

Families and friends

Fall Fling to be held at Wise, Va., Oct. 8, 9

By ROSE BALLARD

Hello again everyone. Are you enjoying the last days of summer, as fall is officially here. I know we can't hold back time. As much as I love the beautiful autumn color that is God's coloring book, I dread the long, cold winter months from November to May.

This may seem like a continuation from last week's column as my arms were aching so bad as I tried to type with a cushion to support my left shoulder. I mentioned that my niece Sue Hall Collier and I went on an adventure to the flea market. I think it is close to Wise, Va. I can find this event by myself, without getting lost.

I checked for information about the Fall Fling, which is held at Wise, Va. Oct. 8 and 9. I went last year. Sunrise Ridge bluegrass band was performing there.

Southern Ohio

I even paid \$50 for a DVD. The woman didn't give me a receipt. I paid cash, and when she sent me the DVD it was defective, so I hope she enjoyed the money I donated.

Carcassonne Community Center Square dance is scheduled for October 8. Will Bowling is the caller, music by Sunrise Ridge. Doors open at 5 p.m., delicious food available. Come hungry, just think no dishes to wash.

Campbells Branch Community Center has its usual Friday night music.

I know I am selfish; I try to plan my trips to the mountains I call home around Campbells Branch and Carcassonne Community Center.

It is always a plus to see Sunrise Ridge band perform when I am in the mountains or anywhere.

I am still having so much mental anguish concerning the flood. I can't understand where all the millions of dollars are going. Oh, what a stupid statement. Sure I do, someone's pocket when families are still sleeping in tents. No wonder my blood pressure is uncontrollable.

Seeing the tragedy on television of the high waters of the flood so horrible, then going home and seeing just a tad bit has been so horrific. I can't get Berna Mat-

thews's beautiful home out of my mind. I hope the family was saved, although their lives will never be the same. From what I understand, quick thinking saved their vehicles as well as their lives.

Thanks everyone for the prayers for Glenda Tolliver and her daughter Darnesia Mae Akemon.

Nish has a long way to go before she is released from the hospital. Again, thank God.

Speaking of prayers, for reasons I won't go into for several months I've not been involved too much with my used-to-be sidekick, grandson Bennie Wiederhold.

I found out that Bennie has to go see a cardiologist, as he is having problems.

People, life is too short for aggravations. Please understand that person as you don't know what the next minute will bring.

Did I say my blood pressure is up? Well, it is that time of year. My son Keith Ballard dug my irises up again, except this time he was almost looking for a home. He dug every single iris up, thinned them out, then replanted most. It will take a year or two for them to bloom.

Until I found out that he had planted them back, I was about ready to dig up every plant in the yard.

Daphne Kater was correct when she said if I had the determination, I would dig a hole big enough to bury a piano in.

Now it might have taken me a year to do it, as I have a huge skin tear on my right hand and right leg.

Hey, you readers of this column, please contribute a few dollars and invest in such small things as extension cords and detergents for the flood victims. You can drop them at Brandon's garage at Isom or Jeremiah, which I am not for sure.

Please, if possible, give to a reliable person, don't send to Red Cross or organizations.

Hello Buddy, Bernice, Chuck and Mike Grubb, Bernice, I hope you and Buddy are feeling better.

Hello, Mike and Marcia Caudill, I am looking forward to seeing you soon, at least I hope so.

Johnny and Ann Calihan are still holding on. Again, Ann is so amazing.

Hello Tommy Tindell, maybe I will be showing up to see you before long.

It is still hard to believe I won't be going to Golden Mountain Settlement. Enoch Adams is gone. My heart aches for Carol and Enoch's family and friends.

Sorry this column is filled with sadness, yet is filled with miracles also.

I will try to get a more enjoyable column.

Until next time.

Rose Ballard, 9110 Lawrenceburg Rd., Harrison, OH 45030.

Glenn Brown succumbs at 93

Funeral services for Glenn Brown 93, of Whitesburg, were held September 22 at the Kings Chapel Church. Burial was in the R.B. Caudill Cemetery at Whitco.

A son of the late William Henry and Florence Richmond Brown, and the widow of Mattie Fern Caudill Brown, he died September 19 at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center.

Mr. Brown was an Army veteran. He attended Pine Mountain Settlement School and was a longtime Boy Scout scoutmaster and Sunday School teacher. He enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Surviving are two sons, Richard Glenn Brown and

Seth Hand Kegan, Jr., dies at 87

Funeral services for Seth Hand Kegan, Jr., 87, were held Sept. 6 in Jenkins. Burial was in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap, Va.

A son of the late Seth Hand Kegan, Sr., and Margaret Nichols Kegan, he died Sept. 2 at his home at Jenkins.

Mr. Kegan was a brother of the Barbara Belcher and Betty Polly.

Mr. Kegan was graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute, now Virginia Tech, with a degree in mining engineering in 1958. He served in various capacities for 30 years at Beth-Elkhorn Coal Company, eventually serving as the General Manager prior to retiring in 1987.

After retirement, he served as a consultant in the coal industry for five years followed by managing

a mine supply business for another 20 years.

He and his wife, Alice, also owned and operated Kegan Stables for more than 30 years. Mr. Kegan was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Pound, Va., where he taught Sunday School for over 50 years, and served as an ordained deacon.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Alice Kegan; three children Margaret Shopher and husband Chris, Ross Kegan and wife Sharra, and Anita Fore and husband Rick; five grandchildren, Laura Kegan, Jonathan Kegan and wife Jordan, Justin Bishop and fiancée Ashley Morgan, Stephen Bishop and wife Madeline, and Megan Martin and husband Joseph; and two great-grandchildren, Parker and Liam Kegan.

Oma Evelyn Pennell buried in Virginia

Oma Evelyn Pennell, 74, died September 1.

Funeral services were held September 4 at Polly & Craft Funeral Home in Jenkins, and a graveside service was held September 5.

Burial was in Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap, Va.

Mrs. Pennell's sons and grandsons served and pall-bearers.

Funeral services are held for Dolly 'Mattie' Noble

Dolly "Mattie" Noble, 76, of Smoot Creek, died September 19 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

A daughter of the late Burnette and Callie Madden Collins, she was the widow of Eddie Noble.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth Noble of Smoot Creek and Eddie Noble Jr. and wife Donna of Norton, Va.; two daughters, Mary Woodard and husband William and Betty Azevedo and husband Luis, all of Smoot Creek; two brothers, Rudell "Buddy" Collins and Billy Ray Collins, both of Smoot Creek; five sisters, Cora Lee Sizemore of Premium, Alice Faye Bennett of Van, Mandy Sue Miles of Smoot Creek, Della Marie Lowe of Whitesburg and Eunice Ann Mullins of Letcher; grandchildren, Stacy, Nick,



DOLLY 'MATTIE' NOBLE

Antonio, Lauren, Angelina and Daniel; and great-grandchildren, Cody, Joshua, Kole, Ezra, Nora, Liam, Emma, Rebekah and Jacob.

Funeral services were held September 24 at Letcher Funeral Home. Burial was in the Collins Cemetery at Van.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE
Pursuant to Application Number 867-0561, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that 4th Gen Fuels, LLC, 29 Grays Branch Road, PO Box 298, Grays Knob, Kentucky 40829, has applied for renewal of a permit for a surface coal mining and reclamation operation affecting 782.39 acres located 2.7 miles southeast of the community of Eolia in Letcher County.

The operation is approximately 2.6 miles southeast from KY 806's junction with Smith Creek

Road and located in Colliers Creek. The latitude is 37° 00' 35". The longitude is 82° 49' 12".

The operation is located on the Whitesburg U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will use the contour strip, highwall mining and auger methods of surface mining. The surface area is owned by ACIN, LLC.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Hazard Regional Office, 556 Village Lane, PO Box 851, Hazard, Kentucky 41702. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

PUBLIC NOTICE 2022 Tax Collection Schedule Letcher County			
	Starting Date	Ending Date	
2% Discount	October 15, 2022	November 15, 2022	
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Federal Correctional Institution and Federal Prison Camp in Letcher County, KY

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by Council on Environmental Quality and Federal Bureau of Prisons (Bureau) regulations, the Bureau announces its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed development of a new Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) and Federal Prison Camp (FPC) in Letcher County, Kentucky.

The Bureau's mission is to protect society by confining offenders in the controlled environments of prisons and community-based facilities that are safe, humane, cost-efficient, appropriately secure, and provide work and other self-improvement opportunities to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding citizens. A growing challenge to successfully performing that mission is the increasing number of federal correctional facilities and supporting infrastructure that were constructed over 50 years ago (the approximate design life of such facilities), resulting in a continuous need to maintain existing facilities, and when necessary, develop new facilities and infrastructure. To address this need, the Bureau proposes to construct and operate a new medium-security FCI and an adjoining minimum-security FPC in Letcher County, KY. The FCI and FPC would be designed to house approximately 1,152 adult males and 256 adult males, respectively, and serve the needs of the Bureau's Mid-Atlantic Region.

Development and operation of a new FCI and FPC is considered to be an action with the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The DEIS is being prepared to ensure that the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action are thoroughly documented and that compliance with NEPA, the Bureau's NEPA implementing regulations, and other environmental statutes, regulations and Executive Orders is achieved. Preparation of environmental documentation, and its consideration by federal, state, and local officials, regulatory agencies, stakeholders, and the public, is being carried out to ensure that the Bureau fully considers the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action.

Publication of the DEIS will initiate a public comment period which will last no less than 45 days, during which time the Bureau will host a public meeting. Following the end of the DEIS public comment period, the Bureau will prepare and publish a Final EIS (FEIS) in accordance with NEPA which will incorporate additional data which may come to light into the decision-making process and respond to comments received on the DEIS. The FEIS will be subject to a public review period of not less than 30 days.

No action will be taken to implement any of the proposed alternatives until completion of the FEIS 30-day review period. A decision on whether to proceed with the proposed action would be made thereafter by the Director of the Bureau and taking into account all environmental analyses and public comments and documented by a Record of Decision as stipulated by NEPA regulations.

Publication of this notice initiates a 30-day scoping period. For additional information, or to receive future notifications regarding the proposed project, contact: Kimberly S. Hudson, Site Selection Specialist, Federal Bureau of Prisons, 320 First Street, NW, Room 901-5 West, Washington, DC 20534; email: kshudson@bop.gov or by visiting the project website at: https://www.proposed-fci-leetchercountyky.com. Thank you for your interest.