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Services held for May Valley student

Investigations into fires are ongoing

By MARY MEADOWS
STAFF WRITER

Funeral services were held over the weekend for the May Valley Ele-

mentary student who was killed in a house fire in Prestonsburg on Dec. 4.

Visitation was held at Nelson Frazier Funer-

al Home on Friday for Peyton Lee Hylton, the eight-year-old son of Jarrod and Chasity Hollon Hylton. The funeral was held on Sunday, Dec. 9,

at the Porter and Son Funeral Home in Campton.

Peyton attended second grade at May Valley.

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins said counselors were provided at May Valley to help students

and staff cope with his death.

"It's a tragedy that has affected our district, not just May Valley, but our district as a whole," Adkins said. "The Floyd

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Appalachian Newspapers photos by Chase Ellis

Post 9 hosts Shop with a Trooper at Pikeville Walmart

Troopers with Kentucky State Police's Post 9 were joined by officers with the Pikeville Police Department in the department's annual Shop with a Trooper outing at the Walmart at Cassidy Boulevard in Pikeville on Friday morning. Troopers were paired with students and families as they helped to serve those who live in need in our communities by bringing some Christmas spirit and joy to the students through presents, including warm clothes and toys.



Wreck kills Garrett resident

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Garrett resident was killed in a wreck on U.S. 23 in Ivel on Friday.

Kentucky State Police reported in a statement that Freddy Lyons, 65, of Garrett, died in a single vehicle wreck that occurred just after noon on Friday, Dec. 7.

The statement said officials determined that Lyons was driving his

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Christmas parade held

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The City of Prestonsburg welcomed the Christmas season in grand style on Saturday, with hundreds of people lining the streets for the annual Christmas parade and tree lighting ceremony.

The parade ended with a street

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

Despite the cold weather, hundreds of people turned out for the Prestonsburg Christmas Parade on Dec. 8. More photos are available on Page 12A.

PSC: Ky. Power can move forward with industrial park plans

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Public Service Commission granted a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to AEP/Kentucky Power last week, moving plans for the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park in Pikeville forward.

The PSC gave Kentucky Power authority to construct about five miles of new double-circuit 138-kiloVolt transmission line in Floyd and Pike counties, construct portions of a new substation near the industrial park, retire a substation

it currently has at Fords Branch in Pike County and upgrade facilities and equipment in Cedar Creek in Pike County.

The ruling cites the "broad community support" the Enterprise Park has "enjoyed" because of its expected economic benefit to the region.

The 300-acre Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park, located on a former surface mine in Pike County, is the future site of EnerBlu, which will manufacture lithium-titanate batteries and employ 875 people. Silverliner is also expected to locate its tanker truck manufacturing

company there.

Only one person, Gary D. Bishop of Pike County, requested to intervene in the matter.

Kentucky Power told the PSC that the project, projected to cost \$33.6 million, is required to adequately provide electric service to EnerBlu and other industrial customers that plan to locate at the Kentucky Enterprise Industrial Park, to correct thermal and voltage violations in the Pikeville area and update aging infrastructure at the Fords Branch substation.

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passenger vehicle southbound on U.S. 23 when the vehicle left the roadway, entered a ditch and struck an embankment.

"The vehicle then rolled several times ejecting the operator into the ditch," the statement said.

Lyons was pro-

nounced dead by Floyd County Deputy Coroner Chuck Hall.

Trans Star Ambulance and the Betsy Layne Volunteer Fire Department assisted KSP at the scene.

This investigation is led by Trooper Sam Reed and remains open. The cause of the wreck has not been determined, KSP reported on Tuesday.

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The project will result in an increase in annual operating costs of about \$12,500 for Kentucky Power, the PSC reported, and an increase of about \$359,000 in taxes.

Kentucky Power will finance the \$33.6 million project through "normal operating cash flow and other internally-generated funds, the PSC reported, and six circuit breakers near the industrial park will be constructed, financed and owned by Kentucky Power's transmission company, Kentucky Transco, which is not regulated by the PSC.

The PSC reported in a footnote in the filing that Kentucky Power reported that its "credit outlook was recently downgraded to negative such that Kentucky Power is seeking to improve its credit metrics, particularly its ratio of cash flow from operations to the company's debt."

"It indicated that by allowing Kentucky Transco to finance and own cir-

cuits, which have a cost of approximately \$3.5 million, that it can complete the Project without incurring additional debt or negatively affecting its cash flow to debt ratio, which would make a credit downgrade less likely."

The PSC granted the certificate of need conditionally, asking Kentucky Power to file a copy of the written statement from EnerBlu, "providing reasonable assurance that sufficient financing has been secured to complete construction of its planned facility."

The company plans to invest \$372 million in the Pikeville facility and \$40 million in a facility in Lexington, state officials reported last December, and it received preliminary approval for tax incentives of up to \$30 million.

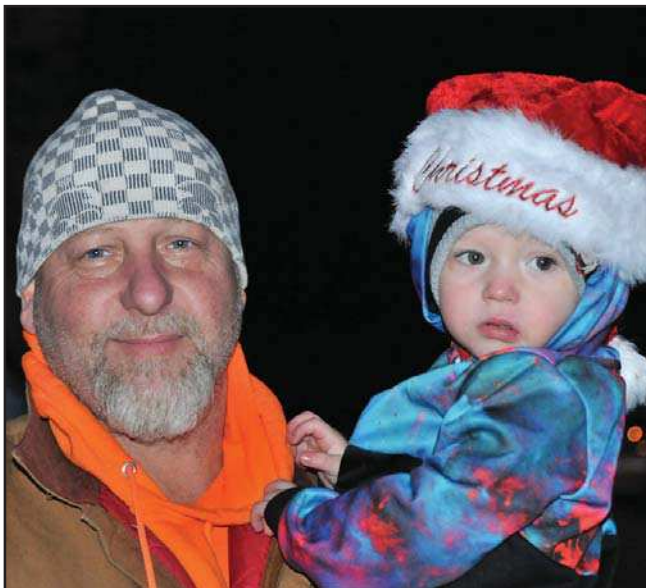
Kentucky Power was ordered to "immediately notify" the PSC of any changes to the Enterprise Park project, including increases in cost, significant delays in construction or changes to the transmission line route.

Martin tourism hosts tree lighting ceremony



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

The Martin tourism commission hosted the city's annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 7, featuring free refreshments, a visit from Santa and gifts for children. Gary Mitchell, pastor of the Church of Christ in Martin, led the ceremony, reading the Nativity story from the book of Luke and offering a Christmas prayer. Kelly Duncan sang for the crowd.



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Floyd couple and son arrested

By Heather Oney
SALYERSVILLE INDEPENDENT

A Floyd County couple were arrested on opiate-related drug charges last Wednesday morning, roughly one hour after their adult son was arrested in Johnson County.

According to the arrest citation, William J. Skeens, 54, and his wife, Kimberly Skeens, 49, both of Auxier, were passengers in a vehicle that had been pulled over the night of Dec. 4.

Salyersville Police Department Officer Mike Nickels reported he made a traffic stop in which the driver seemed fine, but a strong scent of marijuana was coming from inside the car.

William Skeens had

marijuana and a rolling paper in his sock and Kimberly Skeens had Neurontin, hydrocodone and suboxone in a make-up compact inside her purse, though William claimed the pills were his.

Williams Skeens is charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (opiates); prescription of a controlled substance not in proper container, first offense; possession of marijuana; and drug paraphernalia, buy/possess. His wife, Kimberly, was charged with possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense (opiates); possession of a controlled substance; and prescription of a controlled substance not in proper container, first



Kimberly M. Skeens



William H. Skeens



Christopher Skeens

offense.

Upon booking the two at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center, Nickels said Kimberly Skeens turned around and asked, "What are you doing here?"

The couple's son,

Christopher Skeens, 36, of Oil Springs, had been arrested an hour before by Kentucky State Police in a separate case. KSP served a parole violation warrant and also charged him with fourth-degree assault, menacing and

resisting arrest.

William and Kimberly Skeens have since been released from the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center pending future court dates. Christopher Skeens remained at the jail at press time.

Editor's Note: The indictment or charge of a person by a grand jury or otherwise is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

KSP honored by NICS

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KSP received recognition from the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) for reaching a milestone by completing 300 million transactions in the system.

The NICS is a national system for determining if prospective firearms or explosives buyers' name and birth year match those of a person who is not eligible to purchase.

National NICS Chief Robin Stark-Nutter advised KSP that on Nov. 4, 2018, at 6:14:15 p.m., the agency conducted a NICS query for a permit that resulted in the 300 millionth transaction through the NICS.

"The NICS Section would like to memorialize this achievement by congratulating KSP and recognizing the hard

work the agency engages in every day to promote public safety," says Stark-Nutter. "Your agency's contributions are key factors in contributing to safer streets and neighborhoods within your state and across the nation. By working together, we can continue to provide the best service possible to our communities."

KSP Technical Services Division Director Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Medley praised the efforts of the Concealed Carry Deadly Weapon Section.

"This recognition is well deserved by the staff who manage our CCDW and NICS Sections on a daily basis. Their meticulous effort to ensure the accuracy of this database while handling a high volume of records is second to none," he said.

KSP investigates counterfeit money

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Kentucky State Police Detectives opened case involving counterfeit money in the Post 09 area.

Post 09 Detectives are investigating a forged \$100 bill and are also concerned there may be more of the bills circulating in the area.

The bill closely resembles a \$100 bill but does not have a series number or any security features. When closely examining the bill the paper has a different feel than standard currency.

The bill also has small Chinese writing on the back which appears to be

stamped on the bill. The serial number for the bill is B17696366.

If anyone comes in contact with this or any other bills they are urged to call the KSP at, (606) 433-7711.

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Senate Democratic Caucus elects leadership

Senator Turner named to leadership team

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Senate Democratic Caucus elected its leadership team and Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, was named caucus chair. Turner previously served as caucus chair from 2003-2015.

"I am honored to be chosen as caucus chair and appreciate the confidence entrusted in me by colleagues," said Turner. "As always, I will serve the caucus, my district and all the people of the commonwealth to the best of my abilities."

He replaces Senator Dorsey Ridley, D-Henderson.

Along with Turner, Senator Morgan McGarvey, D-Louisville, was selected as Senate Democratic floor leader. He replaces Senator Ray S. Jones, II, D-Pikeville, who was elected Pike County judge-executive in November. The Democratic caucus also elected another leadership veteran by re-electing Senator Dennis Parrett, D-Elizabethtown, for a second term as caucus whip.

Turner is pleased with the leadership team. He said they are ready to

roll up their sleeves and do what is necessary to help move the state forward and to serve the Democratic caucus.

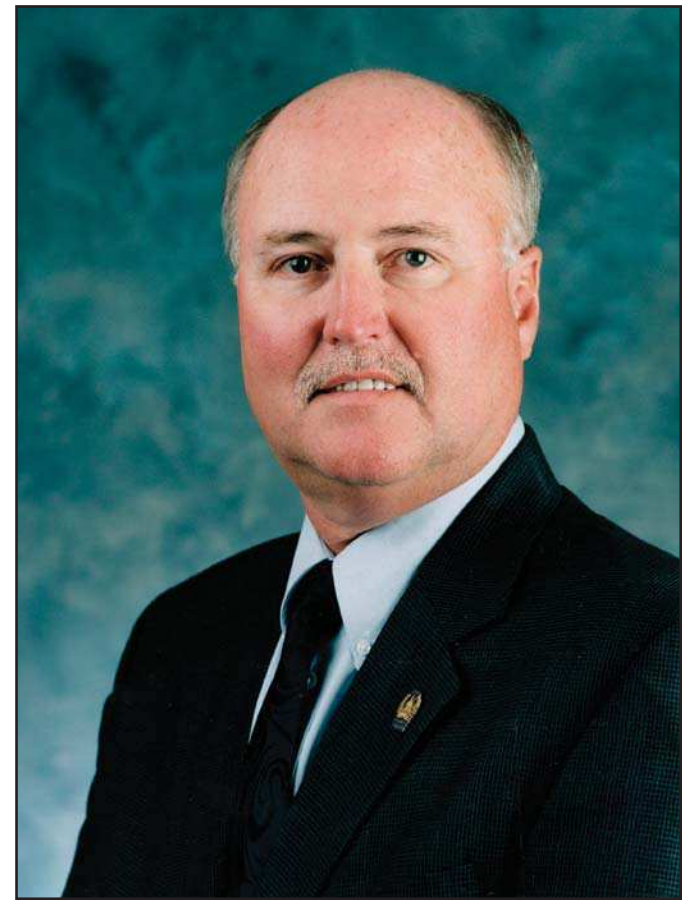
"We bring a great deal of experience and knowledge to Senate leadership," said Turner. "We will work with our colleagues on both sides of the aisle, in the House and with Governor Bevin to address the issues facing our commonwealth. Senator McGarvey is young, enthusiastic and a natural leader who will work for our caucus and the good of all Kentuckians."

"Senator McGarvey has already shown his ability to be a leader by stepping to the forefront in previous sessions," added Turner. "Senator

McGarvey will be good for the Senate Democrats. I look forward to working with him as part of the leadership team."

Senator Turner noted that although Senator McGarvey is from Louisville, he has roots in eastern Kentucky. His grandfather was reared in Owsley and Perry counties.

The new leadership team will officially begin their duties when the legislature convenes the 2019 Regular Legislative Session on Tuesday, Jan. 8 for a brief organizational session, which will conclude Friday, Jan. 11. Legislators will return to Frankfort Tuesday, Feb. 5, to continue the 2019 Legislative Session.



Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg

Pike officials continue lawsuit talk against RCC Big Shoal — but takes no action

BY JOSH LITTLE APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

The past few meetings of the Pike County Fiscal Court have featured talk of a lawsuit against RCC Big Shoal, LLC., a company which owes the court more than \$300,000, and the Dec. 4 meeting was no different.

During the magistrate comments portion of the meeting, Dist. 5 Magistrate Hilman Dotson asked County Treasurer Frankie Stacy and Deputy Judge-Executive Herbie Deskins about the money owed to the court by the company.

"We'll know at the next meeting as to whether

er or not they're going to pay the \$400,000," said Deskins. "They've paid \$100,000. They're looking for the next \$300,000 to get it paid. Then, after the next meeting, that will be somebody else's job."

"So, at the next meeting we'll have to vote to file suit?" asked Dotson.

"You can vote to file suit ... You know my opinion on that," replied Deskins. "It'll cost you more to file suit than you'll probably get out of it. They'll either make it, or they won't. If they make it, and you file a lawsuit, you're liable to put them under."

Big Shoal set up a repayment plan with the fis-

cal court earlier this year, with intent to pay four installments of \$50,000 monthly to the court at which time the remaining \$200,000 would be paid. The company managed to make two payments, on May 31 and July 2, totaling \$100,000 that the company has paid in reimbursements to the court.

The money allotted for the project was from recaptured funds, from coal severance taxes, and can only be used for economic development purposes.

Dotson asked whether the state would have an interest in helping the county get the money back from the company.

"The state would not

really have any interest in pursuing that type of action when it wouldn't benefit them any," said Deskins.

"The Department of Local Government wouldn't have any interest in it when they gave us that money?" asked Dotson.

Dist. 6 Magistrate Bobby Varney said the county couldn't have allotted the money if DLG hadn't approved it initially.

"I guess we'll have to wait and see," said Dotson.

Deskins told Dotson that the court had collected \$100,000 from the company.

"Chalk one down for Herbie, for getting

that one for you," said Deskins.

Dotson said the next court would need the money to build new in-

dustrial parks in the county. He said the court isn't going to leave the new administration in a "bad shape."

Allen to host Christmas party

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The city of Allen will host its annual Christmas party this week.

The event will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14, in the Jacob's Ladder Food Pantry, located next door to City Hall.

Allen Mayor Sharon Woods, Commissioners Elmer Parsons, Eilene Kinzer, Josh Kinzer and Clyde Woods, as well as City Attorney Beth Shor-

tridge donated funds to hold the event.

It will feature a visit from Santa Claus, treat bags filled with fruit, candy and gifts for children and free refreshments.

The city has been hosting its annual Christmas party for years, but this will mark the first time that it will be held at the food pantry.

For more information, visit the city's Facebook page or call, (606) 874-2953.

Wheelwright Christmas parade this weekend

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

The City of Wheelwright is hosting its annual Christmas parade this weekend.

The event will begin on Saturday, Dec. 15, at about 2 p.m.

Parade participants will travel from the city swimming pool area to City Hall and the Wheelwright Fire Department, where Santa is expected to greet children. The city

invites all local churches, groups and businesses to be part of the parade.

In November, the city commission approved spending \$350 to pay transportation costs for Floyd Central High School band members to perform in the parade and up to \$500 to buy candy and fruit that will be distributed by the Wheelwright Fire Department during its annual Santa Run on Dec. 16.

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GUEST COLUMNS

What could have been

By **SJ RUTH**
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

In honor of 41, today we're in a kinder, gentler mood. Let's hope it works better than voodoo economics!

The passing of George Herbert Walker Bush awakened something that seemed lost in the American experience of the last few years.

It's called decency. Pay attention quick, because it'll probably return to its coma the day after the late president is laid to rest.

Bush the First was the last in a number of

ways. He was the last president to serve our country in war. He was the last president to lose a re-election bid. He was the last president to have to contend with the Soviet Union. You might say he was the last actual Republican.

During his term, the United States became the world's super power. That caused him to call for a New World Order which sounded real good at the time.

With a year left in his first term, he looked like a shoe-in for a second. Unfortunately a recession hit many Americans hard

and a certifiably wacky runt from Texas decided to bankroll a third party presidential run.

Ross Perot was able to siphon enough votes from Bush with his attacks on NAFTA and the deficit to sway the election for Bill Clinton.

Clinton managed to turn the Democratic party into Republican light, which of course caused the Republican party to retreat further right into whatever it is today.

Not the party of George Herbert Walker Bush.

I will not claim to be a fan of Bush the 1st,

although he looks much better in hindsight. I didn't vote for him for Vice President in 1980 and 1984, and I didn't vote for him to be president in 1988.

I'd like to point out I didn't vote for Dukakis in 1988, either. I lived in Atlanta, host to the Democratic convention, and used my IBM media credentials to score a press pass. After viewing most of that circus, I wasn't too enthusiastic about supporting their candidate.

In many ways, again with hindsight, I kind of wish he'd won re-election.

Hear me out.

Clinton pushed his party to the right. All of his economic policies were to the right of Richard Nixon. I could accept Reagan and Bush being to the right of Nixon, but not a Democrat.

If Bush had been re-elected, it's doubtful there would have been a Republican Contract on America, no Newt Gingrich, and no Fox News. Yes, Roger Ailes dreamed up Fox News as a direct response to a Bill Clinton presidency.

It's also doubtful there'd have been a Bush II in 2000 because there

would have been no Clinton scandals or an Al Gore to run against.

There's a thousand different points that could be different in our world. I'm encouraged that the late president was offended by today's politics as usual. His disgust with the present should inspire us to be better.

I'm happy to point out Bush died with the knowledge he was no longer the father of the worst White House occupant in our history. He seemed like a decent guy and no decent guy should die with that on his conscience.

Pension crisis

By **JEFF VANDERBECK**
PUBLISHER

If you are lucky enough to get a job that offers a pension, you may feel pretty good about your retirement years and the visions of travel and spending time with your grandkids may become reality. The risk with pensions, as we are seeing in Kentucky and in the automotive industry, is that they don't always pay out in the long run.

Usually state pensions are a pretty good deal. However, Kentucky lags around the bottom of the country as far as benefits. And, Kentucky's pension fund is one of the worst in the

country. As of 2015 just more than 37 percent of the total obligations were funded as compared to the national average of 74.6 percent. The current shortfall is more than \$30 billion.

Ironically, the legislative and judicial funds are funded above the national average. I guess the lawmakers and judges refuse to let their pensions slip through the cracks while the other funds get depleted.

Three of the largest retirement systems have had negative cash flow over the last seven years. The KERS- Non-Hazardous fund in 2002 was 100 percent funded and now holds unfunded liabilities

of \$11 billion. The teacher's fund in 2002 was 90 percent funded and, in 2016, the unfunded liability increased by nearly 600 percent.

All this means that over the years the pension funds have been tapped into and are being depleted with the hopes that the next generation of workers will pick up the slack. State employees are now being hired with less pension options if any, which means that the most qualified people are looking elsewhere, especially in education.

This next legislative session is crucial. There has to be a plan to fund the state's pension programs. And cutting ben-

efits is not the answer. Teachers and first responders should be a priority, let the legislators' funds get depleted first.

One area to which the legislature could look to offset the pension deficit is the special taxing districts. In addition to the school tax, you will also notice on your property tax bill special taxing districts getting a piece of the pie like an Extension tax, a library tax, a health tax and a soil conservation tax.

The special tax districts are self-governed and have money — hundreds of millions at the local and state level.

They set their own tax base with little to no

county or government oversight. The state needs to take a hard look at the special taxing districts and have them governed by an entity that can have fair and impartial oversight.

When these districts are sitting on a pile of cash and the pension funds are dwindling, there is a disconnect.

The legislature needs to step in and take control.

Having oversight on these special districts and using that money to help fund the pension plans will not fix the problem, but it's a start.

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Sentences imposed in hindering apprehension case

Judge changes sentence in one of four pleas

By CHASE ELLIS
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — One plea agreement was altered Thursday, Nov. 29, in Pike Circuit Court, but three were followed as the four individuals who pleaded guilty in connection to their roles in the attempted flight of a man charged with murder in Pikeville Police Officer Scotty Hamilton were sentenced.

Those sentenced according to their plea agreements, and taken into custody, were; Michael T. Slone, 40, of Chloe Road, Pikeville, Gregory Dean Slone, 55, of Stoney Brook Drive, Betsy Layne, and Amanda Dotson, 37 of Island Creek Road, Pikeville. Dotson had been in the custody of the Pike County Detention Center since entering into her plea agreement on Nov. 8.

The three had each entered into plea agreements in which each pleaded guilty to a single charge of hindering apprehension. Greg Slone had additionally entered a plea of guilty to a charge of promoting contraband at the Pike County Detention Center.

Both Michael and Gregory Slone had asked for delays in sentencing due to respective medical conditions. Michael Slone's defense attorney said Michael Slone had scheduled "knee surgery" in December and Gregory Slone's defense attorney said Greg Slone had scheduled "surgery to remove a mass in his back" in December.

Those request for delays in sentencing were denied by Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman and the two men were sentenced to four years in prison and taken into custody after sentencing.

Dotson's defense attorneys asked for immediate sentencing and she was likewise sentenced to four years in prison and returned to the custody of the Pike County Detention Center.

The fourth defendant, Jeanne Blackburn, 44, of Toler Creek, Harold, entered into a plea agreement in which her charge of hindering apprehension was amended from a felony charge to a misdemeanor charge of attempt to hinder apprehension.

As part of the plea agreement, Pike Com-

monwealth's Attorney Rick Bartley had recommended a sentence of 102 days in prison, the amount of time Blackburn served in custody following her arrest. Part of that decision, Bartley said during the plea hear-

ing, was that "additional investigative interviews (had) confirmed her role in the situation."

On Thursday, Coleman said he had studied the statute concerning hindering apprehension.

"I understand the

law related to (hindering apprehension) ... so I understand the Commonwealth's motion to change the felony to the attempt, the misdemeanor. However, I intend to impose a different sentence," Coleman said.

Coleman said that he would impose a sentence of 365 days in pris-

on, with credit for Blackburn's time served, which is to be probated for a period of 24 months. After taking time to speak with her attorney, Blackburn accepted Coleman's change to the sentence and was sentenced to the new agreed-upon sentence.

BSCTC honored for online classes

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Big Sandy Community and Technical College announced last week that it was recognized as one of the "best colleges offering online learning in the nation" by the Community for Accredited Online Schools.

BSCTC, part of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, offers 17 online programs with various career opportunities.

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nationally accredited, hold a not-for-profit status and offer at least one online degree. Schools were then ranked based on their quality, affordability, flexibility and degrees granted to their students.

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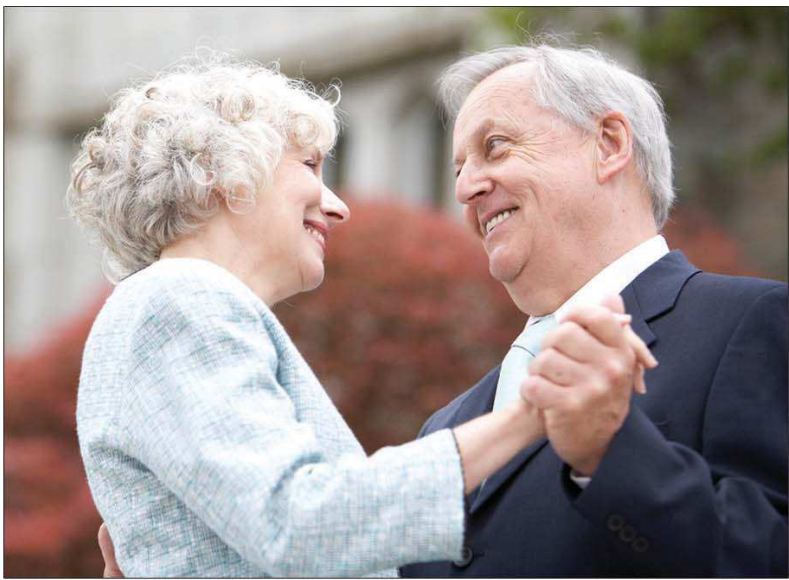
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The Prestonsburg Senior Citizen Center recently celebrated December birthdays. The guest of honor was Leslie Belcher. Belcher was celebrating her 88th birthday.

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Celebrating 55 years

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

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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.

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Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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Bevin vs. the courts:

A rocky road, but will it matter to the voters?

By **MORGAN WATKINS**
LOUISVILLE COURIER
JOURNAL

Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin has fought — and lost — significant battles in court since he took office as a dark horse three years ago, but perhaps the biggest case of his nascent political career could be decided as Kentucky's next major election year dawns.

"I think that the governor's inability to get along with anyone, including people from his own party, has resulted in him being the most litigious governor of my lifetime," said Attorney General Andy Beshear, a Democrat who wants to be elected governor in 2019 and has been accused of suing the Bevin administration for personal political gain.

Beshear challenged Bevin's orders to slash state spending on higher education and reshape the University of Louisville board of trustees. But his lawsuit over pension reforms Republican lawmakers approved this year is a flash point, especially since Bevin has made fixing Kentucky's deeply underfunded retirement systems a top priority.

The Kentucky Supreme Court could determine the fate of those reforms as early as Thursday, and its decision could have significant implications for Bevin, Beshear and thousands of government workers.

Beshear said attorney generals are supposed to enforce checks and balances in government, adding that "at the end of the day, the governor has to follow the law just like every other Kentucky family."

But Republican Party of Kentucky spokesman Tres Watson contends that Beshear and other Democrats keep suing Bevin because their last opportunity to push back against the conservative sea change in state government is through the courts, after they failed to win over voters in the last few elections.

"I'm hoping voters understand the political games that are being played," Watson said. "They have essentially weaponized the attorney general's office for political purposes."

Bevin has weathered lawsuits over a wide range of issues, including access to abortion and public records, as well as his overhaul of the state's Medicaid program.

Judges have ruled against him in several high-profile cases, but his administration routinely appeals such decisions to higher courts. Some of its appeals are still pending.

"You don't view any case ... as a loss or a win until it's made its way, finally, through the appellate courts. We play the long game here," said Steve Pitt, general counsel for the governor's office. "It's after all appeals are final that the day of reckoning comes."

Still, lower-court rulings against executive

orders and state laws defended by Bevin's administration have attracted a lot of attention. The governor has even referred to Franklin Circuit Court Judge Phillip Shepherd, who ruled against him on pension reform and other cases that were appealed, as an "incompetent hack."

Some rulings against the Bevin administration include:

- Shepherd ruled that the way Kentucky's legislature passed the pension reform law was unconstitutional. A final decision will come from the state Supreme Court.

- Shepherd determined that Bevin's administration violated open records law by withholding the names of the accused, as well as other details about sexual harassment investigations at state agencies.

- A judge in Washington, D.C., rejected Bevin's initial plan to revamp the state's Medicaid program and add work requirements for participants, while another judge dismissed the governor's attempt to sue some of his own constituents who challenged his changes to Medicaid. However, a Medicaid overhaul in Kentucky is still forthcoming after further review by federal officials.

- A law requiring doctors to perform and describe an ultrasound to patients before providing an abortion was struck down, although an appeal is pending.

- The Kentucky Supreme Court ruled against Bevin's attempt to cut about \$18 million in state funding for public universities and community colleges.

- The state Supreme Court also struck down a law creating medical review panels to screen malpractice cases before patients can sue, calling it unconstitutional. Bevin's administration defended the law, which Kentucky's GOP-led legislature approved.

- Shepherd ruled that Bevin's administration can't legally withhold public records that identify investors in Braidy Industries, a company that got a \$15 million investment from the state last year. An appeal for that case, which involves the Courier Journal, is pending.

But Bevin also has had some successes in court:

- The Kentucky Supreme Court dismissed Beshear's case over Bevin's unilateral changes to the U of L board of trustees after the legislature approved a law that allowed for a reorganization. Shepherd previously had ruled against Bevin.

- The state Supreme Court upheld a right-to-work law that makes it illegal to require people to pay union dues as a condition of employment. Bevin, who has focused on expanding Kentucky's economic development, supported the law and the ruling.

- An appeals court ruled in Bevin's favor in a case his administration

filed against a Lexington abortion clinic, alleging that it had been operating without a license. The clinic, which had won an earlier ruling in the case, ultimately shut down.

- Shepherd dismissed a case over Bevin's reorganization of the Kentucky Retirement Systems board as moot after the legislature approved a law permitting the changes.

People differ in their views of what constitutes a success or failure in court.

Beshear, for example, said the U of L case led to a ruling that said the governor's actions were illegal, even though the legislature bailed Bevin out by enacting the reorganization he sought.

Beshear also emphasized that he is far from the first Kentucky attorney general to sue the governor over problematic actions.

"Other governors have shown decency and professionalism and reacted appropriately, and this governor has lashed out," he said.

A heavy load

Pitt said he and other lawyers who work for the Bevin administration have carried "a pretty heavy load" during the governor's first term.

"The governor's office and general counsel here has functioned entirely differently than any other general counsel's office has functioned, at least in my memory," he said. "In years past, the attorney general's office has generally defended statutes passed by the legislature. That has not happened during this administration."

Watson, of the Republican Party of Kentucky, suggested that Bevin wouldn't have been in court as often if Beshear had done his job and defended laws passed by the Republican-led legislature. For example, Bevin previously criticized Beshear for not adequately defending the abortion-related ultrasound law.

"The governor has had to step up and be the litigant for the state in those (cases) because the attorney general refused to act," Watson said.

However, Terry Sebastian, a spokesman for Beshear's office, said state agencies responsible for enforcing certain laws that have been challenged in court did not seek the attorney general's legal assistance, choosing instead to use other lawyers.

Pitt suggested there is an upside to having he and other attorneys for Bevin's administration lead the defense of abortion and right-to-work laws, among others.

"We feel like our heart is in this ... and we don't feel like, from a philosophical standpoint, the attorney general probably would have been comfortable in defending these statutes," he said.

The state has often hired outside law firms to handle litigation in

the past, Pitt said, but attorneys for Bevin's administration have handled most of that work themselves, in part to save taxpayer money but also because they have a qualified in-house legal team.

"We're not going to win all the cases, but we feel good about the job we've performed," he said.

'Nothing to do with politics'

Like Beshear, the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky has faced off against Bevin's administration in multiple lawsuits, including legal battles over abortion access.

The ultrasound law they challenged was struck down, although an appeal is pending. They also won a ruling against another law Bevin's administration used to try to close Kentucky's only operating abortion clinic, which is being appealed, and they're awaiting a decision on their lawsuit against a ban on a specific kind of abortion procedure.

"They had nothing to do with politics," ACLU staff attorney Heather Gatnarek said of those cases. "We want to make sure that women always have safe and legal access to abortion care."

The ACLU also sued Bevin for blocking people

on Twitter and Facebook. Bevin has been ordered to provide screenshots of the blocked accounts for the ongoing case, although a judge said in a ruling earlier this year that the ACLU wasn't likely to win.

Gatnarek said the ACLU asked the governor's office to reconsider its policy on social media blocking but did not get a response and decided to file a lawsuit over concerns about the First Amendment rights of constituents who interact with Bevin online.

"The ACLU is and always has been a non-partisan organization," she said. "When we see a constitutional violation, we bring a case to challenge that."

Will voters care?

Even if they sometimes led to unfavorable rulings for Bevin, the lawsuits against the governor have raised his public profile and helped demonstrate where he stands on issues like abortion, said Dewey Clayton, a political science professor at University of Louisville.

It seems like Bevin has dealt with more litigation than some other governors, Clayton said, and he suspects there might have been fewer cases if Beshear had been a Republican attorney general.

"I think part of it was politics coming into play," he said.

Voters might take the battle over pension reform and some other court cases into account when they weigh their options for governor next year, Clayton said, but he doesn't expect litigation to be a major factor in their decision.

Neither does Stephen Voss, a political science professor at the University of Kentucky.

"I have no evidence the public cares about the legal win-loss record of a politician," he told the Courier Journal.

Even if a law or policy a public official supports is struck down, that won't necessarily hurt them on the campaign trail.

"Fighting that battle in court — even if you're ultimately going to lose — gives you a lot of credibility in saying, 'I tried to keep my promise,'" Voss said.

Solving Kentucky's pension crisis would be a big win for Bevin, Voss said, but it wouldn't necessarily be a huge electoral blow for him if the Kentucky Supreme Court throws out this year's pension law and he ultimately fails to secure new reforms.

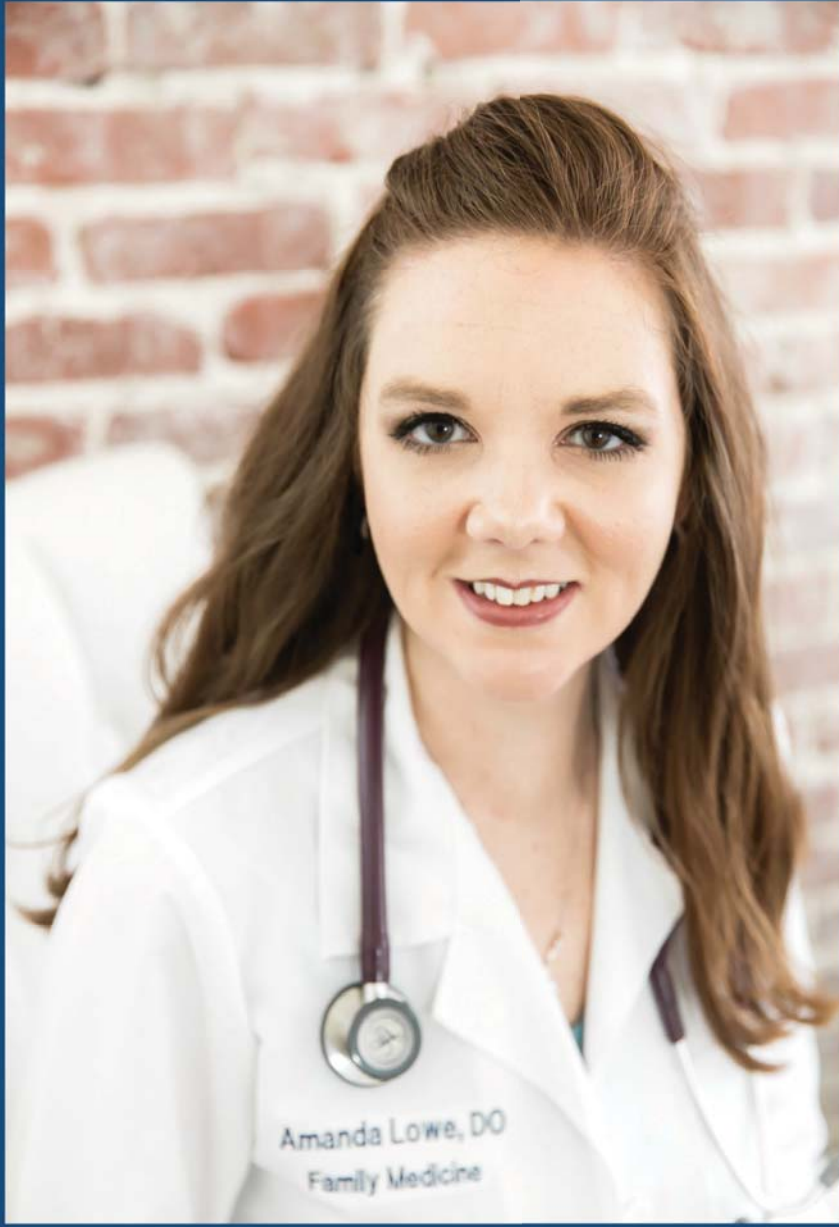
"If he doesn't fix it, he's just joining a very large club," he said.

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Seven Floyd teachers earn national certification

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins announced Thursday that seven teachers attained National Board Certification.

Adkins said, "We're so proud of these seven ladies for all their hard work and dedication to

our students. Becoming a National Board Certified Teacher is a challenging process. These teachers have dissected their teaching practices and student results in order to improve and fine-tune their craft so that kids can learn more. They've taken tests, critiqued and analyzed videos of themselves teaching, analyzed

and reflected on student work samples and more. It is like a detailed professional self-audit with evidence of growth."

He commended Kristin Price Garrett, Tasha Haley, Kristin Hatfield, Kayla McKinney, Erica Reid, Jessica Slone and Jennifer Wade Wells for the effort.

He said, "When peo-

ple go to lengths to get better at what they do for our students, we want to celebrate them.

Our Floyd County team is proud of Kristin, Tasha, Kristin, Kayla, Erica, Jessica and Jennifer for obtaining this advanced certification and we invite everyone to join us in congratulating them."

Garrett teaches fifth

grade at Prestonsburg Elementary and has 20 years of experience as a teacher. She has coordinated several programs at her school, presented at state level conferences, served on the district curriculum committee and is a mentor for new teachers. She and her husband David live in Banner with their

son Nicholas Price and daughter Allison Conlee.

Haley teaches fourth grade at Betsy Layne Elementary. With a decade of experience, she has coached volleyball and basketball, served on the school council and as a member of the district curriculum team as well

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PHS to host Christmas concert

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Prestonsburg High School is hosting its annual Christmas concert in a new location this week.

The event will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the school's gymnasium.

"Come celebrate the season and enjoy performances from our talented musicians at Prestonsburg High," PHS Director of Music Greta Gilbert said in a press release.

The concert will feature the school's Honor Choir, its band and the PHS Handbell Choir as special guests.

It's free and open to the public, and donations will be accepted at the door.

For more information, call, (606) 886-2552.

Solar panels installed at St. Vincent Mission

Nonprofit: Savings to be used to help families

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

The unincorporated community of David has only a fire department, two non-profits and fewer than 400 residents, and 31 percent of them below the poverty line.

But the town is home to a nonprofit organization that is now halfway to its goal of generating all of its energy through solar, then investing those monthly savings into serving families in the county.

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Pikeville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center listen to Christmas carols sung by Betsy Layne Elementary students.

Submitted photo

BLES spreads Christmas cheer at Pikeville Nursing and Rehab

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES

Each day students and staff at BLES recite the "Bobcat Pledge." Part of this pledge is to "Be a Solution."

While the Bobcats do this in different ways throughout the year, on Dec. 7, they visited the Pikeville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center to deliver each resident a Christmas gift. This tradition began five years ago, when the staff decided to adopt the nursing home residents instead of exchanging gifts.

The project begins with Rhonda Keathley, the school's secretary. She organizes the event each year and says it is one of the highlights of the holiday season for her.

To ensure that each resident has a gift he or she wants, Keathley gets a list of clothing sizes and a special gift request for each resident.

Bobcat staff members

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Betsy Layne Elementary students sing Christmas carols at the Pikeville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.

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St. Vincent Mission recently completed Phase I of an effort to become self-sustainable with energy. Its volunteer house, which is well-used and consumes a lot of energy, now has 27 solar panels on the roof. The nonprofit also has been able to reduce its five electric meters to three.

"We want our families to become self-sustaining," said Erin Bottomlee, executive director of St. Vincent. "We don't want to be an organization that hands out things to families. We want to help families help themselves come out of poverty. We also believe it's important to set an example in being sustainable as an organization."

Bottomlee said another appeal of going solar was being able to maximize grants and

other donations for long-term benefit rather than spending on a one-time use.

The \$20,000 Phase I effort was funded by E.O. Robinson, an anonymous donor and individual donations.

The goal is for the solar panels to sustain the energy usage of the mission, so the \$600 to \$800 it spends each month in energy bills can instead be spent on its programs, such as career programming, home gardening, home repairs, emergency and food assistance.

St. Vincent is currently applying for grants for Phase II, which will cost roughly the same amount of money.

Its biggest hurdle in going solar was finding a company to do the work because of its remote location.

Solar Energy Solutions of Lexington installed the solar array, which provides a total of



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These solar panels installed by Solar Energy Solutions of Lexington at St. Vincent Mission generate about 8,240 watts of power.

8,240 watts of power.

"We are strongly committed to helping people and organizations benefit from the investment in solar," said Steve

Ricketts, co-owner of Solar Energy Solutions. "There is a misconception that solar is out of reach for some, but with its price dropping more

than 70 percent in the past five years, the initial investment pays for itself within just a few years. St. Vincent will be able to invest in the fam-

ilies of Floyd County, who have some of the highest utility rates in Kentucky, rather than paying an energy bill every month."

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as being STEM certified and a school technology lead. She and her husband Chase live in Betsy Layne with their children Cash and Claire.

Hatfield teaches fifth grade at Prestonsburg Elementary and is in her 11th year of education. She has coached academics, is STEM certified, served on the district curriculum committee and is a mentor for new teachers. She and her husband JD live in Prestonsburg with their sons, Drake and Colin.

McKinney teaches English at Floyd Central

High School and is in her ninth year of teaching. She has coached academics, served as year-book coordinator and as team lead for freshmen teachers. She and her husband Josh live in Allen with their son, Cash Montgomery.

Reid currently teaches kindergarten at Allen Elementary. She has been in education for 11 years and sponsors the Fitness Club at her school. She and her husband Kevin live in Allen and are the parents of Weston, Keisha, Kevin II and Aaron.

Slone is in her seventh year as an educator. She teaches third grade at Duff-Allen Central Elementary and has served

as academic team coach, team lead and as a member of the district curriculum team. She and her husband Stephen live in Hindman.

Wells has been a teacher for 17 years and is currently a special edu-

cation teacher at Duff-Allen Central Elementary. She has served as a team lead for colleagues and a mentor for new teachers in the district. She and her husband Levi live in Langley with their children, William and Anne.



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Betsy Layne Elementary sixth grader Chase Kidd delivers gifts to Pikeville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center residents.



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Betsy Layne Elementary sixth grader Peyton Jarvis delivers gifts to Pikeville Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center residents.

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draw names for these residents.

"Determining which group of the awesome BLES students got to deliver the gifts was a challenge, but eventually, administrators decided to choose the grade level that has the highest average attendance for the month of November," a press release said. "The students deliver the gifts to the nursing home, sing songs and stop at Gatti's. Each year, more parents are joining the tradition with the students and staff."

Principal John A. Kidd described it as "one of the most educational

field trips of the school year."

"My son has had the opportunity to go on this field trip two times, this year and when he was in third grade," Kidd said. "He says he loves giving the residents their gifts and seeing their faces. The experience itself is an unforgettable lesson for our youth. It's a blessing for both groups, the young and the old."

"The residents at the nursing home are pleased to get the gifts," the press release said, "but they are even more excited to see the students. On this day during the holiday season, the residents once again have kids around a tree, singing Christmas songs and giving out gifts."

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performance by Dance Etc. students, which was followed by the city's Christmas tree lighting ceremony and other activities hosted by Destination Community Church.

Academic teams from Floyd County schools served as the grand marshals of the parade, which also honored two-year-old Bryson Justice, the son of Valerie and Bobby Justice, who received a heart transplant this year.

Bryson rode in a sleigh with family members during the parade and he was invited to help Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton turn on the lights during the tree lighting ceremony after the parade ended.

Aliyah Allen, and Rachel Messer and Sarah McCoart, the newest members of the Billie Jean Osborne Kentucky Opry, entertained the crowd during that ceremony.

Stapleton presented awards to Prestonsburg resident and business owner, Kaleb Rodebaugh, who earned first place in the Best Decorated Home category, and Brittany Hale of Wildfire Designs, who earned first place for the Best Decorated Business at the event. Hale earned a free window sign and lunch served by Stapleton in that contest.

Several awards for

parade floats were also presented during a ceremony at Destination Community Church after the parade. The first-place winners included local Girl Scouts, in the "Best Float" category and the Floyd County Public Library in the best "Jacked-up Ride" category.

The Prestonsburg Merchants Network also participated in the events, with Sheena Maynard, owner of Lou's Place for Pets, presenting awards in the "Chalk it Up" contest.

Maynard thanked community members for supporting Prestonsburg businesses, and the cooperation of all the small businesses that are a part of it.

"Thanks to you guys supporting us and supporting our events, you have fed the hungry, you have clothed the needy and you have given necessities and toys to kids that would never see it otherwise," she said. "So give yourself a round of applause for keeping us in business and keeping this town on the map where it belongs."

Prestonsburg businesses donated prizes for all of the "Chalk it Up" contest winners, as well as three randomly-drawn participants.

Winners included Lillian Frasure, Abigail Jewel, Christian Hicks, Joseph DeRossett, Anna Rose DeRossett, Crystal Jewell and Sara DeRossett.



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Blackcats split double-header against Lawrence County

Blackcats turn back Bulldogs, notch district win

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER



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Prestonsburg's Graham Burchett dribbles during one of the Blackcats' possessions on Friday night.

PRESTONSBURG — Blake Slone scored 21 points and Graham Burchett added 19 points as host Prestonsburg defeated Lawrence County 74-67 in a 58th District boys' basketball game at the Fieldhouse on Friday night.

Four Prestonsburg players reached double figures in the scoring column. Grant Justice netted 15 points and Adam Slone tossed in 11 points for the Blackcats.

"We played our best game of the season so far," said Prestonsburg coach Brent Rose. "Obviously we shot the ball well and had a great run in the first half which led to a big lead at the half. I'm proud of the boys. Lawrence County kept coming at us and we didn't lose our composure and was able to seal the victory at the free throw line."

Josh Hall rounded out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, posting eight points for the Blackcats.

Prestonsburg took control early. After edging Lawrence County 14-12 in the opening quarter, Prestonsburg outscored the visiting team 23-9 in the second period to lead 37-21 at halftime.

Tyler Maynard led Lawrence County with a game-high 25 points. Lawrence County featured four scorers in double figures as Cody Maynard netted 20 points and Chase Sartin and Lucas Maynard added 10 points apiece.

Prestonsburg honored the 1989 15th Region boys' basketball championship team as Lawrence County visited for the 58th District matchup.

"It was the first time that Prestonsburg High School had honored the 1989 15th Region championship team," noted Rose. "Coach Thomas Nairn worked hard getting it all set up. It was good for the school and community to have the team and Coach (Gordon) Parido back in the gym to be honored."

Prestonsburg is scheduled to visit Lawrence County for a 58th District boys' basketball game on January 25.

P'burg girls' experiences heartbreak in district opener

By **STEVE LEMASTER**
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Host Prestonsburg, minus senior guard Reesce Endicott, its leader from the last season, missed out on an opportunity to knock off visiting Lawrence County in a 58th District girls' basketball season opener. Lawrence County managed to edge the Lady Blackcats 68-67 at the Fieldhouse on Friday night.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the 58th District.

Lawrence County moved to 5-0 overall and 1-0 in the district with the win.

The Lady Blackcats owned the game's final possession, but came up empty as Lawrence County held on to win.

Prior to the final possession, Lawrence County's Kensley Feltner scored with nine seconds remaining to put the visiting team ahead.

Feltner delivered a game-high 24 points to lead Lawrence County to the victory. Lexie Ratliff netted 18 points and Kelly Davis added 11 points for the Lady Bulldogs in the victory.

Brooke Neal (eight points), Kyleah Ward (five points) and Kylie Maynard (two points) provided additional scoring for Lawrence County in the triumph.

The Lady Bulldogs were 17 of 26 from the free-throw line.

Lawrence County and Prestonsburg swapped leads during the back and forth district battle.

Prestonsburg shot 34.8 percent (24 of 69) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were eight of 28 (28.6 percent) from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 57.1 percent (12 of 21) from the free-throw line.

Kaitlyn Keathley led Prestonsburg with 22 points, seven rebounds, six assists and four steals. Alison Campbell and Caroline Ariaz accompanied Keathley in double figures, scoring 12 points apiece. Ariaz recorded a double-double, pulling down a game-high 10 rebounds.

Faith Lazar added five points to round out the Lady Blackcats' scoring effort.

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ABOVE: Prestonsburg's Caroline Ariaz tries to come up with a steal during the Lady Blackcats' 58th District game against visiting Lawrence County at the Fieldhouse on Friday night.

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Lady Bobcats roll past Oneida Baptist Institute

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

ONEIDA — Betsy Layne returned to the win column on the road over the weekend, rolling past host Oneida Baptist Institute 60-37 in a girls' high school basketball game.

With the win, Betsy Layne improved to 2-3.

Oneida Baptist Institute stumbled to 2-7 with the loss.

Betsy Layne shot 37.5 percent (27 of 72) from the field. The Lady Bobcats won convincingly despite shooting only 25 percent (four of 16) from the free throw line.

Madilyn Meade scored a game-high 24 points to lead Betsy Layne to the victory.

Narrowly missing double figures for the Lady Bobcats, Alexandria Jarvis scored nine points.

Kenadie Boyette (six points), Katie Kidd (six points), Kimberly Akers (six points), Lauryn Watkins (five points) and Amelia Blackburn (four points) provide additional scoring for Betsy Layne in the win.

Watkins led the Lady Bobcats inside, hauling down eight rebounds.

Oneida Baptist Institute struggled throughout the contest. The Lady Mountaineers managed to shoot 60 percent (12 of 20) from the free throw line.

Emilie Field-Darragh led Oneida Baptist Institute in scoring, netting a team-high 15 points.

Katy Schroeder accompanied Field-Darragh in double figures and recorded a double-double, posting 11 points and a game-high 17 rebounds.

In an unreported game, Belfry knocked off visiting Betsy Layne 64-35 on Thursday. Meade scored 15 points in the Lady Bobcats' loss. In a matchup of former 15th Region champions, Belfry used a balanced scoring effort to pull away to win convincingly. Ariel Mounts and Lyndsey Miller led Belfry with 15 points apiece. Accompanying Mounts and Miller in double figures, Kylea Stanley netted 12 points and McKenzie Maynard added 11 points.

Bobcats drop close game to Sheldon Clark

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

INEZ — Betsy Layne suffered its second straight loss on the road as 15th Region rival Sheldon Clark won 48-44 in an early-season non-district boys' high school basketball game on Thursday night.

With the loss, Betsy Layne dropped to 2-3.

Sheldon Clark improved to 2-1 with the win.

Betsy Layne edged Sheldon Clark 9-8 in the opening quarter and led 23-22 at halftime. But the Cardinals moved ahead in the third quarter, outscoring the Bobcats 14-9.

Several underclassmen continue to help lead the Bobcats.

"This season is going to be a process," said

Betsy Layne coach Brad Short. "At several times in the game we had three freshmen and two sophomores on the floor. We are learning. We have to find a way to score. We can't win games shooting 26 percent from the field. I love our effort and the execution of our game plan. I really thought this was the first game we looked like a team. We will continue to get better. Although we didn't win the game we are progressing and that's all I can ask for at this point."

Host Sheldon Clark shot only 37.5 percent (15-of-40) from the field. However, the Cardinals were seven of 14 from three-point range.

Sheldon Clark shot 52.4 percent (11 of 21) from the free-throw line.

Sophomore center

Trey James led Sheldon Clark to the win. Flirting with a triple-double, James scored 13 points, pulled down nine rebounds and recorded nine blocks.

Braxton Maynard accompanied James in double figures and nearly notched a double-double, scoring 12 points and grabbing eight rebounds for the Cardinals.

Jordan Dalton netted eight points while Braden Walker added seven points for Sheldon Clark in the victory.

Struggling offensively, Betsy Layne shot only 26.3 percent (15 of 57) from the field. The Bobcats were seven of 23 (30.4 percent) from three-point range.

Betsy Layne shot 63.6 percent (seven of 11) from the free-throw

line. Brady Robinson paced Betsy Layne with 11 points. Accompanying Robinson in double figures in scoring, Zack Bentley netted 10 points for the Bobcats.

Jordan Frazier added eight points and Lukas Manns chipped in six points for the Bobcats in the short effort.

Nathaniel Mims (four points), Davy Bentley (four points) and Chase Mims (one point) provided additional scoring for the Bobcats.

Frazier and Nathaniel Mims paced Betsy Layne inside, claiming seven rebounds apiece.

The Bobcats lost despite outrebounding Sheldon Clark 39-31.

Lady Jaguars defeat Mingo Central, 63-46

By STEVE LEMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

BELFRY — Remaining in the win column, Floyd Central defeated Mingo Central (W.Va.) 63-46 in the Battle at Belfry on Saturday.

With the win, Floyd Central moved to 3-0.

Eighth-grader Abby Maggard led Floyd Central with 15 points. Floyd

Central featured three scorers in double figures as Lauren Preston netted 12 points and Kaylee Moore contributed 11 points.

Narrowly missing double figures, Katie Moore chipped in nine points for the Lady Jaguars.

Brook Stumbo followed with eight points while Grace Martin and

Jada Johnson posted three points apiece and Natalie Hollie tossed in two points.

Floyd Central, under the direction of head coach Justin Triplett, set the tone early, outscoring Mingo Central 23-16 in the first quarter. Following a 16-5 run in the second quarter, Floyd Central led 39-21 at halftime.

Mingo Central man-

aged to outscore the Lady Jaguars 17-10 in the third quarter, but couldn't recover from its slow start.

Floyd Central was hosting perennial 14th Region title contender Perry County Central at press time on Tuesday. The Floyd Central-Perry County Central girls' basketball game ended too late to make this edition.

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Prestonsburg's Kaitlyn Keathley plays defense against Lawrence County. Keathley scored 22 points to lead host Prestonsburg in a district game against Lawrence County on Friday night.



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Endicott was sidelined with a sore knee.

Prestonsburg is scheduled to visit Lawrence County for a 58th District girls' basketball game on January 25.

Prestonsburg 61, Wolfe County 57

It didn't take the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats long to bounce back from a 58th District loss. Less than 24 hours after dropping a 58th District game to visiting Lawrence County, Prestonsburg knocked off 14th Region title contender Wolfe County during a meeting on a neutral floor. The Lady Blackcats defeated Wolfe County 61-57 in the Peggy Moore Classic at Breathitt County High School on Saturday.

Prestonsburg dealt Wolfe County its first loss this season.

With the win, Prestonsburg evened its record to 3-3.

Wolfe County slipped to 5-1 with the loss.

Prestonsburg finished 21 of 62 (33.9 percent) from the field. The Lady Blackcats were three of 15 from three-point range.

Prestonsburg shot 53.3 percent (16 of 30) from the free-throw line.

Excelling around the goal, Prestonsburg out-rebounded Wolfe County

43-27.

Caroline Ariaz paced Prestonsburg with a double-double, scoring 17 points and pulling down 11 rebounds.

Kaitlyn Keathley accompanied Ariaz in double figures in scoring and turned in another solid performance. Keathley scored 14 points, pulled down seven rebounds, dished out four assists and recorded three steals.

Barely missing double figures, Alivia Slone and Faith Lazar added nine points apiece for the Lady Blackcats.

Rounding out the Prestonsburg individual scoring, Alison Campbell added six points, Makayla Ousley four points and Annabelle Trusty two points.

Wolfe County shot 40 percent (18 of 45) from the field. The Lady Wolves were five of 17 (29.4 percent) from three-point range.

Wolfe County shot 73.7 percent (14 of 19) from the free-throw line.

Hailey Smith poured in a game-high 31 points for Wolfe County in the setback. Accompanying her teammate in double figures, Brianna Colwell scored 14 points for the Lady Wolves.

Allison Stamper, who grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds for the Lady Wolves, chipped in seven points.



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

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**Gregory A. Isaac
Floyd County
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-CI-00273
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as Trustee for CMALT REMIC Series 2007-A6-REMIC Pass-Through Certificates Series 2007-A6 PLANTIFF V. CATHI TACKETT aka KATHY TACKETT aka CATHI L. TACKETT; DENVER TACKETT aka DENVER D. TACKETT, ET AL DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$510,740.60, plus interest and other costs, please be advised that I, the Floyd County Master Commissioner, has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of December, 2018, in the Floyd County Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 76 Parkview Drive, Minnie, KY 41651

MAP NUMBER: 051-00-00-031.08

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Denver Tackett and Cathi Tackett, husband and wife, by deed dated May 15, 2000, recorded in Deed Book 447, Page 143, of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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

B. The successful bidder shall the bid amount, in full, by cash or certified check, on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty

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(30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Kentucky and have equity in the land that is greater than the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 7 % per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above and not be required to produce a bond.

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

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

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

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AT&T MOBILITY, LLC is proposing to construct a proposed 290-foot tall self-supporting lattice telecommunication tower off Richardson Loop Road, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky (N37° 38' 43.6" and W82° 53' 19.0"). The tower is anticipated to utilize FAA Style E (dual medium intensity) lighting. AT&T Mobility, LLC invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under National Historic Preservation Act Section 106. Comments pertaining specifically to historic resources may be sent to Environmental Corporation of America, ATTN: Dina Bazzill, 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Ms. Bazzill can be reached at (770) 667-2040 x.111 during normal business hours. Comments must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice. Interested persons may review the application for the project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) File No. A1121189 and may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for Environmental Review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest, but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of the Request should be provided to Environmental Corporation of America at 1375 Union Hill Industrial Court, Suite A, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Project #U3359 CER

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-CI-00362
PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC PLANTIFF V. RICKY WADDLES ANGELA WADDLES DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$53,005.73, plus interest and other costs, please be advised that I, the Floyd County Master Commissioner, has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of December, 2018, in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 680 Upper Rileys Branch, Bevinville, KY 41606

MAP NUMBER: 070-00-00-011.00

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Ricky Waddles and Angela Waddles, husband and wife, by deed dated February 12, 1999, recorded in Deed Book 431, Page 64, of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is a 2004 Patriot Victorian manufactured home, Serial Number VP11385BAIN, located on the property which was converted to real estate by an Affidavit of Conversion to Real Estate filed for record on June 21, 2005, Floyd County Clerk's Office, which will be sold with the property.

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

B. The successful bidder shall the bid amount, in full, by cash or certified check, on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall

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pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Kentucky and have equity in the land that is greater than the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 2.8750 % per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above and not be required to produce a bond.

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

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

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

F. Any announcements made on the date of sale shall take precedence over printed matter contained and as published within the Floyd County Chronical and Times. This 30th day of November, 2018.

**Gregory A. Isaac
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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-CI-00411
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION PLANTIFF V. JOE W. NEWSOME aka JOE NEWSOME, ET AL DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

So as to comply with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$69,030.32, plus interest and other costs, please be advised that I, the Floyd County Master Commissioner, has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of December, 2018, in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 1198 KY RT 3379, Grethel, KY 41631

MAP NUMBER: 096-00-00-059.00

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to Joe Newsome and Josephine Newsome, husband and wife, by deed dated June 27, 2005, recorded in Deed Book 517, Page 573, of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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

B. The successful bidder shall the bid amount, in full, by cash or certified check, on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Kentucky and have equity in the land that is greater than the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 4.250% per annum from the date of sale until paid in full. Said bond shall mature in thirty (30) days and shall have the

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force and effect of a Judgment. A lien shall be retained upon the above described real estate as additional surety thereon. In the event the purchase price is not paid in full within thirty (30) days, then the property may be subject to immediate re-sell. In the event the Plaintiff is the successful bidder, said Plaintiff shall be entitled to a credit pursuant to the Judgment referenced above and not be required to produce a bond.

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

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION II CIVIL ACTION NO. 18-CI-00122
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. dba Americas Servicing Company PLANTIFF V. WILMA R. McCLURE McClUNG aka WILMA McCLURE McClUNG aka WILMA L. McClUNG aka WILMA W. McClUNG aka WILMA McCLURE DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE

with the Judgment and Order of Sale entered by the Floyd Circuit Court in the above styled action, and so as to raise the amounts as set forth therein, with a principal of \$158,039.64, plus interest and other costs, please be advised that I, the Floyd County Master Commissioner, has been ordered by the Floyd Circuit Court to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder during a public auction to be held at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on the 13th day of December, 2018, in the Floyd Fiscal Courtroom (Old Circuit Courtroom) on the second floor of the old Floyd County Courthouse, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the Floyd County Justice Center), and subject to the following terms and conditions, the property described to wit:

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 42 Bingham Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

MAP NUMBER: 045-70-04-004.00

SOURCE OF TITLE: Being the same property conveyed to J.R. McClung and Wilma McClure McClung, husband and wife, by deed dated March 1, 1996, recorded in Deed Book 393, Page 508, also referenced is Will of J.R. McClung aka James R. McClung, died on September 12, 2011. Upon his death, all right, title and interest in the subject property became vested in Wilma McClure McClung pursuant to Will Book NN, Page 185, both of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

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

B. The successful bidder shall the bid amount, in full, by cash or certified check, on the date of the sale or shall pay a non-refundable deposit equal to 10% of the purchase price with the balance due in full within thirty (30) days. If the bid is not sufficient to pay the expenses of said sale, then along with the purchase price, the successful bidder shall pay additional sums required to cover said costs. On the date of said sale, the successful bidder, if only paying 10%, shall be required to execute a bond with good surety thereon. The surety must own land in Kentucky and have equity in the land that is greater than the bid amount. Said bond shall be for the unpaid purchase price and shall bear interest at the rate of 5.25 % per annum

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