




Edward Hale Sr.
Edward Glen Hale Sr., 86, of St. Helen, Mich., died Sunday, July 8, 2018.
He was born in Floyd County, March 1, 1932, the son of the late Andy and Anzie Sloan Hale.
Glen and Opal married on Nov. 14, 1950, at the young ages of 18 and 16. He retired from General Motors Corporation in Pontiac, Mich., with 30 years of service. He traveled the United States with Opal until they set-

tled in Summerfield, Fla., where Glen retired from Wynn Dixie grocery store with 23 years of service. Glen and Opal came home to St. Helen, Mich., to live out their golden years, in their knotty pine home, they built together.
In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Opal; two brothers, Oscar and Marcus Hale; and four sisters, Willadean Collins, Erma Smotherman, Martha Howard and Mary Sue Brown.
He is survived by his four children, Debby DeHaven (Dale), Shelia Arnett (Michael), Edward Hale Jr. and Michael Hale; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren, with whom Glen's love and laughter was

shared and felt with each one of them.
Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, July 14, 2018, at the Ball Branch Old Regular Baptist Church, Mousie, with Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial will follow at the Stephens Whitaker Family Cemetery, Hueysville.
Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m., Friday, July 13, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home of Martin.
The guestbook may be signed at hallfuneralservice.com.
This is a paid obituary.
Cleo Johnson
Cleo Johnson, 77, of Martin, died Tuesday,

July 10, 2018.
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Dr. Edward Leslie
Dr. Edward D. Leslie, 76, was born on Dec. 2, 1941, at Weeksbury. He died Sunday, July 8, 2018.
He resided in Frankfort and Debary, Florida. He was a graduate of

Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky School of Medicine. He practiced as an orthopedic surgeon for 30 years. He served his country proudly in the Vietnam War, as a surgeon. His greatest loves were practicing medicine, family, history, horses, dogs, golf and martinis.
His distinct personality and intellect generated respect and his love and caring ways towards others demonstrated his heart. He was a great man and enjoyed a life well lived.
He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Edward B. Leslie; and his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Rondall H. Leslie.
He is survived by his faithful and loved companion of 38 years, Judy

Wellman; five grandchildren; Judy's two children, Brad Wellman and Lori Denton, and their spouses; his two brothers, Dr. Larry Leslie and Dr. Keith Leslie; his sisters-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews.
A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home of Martin.
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Ira Rose
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ARH Scholar employed in McDowell

SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES
Appalachian Regional Healthcare recently announced its latest round of ARH Scholars, and one of them was also hired recently at McDowell ARH.
Matt Williams, one of 11 applicants chosen for the scholarship during this round, was recently hired as a nurse extern at McDowell ARH.
As an ARH Scholar, Williams will receive \$5,000 toward tuition and living expenses while finishing his associate's degree in nursing at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. He plans to continue his education to

receive his bachelor's degree in nursing and eventually his master's degree.
"I feel like ARH overall in the last two months has impacted my life in a way outside of healthcare tremendously," Williams said in a press release. "Things would be very different if I hadn't received this scholarship and if I hadn't received this job through them."
His interest in the medical field, specifically biology, started at a young age.
"I've been interested in (the medical field) really since sixt



Matt Williams

grade," he said. "I had a teacher who introduced all of us to biology and there was a lot of emphasis on human anatomy. This interest has carried on throughout my entire life."
He has worked in various fields including insurance and construction. He spent a portion of his life watching and working for his father's construction and excavation business where he says he learned to have a good work ethic.
Before pursuing nursing, he gained a bachelor's degree in Biology from More-

head State University. After graduation, he began working outside of the medical field, but ultimately followed his passion deciding to pursue a nursing degree.
"I think my life developments and the things I've done, even though they may not be medical, have really prepared me to be a great nurse rather than just coming straight out of high school and becoming a nurse," he said. "I would have missed out on a lot of personal development. I really feel like my life events have built me up to make me uniquely capable of taking care of people."
He is excited to work at ARH.

"I'm absolutely thrilled because I'll get all of these opportunities to practice my skills...I don't have any experience as a nurse aid or really any medical experience other than volunteering and clinicals. I felt like at 34 years old it was really important that I be ready to hit the ground running when I graduate," he said.
He encourages others to seek opportunities at ARH.
"I recommend other students look into the opportunities ARH offers, whether it be for employment or a scholarship or anything else," he said. "They're really great for the area. I think things would be very different without them."

INCREASE
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on July 3, Paula Johnson, chairperson of the Southern Water & Sewer Commission, wrote, "As a result of relinquishing 1,200 customers to the City of Prestonsburg, which had the approval of the PSC, our financial condition has deteriorated considerably. We are in dire need of this rate adjustment."
Southern is currently operating in a deficit of nearly \$465,000, according to the filing. The company is seeking an alternative rate adjustment to raise \$953,409

in additional revenues, which would increase its total revenues to more than \$4.1 million. Of that amount, more than \$3.8 is requested in revenue from its rates.
The company serves 5,435 customers in Floyd and Knott counties. It asked the PSC to approve a 41 percent increase in water rates for the first 2,000 gallons sold, from \$24.60 currently to \$34.60 requested, as well as a 19 percent increase in rates charged for those who use more than 2,000 gallons of water, from the current rate of \$8.40 to a proposed rate of \$1.60.

Southern reports in the filing, bills for customers using an average of 4,000 gallons a month will increase from \$41.40 to \$54.60.
"This is an increase of \$13.20 or 31.88 percent," the filing states.
There is no change requested for wholesale rates for water Southern sells to the Knott County Water District and the cities of Wheelwright and Hindman.
The rate increase request comes about a year after Southern sold a portion of its system, and lost revenues from 1,160 customers, to Prestonsburg.
"The transfer was

made because Southern did not have the personnel or equipment to operate the wastewater treatment plant and system in the Harold area in addition to two other wastewater plants," the filing states. "In order for Prestonsburg to assume ownership of the wastewater system they took the water customers also. The loss of 1,160 customers has severely harmed the District's financial situation."
The filing also mentions two projects pending with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority's Drinking Water Loan Fund as being "critical" to Southern's operations. One water main replacement project is geared to reduce water loss in the Wayland and Lackey areas and the other, a storage tank replacement on Mink Branch, is set to improve operations and "ensure a safer volume" of water in Mud Creek.
"These two projects come with new debt," the filing states.

According to the filing, Southern expects a decrease of about \$700,000 in its total operating expenses, and a decrease of about \$656,000 in revenues, caused by the loss of water sales.
"Prestonsburg is paying the district for the value of the assets turned over to the city," the filing states. "The payment for the assets have not made up for the loss in revenue but very shortly the payments will cease as the district has reached the amount of the assets. However, the agreement between Prestonsburg and Southern has not been finalized so the total amount to be paid could change."
Southern expects to pay \$113,000 less for water, the filing states, and, among expenses, it lists a depreciation expense reduction of about \$579,000.

depreciation schedule is not known at this time," the filing states. "Also, originally, depreciation was listed at 100 percent as the Alternative Rate Filing indicates should be done. However, this resulted in a rate adjustment requirement that the Southern Board felt was too great to pass on to its customer base at one time. They determined what they thought would be acceptable and the Alternative Rate Filing was adjusted to match this amount."
Southern's revenue requirement calculation shows a need for about \$3.5 million to cover operating expenses and \$634,000 to cover debt. Its requested revenue increase of \$953,000 is about 33.12 percent higher than its current revenues.
The company is currently selling off assets to raise revenues. It is seeking bids through July 25 on five vehicles and 1.25 acres of land at Cold Water in Harold.

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