50,000 designated to provide officers in county schools and the rest designated for the county's senior citizens program.

Hale said after the meeting that the fiscal court is seeking \$50,000 — much higher than the estimated \$11,500 needed to place deputies in schools for the remainder of this school year — in case the school district is not able to secure funding to continue the program next school year. The funds will be placed in the county's Local Government Economic Development Fund if they are not used, he said.

Hunt told fiscal court members that this is just the first step in a program that will provide full-time resource officers in schools in the future. Talking about financial constraints the county faces, Magistrate Randy Davis and others on the fiscal court emphasized that this is a one-time measure to help the school district. After that meeting, County Attorney Keith Bartley pointed out that the district needs to take several measures to improve safety, including the addition of security cameras.

His comments came after Magistrate Ronnie Akers pointed out there were only two security cameras at Betsy Layne High School.

The Center for School Safety will offer a condensed training for officers and school administrators on March 12, Trimble said, and these officers will undergo a full, two-week training session this summer.

The school district is seeking funding to continue the program next year, he said.

"We're already looking for funding in the future. We don't want it to just be sixty-some days. We want it to be from now on," Trimble said. "We're all going to hopefully work together to keep that going and stuff."

He reported that the district's health assistants are being trained this week on detecting mental illness and student crisis "to try to find and see that that in an early stage and try to deal with those situations before it's too late." That effort comes as Prestonsburg High School partners with Mountain Comprehensive Care Center to train its students about detecting issues with their friends and knowing how to report those issues when they see them.

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issue a "disclaimed" audit, one in which he could not express an opinion about whether the city handled funds appropriately.

City officials say, however, that all 21 material weaknesses identified in the audit have been corrected.

In 2015 and 2016, the city commission repeatedly refused to pay an auditor for a 2009 audit that they claimed he would not officially present to the city — a problem city officials said caused the state to cite Wheelwright for financial filing delinquencies.

The Kentucky Department for Local Government has filed delinquency notices against Wheelwright since at least 2012 for failure to provide copies of its au-

dits.

Unlike financial filing deficiencies in Allen, however, Wheelwright's reporting failures did not cause the city to lose municipal road aid funding, as officials have been turning in annual Uniform Financial Information Statements, as required.

In 2016, Wheelwright hired another auditor, Certified Public Accountant David Garrett, who finalized an audit that was approved by the commission this week. Garrett did not discuss his findings for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 fiscal years in the Feb. 21 public meeting, saying he previously discussed them with city leaders and reporting only that the lack of audits between 2009 and 2011 made gathering paperwork for these audits more difficult.

Garrett found seven material weaknesses in the city's financials that

were repeated during all three years that were reviewed, for a total of 21 material weaknesses that are listed as significant deficiencies.

He reported that in 2013, 2014 and 2015, the city did not provide "sufficiently completed" financial statements or related disclosures, bank statements or a list of bank accounts used, a listing of capital assets and supporting documentation for revenues, expenditures, payroll and grant funding.

For those reasons, Garrett could not express an official opinion on the financial statements.

The audit explains that the city "misplaced or lost" supporting documentation for revenue it received, money it paid out, bank account statements and payroll records in 2013, 2014 and 2015—problems listed among others that kept

Garret from expressing an opinion in the audit.

He reported that because of the lack of documents, he was "unable to confirm cash" the city received, "unable to confirm or verify revenue," "unable to verify expenditures," "unable to verify payroll expenditures," "unable to verify capital assets," and "unable to test compliance of grant expenditures."

Wheelwright City Commission officials did not discuss the audit publicly, voting only to accept it and to pay Garrett \$8,000 for the work. Most city leaders were not elected until after 2013, the year this set of reviews began.

City Attorney Tyler Green reported that the city has already taken steps to correct the deficiencies.

"I went through this and read through this," he said. "There were sev-

eral recommendations in here that you had, and prior to you even completing the audit, the city is actually undertaking every single recommendation."

He and Mayor Don Hall praised City Clerk Beverly Taylor for maintaining the city's financial records correctly. Hall pointed out that Taylor became clerk two years ago, before this audit started.

Hall also commended Garrett for the work.

"We just thank you, we really do," he said. "We can't express enough how much we appreciate you. We do. We really do. You didn't just bring the audit in here and throw it down. You came and it explained it to us. You actually, you set us down ... and that showed Beverly. Now, everything you showed her, instructed her, that's the way she's doing it."

Garrett also cited the absence of an enterprise fund in Wheelwright's financial records—a preexisting problem that was cited in the 2009 audit and still exists, according to the audit.

The audit reports the city spent about \$24,000 more than the revenues it received in 2014 and about \$2,200 more than its revenues in 2015. It began the 2013 fiscal with a deficit of nearly \$40,000 but began and ended all other fiscal years reviewed with a surplus.

Total expenses were recorded as approximately \$190,000 in 2013; \$309,720 in 2014; and \$361,000 in 2015, in the audit, while revenues were about \$263,000 in 2013; \$286,000 in 2014; and \$359,000 in 2015.

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## APCC celebrates life with banquet

By **CODY DAVIS**  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center hosted its 5th annual Banquet for Life at the East Kentucky Expo Center, and state Treasurer Allison Ball, who spoke at the event, encouraged attendees to support pro-life groups like the APCC.

“An old African proverb says, it takes a village to raise a child,” said Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center Executive Director Kay Hammond. “When I look out at this crowd tonight, truly I see a village.”

Hammond took time at the banquet to thank all the volunteers and groups that had helped make the vision of the APCC possible.

“Without the sponsors that are here tonight, this program and this event would not be possible,” said Hammond.

“Know this, because of your hands that have touched Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center, there are children in our community today that are experiencing the childhood that God intended for them to have.”

Hammond opened the stage for Ball, who spoke about how groups like the APCC and the cause they are standing for are important to her.

“I am from Floyd County, so this is my home area, and this is a cause I deeply believe in,” said Ball.

Ball said she was invited to speak at the event by Hammond in August, and she did not know at the time how significant it would become to her.

“We did not know that this event was going to be even more meaningful for me than it’s ever been before. I’ve always cared about life and vulnerable children, especially the

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Appalachian Newspapers photo by Cody Davis  
State Treasurer Allison Ball speaks at the 5th annual Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center Banquet for Life in Pikeville last week. Ball spoke about how the event is important to her and reflects her values. Ball announced to the crowd that she and her husband are expecting their first child, and she recently received a 19-week ultrasound. Ball said groups like the APCC are important because babies in Kentucky are not protected until their 20th week of development.



Appalachian Newspapers photos by Cody Davis  
The Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center hosted its 5th annual Banquet for Life in Pikeville Thursday. Attendees had the chance to participate in a silent auction to help raise funds for the APCC. There was also numerous photo opportunities and entertainment was provided by the Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Men’s Choir.

## Floyd students visit Capitol

SPECIAL TO THE  
FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Floyd Central High School students recently visited the state Capitol in Frankfort.

On February 7, FCHS Biomedical Innovations class students who are part of the national organization, Project Lead the Way, attended the “Posters at the Capitol” event in Frankfort.

The trip was made possible because a poster created by FCHS students Madison Turner and Hannah Martin had been selected to be displayed at the Capitol. The poster was about a study of birth defects in the Appalachian region. In the afternoon, they presented their poster to Project Lead the Way coordinators, teachers, parents and other students.

Other students in the Biomedical Innovations classes were free to explore posters from other schools and ask questions.

“Posters at the Capitol was a great experience as some students may never have the opportunity to visit the Capitol of our state. It was very eye-opening and interesting to learn about the daily lives of

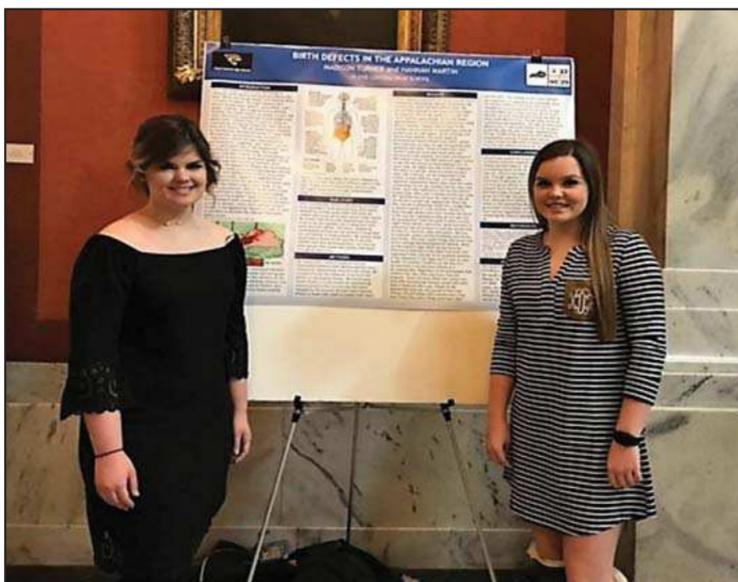
our representatives and to experience how important the success of Eastern Kentucky is to them,” said Turner.

Martin said the experience was

“an honor.”

“It was an honor to be a part of Posters at the Capitol, especially because our poster was the only

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Submitted photo  
Hannah Martin and Madison Turner presented information about birth defects in Appalachia during a “Posters at the Capitol” event in Frankfort. The students are part of Floyd Central High School’s Biomedical Innovations class, which worked on this poster as part of Project Lead the Way, a national organization.

## Big Sandy Idol returns to MAC March 9-10

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The 2018 Big Sandy Idol Regional Competition is coming to the Mountain Arts Center on March 9-10.

Big Sandy Idol began 12 years ago and is presented by Gearheart Communications and Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC). Students from local high schools in surrounding counties will compete for a full scholarship, a spot in the elite Big Sandy Singers and Band and an album recording, among other prizes.

Since its creation, the Big Sandy Idol program and has awarded

more than \$250,000 in scholarships and the program has allowed area students the opportunity to be a part of the Big Sandy Singers and Band, an elite group of auditioned vocalists and musicians comprised of BSCTC students.

“The scholarships have allowed students to be a part of a performing group, hone their skills and, more importantly, the opportunity to continue their education,” said Clayton Case, the MAC’s executive director.

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Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, center, poses with Floyd Central High School students during a recent visit to the Capitol.

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one to be chosen from our area. Our poster was important because it was about Appalachia and we were able to represent our school, our county and our region," said Martin.

Posters at the Capitol and Project Lead the Way gave these two young women, along with their classmates, the opportunity to learn about and research a problem they may not have experienced otherwise.

While at the Capitol, the FCHS students met with Representative Larry Brown, R-Prestonsburg, and Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg.

Both Brown and Turner took time to speak with the students about their day-to-day lives working in Frankfort and the futures of the students.

Project Lead the Way is a national nonprofit organization that partners with middle schools and high schools to implement a curriculum that emphasizes hands-on experiences in science, technology, engineering

and math to prepare students for academic and professional success in these disciplines.

In their junior year, FCHS students in the Biomedical Innovations class through Project Lead the Way can take the Kentucky Occupational Skills Standards Assessment Allied Health assessment. If they pass this exam they are deemed Career Ready. If these students also have qualifying test scores, they are deemed College Ready as well.

Hannah Martin, a senior at FCHS, contributed to this report.

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unborn and protecting them. That's always been a deep cause for me. But I did not know back in August of last year that by the time this rolled around that my husband and I would be expecting our first baby," Ball said.

Ball, who said she recently had a 19-week ultrasound, said that during the procedure her baby gave her a thumbs up within the womb.

"In Kentucky and in the country right now, at 19 weeks those babies aren't protected. It isn't until you get to the 20th week that there's a ban on abortion in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," said Ball. "And that just really struck us about how important it is that organizations like this ex-

ist, that can tell women and families that are considering what to do with those babies that they are needed to keep those babies alive," said Ball.

Ball also told a story over how a speech by a legislator persuaded a woman not to have an abortion.

"I just want to encourage you about what you are doing. You are here, you are giving and you are supporting. This is one of the most important causes that you can be a part of," said Ball.

The banquet also featured events such as a silent auction and photo opportunities to help raise funds for the APCC. Entertainment for the night was provided by the Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Men's Choir.

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## Jaguars win district title

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**EASTERN** — Floyd Central flexed its muscle in the championship game of the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tour-

namment, winning on its home floor.

The Jaguars, under the direction of head coach Kevin Spurlock, shook off a slow start and pulled away to beat Prestonsburg 77-52 in

the 58th District Boys' Basketball Tournament championship game on Friday night.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 19-11. Prestonsburg

dropped to 14-18 with the loss.

Both Floyd Central and Prestonsburg advanced to the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center in

Pikeville.

Floyd Central shot 48.1 percent (25 of 52) from the field. The Jaguars were seven of 21 (33.3 percent) from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot

60.6 percent (20 of 33) from the free-throw line.

Controlling the backboards, Floyd Central outrebounded Prestonsburg 35-25.

Spurlock was happy

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Prestonsburg's Drake Nunnery and Floyd Central's JR Tackett battle after a loose ball on Friday night.

## Lady Jaguars win first-ever district title

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

**EASTERN** — After a back-and-forth battle in the first few minutes, host Floyd Central separated itself from Lawrence County in the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament title game.

Top seed Floyd Central owned a double digit lead at the conclusion of each of the first three quarters on its way to defeating Lawrence County 60-51 in the 58th District Girls' Basketball Tournament championship game on Thursday night.

With the win, Floyd Central improved to 15-9.

Lawrence County dropped to 20-8 with the loss.

Both Floyd Central and Lawrence County advanced to the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville.

Lawrence County fell to Johnson Central 82-

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Floyd Central's Brook Stumbo puts up a shot over a Lawrence County defender. Stumbo was fouled on the play.

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**Katie Moore drives to the basket for Floyd Central during the district title game against Lawrence County.**

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49 in the opening round game of the 15th Region Tournament at the East Kentucky Expo Center Monday night.

Head coach Justin Triplett guided the Lady Jaguars to the 58th District title.

"It was a big goal of ours to win the conference and district," Triplett said, following his team's triumph over Lawrence County. "This team has come along great and we're looking forward to the region tournament."

Floyd Central shot 46.7 percent (21 of 45) from the field. The Lady Jaguars were six of 17 (35.3 percent) from three-point range.

Floyd Central shot 50 percent (12 of 24) from the free-throw line.

Triplett admitted his Lady Jaguars had been shooting better from long range leading up to the district finale.

"I had seen our three-point shooting improve in practices and junior varsity games lately," Triplett confided.

The Lady Jaguars led 23-13 at the end of the opening quarter and car-

ried a 38-25 advantage into halftime.

Floyd Central led 44-31 at the conclusion of the third quarter.

The Lady Jaguars used a balanced scoring effort to earn the win.

Katie Moore, who drew heavy defensive pressure from Lawrence County throughout the postseason matchup, led Floyd Central with 17 points and nine rebounds, nearly notching a double-double.

Accompanying Moore in double figures for the Lady Jaguars, Abby Maggard added 11 points. Maggard connected on three three-point field goals for tournament host Floyd Central.

Brook Stumbo scored nine points and Kaylee Moore added eight points for the Lady Jaguars in the district championship-clinching victory.

Grace Martin and Savannah Watkins, who drained a pair of 3-point field goals, chipped in six points apiece while Kennedy Blevins netted three points for the Lady Jaguars.

Kimberly Akers did not score, but pulled down six rebounds to help Floyd Central to the win.

Alexis Ratliff led Lawrence County with a game-high 20 points. Ratliff was the only Lawrence County player to reach double figures in the scoring column.

Nearly reaching double figures in scoring, Kelly Davis added nine points for the Lady Bulldogs.

Kendra Spaulding and Kassidi Cavins added eight points apiece while Hannah Rucker contributed six points for Lawrence County in the setback.

Along with Floyd Central and Lawrence County, the other teams to advance to the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament were Johnson Central, Sheldon Clark, Shelby Valley, Pikeville, Pike Central and Belfry.

Floyd Central was facing 57th District runner-up Sheldon Clark in the opening round of the 15th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament at press time on Tuesday. The Floyd Central-Sheldon Clark game ended too late to make this edition.

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for members of his team and its fanbase, but he's far from being content with a district title.

"I'm happy for our kids, fans and community, but we've got work to do," Spurlock remarked, following his team's triumph in the district title game. "Our only goal this year is to win the region. We've met all of our objectives to help us prepare for that except 20 wins. We expect to do that on Thursday."

Brady Conn led Floyd Central with a double-double. Conn and teammate JR Tackett shared game-high scoring honors, tossing in 24 points apiece.

Delivering on the backboards as well, Conn pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds for the Jaguars.

Kyle Isaac accompanied Conn and Tack-

ett in double figures for Floyd Central, scoring 11 points. Isaac drained three three-point field goals in the Jaguars' convincing victory.

Prestonsburg eased out of the first quarter with a 13-12 lead but couldn't keep up its early pace. Floyd Central outscored Prestonsburg 30-5 in the second quarter to lead 42-18 at half-time.

The dominant Jaguars led 61-33 at the end of the third quarter.

Jake Collins (six points), Ethan Smith-Mills (six points), Rylee Samons (five points) and Caleb Hager (one point) provided additional scoring for victorious Floyd Central.

Prestonsburg shot 35.3 percent (18 of 51) from the field. The Blackcats were 10 of 30 (33.3 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 60 percent (six of 10) from the free-throw line.

Phil Cornett, who led Prestonsburg's solid start in the first quarter, paced the Blackcats with a team-high 20 points. Cornett, who has signed to play soccer for Union College, drained five 3-point field goals for the Blackcats.

Accompanying Cornett in double figures for Prestonsburg, Graham Burchett and Drake Nunnery added 10 points apiece.

Narrowly missing double figures, Adam Slone netted nine points for the Blackcats in the loss.

Grant Justice rounded out Prestonsburg's individual scoring, chipping in three points.

Along with Floyd Central and Prestonsburg, the other teams set to compete in the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament are Johnson Central, Paintsville, Pikeville, Shelby Valley, Pike Central and Belfry.



**ABOVE: Floyd Central's Kyle Isaac lofts a three-point field goal attempt during the 58th District boys' basketball championship game. Prestonsburg's Phil Cornett is pictured defending.**



**RIGHT: Floyd Central's Ethan Smith-Mills defends against Prestonsburg's Grant Justice on Friday night.**

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Betsy Layne's Emily Roberts recently signed a national letter to join the UPike archery team.

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## Johnson Central's Pierce wins state title

By **MIKE MUNCY**  
SPORTS WRITER

If you had to describe the run that Byron Pierce made at the state tournament, that word would have to be "dominant". Pierce dominated the mat at the KHSAA State Wrestling Tournament. When it came to the big guys in the 285 weight class, Pierce reigned supreme winning the state championship.

Not only was Pierce undefeated throughout all of his matches in the state tournament, but he didn't even give up a point.

Heading into the finals, it looked like Pierce had his work cut out for him, though. Kairus Washington from Dixie Heights was undefeated all year long. Washington was the No. 1 ranked wrestler in the state, and 18th ranked in the nation heading

into his finals match with Pierce.

Pierce knew it would be tough, but was confident in his ability.

"I believed that he was beatable," Pierce said. "However, I knew I'd have to wrestle a near perfect match to win."

And that is exactly what Pierce accomplished, winning 1-0.

"When you're wrestling a person that has as much talent as (Washington) does, a mistake can cost the match for you," Pierce said.

The season wasn't perfect for Pierce though, finishing with a 51-3 record, but overcoming those losses earlier in the season allowed him to show the mental toughness needed to win a state championship.

"Whenever I got beat, I didn't let it get me down too much,"

Pierce said. "I just worked harder after every loss."

Pierce had a good team behind him, with Johnson Central placing fourth overall as a team in the state tournament. Johnson Central had its best year last season, placing third in the team standings.

Coach Jim Matney has yet to win a team title with the Golden Eagles, but has proven himself as a coach over the years winning back-to-back team titles with Sheldon Clark in 1994 and '95.

Pierce was quick to sing praises for Coach Matney, though,

"Coach Matney is a great coach," Pierce said. "He passed on knowledge about wrestling to me. I wouldn't have been able to win without him."

Things are looking good for Johnson Cen-

tral next year at state already. One-hundred fifty two pounder Blake Gamble will be the only wrestler on Matney's team to graduate, which is promising for the Golden Eagle wrestlers come tournament time next year.

"I feel like we have a really good chance of winning as a team," Pierce said. "We have Matt and Alex Horn who could make it to the finals. We are also getting Joe Jackson back who placed second during our sophomore year and has the potential to win it all. We will also be returning Dalton Lawson and Jacob Cain, who both placed this year.

"I just want to thank Coach Burt for getting me out of bed at 6:00 a.m. and making me lift, my mom and dad for paying to take me to camps and always backing me."

## Jaguars set to meet Tigers in region tourney

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

Floyd Central will look to keep rolling in the opening round of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament. After winning four straight games, including a 77-52 drubbing of Prestonsburg in the 58th District title game on Friday night, Floyd Central is preparing to face 57th District runner-up Paintsville in the quarterfinals of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at 8:15 p.m. on Thursday.

The Jaguars and Tigers will square off on the hardwood of the East Kentucky Expo Center in Pikeville.

In the lone meeting between the two 15th Region boys' basketball teams during the regular-season, a matchup on January 27, Paintsville, playing on its home floor, pulled away to defeat the Jaguars 73-57.

In one of its poorest offensive performances during the regular-season, Floyd Central shot only 37.1 percent (23 of 62) from the field in the game at Paintsville. The Jaguars were just seven of 36 (19.4 percent) from three-point range in the setback.

"Paintsville, that's who the boys wanted," Floyd Central coach Kevin Spurlock commented, shortly after the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament draw was held on Saturday. "We know we didn't play well in our previous meeting and we'd like to atone for that. It will be a tough game. They are a hard

matchup but then again winning the region isn't supposed to be easy."

Floyd Central is closing in on 20 wins in the debut season. The Jaguars moved to 19-11 following the victory over Prestonsburg in the 58th District title tilt.

The tandem of JR Tackett (18.3 points per game and 3.3 rebounds per game) and Brady Conn (14.4 ppg and 9.1 rpg) continues to lead Floyd Central.

Paintsville slipped to 19-9 after dropping a two-point decision to crosstown rival Johnson Central in the 57th District Boys' Basketball Tournament championship game. The Tigers are under the direction of head coach Landon Slone, a Floyd County native who starred as a player at Paintsville High School before suiting up for the University of Kentucky.

Paintsville has a talented tandem of its own in Mason Moore (17.8 ppg) and Seth Williams (16.4 ppg) while another player, Nick Keaton (8.7 ppg, 10.9 rpg), ranks as the Tigers' top rebounder.

The other opening round games in the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament are Belfry vs. Shelby Valley, Johnson Central vs. Prestonsburg and Pikeville vs. Pike Central. Prestonsburg (14-18) is slated to meet 57th District champion Johnson Central (17-14) in the nightcap of the 15th Region Boys' Basketball Tournament at 8:15 p.m. on Wednesday.



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Floyd Central's Brady Conn makes a strong move to the basket during the 58th District boys' basketball championship game.

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E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION I CASE NO. 16-CI-00184 BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY**

**PLAINTIFF VS. BRENDA FRASURE JUSTICE, aka BRENDA JUSTICE, aka BRENDA J. JUSTICE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE (if any) OF DAVID JUSTICE DEFENDANTS**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$27,458.99, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of March, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), a 1983 AMBA 24X55 manufactured home, VIN # 7147 and the property described to wit: PROPERTY ADDRESS: 164 Lauren Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 MAP NUMBER: 013-00-00-054.01 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The following described tract or parcel of real property, lying and being in Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pipe and Andrew Frasure's line running East with Abbott Creek 150 feet to an iron pipe; thence running North to State Route 1427; thence running with Abbott Creek Road to an iron

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Frasure's line; thence South with Andrew Frasure's line to the point of beginning. Being Lot, 150 feet by 200 feet. The above described property includes a 1983 mobile home; VIN No. 7147.

Excepting therefrom the following:

Beginning at an iron pipe at Brenda Justice's line, and running South across Abbott Creek and straight up the hill with Brenda Justice's line to an iron stake at the ridge line at Lloyd Spradlin's line. thence, East with Lloyd Spradlin's line to an iron stake at the ridge line. thence, down the hill with Goldia May's line, running with a small hollow on the South side of Abbott Creek then East and down with said creek to a stake on the South side of Abbott Creek opposite the barn of Clarence D. Frasure. Thence across Abbott Creek running with Goldia May's line to the end of Clarence D. Frasures' driveway at KY 1427. Then, West with KY 1427 to an iron stake at the line of Brenda Justice then running South with Brenda Justice's line to an iron stake. Then, West along Abbott Creek to an iron pipe, the place of beginning.

Being the same property conveyed to Brenda Justice, married, by virtue of a deed from David Justice, married, dated June 06, 2007, filed June 13, 2007, recorded in Deed Book 535, Page 410, County Clerk's Office, Floyd County, Kentucky. Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the

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event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION I CASE NO. 17-CI-00404 COMMUNITY TRUST BANK, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. JOSEPH F. SNIPE AND PHILIPPE W. SNIPE DEFENDANTS**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$125,375.76, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of March, 2018, at the door of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg,

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Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1051 Coppers Lick Branch, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 MAP NUMBER: 013-00-00-035.00 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: The following described real estate, to wit:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County Kentucky on Copperas Lick Fork of Abbott Creek and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a marked rock, at the forks of the road with the road to the mouth of a drain, with the branch up to a marked rock and with the point to the center of the ridge to the Milt Stanley Line. Then with Stanley's line to the top of the high knob, with Otis Conley's line with Sherman Tackett's line and back from Tackett's line to a marked rock on the point to Elbert Snipes line straight down the hill to the beginning, containing 50 acres, more or less.

This being the same property conveyed to Joseph Franklin Snipes and Philippa Snipes, husband and wife, by Deed from Elbert Snipes and Goldie Snipes, husband and wife, dated 09/30/1999 and recorded on 11/29/1999 in Book 441, Page 423, in the Floyd County Recorders Office.

Rights of ingress and egress for a grave yard referenced in deed dated April 18, 1961 and recorded September 8, 1962 in Deed Book 180, Page 375, in the aforesaid clerk's office.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not

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paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

F. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

**NOTICE OF SALE COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION II CASE NO. 17-CI-00573 BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY PLAINTIFF VS. MELISSA ADAMS; TERRY M. ADAMS, Jr., aka TERRY M. ADAMS; CAPITAL ONE DEFENDANTS**

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$202,107.08, plus interest and other costs; please be advised that the Floyd County Master Commissioner has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 1:00 p.m., on the 2nd day of March, 2018, at the door

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of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 109 Monroe Adams Road, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 MAP NUMBER: 005-00-00-030.04 LEGAL DESCRIPTION: A certain tract of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky and described as follows:

a certain tract or parcel of land on Right Middle Creek, KY Route 114 and being the same land conveyed to the first parties by heirs part and deed from Monroe Adams and Nancy Adam, his wife, bearing the date 28 day of July 1997, which is duly recorded in deed book 409, Page 55 Floyd County court Clerks Office containing 4 acres more or less.

A certain tract of land beginning at an iron stake at the driveway of Monroe Adams and at the corner of Danny Adams line up the hill along Danny Adams line to a Poplar Tree marker with three notches, then on up the hill to the point to a Buckeye Tree, then up the line to a forked Black Walnut Tree, then on up the hill to a forked Poplar Tree, then up the hill to the Slippery Elm Tree, then up to the top of the hill to a Hickory Tree on the line of Car Adams property, thence turn right along the ridge to a concrete marker at the corner of Terry Adams property, thence turn right down the hill to a large Beech Tree marked line tree at the top of the point, then right down the hill to the hollow to an Elm Tree marked line tree, then to an iron stake, then right behind the property of Monroe Adams to the beginning stake to Danny Adams property.

Parties of the second part are to have full access to the drive way and bridge. Subject to all restrictions, conditions and covenants and to all legal highways and easements.

A. The property address and map number contained herein are for convenience only. All property will be transferred pursuant to the legal descriptions contained within the Judgment referenced above.

B. The successful bidder shall pay cash in full on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon.

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Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate provided by the laws of the Commonwealth per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above.

C. The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay the taxes or assessments upon the property for the current year and all subsequent years. All delinquent taxes for prior years shall be paid from the sale proceeds along with the payment of other assessments properly claimed or filed within the above referenced record. Any taxes or assessments for prior years which are validly owed and are not paid by the sale proceeds shall remain liens on the subject property and will be assumed by the purchaser.

D. The property described above is sold subject to any easements, restrictions, stipulations, defects, or encumbrances of record affecting said property; any assessments for public improvement; and any matters disclosed by an accurate survey or inspection of the property. The property is also sold subject to rights of redemption which may exist in favor of the United States of America, the Defendants and/or record owners of said property.

E. The property shall be sold "AS IS." The Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted the title of the subject property to the purchaser.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5643 Renewal**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Revelation Energy, LLC, PO Box 189, Lackey, KY 41643 has applied for a renewal for an underground/ surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 2.3 miles southeast of McDowell in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 299.3 surface acres and underlies 840.0 acres for a total of 1139.30 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 0.04 miles

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east from KY 1929's junction with Hoods Fork Road and located in Hoods Fork.

The operation is located on the M c D o w e l l U.S.G.S. 7-1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Joe Akers , Glen & Willa Jean Tackett, Klein D. Stumbo, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Revelation Energy, LLC, Hatfield Bentley, Heirs (Bobby and Linda McCoy, Sabrina McCoy, Michael & Jennifer McCoy, Bobby Jr. and Mary McCoy, Billy McCoy, Anna R. Bentley, Donnie and Donita Bentley, Dwight and Chrisma Bentley, Carl Jr. and Christy Bentley, Marcia Morgan, Violet Bentley, Amanda Bentley Burke, Gregory Bentley, Joanna Lafferty, Joyce and Dennie Blackburn, Keith and Donna Bentley, Mona and Ed-die Case, Patricia Shepherd, Emogene Bentley, Faye Wright, Jackie and JoAnn Bentley, Paul and Margaret Bentley, Ruby Damron, Estille Bentley Jr., Brenda and Rick Newsome, Lynn D. and Carolyn Bentley, Roger and Rita Bentley, Stanley Moore, Guardian of Katherine Delana Moore, Willa Mae Bentley, Debbie Bentley, Darrell G. and Melissa Bentley, Terry Tackett.) Charlie Bentley - Heirs (Tommy and Teresa Bentley, Janice and Gay Salyers, Buena Bentley, Patricia Cooper, Elizabeth Bentley, Elizabeth B. and John Limback, Shannon K. Bentley, Ronald J. Bentley and Sarah Leatherman, Rebecca Bentley, Donald Ray Jr. and Lori Bentley, David and Renee Bentley, Daniel and Donna Bentley, Pamela and Jeff Bidwell, Lovvoyd and Joyce Bentley, Deanna and Jim Boerner, Steve and Cathy Bentley, Stanley and Kim Bentley, Donna Thornsberry, Melissa and David Slobodnik, Rick and Joy Martin, Vicky and Randall Caudill, Timothy and Roberta Martin.), Arnold Turner Jr. et al. (Arnold Turner Jr., Joan Chaffins, Blaine and Zella Slone Heirs (Walker Slone, Eugene Slone, Preston Slone), Earl Evans Est. (Barbara Evans, Gary Evans, Earl Evans, Kimberly Hoff, Debbie Evans). The operation will underlie land owned by Joe Akers, The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Revelation Energy, LLC, Joseph Mining Company, Inc., Charlie Bentley - Heirs (Tommy and Teresa Bentley, Janice and Gay Salyers, Buena Bentley, Patricia Cooper, Elizabeth Bentley, Elizabeth B. and John Limback, Shannon K. Bentley, Ronald J. Bentley and Sarah Leatherman, Rebecca Bentley, Donald Ray Jr. and Lori Bentley, David and Renee Bentley, Daniel and Donna Bentley, Pamela and

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Jeff Bidwell, Lovvoyd and Joyce Bentley, Deanna and Jim Boerner, Steve and Cathy Bentley, Stanley and Kim Bentley, Donna Thornsberry, Melissa and David Slobodnik, Rick and Joy Martin, Vicky and Randall Caudill, Timothy and Roberta Martin) Loretta Sue Newman, Alvin & Bonnie Osborne, Wanda Stumbo, Ray and Mary Hall, Purvis Hamilton, Chester Newsome, Blaine Slone, Burnis Evans, Lawrence and Brenda Akers, Klinon and Ruby Newsome, Patsy Mitchell, Keathley Enterprises, LLC, Mary Howell, Anna Newsome, Earl Evans, Arnold Turner and Joan Chaffins. The operation will use the contour and auger methods of mining. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement's 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, Division of Permits, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5666, Renewal 5**

In accordance with the provisions of 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 an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 12.8 miles southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The proposed operation will disturb 4.05 surface acres and will underlie 816.81 acres, and the total area within the permit boundary will be 820.86 acres. The proposed operation is approximately 1.10 miles southwest from Morgan Fork Road's junction with Little Mud Creek Road and located 0.50 miles north of Morgan Fork of Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the Harold and McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangles. The operation will use the deep mine method of underground mining. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC. The operation will underlie land owned by The Elk Horn Coal Company, LLC, Ted Meade, Earl Lee and Katherine Hall, Roy Spurlock, Reevis Hamilton, Leon Greer, Estill Mullins, Charles McKinney, Verne-dith Meade, Wesley and David Lee Meade, TAC Resources, LLC, Clayborn Bailey Heirs (Joe Dean

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