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Beshear announces beginning of last leg of the Minnie-Harold Connector, celebrates prison opening

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

Gov. Andy Beshear paid a visit to Floyd County on May 24 with a dual purpose — to celebrate a recent economic boost to the county, and to also announce the pending completion of a project that has been in the works for decades.

During the visit to Floyd Central High School, Beshear joined in celebrating the opening of the Southeast State Correctional Complex in Wheelwright but also announced that the state had not only allocated more than \$34 million for the completion of the Minnie to Harold Connector (Ky. 680) but also joined in celebrating the news that the bid for



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Trevor Thacker
From left, Rocky Adkins, senior advisor to Gov. Andy Beshear, 95th Dist. state Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, Floyd Judge-Executive Robbie Williams and Beshear hold a ceremonial check recognizing the \$34 million allocated to complete the Minnie to Harold Connector, a project expected to begin this summer. The presentation was made during an event May 24 at Floyd Central High School.

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Levisa Fork Paddlefest 2021 gets underway



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Trevor Thacker
It was a day of fun for all Saturday as the City of Prestonsburg, Prestonsburg Tourism and the Prestonsburg Fire Department held the first PaddleFest of 2021, giving participants an opportunity to enjoy a day on the river. The boats were launched from the ramp in the bottom parking lot of Billy Ray's restaurant. Also on hand were park rangers from Jenny Wiley State Park. Ranger Chris Miller provided a safety talk prior to the event. Miller stressed the importance of water safety as well as, how to stay hydrated on the water. He also discussed proper function of life jackets, sunblock and how to avoid hypothermia, as water temperatures are still chilly. There were also two rescue boats on-hand, one to lead the pack and scout for debris, the other bringing up the rear in case of emergency. The Paddlefest events will be held through September. Visit, www.prestonsburgky.org for more information.

'We need to be ready'

Community urges Court to be ready for next natural disaster

BY AUSTIN BLANKENSHIP
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Recently, locals who helped take charge of flood relief efforts earlier this year addressed the Floyd County Fiscal Court on the need for the court to be prepared for next time.

On Tuesday, May 18, the Floyd County Fiscal Court held its regular meeting, during which Missy Allen and Prestonsburg Tourism Executive Director Samantha Johnson signed up for public comment. Both Allen and Johnson were two of the biggest driving forces in flood relief efforts after

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