

Tourism Director hired

BY CODY DAVIS STAFF WRITER

After an approximately one-month search, Prestonsburg Tourism officials have named Samantha West of Pike County as the new director.

"I'm excited to be here to learn and grow," said West.

West, who is originally from the region, studied theatre and English at the University of Kentucky, before returning home three years ago to become the artistic director of the Artist Collaborative Theater in Elkhorn City.

"With them we were able to do a lot of great stuff in the area and see the community grow with the Apple Blossom Festival and the Elkhorn City Night Market and the theatre," said West. "I just saw the amazing stuff happening in Prestonsburg and wanted to be a part of it and help see our region grow."

West was one of three final candidates for the position and interviewed for the job last week at the Mountain Arts Center during a special called

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Newly-hired Director of Prestonsburg Tourism Samantha West stands outside the Mountain Arts Center shortly after her hiring announcement. West was one of three final candidates for the position and is from Pike County.

Floyd Chronicle and **Times photo** by Cody Davis

Prestonsburg man arrested on attempted murder, assault charges

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Prestonsburg Α man was arrested Saturday in Laurel County on charges of attempted murder



rel County Sheriff's Office responded to a complaint of two individuals that had been shot in northern Laurel County Saturday.

According to the citation,

Music had gotten into an altercation with group а individof



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Prestonsburg High School student Shawn Dempsy said he was excited to win his age division in the Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association's annual drug-free poster contest. Prestonsburg High School student Carliegh Ousley, also pictured, also won in her age division. They each won \$100

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resulting in **Dallas Music** the injury of his wife

vehicle. and another man.

According to court documents, Dallas Music, 29, of Prestonsburg, was charged with attempted murder, first-degree assault, first-degree wanton endangerment and tampering with physical evidence.

The citation said deputies with the Lauuals who allegedly threw trash out of their

Music allegedly fired the weapon in the altercation, which officials said endangered the lives of the other six individuals on the scene. However, no injuries were reported in connection with that incident.

The citation said

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and plaques depicting their posters.

Cliffside kids take home cash prizes, computer in drug-free poster contest

BY MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

Three Floyd County children were recognized by the Church Housing Association of Prestonsburg last weekend for honors they earned in a statewide

drug-free poster contest, one of whom is now competing on a national level.

Kevin Jett, a member of the association's board, presented plaques and prizes to Prestonsburg High School stu-

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Prestonsburg unveils strategic plan

BY CODY DAVIS STAFF WRITER

Officials with the City of Prestonsburg and the Kentucky League of Cities unveiled the city's new strategic plan last week during a meeting at the Mountain Arts Center. Now, local officials believe the plan could lead to greater growth if implemented.

"When we asked to have this done a little over a year ago, they were looking at infrastructure and roadways and all this stuff that we know, and everyone else knows, needs to be done," said Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton. "I called Tad (Long) back up and I said 'Tad, I have a challenge for you.

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Floyd Fiscal Court starts budgeting process

BY MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Fiscal Court introduced its upcoming fiscal year budget this week.

If finally passed at the fiscal court's next meeting, this budget would appropriate \$18

million in revenues in all county funds, about \$1 million less than estimated last year for the current fiscal year budget.

The county will carry forward more money this fiscal year than it did last fiscal year, the budget reports. Last year's

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Chaotic Cat hosts Chaotic Con



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Cody Davis

The Chaotic Cat store in Prestonsburg, along with Brian Hall, partnered together over the weekend to host a comic con type event, and officials are saying that they are planning for another in the fall. Admission to the convention was free and attendees had the chance to purchase comic memorabilia and meet with actors and creators in the industry. Also on-display were puppets from popular franchisees such as "Star Wars" and "Gremlins."







Inspector General finds mismanagement of child support funds in Breathitt County

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Gary Salyers. The move follows an investigation into the Breathitt County Child Support Enforcement program, according to a state news release.

The investigation specifically relates to use of the Child Support Enforcement monies. The Breathitt County Attorney's office is contracted with the Kentucky Department of Income Support to operate the local program which uses both state and federal tax dollars.

"Child Support Enforcement staff discovered significant billing irregularities which were referred to CHFS' Office of Inspector General for investigation," Bryan Hubbard, commissioner for the Department of Income Support, said in the release.

"Their extensive examination of Mr. Salyers' office confirmed systemic mismanagement of child support enforcement dollars, over-billing, and billing for services by Mr. Salvers which he doesn't appear to have actually performed. Those who hold public trust should guard it with the greatest degree of diligence. The OIG report establishes that he failed to do so on multiple fronts."

The Inspector General's investigation uncovered three areas where the Breathitt County Attorney overbilled the state for services. Those include overpayment for double-billed court services (\$12,100); excessive billing rate for the assistant county attorney (\$58,278); and incorrect reimbursement rate for costs (\$15,613). Investigators reviewed office documents from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

In a letter to Breathitt County Attorney Gary Salyers, CHFS Deputy Secretary Judge Timothy Feeley said, "CHFS takes the mismanagement of Child Support Enforcement funds with the utmost seriousness."

"The funds are intended as a safety net to support families in need of child support services, such as the location of a custodial parent and enforcement of support payments," Feeley said in the release. "As a taxpayer supported program, we must adhere to the highest standard of accountability and ensure these funds are being used as intended."





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Free lime available to Floyd residents

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Floyd County Conservation District recently received a grant that will help people who raise gardens.

The conservation district received a \$2,575 grant through the Kentucky Division of Conservation and the Kentucky Soil and Water Commission that will provide free lime to residents of Floyd County.

Soil & Water Conservation Manager Tony Grubb said this grant is expected to provide 468 bags of lime for Floyd County gardeners.

Residents interest in receiving free pelletized lime should call the conservation district at, (606) 889-9800, to schedule a pick-up time. Proof of Floyd County residency is required. They will receive vouchers for two bags of lime that can be redeemed at Sandy Valley Hardware in Allen. Grubb said the conservation district is purchasing the lime from Caudill Seed and Sandy Valley Hardware agreed to distribute it.

The grant is part of \$6,600 in grants the conservation district recently received from the Kentucky Division of Conservation and the Kentucky Soil & Water Commission.

Grubb said the district also received a \$1,000 grant to provide free soil testing — a service provided free to Floyd County residents in partnership with the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Office and its Floyd County location.

Grubb said the conservation district also received \$2,900 to offer a hay and pasture program this fall, which will teach Floyd County farmers about caring for livestock and pasture management. That workshop will provide orchard grass or another type of pasture cover for attendees, Grubb said. The conservation district also received \$125 to mix up a cover crop for gardens to help with soil erosion.

Disbarred Kentucky lawyer Eric Conn to throw in the towel on escape charges

BY BILL ESTEP LEXINGTON HERALD LEADER

Former Eastern Kentucky disability attorney Eric C. Conn plans to plead guilty to charges that he escaped to Central America before he was to be sentenced in a massive fraud case.

Conn's attorney, Willis G. Coffey, filed a motion seeking a hearing for Conn to be rearraigned, meaning to change his initial plea of not guilty to guilty.

U.S. District Judge Danny

C. Reeves scheduled the hearing for May 25 in Lexington. The motion said Conn

would plead guilty to all four charges against him – escape, two conspiracy charges and failure to appear at his sentencing. The charges carry top sentences of five years.

Conn, 58, admitted last year that he put false evidence of clients' physical or mental disabilities in hundreds of cases, paid medical professionals to rubber-stamp claims, and bribed a Social Security judge to approve them. He was placed on home detention with electronic monitoring while awaiting sentencing, but cut off his ankle monitor on June 2 and fled to Mexico, then eventually made his way to Honduras.

Police arrested him there in early December at a Pizza Hut restaurant and returned him to Kentucky.

A former employee of Conn's, Curtis Wyatt, pleaded guilty to helping him escape.

Conn also faces 18 charges in connection with the original fraud case.

Governor unveils final report of Kentucky Work Matters Task Force

KENTUCKY PRESS NEWS SERVICE

Gov. Matt Bevin Tuesday was joined by federal and state officials at The Council of State Governments national headquarters in Lexington for the unveiling of the final report of the Kentucky Work Matters Task Force.

Established by Bevin last summer, the group worked to identify tangible actions to address barriers to employment and promote workforce inclusion among people with disabilities, foster children, disabled veterans, and individuals burdened by substance abuse or criminal records, according to a state news release.

During the ceremony, Bevin signed the Employment First executive order, recognizing that competitive integrated employment into the general workforce is the preferred outcome for citizens of all ages and levels of disability. He also announced formation of the Employment First Council to continue momentum on targeted areas of the task force's reports, the news release said. The 23-member Kentucky Work Matters Task Force brought together every department of state government that has a hand in workforce development with members of the private sector. In addition to executive branch cabinet and agency leadership, the group includes four members of the General Assembly, a Kentucky Supreme Court designee, and four citizens at-large.

Despite recent progress, Kentucky's labor participation rate still ranks in the bottom quintile among U.S. states. Additionally, 17.9 percent of the state's population is classified as "disabled," compared to only 12.8 percent nationally.

Bevin said in the release he strongly believes that citizens with disabilities and Kentuckians facing other obstacles to employment have valuable and unique contributions to lend to society and the labor force, yet in many cases are underutilized. Employment is the most direct and cost-effective means to empower these individuals to achieve independence, economic self-sufficiency, and a greater sense of dignity and self-worth.

I would like to thank the voters of District 1 for your past support and I am asking for your continued support on May 22nd! This is a very important day for our future.

O'Bryan performs at Gearheart Auditorium



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows Colby O'Bryan, a Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry member who released

his debut album "Breaking Chains" last year, performs at the Gearheart Auditorium at Big Sandy Community and Technical College on May 11. O'Bryan taught himself to play the drums when he was nine years old and went on to teach himself guitar and bass. The concert, held in collaboration with the college and the Mountain Arts Center, is among several concerts held at the college by the MAC. Clarke Sexton is set to perform on the Gearheart Auditorium stage at 7 p.m. on May 18. The Mountain Arts Center will also host two events this weekend, with the Marshall Tucker Band at 8 p.m. on May 19 and Christian comedian Tim Hawkins at 6 p.m. on May 20. For details, visit macarts.com.

DIRECTOR

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meeting of the Prestonsburg Tourism Commission.

According to officials all three final candidates being considered for the position were from the Floyd, Johnson and Pike county area.

West said she already has some ideas brewing for when she begins the new position.

"We've got some really good ideas coming up already. I'm ready to partner up with the team and learn a lot from the area. But, the biggest thing is to just continue

to bring in other groups to see what's happening here, but, also develop the local scene to help everyone be involved and develop the art scene, the music and the outdoor adventure scene as well," West said.

West said she expects to start in early June.



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Floyd got \$800K more than expected in severance

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County received about \$800,000 more than expected in mineral severances taxes this fiscal year.

Before the Floyd County Fiscal Court introduced its 2019 fiscal year budget on May 14, county officials the hosted a public hearing for funds administered through the state as part of the Local Government Economic Assistance program and the County Road Aid program.

Members approved acceptance of an expected \$230,000 in coal severance, more than \$1 million in mineral severance and more than \$1.4 million in county road aid for the upcoming fiscal year-the amounts estimated by state officials for the next fiscal year.

When the fiscal court approved its budget last year, officials used state estimates on coal and mineral severance and they reported an expected loss of \$700,000 in coal and mineral severance taxes, with \$400,000 budgeted for coal severance and \$200,000 budgeted for mineral severance.

But the state made the final coal and mineral severance disbursements for this fiscal year last month, and it appears the county received more than expected, collectively, in those two funds.

As of April, the Kentucky Department for Local Government reported that the county received \$392,000 for coal severance (about \$8,000 less than budgeted) and over \$1 million for mineral severance (about \$887,000 more than budgeted) in this fiscal year.

Judge-Executive Ben Hale said the increase in mineral severance this quarter was "really unexpected," and noted that those disbursements are "still nowhere close" to the millions in coal and mineral severance the county got years ago.

He and County Treasurer David Layne explained that these budgetary estimates are based on forecasts provided by state officials and previous budget years and are subject to change.

County officials once again expect coal severance funding to decline, but they're banking on mineral severance to remain at about the amount awarded this fiscal year.

The budget introduced by the fiscal court this week allots \$230,000 for coal severance and more than \$1 million in mineral severance, the amounts approved at the hearing.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows Adams Middle School student Chloe Ousley shows a plaque that highlighters her winning poster in the Southeastern Affordable Housing Management Association's drug-free poster contest. She said she spent two hours working on this poster, which won first place in Kentucky and is now competing for national hon-

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ors.

students Shawn Dempsy, 16, and Carliegh Ousley, 15, who were each category winners in their age division, and Adams Middle School student Chloe Ousley, 12, who earned first place statewide, during a May 12 event at Cliffside Apartments.

Lori Rice, the Neighborhood Network Director for the association, said Chloe's first-place win marked the first time that a local student earned that honor. In addition to the plaque displaying her winning poster, Chloe also received a check for \$300, a new Dell computer, as well as a chance to win the national competition. Her sister Carliegh and Shawn Dempsy both retheir plaques.

They were among 10 residents living in complexes operated by the Church Housing Association of Prestonsburg who entered the poster contest, themed this year as "Hope in Bloom: Nurturing our Community." Their work was judged among posters submitted by others across the state.

Ricky Littleton said he is proud of his granddaughters, Chloe and Carliegh. He said he had to coax them to participate because, at first, they didn't want to do try. He is "tickled" that they won and believes they both learned a good lesson.

"| they've think learned, finally, that whatever they set their minds to, they can do," he said. "That's what I've tried to teach them, me and her grandmother over there. The poster contest has been hosted by the Southeastern Affordable Management Housing Association for more than 30 years, and is

ceived \$100 in addition to open to residents of any multi-family affordable housing property that is managed by a member of SAHMA. The contest is geared to educate children and adults about the dangers of substance abuse.

> "It does promote a drug-free life, that's the goal, anyway, is to show how drugs change our life and you don't want to go that way," Rice said. She said kids who live at Cliffside sign a drug-free pledge.

> Dempsy, the son of Tonya Landrum and Wag Johnson, lives at Cliffside with his sister Brittany. Carliegh, the daughter of Jeffrey Ousley and Wendy Vangore, and Chloe, the daughter of Jeffrey and Alex Ousley, live at Cliffside with their grandparents Rick and Mary Littleton.

For more information about the contest, visit sahma.org/dfk. For more information about the Church Housing Association of Prestonsburg and its complexes at Cliffside, Highlands Heights and Highlands Terrace, call, (606) 886-1925.





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EDITORIAL:

Plan in place, people in place, let's get to work

of the new strategic ners, businesses and plan for the City of Prestonsburg, as well necessity in order to as the hiring of the new director of Prestonsburg Tourism, the pieces are beginning to come into place to make Prestonsburg thrive.

As Tad Long with the Kentucky League of Cities said last week, it is now time to take up the mission, put on the gauntlet and move things forward.

We commend the stable and flexible. officials in the City of foresight on the issue of strategic planning. Having a unified community vision toward

others can work is a ensure that this community moves beyond sition of the economy. economic survival into thriving.

Prestonsburg is like many other communities in Eastern Kentucky — searching for a new way, a way that moves the community beyond an almost-total reliance on coal into an economy that's not only growing, but also

Prestonsburg for their advanced as a part them what we have of the city's strate- to offer, we could gic plan, unveiled last be bringing additionweek, particular focus on, as community, and more

After the unveiling which officials, plan- well as the appoint- people means more ther than the paper on ment of, groups to work directly in areas including:

markets.

Improving the • overall quality of life.

Newly-appointed Tourism Director Samantha West and her team at Prestonsburg Tourism will also play a vital role in the future growth of the city.

By bringing tour-Several ideas were ists here and showing but included al residents into the

tax payers.

But, for those who decide only to visit, Improving the po- they are still contributing a large amount Improving hous- of funds into the local ing opportunities and economy just through their visit.

> No matter what, we must stress that Prestonsburg is at a very critical time in its history. Now is the time that decides whether Prestonsburg becomes an economic hub. Our officials should proceed with enthusiasm, but also with a level of care.

Ultimately, some of the ideas put forth in this strategic plan will never move fur-

which they're written. Some ideas will prove to be just too radical - too far out - to be possible.

But the important thing is that we, as a community, are formally sending a message through this strategic plan that we've refused to believe the obituaries that have written over been our area. We're denying that the end of coal means the end of Eastern Kentucky. Prestonsburg, by the actions it's currently taking, is sending a message that we don't believe it's over.

ETTER:

Reader 'shocked and outraged' over superintendent hiring

shocked and outraged female candidates from about the handling and Floyd County who were parent who has children superintendent by the Floyd County Schools' elected board members on May 2. It is absolutely shameful for the board members elected by the people of Floyd County to vote to hire a less qualified and less experienced candidate from Pike County when they had two highly-educated, very qualified, and more

I am completely experienced, respected, families win.

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children of the Floyd residence in Pike County The two female can- County School system. every day on your dime. selection of the new the other two candidates attending the Floyd Coun- didates Tonya Horne Wil- Not only is it shameful Additionally, I do not that someone from out of the county was hired for this position, but I cringe when thinking of the fact that he will also be furnished with a SUV and a fuel card. As taxpayers, you should be enraged with this abuse of the money taken from your own families, as Danny Adkins, who has never paid taxes in Floyd Coun-

ilies and interests in Pike tire working lives to the ty, drives to and from his

for this position.

Hard-working taxpayers should seriously question whether they are getting their money's worth from the public school district and further question who has the best interest of the children of the county in mind. Research shows that when women lead, more often, children and

ty Schools should ensure that the board members who voted "Yes" to hire a less-qualified individual and who continue to choose a male leader, term after term, is voted out!

These board members are not representing the Floyd County children. Instead, they are protecting their own fam-

liams and Anna Whitaker Shepherd, each with 26 years of excellent service to children, families and their community, either one proven capable of leading the district, just received a slap in the face from those who should have been their biggest supporters.

These two ladies have dedicated their en-

think five people should have total authority to hire such a critical position as superintendent within one county. This should be a countywide voting of all the citizens/ taxpayers. By holding a countywide vote, this would eliminate the political favors, promises, and the money trail. This is definitely something our Gov. Matt Bevin should be concerned with as well in regards to public education and the handling of the funding that is in place for students.

Carlon Smith, Staffordsville

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Hal Duncan

Hal Duncan, 78, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, May 10, 2018. Arrangements were under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home of Martin.

Donna Flannery

Donna Hall Flannery, 80, of Beaver, died Friday, May 11, 2018.

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

Kendall Greer

Kendall Bennett Greer, 2 days old, died Saturday, May 12, 2018.

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

Lester Hamilton

of Banner, died Sunday, May 13, 2018.

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

Margaret Howard

Margaret Jane Davis Howard, 88, died Friday, May 11, 2018, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

She was the widow phens Howard, a beloved wife and mother.

In addition to her husband, she was pre-Lester Hamilton, 67, ceded in death by one son, John Woodford Howard II; one broth-Arrangements are er, Ray Edward Davis; and both parents, Ralph Davis Sr. and Myrtie Hill Davis.

> She is survived by one son, Harris Stephens Howard (Lee); one daughter, Rebecca Vanessa L. Howard; one brother, Ralph B. Davis Jr. (Ann); and one grandson, Jonathan Edward Howard O'Bryan.

Funeral services will search Hospital. be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, 2018, at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg. Burial will follow at the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg.

Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until the beginning of funeral services on Saturday. Arrangements are under Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family has kindly requested contributions be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children or St. Jude Children's Re-

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Barbara Newsome

Barbara Raye Newsome, 80, of Teaberry, died Friday, May 11, 2018.

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

Ola Patton

Ola Storie Patton, 95, of McDowell, died Sunday, May 13, 2018. Arrangements were

under the direction of Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Danny Ray

Danny Ray, 69, of Dana, died Monday, May 14, 2018.

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

Donna Tuttle

Donna Jean Hopkins Tuttle, 77, of McDowell, died Sunday, May 13, 2018.

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

Community calendar

• Free lime available: The Floyd County Conservation District recently received a grant that will provide free lime to Floyd County gardeners. Proof of residency required. (606) 889-9800

• May 15-17; 8 a.m.: Three-day class, Kentucky Master Loggers Program, Floyd County Extension Office. Register online. (606) 886-2668

• May 15; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host surface mine retraining class. (606) 218-1228

• May 15; 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center Board of Directors meet, MAC. (606) 889-9125

• May 15; 5:15 p.m.:

sign a proclamation declaring Older Americans Month during AARP meeting at the high rise, Prestonsburg. Public invited

• May 15; 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• May 15; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office

• May 15; 6 p.m.: Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services plans to hold a town hall forum to 5 p.m. review and discuss proposed changes" to the 1915 C waivers for individuals with disabilities at Floyd Central High School. Public input sought

• May 16; 10 a.m. to 2 Judge Executive Ben Hale to p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt

Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• May 16-17; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Pikeville, to host underground mine retraining. (606) 218-1228

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

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Dotson–Simpkins

Hatfield-McDaniel





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

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



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I want you to do our differently. I want you to find out what it's going to take to move Prestonsburg forward."

Stapleton said Long, who works with the Kentucky League of Cities, told him that a plan like that had never been put together before, and Stapleton said he wanted to be the first.

"I think they have captured the essence of Prestonsburg and they've realized what we need to do to keep our small town feel and grow at the same time," said Stapleton.

According to Long, who presented the plan at the MAC, the plan went through three drafts before a final product was decided upon.

"We don't often get the pleasure of working

in a city that has so many things going on simultaneously," said Long.

Long said the plan was drafted together with the goal to make things prosperous for local people.

"Instead of 10 things, there are three things that if this city will focus on and concentrate on and develop, will lead to prosperity, we believe," said Long.

Long said that there was extensive research performed in the area to come up with the three factors, and that the KLC even conducted interviews and spoke with high school students as part of the research.

"Their perspective has been incorporated in this plan through the whole thing," said Long.

According to Long, those three things are the economy, housing and the quality of life in Prestonsburg.

"Really two simple words, 'live here.' If you do these things you can live here," said Long.

Long said the "most piece of the economic puzzle" that would contribute towards pushing the economy in Prestonsburg forward would be access to high-speed internet.

Long said whether the internet come from Kentucky Wired or another project it must become a priority for the city.

Long praised the tourism industry in the city and spoke of its economic impact on the area.

"But that alone will not solve the problems." said Long.

Long said the city needs to look at creating opportunities for recent graduates and for families who moved away.

According to Long, one area that has the most promise for economic growth but only makes up 7.1 percent of Prestonsburg's workforce is the healthcare/technical/computer-science/ engineering field. Two of the fastest growing industries in Kentucky fall within that field, according to Long, which are advanced manufacturing and aerospace technology.

But, Long said, without access to high-speed internet, there are many challenges in trying to bring an employer in that industry to the city.

Long said officials also will need to make plans to bring students and educators into the discussion and leverage the city's access to the East Kentucky Science Center to help bring those jobs.

"It doesn't do any good to recruit an aerospace company to come here, if you don't have

anyone with an engineering degree to fulfill that job," said Long.

The second part of the plan, which focuses on housing also faces numerous challenges that Prestonsburg will have to address, according to Long.

According to the plan, the top five challenges will be a lack of available land, unreasonable price expectations for property, lack of investors, lack of buyers and a lack of the right kinds of housing inventory.

The plan puts focus on three different types of people that would require housing, young middle-aged people, people and the elderly.

"The city should enforce local building codes. Abandoned or buildings condemned could potentially be acquired by the city so that the structures could be razed, and a new de-

velopment created," the plan said.

Finally, Long focused on creating a reason to live here.

Long put an emphasis on preserving local landmarks such as the bridge and beautifying the downtown area.

According to Long, the city should also set a goal for having 250 downtown event days a vear.

Long said that once implemented, the plan presented becomes a mission and the community needs to take up the gauntlet to move things forward, and not fall victim to those who say it can't happen, because Long said it can.

The strategic plan can be viewed on the City of Prestonsburg's Facebook page.

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year's budget started with a carry-forward balance of \$898,699 in its general, road, jail and Local Government Economic Assistance Fund.

This budget estimates a carry-forward amount of more than \$1.3 million — about \$447,000 more than the amount carried forward into this fiscal year. Carry-forward is budgeted at about \$280,900 in the general fund, \$684,000 in the road fund, \$290,000 in the jail fund and \$91,000 in the LGEA fund.

The county's debt totals are cut by more than half in this budget, compared to the current fiscal year, which had more than \$5 million budgeted for debts. The new budget calls for \$2.8 million in debt, and most of that, nearly \$2 million of it, is expected to be paid by Prestonsburg as it agreed to purchase part of Southern Water & Sewer's system.

Compared to the current-year budget, the county expects a decrease of that amount in its general fund, which is budgeted at \$8.7 million. Cuts to that portion of the budget include a decrease of \$2.3 million in debt (budgeted at \$2.6 million); a decrease of \$18,000 in general government expenses (budgeted at \$2.3 million), and

a decrease of \$212,700 in administration (budgeted at \$948,000). All other parts of the general fund - health and sanitation (\$1.98 million); protection to persons and property (\$585,000), social services (\$280,000) and transportation services (\$3,500) either did not change or reflect expected increases, according to the budget summary issued by Treasurer David Layne.

If this budget is passed, the county expects to spend \$500,000 more in its road fund, which is budgeted at \$3.1 million. That fund shows a \$28.000 decrease in administration (budgeted at \$515,200), and increases of \$441,000 in also increase by \$300,000 to \$2.4 million in this budget, with increases in every category, including protection to persons and property (budgeted at \$1.9 million), debt, (budgeted at \$31,000), and administration, (bud-

ment Economic Assistance Fund also reports an increase of \$233,000, compared to the budget approved last year. In this fund, budgeted at \$1.6 million, the county expects to spend \$113,000 more in administration (budgeted at \$382,000); \$40,000 more in economic development (budgeted at \$50,000); and \$80,000 more in recreation and culture (budgeted at \$810,000). In this fund, there was no change from the last budget in protection to persons and property (budgeted at \$129,000); general health and san-(budgeted itation at \$153,000); or capital projects (budgeted at \$109,000).

Layne reported the budget includes funding for the county's current staffing levels. Compared to the current-year budget, the proposed budget reflects increases of \$15,000 for health insurance (budgeted at \$585,000) and increases of \$113,000 for retirement (budgeted at \$675,000). Layne said most of the increase in retirement was allotted for the jail because that budget was approved when state officials estimated higher costs for retirement, prior to the final passage of the state budget. He doesn't expect the county's retirement costs reflect that increase in the upcoming year. He said some of the funds allotted for that increase will likely be transferred into another fund by the end of the fiscal year.

In the new fiscal year, the county expects to receive about \$4.6 million in taxes.

roads (budgeted at \$2.4 million), and \$87,000 in debt, (budgeted at \$187,500), the budget summary reports. The jail fund would

geted at \$515,000). The Local Govern-

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a second altercation occurred a short time later at a separate location between the groups, and resulted in multiple rounds being fired.

According to the citation, one individual was struck in the upper chest and neck area, lower abdomen and near the groin. The other individual was struck in the right arm, according to the citation.

Gary Shane Johnson, 35, of Lancaster ,and Music's wife, Brittany Music, were identified as the victims, according to a press release from the Laurel County Sheriff's office.

The citation said both victims were flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center for treatment.

The weapon, a 9mm handgun, allegedly used in the incident was found later thrown into a large water-filled hole, according to the statement.

According to court documents, Dallas Music was lodged in the Laurel Coun-Correctional Center, tv where he remained held as of presstime Tuesday on a \$100,000 cash bond.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows Family members of World War II veteran Elba Case pose with the sign that will be placed on Ky. 2030 to honor him.

Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Jordan Case, who initiated the naming of Ky. 2030 in honor of his grandfather, World War II veteran Elba Case, wears his grandfather's dog tags around his neck every day.

Road honors 'true American hero' Corporal Elba Case WWII Purple Heart Memorial Highway named

BY MARY MEADOWS STAFF WRITER

Local officials and community members praised one of Floyd County's World War II veterans during a ceremony naming a road in his honor on May 11.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Highway District 12 office in Pikeville coordinated the naming of the Corporal Elba Case World War II Purple Heart Memorial Highway on Ky. 2030 at a ballfield ceremony in Dana.

It was a fitting location, as

player in Floyd County.

He joined the Army in 1943, when he was 18 years old, and became a tank driver during WWII, serving in Normandy and Germany. Fifteen months after his deployment, he was seriously injured.

Rep. Larry Brown, R-Prestonsburg, told the crowd, "His injuries were such that he should not have survived, but he did. His fellow soldiers found him grievously wounded two days later in a German barn, of all places."

Case underwent surgery Case was a well-known Little in Normandy, where he re-

League coach and baseball ceived sheep intestines to save his life. His arm was crippled.

> "The fact that Elba lived another 26 years, two months after his injuries is a testament, not only to his medical care that he received, but also this constitution of what we call a man of the mountains," Brown said.

He called Case a "man of his time," and said he considers him to be a "true American hero"

"There is not now. nor will there ever be on this side of eternity, a way to repay men like Corporal Case for the sac-

rifice they made," Brown said. "Today, however, we honor Corporal Case and thank him for his willingness to serve this great nation."

Sen. Ray Jones, D-Pikeville, speaking on behalf of Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, who filed the resolution to name a portion of Ky. 2030 in honor of Case, also thanked Case and members of the Betsy Layne **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 169 who participated in this ceremony. Both Jones and Brown said Case lived among America's "greatest generation," and Jones said

he's glad that history will live on.

"It's just part of the history and part of the story of our area that, fortunately, because of this resolution and the naming of this road, will not be forgotten for future generations," Jones said.

Case died in 1971 when he only 45 years old, but despite his disabilities, he lived a full life after he returned home from the war.

He married Marcella Case-Price, sometime after his return and they reared six children, Eddie Dean Case and

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Floyd students named Rogers Explorers

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County School District Superintendent Danny Adkins announced 2018 Rogers Explorers last week.

congratulated He them in a press release, saying, "We are very proud of these students."

Adams Akers, son of Brandon and Valerie Akers; and

daughter of CV and Kimberly Reynolds; South Floyd students Camron, Logan and Tanner Morrison, the sons of Barry Morrison and Rebecca Morrison; and Duff-Allen Central students Kamryn Shannon, the daughter of Scott and Stacy Shannon; Madison Thorns-Middle berry, the daughter School students Carter of Shannon and Greta Thornsberry and Amelia Wallace, the daugh-

Chelsea Reynolds, the

ter of Mark and Donetta Wallace were selected for the program.

The Rogers Explorers program is a threeday experience at one of six Kentucky colleges and universities where students are engaged in educational and fun activities geared to develop leadership skills and encourage community service.

Adkins explained how the number of students per county are

selected saying, "The top two students from each of county in the service area are chosen to be Rogers Explorers. Then, the next highest 120 scoring applicants are chosen. Having eight chosen shows how competitive our students are with others in the 45-county area."

For more information about the program, visit, centeryouthprograms.com.



Duff-Allen Central student Amelia Wallace, the daughter of Mark and Donetta Wallace.



Duff-Allen Central student Madison Thornsberry, the daughter of Shannon and Greta Thornsberry



South Floyd students Camron, Logan and Tanner Morrison, the sons of Barry **Morrison and Rebecca Morrison**



Adams Middle School student Carter Akers, son of Brandon and Valerie Akers



Adams Middle School student Chelsea Reynolds, the daughter of CV and Kimberly Reynolds



Duff-Allen Central student Kamryn Shannon, the daughter of Scott and Stacy Shannon



Early Childhood Council hosts HEART Fair



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

The Floyd County Early Childhood Council hosted its annual Early Childhood HEART Fair on the campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College on May 12, featuring numerous vendors, stilt walking, balloon artists and others from the Cincinnati Circus, games and activities for children and registration and screenings for children entering preschool and HeadStart. Free vision and hearing screenings were provided, and Brigance screenings, which measure a child's development, were offered as well. McDowell ARH provided gift certificates for physicals and games and door prizes were given away.



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Walter Case of Harold, Kenneth Case and Joan Case Spurlock of Dana, Jeffrey Case of Pikeville and Wade Case of Florida. All but one of these children were living in the family home in Dana when Case died.

Walter Case remembers that time well. It took him years to get over his father's death.

"It went from a life of enjoyment to, for a while, a life of sorrow," he said. "Me, without him, it was hard to take for years, and, still yet today I have dreams of him."

He said his dad was his "best friend" and that they did everything together. He was grateful to be among those who got honor him on Friday.

"It means the world to me to know that everyone that's been out here appreciates what he done for our country and for our county and for our friends and things, with what he went through in life," he said.

The ceremony was also bittersweet for Marcella Case-Price, 74, who fought back tears as she hugged people after the sign was revealed. She married Elba Case "straight out of high school" and said he was much older than her, but that age difference didn't matter.

They were married who helped.

for about 10 years. "It means so much that they did this," she said. "I thought I was

going to break down." Now widowed twice, Marcella Case-Price, remembers Case fondly.

"He was the best man that was ever born," she said. "He was good to everybody and treated everybody with respect, family and all. He was just, he couldn't be beat."

And that's how her grandson, Jordan Case feels. His dad Kenneth was only four when Elba Case died, so he never got to meet his grandfather. He has heard plenty of stories, though.

The 30-year-old, a funeral director of Hall Funeral Home, wears his grandfather's military identification tags, or dog tags, around his neck every day.

"I've always been very intrigued about him," Jordan Case said. "Just from the stories, you hear about what a great guy he was and his heroism and stuff like that. We've always wanted to try to honor him. We never did get a proper way to honor him and I felt like this was one way we could do that. It's a good way for us to memorialize my grandfather."

He reached out to the Highway District 12 office and Senator Turner requesting a road be named in his grandfather's honor. He is thankful for everyone who helped. He talked about his grandfather's resilience — how, after receiving substantial injuries in the war, he still worked at a local service station and hardware store to support his family and how he coached and played baseball although his arm was crippled.

"Even with the disabilities he had from the service, he had a crippled left arm, along with the sheep intestines, but he worked. When he got out of the service, he worked to help rear his family," he said. "And they said he was one of the best softball players that ever was. He would catch that ball, and do everything with his right hand. He wore a glove on his right hand, and he'd catch the ball, flop it off with that little crippled arm and then throw the ball."

He said the Corporal Elba Case WWII Purple Hear Memorial Highway is a "fitting memorial" for his grandfather.

In addition to his prestigious Purple Heart honor, Elba Case also earned the Expert Carbine Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, the WW II Victory Ribbon, the European Theatre Ribbon and the American Theater Ribbon for his service in the war.

As part of the ceremony, the Betsy Layne DAV Chapter 169 performed a 21-gun salute and led the playing of "Taps" in his honor.







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Blackcats shake slow start, defeat Magoffin County in five innings

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Prestonsburg shook off a slow start to pull away to defeat visiting 15th Region rival Magoffin County 13-3 in five innings on Senior Day at StoneCrest on Monday.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 12-11.

Magoffin County dropped to 6-15 with the loss.

Prestonsburg's lone senior, Ben Welch, picked up the win on the mound. Welch, who has signed with Kentucky Christian University, surrendered three runs on five hits over five innings, striking out seven.

Magoffin County pitcher Lucas Litteral took the loss. Litteral allowed 10 hits and 13 runs over three and 2/3 innings, striking out 10 and walking one. Another Magoffin County pitcher, Ethan Pruitt, threw 1/3 of an inning in relief.

Magoffin County fared well early, plating two runs in the top half of the first inning. But the Hornets faltered. Prestonsburg answered with three runs during its initial at-bat and never trailed again.

Magoffin County was minus numerous starters who were gone on a senior trip.

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster

Host Prestonsburg fared well on the base paths on its way to defeating Magoffin County 13-3 in five innings on Monday.



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ACMS volleyball teams finish undefeated, sweep county titles

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

EASTERN — The Allen Central Middle School volleyball program dominated throughout the 2018 Floyd County season. For the second straight year, the Allen Central Middle School A-, B- and C-teams finished undefeated and won county titles.

The Allen Central Middle School A-team pulled off a four-peat. The Allen Central Middle School B-team won its second straight title while the ACMS C-team captured its third consecutive championship.

ACMS coach Darlene Moore was named Floyd County Coach of the Year for the third straight year.

Chasity Stumbo served as an assistant coach on the ACMS coaching staff.

The Allen Central Middle School volleyball program is led by five eighth graders: middle hitter Caley Howard, outside hitter Gabby Howard, right side hitter Ally Stumbo, setter Amelia Wallace and Libero Kamryn Shannon.



photo courtesy of ACMS Volleyball

The tradition-rich Allen Central Middle School volleyball program remains on top in Floyd County.

Jaguars drop to Belfry, Pike Central

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

EASTERN — The Floyd Central Jaguars remained in the loss column at the start of the week. Visiting Belfry defeated Floyd Central 5-2 in a late-season high school baseball game on Monday.

Belfry dealt Floyd Central its third straight loss.

With the loss, Floyd Central slipped to 8-19.

Belfry improved to

17-14 with the win. Belfry pitcher Brett Chapman threw a complete game and earned the win. Chapman allowed seven hits and two runs while striking out three over seven innings.

Floyd Central pitcher Chris Brown took the loss. Brown went five and error-free in the field. a third innings, allowing three runs on six hits and paced Floyd Central at striking out two.

Central 8-7 in the hits column.

Chapman and Devin Joseph

Varney each provided multiple hits for the Pirates. The versatile Chapman went three for four with two RBIs in Belfry's impressive victory. Another Belfry player, Colton Cross, also drove in two runs.

The Pirates finished

Brayden Hamilton the plate, finishing with Belfry edged Floyd two hits in three at-bats. Contributing to the Floyd Central offensive attack, Johnson and

Chase Conley drove in one run apiece.

The Jaguars struggled defensively, committing four errors.

Pike Central 14, Floyd Central 5

Host Floyd Central fell behind in the opening inning and couldn't match its opponent in the runs column as 15th Region rival Pike Central pulled away to win 14-5 on Friday.

Pike Central pitcher Jon Potter posted the win. Potter allowed three hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out three and walking zero.

Floyd Central pitcher Brayden Hamilton took the loss. Hamilton surrendered seven runs on four hits over three innings, striking out one.

Seth Conn started the game on the mound for the Hawks. Conn worked three innings, allowing six hits and five runs.

Pike Central managed to outhit Floyd Central 13-9.

Potter. Conn, Logan Dotson, and D'Sean Prinkleton each collected multiple hits for Pike County in the winning effort. Conn went four for five with three RBIs to lead the Hawks. Dotson provided a game-high four RBIs while Prinkleton drove in three runs as Pike Central won.

Chase Conley and Logan Conley led Floyd Central with two hits apiece.

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With the game tied 3-3, Prestonsburg plated two runs in the third inning.

The Blackcats put the game completely out of Magoffin County's reach in the fourth inning, scoring eight runs to take a commanding 13-3 lead.

Prestonsburg banged out 11 hits in the convincing victory. Graham Burchett, Owen Greene, Payton Burke and Cameron Blackburn provided two hits apiece for the Blackcats, who are under the direction of first-year head coach Trey Stapleton.

limited to five hits in the setback. Jacob Watson

and Mason Lovely each collected multiple hits for the Hornets.

Prestonsburg returned to the win column after suffering a lopsided loss to reigning 15th Region champion Johnson Central on Wednesday, May 9.

The Blackcats will Magoffin County was compete in the 58th District Baseball Tournament in less than one week.



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Steve LeMaster Prestonsburg shortstop Graham Burchett delivers a throw to first base during the first inning on Monday.

Stars set to shine in Charlotte



NASCAR will be implementing the competition package used in last season's successful NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway that produced a record number in leaders, lead changes and green flag passes for the lead. All cars will be fitted the All-Star Race. The driver that wins the Fan Vote rounds out the starting field.

The field that takes the green flag on Saturday night includes Ryan Blaney, Clint Bowyer, Kurt Busch, Kyle Busch, Austin Dillon, Denny Hamlin, Kevin Harvick, Jimmie Johnson, Kasey Kahne,

Bobcats drop one-run game to Sheldon Clark

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

INEZ — Betsy Layne was denied a victory on the road in Martin County on Thursday as host Sheldon Clark plated one on the mound for Betsy run in the bottom half of the seventh inning to win 8-7.

Longtime 15th Region baseball rivals, Betsy Layne and Sheldon Clark net for a late-season matchup.

Betsy Layne lost despite edging Sheldon Mason Gordon led Shel-Clark 9-8 in the hits column.

Korey Hanson started

on the mound for Sheldon Clark and earned the win. Hanson surrendered four runs on six hits over three innings, striking out five and walking one.

Byron Tackett started Layne and suffered the loss. Tackett surrendered seven runs on seven hits over five innings, striking out five. Working out of a relief role for the Bobcats, Andrew Kidd threw one and 2/3 innings.

Coltyn Borders and don Clark's offensive attack with two hits apiece. The Cardinals made the most of their offensive opportunities.

Connor Newsome, Jordan Frazier, and Cameron Kimbler led Betsy Layne at the plate, finishing with two hits apiece. Newsome, Kimbler and Chase Hamilton drove in two run each for the Bobcats. Hamilton legged out a triples for the Bobcats in the short effort.

Sheldon Clark overcame four errors to earn the win.

Betsy Layne committed five errors in the loss.

Both Betsy Layne Clark are headed into the postseason.



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Betsy Layne's Kolby McGuire makes the throw to first for an out earlier in the season.



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Unlike the ball and stick professional sports, the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series has the one allstar event where the competitors show up to compete at a championship level. The Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race allows teams lucky enough to be in the event an opportunity to run for a win without the pressure of a season long points battle but motivates them to perform at the highest level because of the million dollar payout that goes to the winner.

Over the years, NA-SCAR has tweaked the format of the All-Star Race in an effort to make sure it is a good show for the fans. There has been changes in the format and changes in how a driver makes the field but this year the sanctioning body has taken it a little further with the introduction of a new competition package that has the potential to put on a great show for both the fans in the stands and those watching at home.

with aero ducts, a six-inch high spoiler with two 12-inch ears, a restrictor plate and a 2014 style splitter.

The unique format of the race will include four stages - 30 laps, 20 laps, 20 laps and 10 laps. Normal stage breaks will be in effect with the addition of NASCAR's Overtime procedure being used for all four stages with only green flag laps being counted in the final segment. In the past NASCAR has mandated pit strategy but that will not be the case this year as crew chiefs will be allowed to come up with their own strategy.

While the format of the race doesn't resemble what we see during the 36-race season, qualifying for the event isn't just going out on the track and turning a fast lap. Every race winner from the 2017 and the 2018 season is automatically in the field as is all former All-Star Race winners and past series champions who are still competing full time in the series. Every driver not already in the field will get one more chance to make the field by winning one of the three stages in the Monster Energy Open (20-20-10 laps) held just prior to the start of

Matt Kenseth, Brad Keselowski, Kyle Larson, Joey Logano, Jamie McMurray, Ryan Newman, Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Martin Truex Jr. This field is not only a field of race winners but it also represents thirteen series titles.

PIT NOTES: Richard Petty's auction of some of his personal items from his Hall of Fame career showed that the King still casts a long shadow over the sport. His iconic No. 43 dayglo red and Petty Blue 1974 Dodge Charger sold for \$490,000. Petty drove the Charger to 31 wins which is the most wins driven in one car in all of NASCAR history. It also was the car that Petty drove to his fifth Daytona 500 win. Matt Kenseth's was not able to make a qualifying run in his return to the sport at Kansas as his car failed pre-qualifying inspection. He started 35th in the field of 38 drivers and never was able to become competitive as he was involved in an accident that led to a 36th place finish. He will be in the Roush #6 Ford this weekend at Charlotte for the All-Star Race and the following weekend's Coca-Cola 600.

MONSTER ENERGY MASCAR CUP SERIES	Race Preview Event: Monster En- ergy All-Star Race Track: Charlotte Motor Speedway (1.5-mile quad oval, 240 of banking in the	turns) Date: May 19, 8:00 pm TV: FS1 Radio: MRN Defending Race Winner: Kyle Busch
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Primary voters will face a long ballot when they head to the polls on May 22, but there is one race in Eastern Kentucky I want to make sure they do not overlook: the Court of Appeals.

Six candidates are vying to be among the top two who will compete for the 7th Appellate District, Division 2, seat in November. I think highly of each of them, and applaud their willingness to serve, but I am backing only one - and the fact that he has been my husband for more than 30 years is not the reason why he has my endorsement.

I know some won't believe that disclaimer, and I understand why. It is just assumed, especially in matters like this, that the spouse would be at the front of the line offering support.

My endorsement of Don Combs goes much further than that, though. I know the respect he has for the rule of law and have seen first-hand the commitment he has made to the legal profession and his clients over the years. If a case required him to walk an extra mile, he put in two just to be safe. So many people are better off today because they had him by their side in the courtroom during some of the most trying times of their lives. He will be there for us, too, if he is selected in May and then elected in November.

Don shares the same loyalty I feel to the 22 counties in this district. I served three of them in the Kentucky House of Representatives for a decade and we both have deep connections in the other 19. I think it is absolutely vital that we have an Appeals Court judge who knows the region well, and Don does.

As much as I admire what he has done legally, I am more impressed with his work helping to raise our two children. He has been there for them from the moment they came into the world, and now as young adults, they back him as strongly as I do. They see in him as a father the same qualities we all want from a judge: fairness, caring, accountability, wisdom, and - something especially important when they got in trouble as kids - a willingness to see that there are always two sides to a story.

I won't argue with anyone who says I am biased in this race, but I will disagree with those who say that is the only reason I am endorsing Don. I think we're lucky to have such a group of talented candidates to choose from, but since we can only elect one, Don is the right choice.

We'll be in touch as the campaign moves ahead, but for now, he and I want to thank those who have already given their support. It truly means a lot to us.

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Notice is hereby R. given that J.D. Salisbury, Jr., has filed application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to stabilize approximate-Coal ly 100 feet of LLC. creek bank eroded by previous storm events. The property is located at 6160 KY. Rt. 1426, Dana, KY.

41615. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to : Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Flood Manage-Plain ment Section, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Ky. Phone: 40601. (502) 564-3410.

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