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A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT Prestonsburg's for- al football team. mer mayor, Jerry Fannin, was sentenced to probation and a fine in connec-

tion with a case in which

using city funds to support his semi-profession-

Fannin entered Alford plea in April to

charges related to theft of city funds

Fannin appeared in U.S. District Court in Pikeville Thursday where U.S. District Judge Kar-

he was found guilty of en Caldwell sentenced him to serve six months of probation, with home incarceration required, as well as a \$2,000 fine and nearly \$8,000 in restitution linked to the case. Caldwell noted the se-

Former mayor gets probation

riousness of the charges in sentencing Fannin.

"This is a serious crime, one that strikes at the heart of the democratic process," she said, adding it erodes the public's confidence in government.

According to the plea agreement filed earlier this year in the case, in 2013, Fannin, while serving as mayor of Prestonsburg was also a player and part owner of the Kentucky Drillers, which was headquartered in Pikeville.

During that time, the agreement said, Fannin pressured or directed city employees to "expend funds from bank accounts

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#### **Police: Man** endangers five during chase

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A grand jury will decide whether there's enough evidence to indict a Floyd County man accused of endangering the lives of five people, including two police officers, last week.

On Aug. 13, District Judge Eric Hall found probable cause to refer two felony cases against Dillon Ray Slone, 24, of Topmost, to a grand jury, after a preliminary hearing held in Floyd County District Court.

Wavland Police Chief Brian Ratliff testified during the hearing and

## Election filings close in Floyd

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND** TIMES STAFF REPORT

Floyd County voters will have a lot of choices to make in November.

The candidate filing deadline ended on Tuesday and numerous state, county and city offices are up for grabs during the General Election.

On the state level, races for U.S. representative, state representative and the Court of Appeals are contested this year, and the list of candidates for local races is quite long. There are three people seeking the county judge-executive seat, two people seeking the jailer's position, two each in District 1 for magistrate and constable positions and in District 1 and District 2 county school board seats, as well as a slew of candidates for city races.

A Floyd Chronicle and Times file photo Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley speaks during a Floyd County Fiscal Court meeting.

## **State alleges Bartley threatened** governor, state employee

#### **By Mary Meadows**

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#### STAFF WRITER

Responding to allegations that it unlawfully terminated Floyd County Child Support program contract "for convenience," the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services now reports the contract is terminated "for cause."

And the reasons for that termination include a list of allegations, including accusations that Floyd Counto choke a state employee and burn down the governor's house.

Bryan Hubbard, commissioner of the cabinet's department of income support, sent Bartley a letter on July 16, announcing that the state plans to terminate the county's contract within 30 days.

"This termination is occurring for the convenience of the Commonwealth," Hubbard wrote in the letter.

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shared details about the investigation with the Wayland City Commission on Tuesday.

He filed a warrant against Slone on Aug. 8 and charged him with five felony counts of first-degree wanton endangerment, two of which are against police officers,

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## Wayland receives broadband study



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Randall K. Taylor of Jigsaw Enterprises presents a map used to develop the city's Broadband Strategic Implementation Plan. Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz, Attorney Tyler Green, Commissioner Curtis B. Lee and Police Chief Brian Ratliff are also pictured.

#### **By Mary Meadows** STAFF WRITER

The Wayland City Commission received a strategic plan that details how the city can provide high-speed affordable broadband services residents.

Randall K. Taylor of Jigsaw Enterprises of Pikeville presented the plan to the commission during an Aug. 14 meeting, telling commissioners the project would around \$250,000 cost

and it would take about two or three years before it'd be self-sustainable.

The Broadband Stra-Implementation tegic Plan, funded by a \$19,500 grant, may be used, Taylor said, for grant applications for this project. Mayor Jerry Fultz said the city is already trying to find grants funding sources for it.

"It's a strategy that Jigsaw feels is the best way to give broadband

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Wayland Commissioner Charles "Butch" Bentley and Wayland Mayor Jerry Fultz review a strategic plan for broadband services at Tuesday's meeting.

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into the community here of Wayland," Taylor said. "It's not an engineering design. It's not an engineering cost estimate. The next phase of this project for you is to actually obtain funds to deploy the project, would be for you to get someone to actually do that."

Jigsaw recommends a 4G LTE wireless network design plan, which would include constructing a tower and mounting satellite receivers on homes or poles to bring Internet access to those homes. Indoor fixed LTE devices could also be used, the strategic plan says.

Taylor explained that the city's current Internet service company, Thacker-Grisby Telephone Company out of Knott County, offers Internet like most other companies.

"Well, you have to think of broadband this way," he said. "It's the amount of data that can come in and the amount of data that can go out. Unfortunately, most companies offer a lot of data coming in so that you can download stuff, but you can't get the data out. I've heard folks putting it this way. It's like you have a six-way super highway coming in to your community, and you've got a dirt road trying to get back out."

He said Jigsaw recommends that Wayland offers a "true symmetrical service," or a service that allow customers to both receive and send data at the same speed.

Thacker-Grisby sells its basic Internet service package with a speed of 6 Mbps (data in)/1Mbps (data out) for less than \$50 per month, the strategic plan says, while its 100 Mbps/5Mbps is about \$170 per month.

If Wayland implements the strategic plan, as it is written, Wayland residents can receive broadband speeds of 15Mbps/15Mbps for about \$50 per month, and speeds of 25 Mbps/25Mbps for about \$55 per month. The commercial service plans highlighted go up to speeds of \$50 Mbps/50Mbps at a rate of \$100 per month, each customer's home, but the company recommends the city seek grant funding for those costs and keeping subscriber rates at the same rate Wayland residents currently pays. It also recommends giving free service for six months to residents and free service for three months to businesses.

If the city decides to move forward with the project, the city can operate the system itself or hire a service provider, Taylor explained.

"This model is set up so that you have someone that's going to build the system, and that's going to be your RFP (Request for Proposals), your engineering and design," Taylor said. "Then, they're going to be someone that operates the system, and that could be the same person, same company, and then, later on, someone provides services."

Fultz said this project will improve the quality of life and the economy in Wayland. tential to grow, not just bringing residential folks in, but from the economic perspective of maybe locating businesses that wouldn't have broadband in another location," Fultz said.

He said having highspeed broadband would allow Wayland residents to work from home on the Internet.

"You could live in Wayland and work for Google, or work for Apple if you have the speed," he said. "And that's really what this is all about, is giving our residents the opportunity to do something we don't now how."

The commission took no action on the report. Fultz reported the city is already seeking grant funding for the next step of the project.

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under their control in the form of donations or purchases of advertisements to help fund the Kentucky Drillers during their 2013 season."

"(Fannin) also directed that a city-owned bus be used to transport the Drillers to away games," the agreement said. "He futher directed that the city pay money to the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park under the false pretense that it was needed to make certain repairs, when, in fact, it was used to provide lodging for the Drillers."

The total value of the city funds and resources diverted to the team in 2013 exceeded \$5,000, the agreement said.

As a result, according to the agreement, Fannin faced a possible maximum prison sentence of 10 years and a fine of \$250,000.

Fannin's attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, argued that, because of health problems, Fannin should receive a lenient sentence which did not involve him being in custody.

In a sentencing memorandum filed this week, Pillersdorf reiterated the need for a non-custodial sentence due to a series of strokes and the onset of dementia he said Fannin has suffered.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Kate Smith asked during Thursday's sentencing hearing for a fine to be imposed, despite not opposing a non-custodial sentence, noting that fines are rarely imposed by federal courts in the district.

However, she said it was important that the sentence send a message to other people currently serving as public officials that even a theft of \$7,000 will carry some punishment.

"Public corruption, particularly in this district, is an extremely serious offense," she said, adding Fannin had abused the trust of the people he was supposed to serve.



Dr. Jack Kendrick is accepting new patients at

the plan says.

"True fiber to the premise is the fastest way to go ... That's also about \$10,000 a mile per residence," Taylor said. "It's a huge cost."

Jigsaw estimates it will cost about \$450 equip "I think what we were looking for, and I think we talked about this before, Randall, is the opportunities that having broadband available provides for our community and our residents, and maybe even give us the po-

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with **KAYDEN** a male, 7-week-old, domestic short hair looking for his forever home.

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#### REFUSING TO LET EASTERN KENTUCKY CHILDREN BECOME A STATISTIC

#### By: Amanda Jo Lawson

The Washington Post found an average of 10 school shootings per year, since the 1999 Columbine tragedy. More than 187,000 students attending 193 primary or secondary schools have experienced a shooting on campus during school hours.

The rising number of school shootings has changed the way parents think about sending their children to school. Communities live thinking tragedies like this will never happen in their area. Unfortunately, no one can be certain if, or where, it will happen again.

To better prepare the schools in the region, Pikeville Medical Center's (PMC) Trauma department is reaching out to the community to educate, train and implement the Stop the Bleed campaign.



PMC has spent several months training first responders in the area. Recently PMC has started implementing this training in local school systems to bring attention to the types of traumas people sustain and ways to prevent them.

Stop The Bleed is a nationwide campaign designed to empower individuals to act quickly

and save lives. The program is aimed to provide training for everyone in an emergency bleeding situation.

On August 8, PMC taught the first Stop the Bleed course to faculty and staff at Mullins Elementary.

"We are taking this opportunity to educate the public and help people become more aware of traumatic injuries. The implementation of Stop The Bleed is an effective tool used to express the importance of safety." PMC Trauma Outreach and Prevention Coordinator, Angie Reed said.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), traumatic injuries account for 41 million emergency department visits.

Reed said her goal is to train all area schools to educate and prepare them in case of an emergency.

"In a situation where seconds matter, the knowledge these teachers receive could prevent one of our children from becoming a statistic," added Reed. Trauma awareness, safety and prevention can make all the difference.

"We are better prepared for an emergency because of the training we have received from PMC," said Mullins Elementary School Principal, Gary Fields. "Thank you for taking the time to educate our faculty and students on these life saving techniques."

"I'm proud to help provide this course to our community schools," PMC Trauma Surgeon, Rudy Judhan, MD said. "The knowledge they receive can make the difference between life and death during the time before the patient arrives at the trauma center," he added.



As part of PMC's mission to provide world class quality health care, this campaign is part of the outreach to the community to educate and train people as their first line of defense.

PMC plans to continue training and hopes to reach as many people as possible.

PMC is the only Level II Trauma Center in the region and is verified by the American College of Surgeons. The team is comprised of trauma surgeons, a number of specialty physicians and a staff who stand ready 24/7 to treat traumatic injuries.

For more information or to schedule a course, contact Angie Reed at 606-218-6334.

#### PMC HAS A PLAN THAT COULD SAVE LOCAL BUSINESSES THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS

By: Amanda Jo Lawson

When business owners consider variables that cost them money, personnel sick days are among the top of the list. Pikeville Medical Center (PMC) is committed to helping businesses do everything possible to keep their employees healthy.

The Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index surveyed 94,000 workers across 14 major occupations in the U.S. Of the 77% of workers who fit the survey's definition of having a chronic health condition (asthma, cancer, depression, diabetes, heart attack, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or obesity), the total annual costs related to lost productivity totaled \$84 billion.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), people infected with viruses cost 10.4 billion in health care cost each year. In addition, 6.2 billion in lost productivity, this includes 75 million in sick days among adults 18-64.

Obviously, sick days costs business huge money. PMC is determined to help business owners with the health of their staff, saving them money and making the community a healthier place to live. PMC has addressed the problem by developing a new strategy called The Worksite Wellness Program. It works with businesses providing employees valuable information needed to stay healthy and avoid sick days.

PMC's Wellness Program is delivered to the business, eliminating the need to leave the office. It is a unique flexible program that can be adapted to meet specific needs of the employees.

"Our wellness program is designed to help maintain good health for individuals in the workplace. We encourage businesses in the area to take advantage of this program," said Chief Operating Officer, Kansas Justice. "Keeping employees healthy should result in a very



Pikeville Medical Center's physicians and medical staff organized the Run With the Cops 5k event. Dr. Fadi AlAkrass presented a check for \$11,258.73 to Pikeville Police Chief, Chris Edmonds in support of children in need throughout the community.

positive outcome. Happier, healthier days are a plus for everyone."

Vaccinations are an important part of the Wellness in the Workplace Program. A PMC nurse will bring the vaccinations to employees at their workplace, taking much less time away from their day. This makes it easier for staff to get critical vaccines and cut down on their chances of becoming ill.

"Vaccines are the best defense we have against infectious disease and every effort is made by the FDA to ensure the safety of use," said Clinical Administrator Rose Collins.

The PMC Worksite Wellness Program has definite advantages of lower health care cost, decrease absenteeism, increase productivity, reduces turnover and increases morale. "We're learning that employees perform better, take less sick days and are happier when they are healthy," said PMC Coordinator, Wellness Stacey Walters.



Our practitioners provide

the exams, test and services you need to keep you and your employees on your schedule.

For more information or to get your business signed up for Worksite Wellness, contact Stacey Walters at 606-213-3134.

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The Martin City Council is the only city government race that does not have opposition.

There are 13 candidates who signed up to run for the eight-person Prestonsburg City Council, two people seeking that city's mayoral set, and five people seeking four seats in Allen and Wheelwright.

There is, however, only three people seeking four seats on the Wayland City Commission.

Floyd County Deputy Clerk Connie Gray said candidates may still file as a write-in candidate through October 26 at 4 p.m.

One person has already filed as a write-in candidate, against Magistrate 3 incumbent Mike Tackett, who narrowly won the Primary election.

The list of candidates running for opposed city and county offices in Floyd County include the following:

#### Floyd County Judge-Executive

James "Jimmy" Rose of Martin; Democrat
John B. DeRossett of Prestonsburg; Republican
Robbie Williams of Prestonsburg; Independent

Floyd County Jailer •Stuart "Bear" Halbert of Martin, Democrat (incumbent) •Emmit Johnson of Pres-

tonsburg, Republican

Magistrate District 1 •Mark D. Crider of Prestonsburg; Democrat •Floyd Skeans of Allen; Republican

Magistrate District 3 •Mike Tackett of Wheelwright, incumbent •Bobby Caudill of McDowell (write-in candidate)

#### **Constable District 1**

Larry "Boss" Jarrell of Prestonsburg, Democrat (incumbent)
Bobby Hamilton of Prestonsburg, Independent

Allen City Commission

(four members) •Joshua Kinzer, incumbent •Eilene Kinzer, incumbent •Clyde Woods, incumbent •Elmer "Fudd" Parsons, incumbent •Harrison "Junior" Gibson

#### Prestonsburg City Council (eight members)

•Brittainy Branham, incumbent •Mike Lafferty, incumbent •Don Willis, incumbent •David A. Gearheart, incumbent Rick Hughes •C. Shag Branham, incumbent •Sheila Bryant •BD Nunnery, incumbent •Brandi Clark Cliff Latta III Josh Turner •Roy Roberts, incumbent •Harry A. Adams, incumbent

#### Wheelwright City Commission (four members)

Sam Little, incumbent
Andy Wayne Akers, incumbent
Bobby Wayne Akers, incumbent

• Vernon Smallwood, in-

cumbent

Dana McCown

#### Wayland City Commission (four members)

Kathy E. MartinCurtis B. Lee

•Charles "Butch" Bentley

#### **Prestonsburg Mayor**

Les Stapleton, incumbentM. Bryan Lafferty

• M. Bryan Latterty

#### Floyd County School Board District 1

•Linda C. Gearheart of Prestonsburg, incumbent •Alan J. Gullett of Prestonsburg

#### Floyd County School Board District 2

Dr. Chandra Varia of Martin, incumbent
Shera Shelton Wagoner of Prestonsburg

#### U.S. Representative, Fifth District

Kenneth S. Stepp of Manchester, Democrat
Harold "Hal" Rogers of Somerset, Republican (incumbent)
Billy Ray Wilson of London (write-in candidate)

#### State Representative, 95th District

•Ashley Tackett Laferty of Martin, Democrat •Larry D. Brown of Prestonsburg, Republican (incumbent)

#### Court of Appeals Judge, 7th/ 2nd

•David Allen Barber of Morehead •Larry E. Thompson of Pikeville

## Martin police seizes counterfeit cash, drugs

#### A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Martin City Police Department reported this week that the department seized a large quantity of counterfeit money and drugs during a recent traffic stop.

On Aug. 8, Martin Police Officer Brad Stidham arrested Cody Carroll of Langley, charging him with driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, three counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a forged instrument.

The department re-



Submitted photo

Martin Police Officer Brad Stidham recovered \$6,100 in counterfeit bills, as well as several pills and drug paraphernalia during a recent traffic stop.

ported in a press release that Stidham found several types of pills, a "freshly used" pipe and \$6,100 in counterfeit money during a traffic stop.

\$2,500 partially-secured bond after his arrest. He is scheduled to appear in Floyd District Court on Aug. 22 for an arraignment.

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## **GUEST EDITORIAL**

## Expeditious decision in pension suit best for Kentucky

decided by the time general

While a Democratic primary stands in the way, chances of a gubernatorial race between Gov. Matt Bevin and Attorney General Andy Beshear are good.

And in the interest of reducing political grandstanding, to the extent that's possible, we're rooting for a rapid resolution to a lawsuit over Senate Bill 151, pension reform passed by the Kentucky General Assembly in the waning days of the 2018 session. Ideally, a decision in the case would be made before the gubernatorial

race cranks into high gear.

Upset with the ruling of Franklin County Circuit Judge Phillip Shepherd and not bashful about saying so, Bevin and his lawyers appealed the decision last week. The Kentucky Supreme Court agreed to hear the case, bypassing the Court of Appeals. Likely in agreement with a statement by Bevin attorney Steve Pitt — "These are weighty issues that will impact every Kentuckian" - the Supreme Court agreed to hear the case on Sept. 20.

While the case may not be

election campaigns for legislative seats heat up, a conclusion to the matter this year would provide some degree of finality to an issue that rolled the Capitol in 2018. With a timely decision, it's our hope that politicians would shift their focus toward the meat of the pension issue - how to ensure the retirement systems' financial stability. Because politicizing an issue muddies the core of a matter without discussing what's most critical to a solution.

On both sides of the aisle, there's already been plenty of politicking about the pension bill since its passage earlier this year. Republicans, for example, accuse Beshear of playing politics with pensions, particularly now that he's declared a campaign for governor, but, because of the sneaky parliamentary manner in which the bill was passed, a lawsuit was inevitable even if Beshear wasn't the one bringing it or a declared candidate for governor.

Our hope, though, may be unrealistic. If victorious,

Beshear will surely tout his court action for any number of reasons, including that he was standing up for teachers and state government employees. Republicans would have plenty to crow about with a ruling in their favor, too.

At a minimum, an expeditious decision would provide a sense of certainty for government employees, who are retiring at rates not seen in recent years, as numbers from the 2018 fiscal year show.

> — The State Journal, Frankfort

## **GUEST COLUMN** Space oddity

#### By SJ RUTH **A**PPALACHIAN **N**EWSPAPERS

A great astronaut once said, "To Infinity and beyond." Or maybe that was just a tweet from a space cadet.

We can only hope Trump's Space Force is slightly more successful than Trump's Airline which almost flew passengers from Laguardia to Newark once.

Some of you might say NASA is already in place for this kind of thing. But NASA stands for Nobody Attempts Space Anymore and Herr Cheeto is going to Make

that isn't a name straight deferments during the out of Star Wars I don't know what is.

While I and my elitist enemy of America friends in the press make fun of the whole concept of a space force, there might be a couple of things to consider besides the likelihood that Trump's Russian Mafia buddies control the world's dilithium chrystal reserves and are itching to sell.

So consider this before you make another meme of Jeff Sessions wearing that oversized imperial storm trooper helmet — No matter how funny it is.

America Galactic Again. He's already got Elon the Donald's attempt Weekly World News was Musk on board, and if to make up for his draft right - we really have

Vietnam War. A guy who won a rich kid camp tennis trophy is destined for greater things than flying a Huey. No, he should be manning the comms and hooking up with sirens from other planets like all the other Star Fleet commanders.

If JFK had his foresight, the Donald could have been an intergalactic megalomaniacal fraud instead of the earthbound one he grew up to be.

Besides, in zero gravity, no one knows you've got bone spurs.

The other possibility no one is talking about First, maybe this is is the obvious one. The been visited by space

aliens. How else can you explain the Kardashians?

The Donald is having none of that. An illegal alien is an illegal alien, just a bunch of murderers and rapists who want to come here and get you thought of those free stuff.

Since he can't actually come out and say there are aliens among us, he's doing the next best thing: Creating a Space ICE who'll round up those little greenies and drop them off on the other side of the Space Wall the Space Force will build.

tians will pay for it.

show few in the gener-

cent of citizens who have been anal probed say we need a Space Force more than air.

Not an Air Force, but air. Period.

I'm betting none of things before ridiculing Space Cadet Bone Spurs' vision, did you? You just need to set aside your snowflake worries of global warming or crumbling infrastructure or economic inequality or Russian election interference and get with the (space) program.

Besides, that dilith-And yes, those Mar- ium crystal reserve his buddies are sitting on will While opinion polls be worthless when Jeff Bezos finally perfects his al population support a Mr. Fusion and nobody Space Force over a rebuilt (named Trump or Putin)

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Lucille Frances Bush Lucille Frances Reynolds Bush, age 77, of Harold, KY, wife of Ned Bush, passed away Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at Pikeville Medical Center.

She was born March 8, 1941, in Floyd County, a daughter of the late Clifford and Draxie Tack-

#### ett Reynolds.

She attended the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, served as Surgical Services Director, Director of Emergency Services, Director of Ambulatory Services and Director of Surgical Open Heart/Clincial Outreach Services at Pikeville Medical Center.

In addition to her husband; Ned, she is survived by her two sons; Hagan (Lisa) Bush, Pikeville, and John (Beverly) Bush, Harold, one brother; Clifford (Bonnie) Reynolds Jr., Stanville, two sisters; Irene Fields, Stanville,

and Dorsey (Mike) Puckett. Richmond. brotherin-law; Dr. Daniel Stamper Jr., five grandchildren; Samantha, Evan, Micaela, Kaitlin and Taylor.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother: Herb Reynolds and one sister: Clara Stamper.

Funeral service will be conducted Friday, August 17, at 1 p.m. at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with Barry Clark officiating. Burial will follow in the Bush Cemetery, Harold, visitation is after 11 a.m. Friday at the church, under the professional and dignified care vember 13, 1947, to the of the Hall Funeral Home of Martin.

Jimmie D. Hall

This is a paid obituary.

Jimmie D. Hall, 54, of Grethel, died Monday, August 13, 2018.

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

#### Leila Prater King

Lelia Prater King, wife of Lawerence W. King, passed away August 12, 2018.

She was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on No-

late Jack and Orpha Conley Prater.

Survivors, other than Lawerence, include her two daughters, Kimberly Ann and Deborah Dawn Georgetown, Kenof tucky.

Other survivors include her brothers, Dr. Gary Prater of Ashland, Ronnie Dale (Carol Sue) Prater of Prestonsburg, and Barry Prater of Prestonsburg; a sister, Camille (Gorman) Brown of Langley; a sister-in-law, Priscilla Prater of Prestonsburg; various nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to her parents, Lelia was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Prater; a nephew, Kenny Brown and a greatniece, Kelly Marshall.

Services will be private. For more informaiohnsonsfuneraltion, home.com

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#### **Randolph Lee Riner**

Randolphy Lee Riner, 74, of Ivel, died Monday, August 13, 2018.

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## BSADD ends loan program, returns funds

#### **By Mary Meadows** STAFF WRITER

The Big Sandy Area District's Development Board of Directors voted to end one of its programs this week and return \$295,000 to the federal government.

During a special meeting Aug. 13, the agency voted to end the Revolving Loan Fund program with the recommendation of the board's executive committee and Big Sandy ADD Director Sandy Runyon.

The fund was available to new and expanding businesses in Floyd, Pike, Martin, Magoffin and Johnson counties, offering financing to bridge funding gaps or help businesses obtain other types of loans.

Big Sandy ADD cooperates with local banks to establish the program, do that, they have revised

U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

which is funded by the

Runyon said the program has been successful, but pointed out that it had not be used much locally.

"It has been become increasingly difficult to lend those funds and there's a lot of reasons for that. It is the economy. It's the fact that interest rates, by and large, with a traditional lenders have been really low, and so nobody has needed those gap funds or those additional funds," she said.

Runyon talked about an audit the EDA underwent that resulted in recommendations to "do something to shore up" the Revolving Loan Fund program because it was not used well on a national level, either.

"And so, in an effort to

their, a lot of their guidelines, and those have become so stringent and so difficult that it will be almost impossible for small regions and small lenders to be able to do that," she said. "It is our recommendation that we give the money back to the EDA."

Denise Thomas, a community and economic development associate at the Big Sandy ADD, said the fund was originally put into place in 1991 with \$500,000, and banks matched those funds to provide loans to businesses.

"So, in returning these dollars, we have to return 75 percent of the capital base, and, of course, the remaining stays here, as Sandy said," Thomas said. "But, if we do not do this, take this action, then Big Sandy ADD will have to come up with a corrective action plan to develop a strategy for meeting all of the new terms and conditions associated with the RLF. That would include increasing significantly in the next year the number of loans that we make. Based on our history, associated with the number of loans we have made, we don't feel like that is going to be possible at all. That's the reason for the recommendation."

Runyon said Big Sandy ADD can keep the balance that remains after returning the \$295,000 in an account to be used for local economic development projects and/or as matching funds for local projects.

The Revolving Loan Fund has been discussed several times at Big Sandy ADD meetings.

In January, the board voted to expand the program into the Kentucky River Area Development

District, with officials reporting it wasn't being utilized well in the Big Sandy region, and the board also approved other changes like adding veterans to the list of potential clients. Those changes required approval from the federal government.

Certified Public Accountant Lynette R. Schindler of Pikeville encouraged the agency to spend its unused Revolving Loan Fund money prior to that vote in January. She reported that the ADD only had one outstanding loan in the program for \$26,000.

That federal agency sequesters, or puts aside, excess funds when the amount of cash available in the Revolving Loan Fund account exceeds 25 percent of the program's capital base for more than a year, Schindler explained.

The Big Sandy ADD received \$457,500 in federal funds for the program during the last fiscal year and that amount was matched with \$152,500 in funding from partnering banks. The amount required to be sequestered by the EDA on June 30, 2017, was more than \$267,000, Schindler reported.

"The EDA wants money put aside. They call it sequestering," she said. "And they wanted \$267,000 sequestered and put aside that they could conceivably come back and say, 'Give it to us. You aren't loaning it out. We want it back."

In April, the Big Sandy ADD Board of Directors approved a \$40,000, seven-year loan to Willie T. Crase and his brother Ivan Crase, to open a new business, Wet Willie's Car Wash in Martin.

## Marriages, property transfers filed in Floyd County

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD tor LLC; property at East Rickie Bryant, Bonnie Da- VZG LLC (Deeds Book batha R. Holbrook (Deeds to Bobby Wayne Akers vidson, Rickey Davidson, 639; pg. 71) Book 639; pg. 98) (Deeds Book 639; pg. Larry Hunter, Loretta Master Commissioner 134)

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

#### Marriages

Cheyenne Brook Clifton, 23, of Dwale, to Kyle Douglas Ramey, 21, of Dwale

Laken La'Shay Keathley, 24, of Lexington, to Edward Buckly Bailey, 29, of Lexington

Brent Austin O'bryan, 20, of Auxier, to Andrea Grace Faith Powers, 20, of Auxier

Elisha Mollett, 35, of Allen, to Charles David Poston, 44, of Allen

Michael Wells, 41, of Auxier, to Paula L. Thompson, 33, of Auxier Eric Michael Hamilton, 33, of Martin, to Sara Marie Isaac, 32, of Martin Brittany Leigh Spears, 32, of Weeksbury, to Joseph Lee BeKay, 32, of Bypro

#### **Property transfers**

21st Mortgage Corporation, Twenty First Mortgage to Gary Ross (Deeds Book 638; pg. 729)

Angela Thornsberry to Della Hall (Deeds Book 638; pg. 732)

Bonnie Evans to Jimmy Osborne, Linda Osborne (Deeds Book 638; pg. 735)

Martin R. Minix to Ryan Maynard Chiroprac-

Point

Hunter to James David Adkins, Joy Ann Adkins (Deeds Book 638; pg. 744)

Ruby Kinzer estate, Buddy Ford, executor to Tonya Sexton; property at Allen

Bobby Hamilton to Charles Ramey (Deeds Book 638; pg. 751)

Burieta Gearheart estate, Gerald DeRossett, executor, to Gerald DeRossett, executor, Burieta Gearheart estate (Deeds Book 638; pg. 756 and 760)

Robert K. Leslie, Tersa Leslie to HHS Development Company Prestonsburg LLC (Deeds Book 639; pg. 1)

L&B Real Estate LLC to Jason Hall, Leslie Hall (Deeds Book 639; pg. 4)

Elizabeth Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson estate to Brenda S. Wilson, Rex David Wilson; property at Melvin

Special Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Cleveland Tackett, Phyllis C. Tackett, Waterside Tax Services Company to Alesha Hall, Lenny Hall (Deeds Book 639; pg. 13)

Special Master Commissioner Gregory Isaac, Eric J. Pitts, Angela Williamson, Keith Williamson, Tax Ease Lien Investments 1 LLC to Bill Collins (Deeds Book 639; pg. 18)

Causetta Bryant, Beulah M. Price, Ronald Price to Autumn Bryant (Deeds Book 639; pg. 24) Julianna Billips, Martha Billips, Robert C. Billips to Julianna Billips, Robert Billips (Deeds Book 639; pg. 36)

Avorn Hamilton to Bobby Lawson (Deeds Book 639; pg. 43)

Duane E. Bryant, Erica L. Bryant, Larry S. Bryant, Laura M. Bryant to Larry Dale Bryant (Deeds Book 639; pg. 46)

Virginia J. Johnson to Dwight Akers; Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church Inc., Cindy Justice, Elbert Stratton; property at Betsy Layne (Deeds Book 639; pg. 49)

Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church Inc., Cindy Justice, Dwight Akers, Elbert Stratton to Dwight Akers; Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church Inc., Cindy Justice, Elbert Stratton (Deeds Book 639; pg. 58)

Tamatha Meade to Dwight Akers, Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, Inc., Cindy Justice, Elbert Stratton (Deeds Book 639; pg. 54) Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Midland Funding, Steven Walz, Betty Jarvis, Discover Bank, Capital One Bank to Leham Mortgage Trust, Wells Fargo Bank National Association (Deeds Book 639; pg. 65) Bourekas LLC to TG

Ashley Tackett Laferty, Bobby Stiltner, Fristie Stiltner, Eagle Trace Subdivision, Bayview Loan Servicing LLC to Ashley Anderson; property on Pen Hook Branch near Harold

Master Commissioner Ashley Tackett Laferty, Tax Ease Lien Servicing LLC, Pam Institutional Tax Lien Service LLC Kentucky Tax Bill Servicing Inc., City of Martin, Floyd County, Kelly G. Allen, Cardinal Lien Service, Jamos Fun LP, Ralph Reynolds and unknown heirs to James D. Reynolds (Deeds Book 639; pg. 83)

Anthony B. Hall, Nathan D. Hall to Deborah L. Hall (Deeds Book 639; pg. 92)

Noralean Johnson to Marty Johnson, Teresa G. Johnson (Deeds Book 639; pg. 94)

Vernon Powers to Michael P. Holbrook, Ta-

Edith Butcher, Jerry L. Butcher to Mary S. Joseph, Ricky Joseph (Deeds Book 639; pg. 101)

Doyle Dingus, Doyle R. Dingus, Jonathan Dingus to Anthony Spencer, James Spencer, Phillip Spencer (Deeds Book 639; pg. 105)

Mary L. Croot, Christopher Charles Croot, POA, to Gary R. Hurst, Vicki Hurst; property on Left Beaver Creek (Riley's Branch)

Mary Sizemore to Mary Sizemore; property in McDowell CBS Investments

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. to Rose Slone (Deeds Book 639; pg. 136)

L&B Real Estate LLC, L&B Hall Real Estate to Aaron J. Conn, Brianna M. Conn (Deeds Book 639; pg. 140)

L&B Hall Realty, L&B Hall Real Estate, L and B Real Estate LLC to Clay Ratliff, Kinsey Ratliff (Deeds Book 639; pg. 144)

Atterbury, John Kimberly F. Atterbury to Gwendolyn Francis (Deeds Book 639; pg. 148)

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE** Southern Water & Sewer District

Our regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, August 27, 2018 has been changed to Monday, August 20, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Thank You





Submitted photo

Senator Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, confers with Rep. Jody Richards, D-Warren, on the plans for the Kentucky Community and Technical College System at the August meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Education. He may be reached at, (800) 372-7181, or, JohnnyRay.Turner@lrc.ky.gov.

## **AppalReD: Conn clients** should seek an attorney

#### **SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

AppalReD Legal Aid encourages former clients of Eric C. Conn to seek legal representation if they are facing a review of their case.

"Hearings continue in the review of Social Security Disability (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cases of clients formerly represented by attorney Eric C. Conn," a press release from AppalReD said. "The

Mr. Conn's former clients. If a client loses the hearing, the client will lose his or her benefits."

"Although recipients of these benefits are not required to have legal representation in the review of their cases, the legal issues involved are complex, and representation is likely to improve the chances of a successful outcome," the statement said.

outcome of these hear- providing free represenings will seriously impact tation to former clients of Conn in the review of their disability cases, by its staff attorneys as well as through a network of volunteer attorneys.

AppalReD encourages anyone needing representation to contact AppalReD at, (866) 277-5733, as soon as he or she receives a letter from Social Security indicating that his or her case is being reviewed.

AppalReD Legal Aid is

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But Bartley filed a lawsuit against the cabinet, asking the court for an injunction and claiming that state law does not permit the termination of a child support enforcement contract for "convenience."

Hubbard responded to Bartley's claims with another letter on Aug.

'for cause' termination of the contract," the letter states.

Hubbard also claims that Bartley made comments to his staff about choking a state worker and burning down the governor's house.

"During meetings with your staff regarding the FY 19 Agreement, you expressed a desire statement in the letter. to 'choke to death' Joy Colligan of my office and 'burn down (Governor) Bevin's f---ing house," the letter states. "Perhaps even more alarmingly, you also expressed to your staff an intent to sign the FY 19 Agreement, but then 'drain' it by performing little work beyond having the phones answered. Such statements, regardless of whether you consider them tonguein-check, are not appropriate and demonstrate a lack of professionalism and collegiality necessary for a proper working relationship with the Cabinet."

grounds warranting a all," Bartley said. "And I've asked my staff if they recall me saying anything like that and they have told me no. Now, is it possible that I said something in jest, in an attempt to elicit a laugh? Certainly, but there was actual threat to anybody, at any time."

He referenced Hubbard's "tongue-in-cheek"

"The statements they

## Several charged in **Floyd District Court**

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STAFF REPORT

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

#### Felony charges filed

Christopher Thomas Williams, 32, of Kite; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Michael Dale Hagens, 36, of Hi Hat; third-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, trafficking marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, prescription not in proper container

Evan Potter, 26, of first-degree Hueysville; trafficking in a controlled substance, carrying a concealed deadly weapon

James Will Miller, 33, of Prestonsburg; two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a handgun/firearm by a convicted felon, failure to wear seat belts, no license

Cody Carroll, age unavailable, of Langley; driving under the influence, three counts of third-degree possession of a controlled substance, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, third-degree possession of a forged instrument

Zackery Timothy Howard, 26, of Prestonsburg; first-degree robbery, theft by unlawful taking (auto), speeding, driving under the influence, two counts of first-degree fleeing/ evading police, second-degree disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, menacing

Alfred Noble, 33, of Bulan; first-degree promoting contraband, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia Andy Ryan Coahran, 25, of Prestonsburg; first-degree assault, fugitive

to make required disposition of property

Tamika Parsons Jarrell, 25, of Dana, third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor

Patrick Jarrell, 34, of Dana; third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor

Joe DeRossett, 31, of Harold; harassment

James Kessler, 32, of Dwale; third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor

Michelle Bradley, 25, of Dwale; third-degree unlawful transaction with a minor

James Slone, 45, of Topmost; receiving stolen property under \$500

Connie Prater, 39, of Martin; first-degree disorderly conduct, menacing, prescription not in proper container

Gregory K. Tackett, 35, of McDowell; third-degree criminal trespass

Billy Anderson, 56, of Prestonsburg; second-degree criminal trespass, menacing, harassment

Mickey Newsome, 50, of Teaberry; violation of an emergency protection order

Debra K. Senters, 56, of Banner; fourth-degree assault

Kimberly Braddock, 44, of Garrett; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Lois A. Tackett, 47, of Van Lear; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Eric R. Terry, 33, of Prestonsburg; third-degree criminal trespass

John Ousley, 35, of Eastern; fourth-degree assault

Jeffery Nelson, 47, of Ivel; possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance

William (Billy) Burgess Gillman (Gilliam), 32, of Harold; third-degree criminal mischief Joseph Paul Boyd, 39, of Dana; public intoxication of a controlled substance

of Pikeville; theft by unlawful taking

Rick Riley, 52, of Harold; theft by unlawful taking

#### Lawsuits filed

Bayview Loan Servicing LLC vs. Irene D. Sparks, also known as Irene Carroll Sparks; foreclosure

Kaitlin D. Terry vs. Corey Richard Terry; divorce

Tyler Robinette vs. Chelsey Robinette; divorce

Crystal Akers, Davy Akers vs. Kelsey M. Akers, Cody Patrick; petition for custody

Francis Ann Hall vs. Ronald Hall; divorce

Ky. Department for Income Support, Kaitlyn Barnett vs. Austin Barnett; petition for child support and health care insurance

Synchrony Bank vs. Myra Allen; complaint concerning contract

Shawn D. Bentley, Telisha R. Morton vs. Toyota Motor North America Inc., William J. Lemaster, Safeco Insurance Company; personal injury complaint

Heather Boyd vs. Dillar Shawn Boyd; divorce

Steven Newsome vs. Brenda Maynard, Geico General Insurance Company; complaint concerning contract

Toshia Hamilton, Travis Hamilton, Tracelen Tackett vs. Tiesha M. Hamilton; complaint concerning contract

Waterside Tax Service Company LLC vs. Roger S. Burchett, unknown spouse, Dot Capital Investment LLC, Floyd County; foreclosure

Monarch Holdings Inc. vs. Melissa L. Calhoun, Timothy Calhoun, Cach LLC, Kentucky Department of Revenue, Discover Bank, Floyd County; foreclosure

Discover Bank vs. Arnold L. Wheeler; complaint concerning contract Elliott-Mutzner, Jo Charles Mutzner vs. Kristen D. Elliott, Steven G. Salisbury; petition for custody Kentucky Department for Income Support vs. Fred Bogar; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

13, in which the cabinet officially withdrew its previous termination letter and reported that Bartley's contract for child support enforcement is terminated, "effective because immediately," of his alleged failure to meet performance goals, his "deliberate staff mismanagement" and "general unprofessionalism."

The notice of termination letter claims that the performance measures in Floyd County office declined in the 2017 fiscal year after the departure of one employee and the hiring of Bartley's girlfriend, who the letter claims, was allowed to work from home.

Hubbard claims in the notice of termination that Bartley fired his "three most senior caseworkers, leaving one caseworker to handle approximately 3,200 cases" and then hired less experienced workers who earn more.

The letter claims he fired the employees under a "false pretense" that a mandated budget reduction and pension costs would financially impact the office.

"The cabinet considers your inadequate staffing levels, followed by your replacement of three qualified caseworkers with one qualified caseworker and two inexperienced workers, in and of itself to be

Bartley would not discuss the specific details of the allegations made by the cabinet.

"Remember, there are two sides to every story," Bartley said. "So far, you have heard only the story of Commissioner Hubbard. I look forward to the opportunity to tell my story. I intend to disprove every single claim asserted in Commissioner Hubbard's termination notice. In the meantime, I am continuing to do child support enforcement for Floyd County families."

He denied the allegations about the alleged threats.

"The specific statements that they're talking about, I have no recollection of making them at say were made in June," Bartley said. "Do you think for one second that if I had truly threatened the governor two months ago, they wouldn't have already put me in jail?"

Both sides appeared in Franklin Circuit Court for a hearing on Aug. 15.

A cabinet spokesperson said the transition of services to a new child support enforcement provider for Floyd County would not be complete until the Sept. 14 hearing date. The cabinet argued in its motion that since the July 16 letter was withdrawn and a new one was issued on Aug. 13, then Bartley's lawsuit is moot.

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one count of first-degree fleeing/evading police and several traffic violations. In a separate felony case, Ratliff charged Slone with theft of a motor vehicle registration plate.

Slone was arrested on Aug. 10 by a Kentucky State Police trooper and was lodged in the Floyd County jail that day.

The charges stem from incidents alleged to have occurred on Aug. 2-4.

Ratliff said a Wayland resident reported on Aug. 3 that someone stole the

Gregory Lee Smith, 36, of McRoberts; driving under the influence, first-degree possession of a controlled substance, no license

Zachary Spears, 27, of McDowell; second-degree burglary, theft by unlawful taking

#### **Misdemeanor** charges filed

Kimberly Cole, 30, of Martin; possession of marijuana, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance

Amanda Robinson, 28, of Printer; theft by failure

license plate from his vehicle. The following day, Ratliff said, he received a tip about the license plate being on a truck driven by Slone in Stonecoal.

Ratliff said he and Kentucky State Police Trooper Bill Holbrook located the vehicle in Stonecoal, but Slone would not stop when they attempted to pull him over. He reported in the arrest warrant that Slone ran a stop sign at the mouth of Stonecoal and passed several vehicles "with no regard" for the safety of people in those vehicles.

He said Tuesday that Slone "hit the hill" near

Julie Litteral, 20, of Allen; fourth-degree assault Wanda G. Garrett, 69, of Prestonsburg; second-dearee hindering prosecution, apprehension Barbara S. Hancock, 43, of Canada; fishing without a license

Luther Watts Jr., 51, of Sitka; public intoxication of a controlled substance

Chelsea D. Martinez, 22, of Bowling Green, third-degree criminal mischief, fourth-degree assault

Danny D. Jenkins, 49,

the railroad on Stonecoal "so hard and so fast" that his vehicle went airborne and he went around a motorcycle and a vehicle carrying two passengers - a reason he charged Slone with three of the wanton endangerment charges. He said the two counts of wanton endangerment charges against the police officer that were filed against Slone were filed because he allegedly endangered the lives of both he and Holbrook.

Slone is being held at the Floyd County jail on \$5,000 cash bond in both cases.

Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court and those listed in lawsuits in Floyd Circuit Court. The charges and lawsuits filed against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent or not liable until proven guilty.

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## UPike team hosts archaeological dig in Israel

#### **SPECIAL TO APPALACHIAN** NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — For the first time in the institution's history, the University of Pikeville sent a team to participate in an archaeological excavation of an ancient site in Israel. Three UPike students — Abigail Leavitt, Laura Keeton and Sylvia Griffith - and UPike Alumni Association President Tommy Chamberlin, traveled to Shiloh this summer, the university said in a statement Monday.

Located north of Je-



Submitted photo UPike student Laura Keeton, center, excavates an archeological site in Shiloh, Israel, near a wall dating to the Middle Bronze Age.

rusalem, Shiloh's history dates to the Middle Bronze Age (circa 1700 BC). The site, said the statement, is most famous as the location of the Biblical tabernacle for more than 300 years and for having played a role in the lives of biblical figures such as Samuel, Joshua, Hannah and Eli.

Chamberlin represented the university at Shiloh last year and found a large percentage of pieces from an ancient pithos (large storage jar) from the Middle Bronze period.

"I take great pride that our university helps participate in the excavation of a famous site mentioned in the Bible," he said. "For our students to literally have the chance to dig history from thousands of years ago is an amazing opportunity."

In addition to digging, UPike students spent time sifting, sweeping, analyzing, cataloging and recording newly-discovered artifacts. The team contributed largely to revealing the fortification wall that surrounds the site.



Submitted photo University of Pikeville students Sylvia Griffith, Abigail Leavitt and Laura Keeton pose with UPike Alumni Association President Tommy Chamberlin, center, and Doug Carico, center-right, at a Shilo, Israel, archeological dig this summer.

According to Chamber- on how to read the Bible. lin, the wall dates to the It is one thing to read time before the Israelites came to the land and the places where Jesus would have been used by the Israelites during the out a whole new light," tabernacle period.

changed my perspective in-a-lifetime opportunity

the stories, but seeing walked and taught brings Keeton said. "Getting to "Our trip to Israel dig in Shiloh was a once-

that I'll never forget. Seeing the Bible come to life was extraordinary and I am so thankful to UPike and ABR (Associates for Biblical Research) for making it possible." Leavitt has traveled

to Israel on multiple oc-

casions. After many years of dedicated archaeological work, said the statement, she now serves as one of the head staff members of the excavation. As a history major,

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## **HRMC** expands sports medicine services

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD **CHRONICLE AND TIMES** 

Highlands Health System announced this week that it is expanding its sports medicine services to include concus-





#### Submitted photo

Brother Tom Biddle, pictured here with his wife Jenifer and children Ethan and Abigail, will step into his new role as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg on Sept. 1. He's been serving on an interim basis this year.

## **First Baptist Church** welcomes new pastor

#### **By Mary Meadows** STAFF WRITER

The First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg (Irene Cole Memorial) is welcoming a new pastor.

appointed Tom Biddle, who has decades of service in ministry, to serve as pastor, beginning Sept. 1. He is currently serving as interim pastor there.

of Nicholas County, has lived in Prestonsburg since the 1990s. He was pastor at three churches in other areas of the state until he moved to Prestonsburg in the tending church when MSU and then enrolled 1990s to serve as pas-

years, he has served as the director of missions for the Enterprise Association of Southern Baptist Churches.

The church recently Church of Prestonsburg is one of 28 churches in six counties that are part of that association, so Biddle will still be involved with the association. He will, however, step down from his role Biddle, 55, a native as director of missions there when he officially becomes the First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg's new pastor on Sept. 1.

Biddle started athe was a child, but his in the Southern Baptist tor of the Lancer Baptist family stopped going to Theological Seminary

his father died.

"We didn't go for a while, but then, as a teenager, I started going back to church there The First Baptist in Carlisle, and was involved with the youth group there," he said. "I was saved at the age of 14 and stayed involved in church."

Biddle said he "was called to the ministry" in the 1980s, when he was attending Morehead State University, where he volunteered as part of the college's Baptist student group. He went on to earn a bachelor's degree in sociology from

Church. For the past 18 church for a spell after in Louisville, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree.

> He said being a pastor is rewarding, but it is also challenging.

> "It has its challenges, especially in this day and time, with the changing culture of just the world around us. It's probably as tough as it's ever been," he said, talking about the "decline of moral values within society."

"We have to constantly battle against that, and it makes it a little tougher, sometimes, for the church to bring people in," he said. He talked about the

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sion management.

The evaluation, diagnosis and treatment of concussions is now one of several sports medicine services already provided at Highlands.

Nurse Practitioner Kristen Jones, who works for Highlands Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, diagnoses concussions regularly and understands the fear it entails

**Kristen Jones** 

for parents. "Concussions and their symptoms are scary, but we have the training and experience to help families through

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#### McClendon-Hayes



Kacie Noel McClendon and Evan Shane Hayes were united in marriage on Saturday, June 23, 2018, at Tellico Village Yacht Club in Loudon, Tennessee. Kacie is the daughter of Scott and Kelly McClendon of South Pittsburg, Tennessee. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and Bellarmine University with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree. Evan is the son of Bryan and Lisa Hayes of Prestonsburg. He is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and Alice Lloyd College with a degree in biology. He currently attends the University of Kentucky.

History," this fall "The

World of Jesus" exhib-

it at UPike will feature

dozens of artifacts dat-

ing from the first centu-

ry, the statement said.

Chamberlin and Leavitt

are available to church,

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she plans to pursue graduate studies in archaeology.

"I've worked on four different archaeological sites for 17 dig seasons," Leavitt said. "It's a pleasure to now be representing the University of Pikeville on archaeological excavation of ancient Shiloh. I look forward to sharing my experiences from the world of archae-

## Community **Events**

•Through Sept. 21: Big Sandy Community and Technical College McCall Art Gallery will host Voices and Visions as part of "Women in Art" series. This show will feature the original work of artists Patricia Kowalak, Paula Stewart Baldridge Smith, and Petra A. Carroll. (606) 889-4762

•Aug. 17; 10 a.m.: Prestonsburg Tourism hosts special meeting, Mountain Arts Center.

•Aug. 17; 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193

•Aug. 17; 2 p.m.: Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Prestonsburg, to host commencement.

•Aug. 17; 7 p.m.: Front Porch Pickin, Mountain Arts Center. Free admission.

•Aug. 18; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Fitzpatrick Baptist Church, Big Branch of Abbott, to host Women's Celebration, themed "If We're Honest, in a world of many demands, who are we pleasing?" (606) 886-6204

•Aug. 18; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open, South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg

•Aug. 18; 7 p.m.; Woofstock, Mountain Arts Center features numerous bands in fundraising concert for the Animal Alliance of Eastern Kentucky.

•Aug. 20; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335

•Aug. 20; 6 p.m.: Floyd County Homeless Shelter to host community meeting, Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad.

•Aug. 21; 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center Board of Directors meet, MAC. (606) 889-9125

•Aug. 21; 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

•Aug. 21; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office

•Aug. 21; 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene at Pig in a Poke. (606) 230-0368

 Registration underway for SOAR Summit, to be held Aug. 30-31 at East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville. (606) 766-1160 or soar-ky.org

•Aug. 23; 5 p.m.: Betsy Lavne Elementary Parent Teacher Organization meets on the third Thursday of each month in the school library. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page. •Through Aug. 25: Registration underway for Moonlighting for Hospice, a "full moon 5K" and a "full moon pontoon cruise," with live music, post-race party activities, which will be held at Dewey Lake on Aug. 25. Register at appalachianhospicecare.com or call (606) 789-3841

ology with others at UPike.'

"The University of Pikeville students and faculty made a significant impact on the success of the Shiloh excavation this summer," said Scott Stripling, directing

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importance of people finding a home church.

"As churches, we try to offer things that are a help to people in their lives, just like, at Prestonsburg, we have the daycare that operates, and things that we try to do to help people in that respect," he said. "But,

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the recovery process. Parents especially need a provider they can trust, so that their student athletes only return to practice and play when they're 100 percent ready to," she said.

Per Kentucky law, any student athlete that exhibits the signs and symptoms of a concus-

archaeologist at Shiloh. "Cultivating the ABR/Shiloh relationship with UPike ranks as a high priority for me."

As a follow-up to last university-sponyear's sored artifact exhibit, "Khirbet el-Maqatir - A

it's also leading people to the Lord and to Jesus Christ, who gives us the ultimate help in our lives, who brings about peace when our lives are troubled, who is there to comfort us in times that we need healing or when we're grieving. To me, church just gives us joy that we don't get from any other source."

Biddle is developing plans to get the church

sion must be removed from play, have a professional evaluation and post-concussion testing, and cannot return until cleared by a medical professional.

Signs of a concussion may include an athlete who appears dazed or stunned, confused about plays or scores, moving clumsily, answering questions slowly, showing behavior changes,

more involved in the community, talking about ministry projects members hope to host in October and December. He encourages the public to attend services.

"If people are looking for a place to attend church or they're looking for a church home, we certainly welcome them," he said. "Come, give us a try. We'd love to have people come visit us."

forgetting events prior to or after a collision, or experiencing a loss of consciousness.

Symptoms of a concussion may include headache, nausea, balance problems or dizziness, double or fuzzy vision, sensitivity to light or noise, feeling sluggish or "foggy," change in sleep pattern, concentration or memory problems.

From August through

The church, located on Front Street in Prestonsburg, offers Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Sundays. It also offers a Bible study service at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

groups for presentation

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For more information, visit the church's Facebook page, "FBC Prestonsburg-Irene Cole Memorial," or call, (606) 886-8681.

October, Rob Royalty, MD, and Jones provide free sports injury evaluations every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., in the Highlands Black and Blue Clinic. The clinic is located in the hospital's Wellness Center.

For more information about Highlands' sports medicine services or Black and Blue Clinic, call, (606) 889-6255.



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Do whatever it takes to get your life in order. Networking and educational pursuits will help you navigate your way into places and positions that will bring positive results. Personal improvements will enhance your personal life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) - Don't tempt fate or make assumptions. Know what is and isn't possible and adjust your plans to suit the climate you face. Focus on self-improvement instead of trying to change others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – A change you make will help stabilize your domestic life. Try to eliminate problems that have been lingering for too long. It's time to embrace the present.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Think matters through and choose to err on the conservative side. Too much of anything will end up ruining your plans. Charm and diplomacy are encouraged.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Emotions will escalate. Think about your options and look for alternatives that will not upset others. Be discreet and do your own thing to avoid discord.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - A mental and physical display of your capabilities will be impressive. Negotiations, settlements and contracts are favored. Romance will enhance vour life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - The changes you bring about at home and work will improve your relationships and emotional environment. Offer help and avoid complaints.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - You must be cautious when dealing with friends and relatives. Don't feel that you need to take part in something excessive if it doesn't suit your budget or emotional outlook.



PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) - You'll have interesting ideas that can lead to financial gains, better contracts or working in conjunction with someone who has something to contribute. Offer your insight and see what transpires.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- Your involvement in events or activities that require intelligence will also tax your ability to stay under budget. Big ideas are great, but discipline will be required.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) - It's OK to change your mind. Don't hesitate to say no to someone trying to enforce the impossible. Keeping your plans simple and moderate will help you avoid loss.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) - Personal pampering, home improvements and a little romance are all favored. Taking a spa day or pleasure trip or inviting friends over is encouraged. Tell a loved one how you feel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) - Your input will be appreciated. Offer a tidy plan that is not only within budget but also includes everyone pitching in to help. Take a leadership position if you want to make a difference.

## today's sudoku puzzle

## HOW TO **PLAY:**

- Each column has to have numbers 1 to 9
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All answers are in today's edition

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## The ABC's of praying for students

This is the second part of a two-part series.

#### Neighbors

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." - Mark 12:31

#### Overflow

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. - Romans 15:13

#### Perseverance

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. - Galatians 6:9

#### Quiet

Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end. - Proverbs 29:11

#### Respect

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. - Romans 12:10

#### Self-Control

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to

perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. - 2 Peter 1:5-7

#### Thankfulness

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. - 1 Chronicles 16:34

#### Understanding

The unfolding of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. - Psalm 119:130

#### Victory

With your help I can advance against a troop; with my



God I can scale a wall - Psalm 18:29

#### Wisdom

But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. - James 3:17

#### eXcellence

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops;. - Proverbs 3:9

#### Youthfulness

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

#### Zeal

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. - Romans 12:11

Source: Julie Sanders, www.juliesanders.org

## Are you wise or foolish?



BY JAMIE BECKETT **CHRONICLE & TIMES**  said, 'open the door for us!"

"But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'"

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour (Matthew 25:1-13)."

On Sunday, elder Mike Hunter read this passage during communion meditation. During his mediation, I was enlightened by a different perspective concerning the parable of the ten virgins. It - of course was something I had never considered.

like the foolish virgins?

How many of us have started on our path with a relationship with Jesus, but then faltered? And while we all have and will continue to make mistakes along the way, we must not stop in our journey. We must continue to be faithful until death (Acts 14:22). We must continue to seek the Lord. We must continue to grow in our faith and in the fruit of the Spirit love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness

many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers' (Matthew 7:21-23)!" Therefore, we must continue onward in becoming more Christlike and changing who we are. We must continually repent when we make mistakes. We must get back up and continue onward.

#### Love and belonging

n Abraham Maslow's hierarchy of needs, the need to be loved and to belong lies midway between our physiological needs and our need to self-actualize. Love and belonging are thus partly physical and partly spiritual. We are social animals, animals who are built to function best in groups and who don't do well when cut off from others. Hormones such as oxytocin help create bonds between mothers and their children and between loving

partners, which perhaps explains why it hurts so much when we are separated from our loved ones. But in addition to the physical aspects of belonging, there is something inherently spiritual about love and belonging. We are inextricably connected to others by something bigger, i.e., love and compassion. We fulfill the need for love and belonging through our friendships, through our families, and through intimacy. Unfortunately, modern lifestyles often require people to move away from their friends and



families for work, and although phones and computers can help us to stay connected, they can also lead to social isolation. Loneliness, social anxiety and depression are a serious problem in most modern societies, and we do well to remember that love and belonging are central to both a healthy society and to the individuals that make up society. Nurture your relationships with family, friends, and - Christopher Simon partners.

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." -Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 NIV

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#### ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

137 Bryan Street, Pikeville Phone: 606-437-6117 Father Richard Watson SATURDAYS Mass - 5 p.m. SUNDAYS Mass - 10 a.m.

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562 University Drive, Prestonsburg Phone: 606-886-8046 The Rev. Sr. Judy Yunker, Vicar Email: stjamesdiolex@gmail.com Website: www.stjamesdiolex.org Diocese: Lexington

#### ST. MARTHA CATHOLI C CHURCH

60 Martha's Vineyard, Prestonsburg 606-874-9526 Fr. Bob Damron SATURDAY Services - 5 p.m. SUNDAY Services - 11:15 a.m.

**TRIMBLE CHAPEL CHURCH** 

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep."

"At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'"

"Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out."

"'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'"

"But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut."

"Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they

The parable mentions five wise and five foolish virgins. Even though half of them are described as being "foolish" they were still morally good. After all, it does say they are virgins. It also states the foolish have lamps and oil. There were partially prepared for the bridegroom to come. However, they didn't have enough oil to keep their lamps lit.

Before, I had only considered the concept that the five foolish virgins were not prepared. The bridegroom comes and they're left out because of their lack of preparation. I didn't consider the fact they had began to make the necessary arrangements. They had started preparing, but hadn't completely followed through. And despite their good, moral, honorable intentions, the bridegroom turned them away when they knocked on the door. "Truly I tell you, I don't know you," he said.

How many of us are

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and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).

Being a Christian is not a one-step journey. You're not baptized and then forever saved. It doesn't work that way. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform

Mike stated, let us never think that we have all that we need and don't need to gather around the table and fellowship with each other.

Have you walked down the aisle, made the good confession, been baptized for the remission of sins and began your walk with Christ? Yes, that says "began." Baptism is not the end of becoming a Christian. It is only the very beginning. There is more - so much more - that is necessary for us to do as Christians. We need to study the Word and shew ourselves approved unto God (2 Timothy 2:15). We need to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). We need to continually meet with the saints to lift up one another (Hebrews 10:25). Christianity isn't a solo journey. It's something that we share. The people we gather with become our community, our family.

Are we part of the five wise virgins or the five foolish? I know somedays, I think I'm part of the foolish. I'm on the path, but I haven't done enough.

Where do you stand today?

79 Trimble Chapel Square, Prestonsburg Pastor David Bowling SUNDAY Sunday School - 10 a.m. Services - 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. WEDNESDAY

Services and Youth Group - 6 p.m.

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US 23, Harold Pastor Dennis Love SUNDAY Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship – 11 a.m. Healing Service - 7 p.m. on last Sunday of month WEDNESDAYS Prayer Meeting & Youth Fellowhip – 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting – 8 p.m.

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147 Burke Ave, Prestonsburg Phone: 606-886-8087 Pastor John Carwell www.cumcprestonsburg.org SUNDAYS Sunday School - 10 a.m. Worship - 11 a.m Evening Worship - 6 p.m. WEDNESDAYS Bible Study – 7 p.m. Youth/Children - 7 p.m.

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BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

## Betsy Layne at Sheldon Clark

Who: Betsy Layne (0-0) at Sheldon CLark (0-0)

Kickoff: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Location: Cardinal Stadium, Inez. Coaches: Betsy Layne; Scotty Mc-Coy. Sheldon Clark; Josh Muncy.

**Notes:** Betsy Layne is set to travel to Sheldon Clark for its season opener on Friday night.

The Bobcats will visit Inez with revenge on their minds. Sheldon Clark managed to edge the Bobcats 26-24 in Floyd County last season.

Facing a tough stretch early, Betsy Layne will take to the road for three of its first four games during the 2018 season.

Following the road game at Sheldon Clark in Week 0, Betsy Layne is slated to host newfound county rival Floyd Central for a home opener on Aug. 24.

The Bobcats' additional away games are matchups against East Carter (Aug. 31), Magoffin County (Sept. 7), East Ridge (Sept. 28) and Prestonsburg (Oct. 26).

Betsy Layne has other home games scheduled against Shelby Valley (Sept. 21), Leslie County (Oct. 5), Casey County (Oct. 12) and Jenkins (Oct. 26).

The Bobcats compete in Class 2A District 8, which also features East Ridge, Leslie County, Prestonsburg and Shelby Valley. Betsy Layne beat non-district foe Jenkins in its 2017 regular-season finale to carry some momentum over into the offseason.

Opponents outscored Betsy Layne 319-153 during the 207 season.

The Bobcats are picked to finish fifth in Class 2A District 8 in 2017.

Sheldon Clark concluded the 2017 season 2-8. The Cardinals posted wins over Betsy Layne and Morgan County while dropping games to Knott Central, Phelps, East Ridge, Belfry, Lawrence County, Floyd Central, Pike Central and Sherman (W.Va,).

Sheldon Clark competes in Class 3A District 6, along with perennial state contender Belfry, Lawrence County, Floyd Central and Pike Central. The Cardinals are picked to finish fifth in Class 3A District 6.

Opponents outscored the Cardinals 404-150 during the 2017 season.

Who 2 Watch: Chase Mims, Betsy Layne.

Betsy Layne freshman quarterback Chase Mims will have an opportunity to shine early in his prep career. Be-

fore even taking a varsity snap, Mims ranks as one of the state's top young high school quarterbacks. Mims will look to pace Bet-

sy Layne through the air during the Bobcats' season opener. By Steve LeMaster Sports Writer

Harlan at Floyd Central

Who: Harlan (0-0) at Floyd Central (0-0)

Kickoff: Friday, 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Floyd Central Football Stadium, Eastern.

**Coaches:** Harlan; John Luttrell. Floyd Central; Shawn Hager.

**Notes:** The wait is nearly over for some Floyd County high school football football fans. Floyd Central is set to host Harlan in its 2018 season opener on Friday night.

Upstart Floyd Central finished 8-4 in its debut season, knocking off Henry County in the opening round of the Class 3A Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl.

In its initial campaign, Floyd Central finished second behind perennial state title contender Belfry in Class 3A District 6. Floyd Central advanced to the second round of the 2017 Class 3A state playoffs.

The Jaguars outlasted visiting Henry County 43-35 in the opening round of the 2017 Class 3A Russell Athletic/KHSAA Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl. Floyd Central's debut season ended with a loss to Central in Louisville in the second round of the Class 3A state playoffs.

Floyd Central's inaugural season included additional wins over Harlan, Betsy Layne, Breathitt County, Lynn Camp, Sheldon Clark, Lawrence County and Letcher Central. The Jaguars dropped games to county ri-

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val Prestonsburg, Pike Central and Belfry in 2017. However, Floyd C e n t r a l m a n a g e d to outscore opponents 400-332 during the 2017 season.

Floyd Central defeated Harlan 28-12 in its first-ever game in 2017.

Following the 2018 season opener versus Harlan, Floyd Central will take to the road for six straight away games against Betsy Layne (Aug. 24), Breathitt County (Aug. 31), Lynn Camp (Aug. 31), Lynn Camp (Sept. 7), Prestonsburg (Sept. 14), Pike Central (Sept. 21) and Belfry (Sept. 28). The Jaguars are due to close the upcoming campaign at home with games against Sheldon Clark (Oct. 5), Lawrence County (Oct. 19) and Letcher Central (Oct. 26).

Harlan concluded the 2017 season 3-8. Opponents outscored Harlan 290-225 during the 2017 season. The Green Dragons' 2017 season ended with a loss to former multi-time state champion Pikeville in the opening round of the Class A Russell Athletic Commonwealth Gridiron Bowl. Harlan competes with former state title contender Williamsburg, Lynn Camp and Pineville in Class A District 6.

Who 2 Watch: For Floyd Central, Caleb Hager and Brady Conn. For Harlan, Caleb Adkins and John Brady Brock.

Sophomore Caleb Hager has made the move from receiver to quarterback for the Jaguars. Hager led Floyd Central in receiving yardage as a freshman and will look to pace the Jaguars' aerial attack during his sophomore season.

Senior Brady Conn led Floyd Central in receiving touchdowns as a junior. A big target, Conn has been recovering from an ankle injury he suffered late in the preseason.

One of the most underrated players in the Mountains, Caleb Adkins is expected to make a huge impact for Harlan during the upcoming high school football season.

Another key performer, leading rusher John Brock is back for his senior season in a Harlan football uniform.

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## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL: Lady Blackcats shut out Magoffin County, 3-0



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By Steve LeMaster Sports Writer

PRESTONSBURG — Host Prestonsburg ended a four-match losing skid in the early 2018 high school volleyball season on Tuesday, shutting out 15th Region nemesis Magoffin County 3-0 at the Fieldhouse.

The Lady Blackcats won 25-22, 25-20, 25-8.

With the win, Prestonsburg improved to 1-4. Magoffin County dropped to 0-2 with the loss.

Prestonsburg coach Bobby Hackworth put a ing extended practices. We have had to go back and learn a lot of the basic stuff. We see signs of being a very good team, but right now we are so inconsistent when playing. We will play lights outs for an extended period of time, then play bad. It is like a roller coaster. We are up and down, but we are slowly getting things going in the right direction.

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young squad on the court for the season opener.

"Our girls are a young group with only one senior, Olivia Young; one junior, Emily Salisbury; three sophomores, Erin West, Kennedy Rose and Jada Slone, and one freshman, Molly Boyd," said Hackworth. "I have a junior, Lilly Alaniz, that comes off the bench, along with one eighth-grader, Kynzi Slone. We worked very hard over the offseason, going to team and individual camp at Morehead State University for four days and havtime. I have a great staff that works very hard and is committed to this program. I have Jennifer West, who coaches the volleyball team at Adams Middle School. She has been with me from the start. Also, we picked up Tayler Bragg, who was an assistant last year at Floyd Central. We brought the girl back to her home school. She played for Prestonsburg High School and went on to play at the University of Pikeville. Tayler has been a great asset to this staff. We also have Summer Hall, who is going to coach volleyball at Allen Elementary. I know we are not where we want to be but at the end of the season we are hoping to be in the thick of things and win a district title and make it to the region tournament."

Floyd Central wins back-to-back matches: Defending 58th District champion Floyd Central, under the direction of first-year head coach Alissa Young, opened its 2018 season with back-to-back wins earlier in the week, defeating both Belfry and Sheldon Clark in non-district matches.

Floyd Central blanked Belfry 3-0 (25-20, 26-24, 25-16) on the road in Pike County in a season opener on Tuesday.

Remaining in the win column one day later, Floyd Central shut out Sheldon Clark 3-0 (25-14, 25-13, 25-23) on Wednesday.

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## **Blackcats sweep Pirates** Blackcats blank Pirates, 5-0

#### BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

BELFRY — Winning convincingly on the road, Prestonsburg blanked host Belfry 5-0 in a boys' high school soccer match on Tuesday.

The Blackcats and Pirates are 15th Region

rivals.

Prestonsburg's dominant performance afforded first-year head coach debut.

Isaiah Burchett and Grant Justice scored two goals apiece for Prestonsburg in the victory. Rounding out the in-

dividual scoring for the Blackcats, Matt Burchett netted one goal.

In addition to scoring Brad Burchett a win in his two goals, Burchett dealt out one assist for the Blackcats.

> Defensively for Prestonsburg, goalkeeper Jacob Martin recorded a shutout.

In a girls' high school soccer match, Prestonsburg, behind a pair of goals from Makayla Ousley defeated Belfry 4-1.

Familiar 15th Region rivals, Prestonsburg and Belfry aren't scheduled to meet again during the current campaign.

The Blackcats' regu-

lar-season schedule includes additional matches versus Paintsville. Russell, Morgan County, Powell County, Hazard, Johnson Central, Letcher Central, Shelby Valley, Sheldon Clark and Lawrence County. Prestonsburg was

hosting Paintsville in an

early-season 57th District soccer double-header at press time on Thursday. Each game of the Prestonsburg-Paintsville soccer double-header ended too late to make this edition.

## Lady Blackcats upend Belfry in opener

BY STEVE LEMASTER SPORTS WRITER

BELFRY — Reigning 15th Region champion Prestonsburg managed to shake a slow start to beat host Belfry 4-1 in a girls' high school soccer season opener on Tuesday.

"Obviously it was good to start the season with a win but honestly at this point in the season I'm a lot more concerned with our performance," said Prestonsburg coach Paul Burchett. "Credit goes to Belfry on a hardfought game. Karissa (Whitt) does a good job with them and they are much better in the sec-

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definitely improved. We didn't play well. The first half was very sloppy and the energy wasn't good. Belfry was the better team in the first half."

Makavla Ouslev scored two goals and distributed one assist to lead Prestonsburg to the win.

Accompanying Ousley in the scoring column for the Lady Blackcats, Elizabeth Burchett and Annabelle Trusty netted one goal apiece.

Along with scoring one goal, Trusty dished out an assist for the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg fared

ond half.

"We had some serious conversations at halftime, some from me and some between the girls," added Burchett. "We looked like a different team when we started the second half. We played well for about 20 minutes and then maybe got a little tired, which was predictable. It's the first game, and it's good to get started with a win. We'll get better."

Avoiding a shutout in the season opener, Marki Maynard scored Belfry's lone goal off an assist from Samantha Smith.







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