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## County attorney: Floyd inmate killed by 'nightmare punch'

### Suspect's bond set at \$1 million

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said "one nightmare punch" killed an inmate at the Floyd County Detention Center on Tuesday.

is facing a first-degree murder charge for the Tuesday death of Adam Potter, 29, of Prestonsburg.



Scotty Gibson

First responders were called to the jail at approximately 12:30 p.m.

on Tuesday, following reports of an inmate who was unresponsive. Potter, who had been incarcerated for 32 days, was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center,

where he was later pronounced dead. Officials with the KSP Post 9 in Pikeville reported in a press release that they were informed at approximately 2 p.m. about an inmate at the detention center "being injured possibly from an altercation."

transported to Highlands Regional Hospital, and was (pronounced) deceased a short time later," the press release said.

Dispelling rumors about the cause of Potter's death, Floyd County Jailer Stuart "Bear"

"The inmate had been

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## Wayland starts budgeting process

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

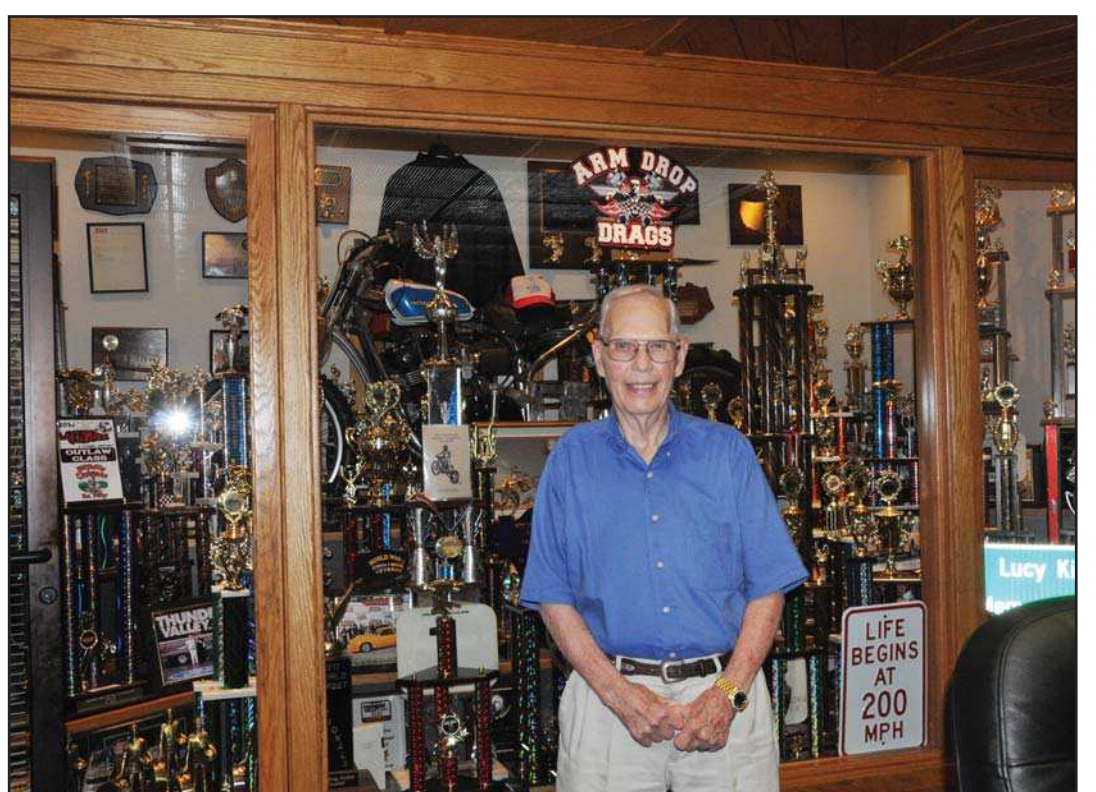
The Wayland City Commission started its budgeting process this week, with officials reporting the city's financial outlook is expected to improve in the next fiscal year.

During a special meeting on Tuesday, the commission held the first reading of an ordinance to amend the current fiscal year budget and the first reading of the city's new budget for the upcoming fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The budget amendment added revenues the city received this fiscal year for a broadband feasibility study (\$19,500), a grant to improve drainage (\$4,000) and an insurance settlement for a police car damaged in a wreck this year (\$19,000), as well as other grants. Those additions, once finally approved with a vote in a second reading of the ordinance, will increase the city's current fiscal year budget to \$137,000.

That total makes the city's financial outlook for the new fiscal year look bleak, by comparison, as total revenues and expenses in the new budget proposed total only \$88,751. Officials say, however, that total is more than the city's previous budget, prior to the release of grants that were added

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Willard Kinzer stands in his trophy room at Kinzer Drilling, which displays a motorcycle he raced with decades ago, as well as trophies he earned in dirtbike hill climbing competitions and drag racing.

## At 90, JW Kinzer doesn't plan on slowing down

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

If you didn't know him and you saw him walking down the street, James Willard Kinzer would appear to be just an ordinary man.

But appearances are deceiving in this case, because at 90 years old, this

Floyd County business owner and drag racer is everything but ordinary.

A sign in his trophy room says, "Life begins at 200 mph." It's there because he's broken records and earned trophies for driving faster than that.

Kinzer is not ashamed to share

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## Three people charged with lying to obtain food stamps, Medicaid

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

Three Floyd County residents who allegedly failed to report changes

in their income in order to receive food stamps and Medicaid are set to appear in court for arraignments this month.

Crystal Vanhooose,

32, of Dwale, Mallena Kidd, 40, of Banner, and Charles Hall, 40, of Hi Hat, are each charged with two felony counts for giving a false state-

ment/misrepresentation to receive food stamps and Medicaid.

They were indicted by a Floyd County grand jury on May 23 and are

scheduled to appear in Floyd Circuit Court on June 22 for arraignment.

According to the indictments, each of them

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# Several charged in Floyd District Court, civil cases filed

**A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

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

**Felony charges filed**

Timothy J. Boyd, 35, of Harold; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

Cody M. Goble, 24, of Allen; first-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia

Natasha Slone, 32, of Hi Hat; flagrant nonsupport

Jeffrey Slone, 49, of David; first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, second- and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, driving

under the influence Amanda Shepherd, 26, of Hueysville; first-degree promoting contraband

Frank Henry Landon, 27, of Paintsville; two counts of first-degree trafficking in a controlled substance, public intoxication, tampering with physical evidence

Donald R. Tilley, 49, of Prestonsburg; fugitive from Indiana

Crystal Johnson, age unavailable, of Louisville; two counts of flagrant nonsupport

Justin Ray Montgomery, 27, of Prestonsburg; theft by unlawful taking (firearm)

Shonda L. Music, 33, of Prestonsburg; carrying a concealed deadly weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia, giving officer a false name/address, theft of identity, theft by

unlawful taking under \$10,000, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Joshua D. Moore, 35, of Hi Hat; first, second and third-degree possession of a controlled substance, violation of an emergency protection order

Adron Burchett, 29, of Ivel; receiving stolen property under \$10,000, theft by deception (cold checks) under \$10,000, first-degree criminal trespass

Kenneth Wells, 42, of Van Lear; flagrant nonsupport

Christopher Harvel, 34, of Tram; flagrant nonsupport

**Misdemeanor charges**

Clenon Turner, of Langley; harassment

Nathan Bartley, 38, of Dana; public intoxication, theft by unlawful taking

under \$500

Gordan Lee Tackett, of Bevinsville; third-degree terroristic threatening

Jeffrey Thompson, 63, of Prestonsburg; first-degree indecent exposure, alcohol intoxication in a public place

Brandon L. Newsome, 25, of Printer; second-degree fleeing/evading police

Levi C. Ross, 33, of David; theft by unlawful taking or disposition under \$500

Julie Litteral, 20, of Allen; fourth-degree assault

Christopher Turner, 46, of Drift; public intoxication

Matthew Thomas Goble, 43, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication

Heather Slone, 36, of Martin; first-degree criminal trespass

William D. Castle, 39, of Hunter; driving under the influence, second offense, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with one headlight

Laken Harris, 30, of Martin; possession of drug paraphernalia

Sharon Sammons, 64, of Teaberry; harassment, third-degree criminal trespassing

Russell Young, 39, of

Prestonsburg; fourth-degree assault, fraudulent use of a credit card under \$500

Heather Halcomb, 43, of Prestonsburg; second-degree criminal trespassing

Felisha Ann Am-burgey, 28, address unknown; driving under the influence, possession of marijuana, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to notify department of transportation of address change, prescription not in proper container.

Justin Miller, of Hi Hat; second-degree criminal trespassing, third degree criminal mischief

Kevin Hall, 33, of Banner; public intoxication

Brian Dylan Johnson, 19, of Beaver; second-degree criminal mischief

Ricky D. Wright, 30, of Prestonsburg; public intoxication

Brian Ratliff, 42, of Wayland; harboring a vicious animal

Shane D. Hall, 27, of Kite; second-degree criminal mischief, second-degree criminal trespassing

Adron Burchett, 29, of Ivel; driving under the influence, public intoxication, receiving stolen property under \$500

Jody Carrol, 23, of Tram; second-degree criminal trespassing

Donte Thompson, 27, of Lexington; fourth-degree assault, menacing

Pamela Barns, 33, of Auxier/Van Lear; public intoxication

**Lawsuits filed**

Patricia Mizer vs. Mandy Keathley, petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Christine M. Steele, Zachary Steele vs. David C. Wright, Adria Wright, Allison Smith, Larry Brad Smith; property dispute

Rachel Pitts vs. Travis Pitts; divorce

Donald Smith, Della Smith vs. Roger Hall, The Standard Fire Insurance Company, USAA General Indemnity Company; per-

sonal injury complaint

Jimmy R. Adkins vs. State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance; personal injury complaint

Richard D. Crum vs. Ashley Crum; divorce

Elizabeth Danielle Osborne vs. Daniel Keith Osborne; divorce

Elizabeth Danielle Osborne vs. Brandon S. Stanley; petition for custody

Sheila R. Wicker, Deborah Hackworth, Gregory King vs. Charles King, as executor of the estate of Bobby King; will contest complaint

Rocky's Auto Sales Inc. vs. Johnny R. Carroll, Jennifer R. Carroll, complaint regarding contract

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Carol Provost; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

Kentucky Department for Income Support, Kentucky Foster Care vs. Chris McFarland; petition for child support and healthcare insurance

First Commonwealth Bank vs. Eddie Akers, Sandra Akers, Floyd County; complaint concerning contract

Portfolio Recovery Associates vs. Robert Conley; complaint concerning contract

Bank of America vs. Jamie R. Lawson; complaint concerning contract

Fire Alarm & Security Systems Company vs. Eastern Air Flow; complaint concerning contract

Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance Inc. vs. Timmy Webb, Donna S. Webb, Phillip Ward; complaint concerning contract

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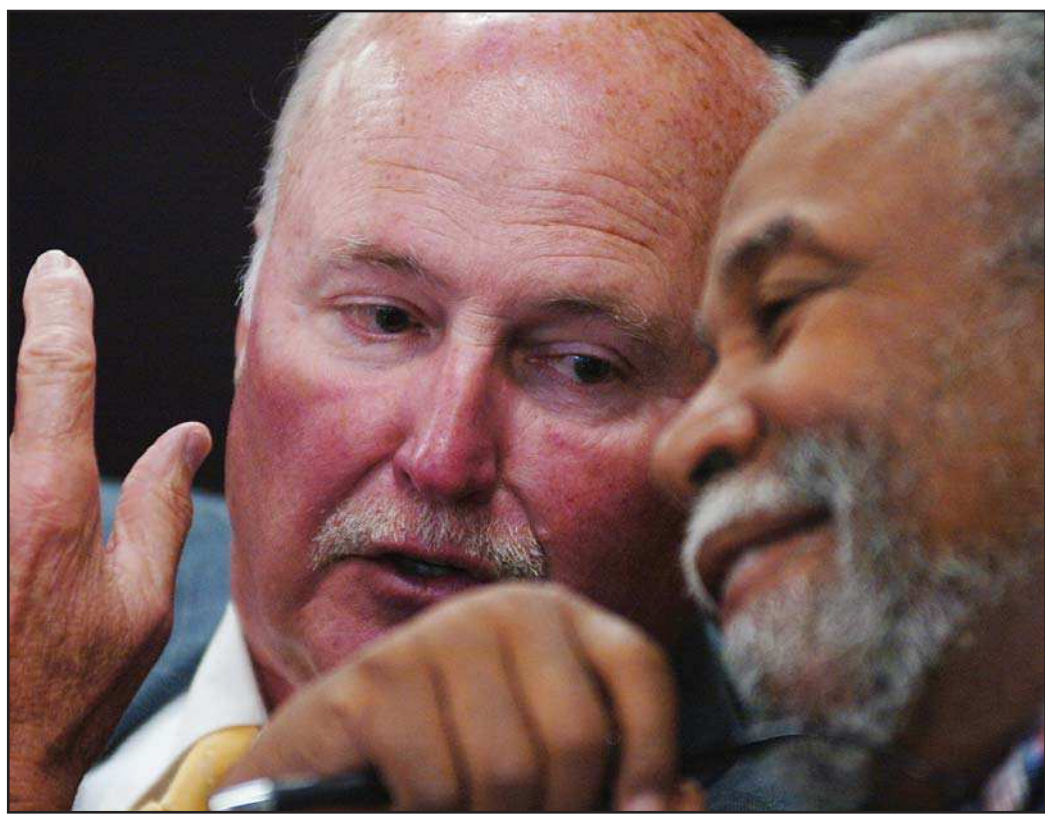
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## Working in committee



Submitted photo

Sen. Johnny Ray Turner, D-Prestonsburg, confers with a colleague about motor vehicle licensing during the June meeting of the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation. Sen. Turner represents the 29th Senate District in Floyd, Harlan, Knott, and Letcher Counties. To contact Sen. Turner with questions or concerns, call the Legislative Message Line toll-free at, 1-800-372-7181, or email, JohnnyRay.Turner@lrc.ky.gov. For more information on the interim joint committee schedule, visit, lrc.ky.gov.

## Headed to the Mountain Sports Hall of Fame



FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES PHOTO BY MARY MEADOWS

Memorabilia from the former Maytown High School were recently donated to Wayland for inclusion in the Mountain Sports Hall of Fame. These items were on display during the Maytown High School reunion held recently at the Wayland Community Center and will be moved to the Mountain Sports Hall of Fame. For more information about other items on display or for historical information about local sports and teams, visit the Mountain Sports Hall of Fame on Facebook. The museum is open in the former Wayland High School gym.

## Dance Etc. takes a 'Vacation'



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

Dancers of all ages participated in "Vacation," Dance Etc.'s recital, held at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg over the weekend. Thousands of people turned out to watch several performances. On Saturday, Dance Etc. owner Jody Shepherd honored the family of eight-year-old Breanna Khris Hall, a former dancer who was killed in a wreck last July in Letcher County.



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This "tiny house" built by students at the Floyd County Area Technology Center, is among eight other student-constructed tiny houses that will be on display starting today, June 8, in Hazard. These houses are being auctioned off through June 30 at <https://www.theholler.org/auctions/>.

## Tiny House auctions underway

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to complete a new tiny house each year.

The work of Floyd County students will be on display in Hazard starting today, June 8.

A "tiny house" built by students at the Floyd County Area Technology Center, is among eight tiny houses built by students that will be displayed starting today at 412 Roy Campbell Drive in Hazard Kentucky adjacent to the Kentucky Valley Educational Cooperative office and the Job Site Center.

The Floyd County Board of Education learned about Floyd County's project during its last meeting, with board members touring the 300 sq. ft. tiny house and praising the student's work.

These projects are part of the Building it Forward project, sponsored by KVEC, as an "investment in creating a 'future story' for students interested in learning skills for a real-world vocation."

The project is designed to be on-going and sustainable each year. The completed homes are auctioned and the money re-invested

Tiny houses built by the students at the Floyd County Area Technology Center, Johnson County High School CTE, Knott County Area Technology Center, Lee County Area Technology Center/Owsley County/Wolfe County, Leslie County Area Technology Center, Letcher County Area Technology Center/Jenkins Independent, Breathitt County Area Technology Center/Jackson Independent and Phelps High School in Pike County are all being auctioned through June 30. Once the auction is final and the winning bids are announced, buyers have 15 days to pick up their home.

Once the auction is complete, each school will have a base \$15,000 and 80 percent of the dollar amount above the final auction bid to build a new house in the next school year.

Bids are being accepted online through June 30 at, <https://www.theholler.org/auctions/>.

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## EDITORIAL:

### Fiscal court's explanation for tax repeal is ridiculous

Taxes, taxes, taxes. For months and months, that's just about all we heard from candidates seeking seats on the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

And here we are again. On Tuesday, the Floyd County Fiscal Court approved the first reading of an ordinance that would, if finally approved, repeal the insurance premium tax the fiscal court approved last year. That action came as three members of the fiscal court who were ousted by voters — in a large part because of the tax — talked about how that tax was definitely needed, but how they're going to repeal it because of the "will of the people" who voted against them in the primary election.

Repeatedly, they talked about how candidates campaigned against them because of this tax.

We are not going to weigh in about whether the repeal would be a good move or a bad move for the Floyd County Fiscal Court. We can, however, say what we have reported, more than once, which is that the county's next budget, at \$18 million, is \$1 million less than this year's budget and that \$18 million includes \$600,000 from this tax.

Each of them who spoke — Judge-Executive Ben Hale, Magistrate John Goble and Magistrate Randy Davis — justified their 2017 vote to implement this tax, talking about revenue shortfalls the county faced and all the severance funding the county lost. But in the same breath, it's like they were saying none of that mattered because the voters spoke loud and clear

and they're going to do the "will of the people," regardless of what the county actually needs. That's not leadership. That's a childish and petty reaction to the voters who ousted them. These magistrates and this judge are reacting to their loss in the election, period. They made that clear, with Goble even pointing out how this repeal will cause the county to cut services and how this new fiscal court can fix the funding shortfall when the time comes.

"And, they'll be, without this tax, a lot of services will be lost ... in the county. Of course, (the election winners) said that they've got many a way to come back up with them during the campaign. So, this will give them an opportunity to use their ways," Goble said before seconding the motion to propose the ordinance.

Hale, who proposed the repeal, made similar remarks,

thanking the fiscal court for making tough decisions, then noting that the new fiscal court will have to "figure out exactly what they will do."

It's extremely important that the leaders of any local government listen to and respond to the needs of the public it serves. But it's also important that local government leaders make decisions that incorporate the needs of the county or city as a whole. Above all else — and especially above any jab they take on the campaign trail — the job of this fiscal court is to ensure the county has enough funding to provide the services that it is legally required to provide for the people.

But while the explanations provided by Hale, Goble and Davis point to their understanding of that fact, here they are, saying one thing and doing another. It makes no sense. We're pretty much dumbfounded.

It's like these three fiscal court members believe a repeal of this tax will send the county budget down a long, dark hole. But they don't care. They want to show those who voted against them that they, now that they've lost in the election, are willing to do the will of the people.

We don't know if the repeal of the tax will be a good move or a bad move in the long run for the county. At this point in the conversation, no one does. But we do know, without a doubt, that the primary election campaign is over, and there's absolutely no place for any of its rhetoric to be part of this county's finances.

Make the right choices in coming months, not choices that are simply a parting shot at the election winners.

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## GUEST COLUMN:

### Silly humans

By **JEFF VANDERBECK**  
PUBLISHER

According to Jim Balog, an American photographer who explores the relationship between humans and nature, there are four elements that affect humans — water, air, fire and earth. They create "The Human Element," which is the name of his newest documentary film.

You would think that this film was produced by a tree-hugging liberal who wants to bash natural resources and not highlight the reality of how natural resources have been part of regional cultures, how natural resources have built

this country. But the film doesn't. The film provides real depictions of how the elements affect the people in both a positive and negative way.

I went to a private screening of the movie where coal operators, business people, millennials, scientists and others were invited. This was unusual because these types of people typically clash at gatherings.

The movie started in a very depressing way and got even worse, until the end, where the true grit of Eastern Kentucky shined through.

The movie is all about the elements. It started out with water and Balog showed the melting

of the ice caps, through his lens, over periods of time. The melting of the ice caps is creating rising ocean levels. And in years to come, coastal communities may not exist.

As the movie progressed, Balog went into the air portion and followed a family who lives in an area where asthma rules their lives. The pollution makes it nearly impossible for these folks to breathe. They are all on medication and live very difficult lives.

Then came the fire element. The wildfires in this country are getting more powerful. The fallout of these fires is devastating to the earth and its people. In years past,

fires were not necessarily a bad thing as they reshaped the landscape and provided nutrients for new growth. Now, they burn out of control and cause major issues.

By this time, I was totally depressed and searching for answers.

Then the earth segment of the film showed a bright spot. It showed hope. It focused on Eastern Kentucky and the newest technology that a group is using to revitalize this region.

Balog found, through an article in the New York Times, former state auditor Adam Edelen and his partner, Ryan Johns from Berkley Energy. Berkley is a coal company and

Adam and Ryan have teamed up to bring a renewable energy source to the region.

The movie showed how this group will be putting people to work by using solar panels on reclaimed mountaintops that will generate energy for commercial and residential use. This is one project that will start in Eastern Kentucky and resonate throughout the state and into other parts of the country. This is renewable, and green, energy that has very little impact on the environment. On the screen, it's a win-win.

The project has started and soon there will be solar panels on the

mountaintops in Eastern Kentucky creating renewable, affordable energy that is environmentally friendly. This is one part of a solution.

I realize this is in the planning stages and there are a lot of bugs to work out. But Berkeley and Edelen made a commitment to use Eastern Kentucky as the trial ground and use our best resources to perfect a new technology. Our best resource is our people.

This is an exciting opportunity that could be another game changer for energy and the people of this region. We have done it before and we can do it again, we can power the world once again. However, this time using different technology.

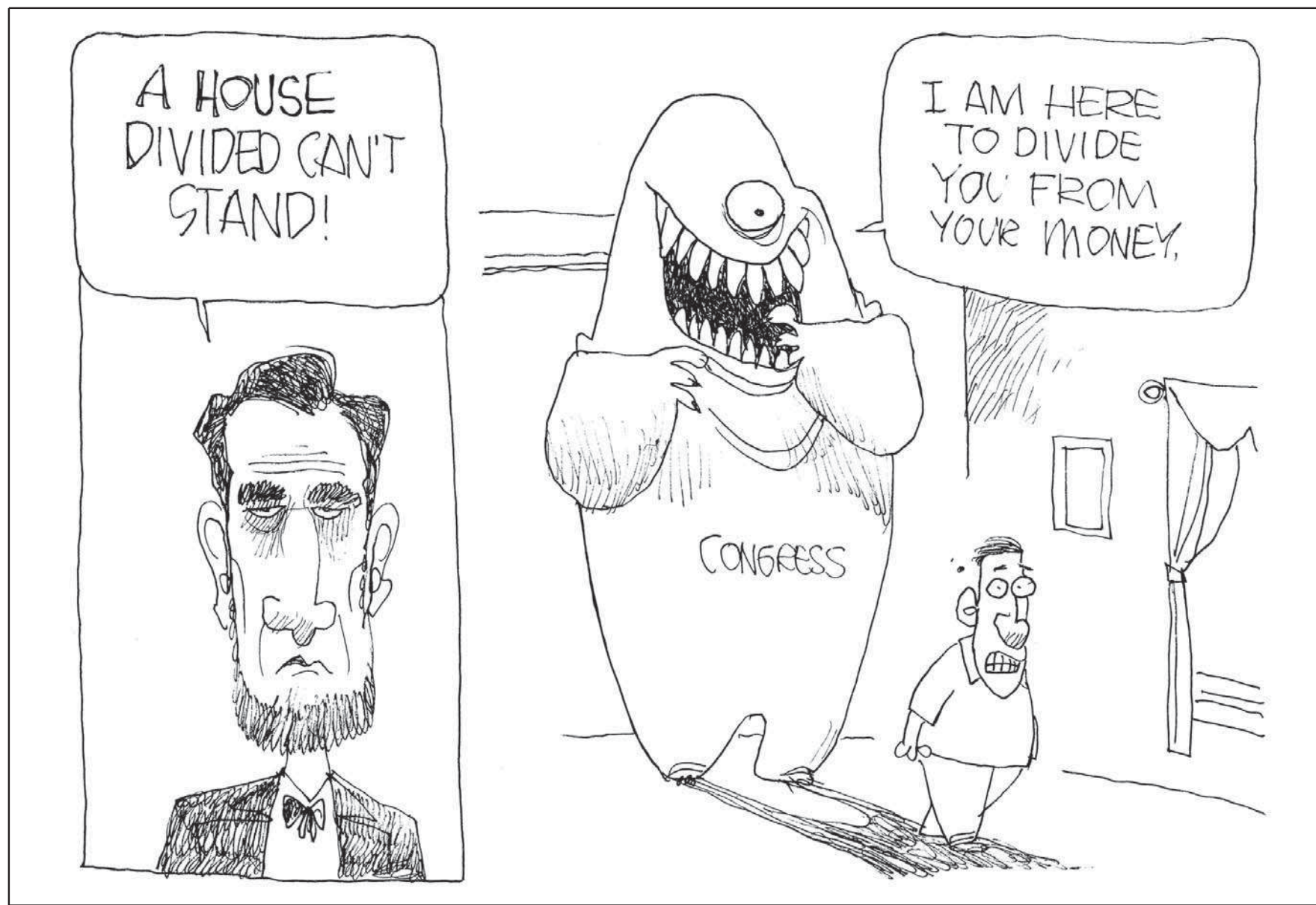
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## Doris Miller

Doris Christine Hall Miller, 90, died Monday, June 4, 2018, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

She was well-known and well-loved throughout the community. She

worked many years as the head teller at the First Commonwealth Bank. Many of the tellers she trained are still serving the community, at local banks, today.

She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in

death by her husband, William E. Miller; and her parents, Howard and Polly Hall.

She is survived by two sons, William David (LaDonna) and Mark E. (Connie) Miller; five grandchildren, David Todd Miller, Kate Miller Shutts, Tara Miller Elliott, Mark Joseph Miller and

Jody M. Shepherd; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg. A memorial service will follow with Pastor Stephen Sanders officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of the

Carter Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested contributions be made to the First Presbyterian Church in memory and honor of Doris.

The guestbook may be signed at [www.carter-funeralhomeky.com](http://www.carter-funeralhomeky.com).

This is a paid obitu-

ary.

## "Peachy" Ward

Edna L. "Peachy" Ward, 47, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, June 7, 2018.

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

## Cryptocurrency group raising funds for chemical plant

By WILL WRIGHT  
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

Pike County received its first repayment last week on a controversial \$400,000 loan it made in 2014 to RCL Chemical — a company promising hundreds of jobs in Eastern Kentucky at a proposed plant that would convert natural gas into various liquid products.

Money for that \$50,000 payment, though, was raised from a very unconventional source: cryptocurrency. It's an industry that has sparked warnings and scrutiny from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Last month, New York-based cryptocurrency investment company Y2X Infrastructure agreed to secure \$325 million to fund RCL's proposed natural gas-to-liquids plant in Eastern Kentucky. Y2X was founded less than a month ago and defines itself as a "blockchain-centric company," which means it uses cryptocurrencies, such as Bit-coin, to fund its projects.

The first payment on RCL's loan came from the company's deal with Y2X, said RCL Chairman and Chief Operating Officer William Johnson.

The project began in 2014, when representatives of RCL Chemical proposed building an industrial plant in Pike County that would convert natural gas into synthetic waxes, base oils, specialty lubricants and fuels.

In August of that year, the county agreed to loan \$400,000 to RCL to jump-start the operation and help diversify the region's stagnant economy.

But two years later, citing a lack of sufficient infrastructure at the site, RCL decided to move its operation to neighboring Floyd County.

The move caused a rift between

Pike County and RCL, and between Pike and Floyd counties, that delayed the project even further, said Herbie Deskins, Pike County's deputy judge-executive.

In addition to their grievances over the move, officials worried about the project's financial stability, and wondered what would happen to the \$400,000 if the project fizzled out.

The Pike County Fiscal Court eventually voted to file a lawsuit against RCL, but never acted on that vote.

"If a lawsuit had been filed when they first wanted to, it would've bankrupted the project," Deskins said.

Last month, RCL announced it had secured the \$325 million investment deal with Y2X.

Floyd and Pike County officials praised the news, saying the plant could provide hundreds of jobs in a region that has seen coal employment drop from 13,679 in 2011 to 4,042 last year.

"It could change the face of our coal economy," Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale said at the time.

### 'AN ENTIRELY NEW MARKET'

The future of the project, though, now rests on the shoulders of the newly-formed Y2X Infrastructure and its cryptocurrency investment model.

According to a news released dated May 15, Y2X is raising an initial \$200 million through a "Global Token Offering," a process similar to an initial public offering, when investors buy shares of a company.

Most of these initial coin offerings raise money before a company makes its first product, which "makes the investment extremely speculative

and risky," according to an article in Bitcoin Magazine.

Some companies, though, have been able to raise staggering amounts of money in short spans of time through similar offerings. One such company, called Status.im, raised \$270 million in just a few hours, according to Bitcoin Magazine.

In a public statement issued in December, SEC Chairman Jay Clayton warned investors to be careful of blockchain-centric companies, saying there are still many unresolved questions regarding the legality and trustworthiness of the industry.

"A number of concerns have been raised regarding the cryptocurrency and (initial coin offering) markets, including that, as they are currently operating, there is substantially less investor protection than in our traditional securities markets, with correspondingly greater opportunities for fraud and manipulation," Clayton said.

In April, the SEC charged two co-founders of a blockchain startup with creating a fraudulent coin offering that raised more than \$32 million. Y2X declined to comment on its funding model or its investment deal with RCL.

According to its website, "Y2X Tokens will be issued in compliance with U.S. and other securities regulations and the company is working with trading venues to create secondary markets."

One of the key issues with initial coin offerings, according to the SEC, is whether the coins, or "tokens," qualify as securities. If the coins do qualify as securities, companies like Y2X must register as a securities broker and comply with other federal

laws.

"It is especially troubling when the promoters of these offerings emphasize the secondary market trading potential of these tokens," Clayton said. "Prospective purchasers are being sold on the potential for tokens to increase in value — with the ability to lock in those increases by reselling the tokens on a secondary market — or to otherwise profit from the tokens based on the efforts of others. These are key hallmarks of a security and a securities offering."

To date, no company has registered an initial coin offering with the SEC, an SEC spokesman told the Herald-Leader.

David Yermack, a business and law professor at New York University who has taught courses on Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies, said the agreement between RCL and Y2X "looks very unusual, even unprecedented."

"I am not aware of any cases in which they have constructed a bricks-and-mortar manufacturing facility in an industry like chemicals," Yermack said. "Also, the scale of the investment is far beyond the size of most of these funds."

If Y2X manages to raise the money, "it would take token-based financing into an entirely new market," he said.

### 'WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE'

Even if Y2X succeeds in raising the money needed to build RCL's chemical plant, there are other concerns about the project's economic viability.

A 2017 study by researchers at the MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change casts doubt on gas-to-liquids proj-

ects similar to RCL's.

The study concluded that, even under the most optimistic circumstances, gas-to-liquids technology will likely fail to emerge as a profitable industry in the coming decades.

Researchers found that gas-to-liquids technologies are too expensive to compete with similar products made from crude oil, particularly fuels used within the transportation sector.

There are companies, including Chevron and Shell, operating gas-to-liquids plants in other countries, including two in Qatar and one in Malaysia, but none are under construction in the United States, according to the study.

Using a model that analyzes the feasibility of gas-to-liquids under different economic and price-based scenarios, the researchers found that "GTL is not likely to be a major part of global industry."

Johnson said the Floyd County plant will focus much of its operation on specialty waxes rather than fuels.

Because those waxes are not as closely tied to the price of crude oil, RCL's plant will still be economically viable, he said.

"We're kind of in an independent specialty market," Johnson said.

The waxes could be used for a wide range of products, from candles to shampoo. If the project comes to fruition, the Floyd County plant will be the first in North America to concentrate on producing those products.

The company expects construction to begin this fall.

"We're not going anywhere," Johnson said. "It's been a long time coming for us."

## CHARGED

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failed to report a change in their income in order to receive SNAP benefits and Medicaid benefits valued at more than \$100.

Vanhose is accused of misrepresenting her income from 2014 to 2016 for SNAP benefits and from 2014 to 2015 for Medicaid. Kidd is accused of misrepresenting her income to receive

SNAP from 2012 to 2015 and to receive Medicaid from 2011 to 2015. Hall is accused of misrepresenting his income from 2015 to 2016 for SNAP and in 2016 for Medicaid.

These individuals are among 11 who were indicted on May 23 by a Floyd County grand jury.

Justin Bryant, 28, of Martin, who was indicted for charges that stem from an alleged escape from East Kentucky Home Incarceration,

pleaded not guilty on May 29 to second-degree escape, tampering with a prisoner monitoring device, theft by unlawful taking over \$500, and a first-degree persistent felony offender charge. He was scheduled to have a preliminary hearing on June 7.

Others who were indicted are scheduled to be arraigned in Floyd County Circuit Court on June 12 and June 22. They include:

- Tiffany Tackett, 35, of Melvin; second-degree escape, tampering with a prisoner monitoring device, theft by unlawful taking over \$500
- Casey C. Booth, 31, of Beaver; theft by unlawful taking under \$500.
- Michael A. Bryant, 23, of Brownstown, Michigan; theft by unlawful taking over \$500
- Tiffany Mollett, 28, of West Van Lear; first-degree possession of a controlled substance

- (methamphetamine)
- Joseph Corey Johnson, 25, of Morehead; theft of identity, giving an officer a false name or address, second-degree persistent felony offender
- Dontae Razean Thompson, 27, of Lexington; three counts of second-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly endangering the lives of Barren Craft, Jacquelyn Harris and Johnny Ray Harris, first-degree

fleeing or evading police, second-degree persistent felony offender, and misdemeanor charges of disregarding traffic signals, reckless driving, driving on a suspended or revoked license, resisting arrest, driving under the influence and speeding.

Editor's Note: An indictment is merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty.

## BUDGET

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as part of the budget amendment for this fiscal year.

Wayland operates on about \$80,000 annually, they said.

The city took numerous steps this to cut expenses and add revenues. Police Chief Bri-

an Ratliff volunteered to take a salary reduction, Fultz and City Attorney Tyler Green reported, and the city also saved funds by eliminating street lights at a park, cutting office expenses "to the absolute bare minimum," and taking other cost-saving steps. The city also leased its former public safety building to Trans-Star

Ambulance, negotiated a lease of coal owned by the city to earn royalties, increased its loading and unloading fee from \$60 to \$100 and implemented a tourism commission to raise funds.

The 2019 fiscal year budget proposed on Tuesday shows the city expects to receive around \$12,000 in coal royalties, \$7,300 from

franchise fees and property taxes, \$31,500 from its insurance premium tax, \$10,000 in mineral severance tax, \$1,400 from its restaurant tax, and \$1,200 from its alcohol tax.

Expenses in the proposed budget include \$7,152 for administration, \$1,000 for parks and recreation and general services; \$9,400 for public

safety, \$11,300 for utilities and \$500 for public works. The biggest portion of the city's budget is salaries, which includes compensation for the city attorney, as well as the part-time clerk/treasurer, police chief, a seasonal worker, fringe benefits and workers compensation. Salaries and related expenses top \$50,300 in all of these categories

combined. The highest-paid employee earns only \$21,000 per year. City commissioners and Fultz are not compensated.

Fultz said the city operates on a "pretty tight budget." Green said "it's amazing" that Wayland operates with around \$88,700 and "is still able to provide full services."

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**KINZER**  
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stories about his "rowdy" younger days, and he's not too shy to talk about how much he still loves his wife, Lucy, who died in 2015. They were married 70 years, and he still goes to visit her at the family cemetery every day.

"She was a wonderful person," he said. "She didn't feel like she was any better than anybody else. She was just as humble as she could be."

Together, Lucy and Willard built a legacy in Eastern Kentucky, not just with the family business, Kinzer Drilling, but also in the support they've given to numerous organizations that are working to improve the quality of life in this region. Their efforts helped build the Wesley Christian School in Allen, Hope in the Mountains in Prestonsburg, and they also support other organizations, like the Mountain Arts Center, where a theater is named in their honor.

They met when they were kids. Her parents owned a restaurant in Martin. Kinzer said they spent a nickel to play the jukebox and she came out dancing. He couldn't take his eyes off of her.

They had five children together, three of whom died as infants, and two others, Terry and Jerry, who walk a mile with their dad nearly every day. Today, their family has grown to include 21 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

That daily walk takes place in a building where Kinzer keeps his car collection. He has about 30 cars and trucks on display there, including ones he drove to earn national awards for drag racing and a truck that quit on him 20 years ago while he was driving over a railroad track in Pikeville.

"The motor quit on me and there was a train coming," he said. "I had to jump

out and go off to the side and watch the train hit it."

When the investigators called, Kinzer admitted it was his fault because the vehicle stopped on the tracks. Two weeks later, he got a bill for approximately \$12,000. He jokes about it now.

"No good deed goes unpunished," he said, laughing.

It wasn't the first time that he narrowly escaped death.

He was expelled from high school at age 15 and started working with his dad Samuel C. Kinzer at the Kinzer Water Well Company. A year after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he changed his birth certificate so it appeared he was old enough to join the Navy. He wanted to help his country in World War II.

"It's hard to explain what went on in World War II," he said. "It was nothing like any wars you've seen after that. It was the most patriotic country, the United States, of any place you could imagine."

They sent him overseas, and he was serving in the South Pacific at Manus Islands when he witnessed a deadly explosion that changed his life. On that day in 1944, he was initially called to help unload an ammunition ship, the USS Mount Hood, but before arriving there, he was called, instead, with orders to return home. He was about one-half mile away from the USS Mount Hood when it exploded, killing every person on board, sinking or severely damaging 22 boats that were nearby and injuring hundreds of sailors.

"After that explosion, it did something to me," he said. "I don't have fear anymore. No matter what I'm doing, I'm not afraid."

That lack of fear is how Kinzer spent much of younger years earning trophies and awards — as his sons did — excelling in dirt-bike hillclimb competitions, and it's how he was able to start drag racing cars when he was in his mid-seventies.

He wasn't scared in 2013, when his Chevy Cobalt flipped upside down on the Atlanta Dragway. And he wasn't scared when another race car he was driving burst into flames on the racetrack.

"It never scared me one bit," he said, after viewing a video of the flames roaring around the car's hood.

Talking about how the explosion of the USS Fort Hood changed his life, he said, "I saw how close I was to getting killed, and I thought God has spared me for a reason, and I'm going to trust him. Since then, I've tried to do all I can to help everybody else."

His wife was the religious one, in the beginning of their marriage.

"Lucy was a devoted Christian," he said. "She tried to get me to go to church and I wouldn't go for a long time. Then, I started going and it just gradually came about. And, then, I was baptized and I've tried to live a good, straight life ever since. I'm not perfect, but I guess I've done my best."

He said, "God saved my soul 60 years or so ago, and since then, it just made a new person out of me."

He always races with a cross hanging from his rearview mirror. He said he wouldn't race without it.

Kinzer is the first driver in history who drove a stock suspension car faster than 230 miles per hour. He logged 239.98 mph to earn that honor. His trophy room at Kinzer Driller is packed with trophies and awards that are too numerous to count—honors he earned both for hill climbing competitions and drag racing.

He celebrated his 90th birthday in April at one of favorite drag strips in Bristol, Tennessee, where he pushed his 1970 Firebird to 175 mph. This month, he raced again at Bristol, where, for the second year in a row, he won the Virginia Laser Shoot Out.

He said he gets a "thrill" from racing.

"There's a thrill that

unless you did it, you just wouldn't know," he said. "I just get a thrill out of going fast."

Kinzer, who is still usually the first person to arrive and the last person to leave the office, does not plan to retire anytime soon.

"When I get old," he said, laughing.

His dad and uncle started the business, drilling water wells — which is why a hand-dug water well adorns the Kinzer Drilling property. When he started working there at age 15, Kinzer was the company's only employee.

He took over operations after his dad died in the 1950s. The first drilling rig he bought for the company is still parked on the property. He and Lucy used to drive it to Florida in the winter months to drill water wells there.

Today, Kinzer Drilling employs about 80 people and it is no longer in the water well business. The company operates 1,600 natural gas and oil wells and its lines span 800 miles in Eastern Kentucky and West Virginia.

The business' success came in large part because of Kinzer's dedication. He said still arrives shortly after 6 a.m. and leaves at around 4 p.m. everyday. He does, however, sneak upstairs to a private office for a nap now and then.

Over all of these years, he poured himself into his business to help it succeed.

"Different people have different things that they want to do, and I just wanted to succeed at everything I done and I worked hard to make it happen," he said.

His longest serving employee, Susie, who started working there in 1978, described Kinzer as a "won-

derful fella."

"There'll never be another one like him. Never," she said.

When asked how he has overcome so many difficult times in his life, Kinzer said, "It's just part of me."

When asked for advice he'd like to share with young people, he said, "First, give your life to God. You'll understand then what you need to do and you can go from there."

When asked for advice he'd like to share with small business owners, he said, "You've got to like what you're doing in business and not just do it for the money. Of course, you have to make money to stay in

business, but not just to be selfish for yourself. You need to, as you succeed, to try to help everybody else."

His advice to budding race car drivers is pretty simple.

"Be careful," he said.

Kinzer plans to participate in drag races in the Pikeville this weekend.

"They don't have room to stop, so I can't run my real fast car there," he said. "I was going to take it up there, but the boys talked me out of it."

He said one of his race cars will be on display at the Mountain Arts Center on June 23. He also plans to return to Bristol to race again this month.

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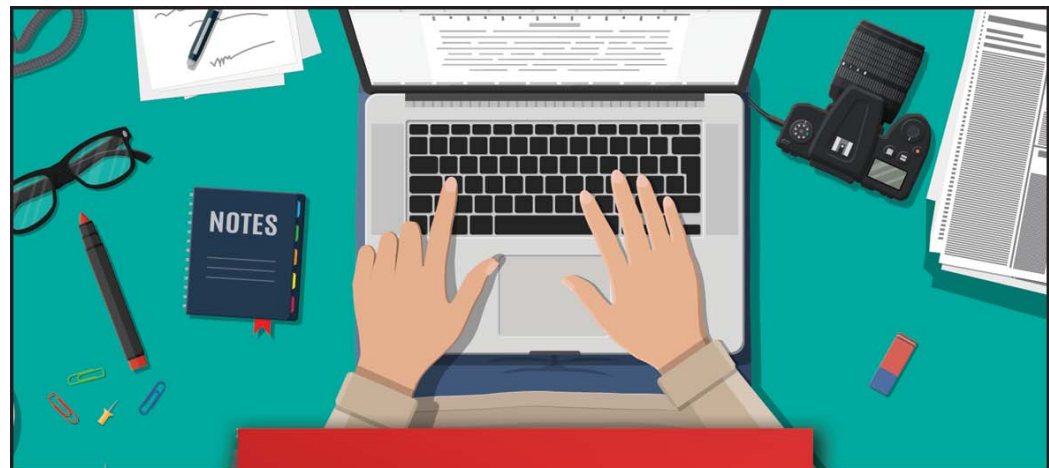
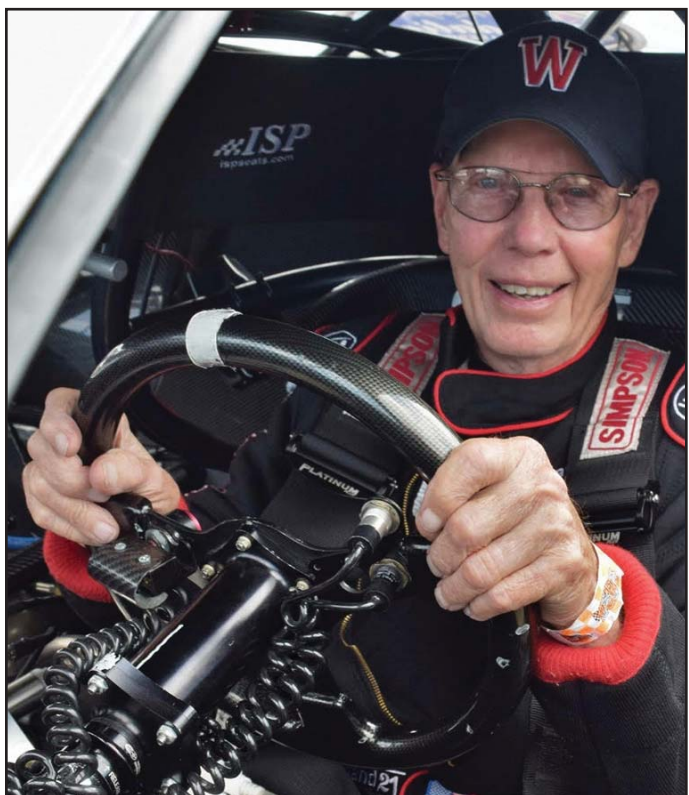
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**James Willard Kinzer, 90, is still drag racing on a regular basis. He said he gets a thrill out of driving fast.**



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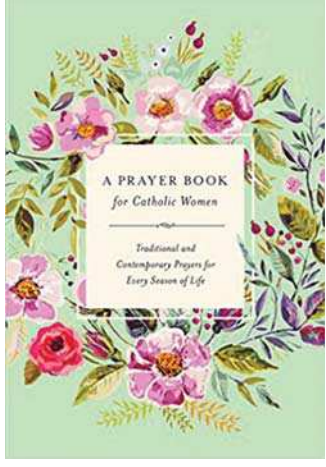
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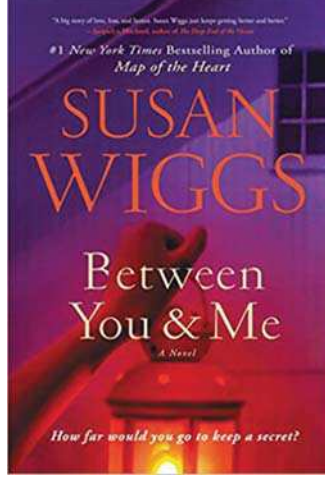
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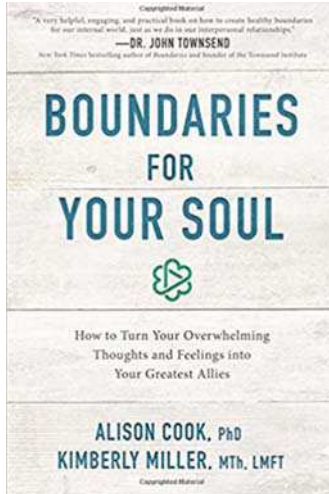
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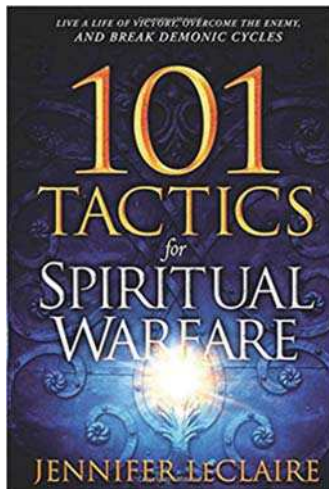
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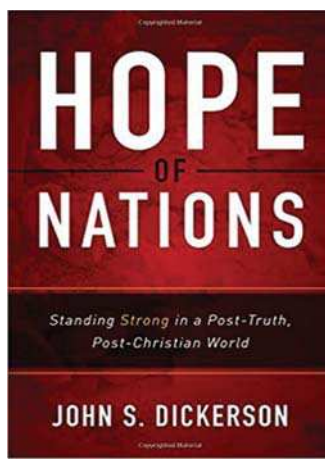
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By John S. Dickerson



## Prayer

Prayer is the central spiritual discipline, since it places us in communion with God. When Paul tells us to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17), he is saying that our communion with God should be a constant and never-ending state of being. Brother Lawrence showed us one way to do this in "Practicing the Presence of God," where he explains that even while doing our mundane daily activities such as washing pots and pans we can be communicating with God and aware of His presence. Our interior dialogue with God may at times become more of a monologue, and while that is okay (since God's patience is infinite), it is at times advisable to stop talking and to listen to what God has to say. There are times when we can simply be quiet and rest in the awareness that God is there, praying "Here I am Lord, your servant is listening." But real prayer is transformative. We must be willing to change, and willing to let God's will be done, not ours. Jesus, after all, prayed "not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42 NIV) And James tells us that "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." (James 4:3 NIV) How often are our prayers pure selfishness, asking for a return to health, or for wealth, or some other source of pleasure? Instead, let us pray for the grace and wisdom to know God's will, and the strength and courage to do it.

"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."  
—1 Samuel 3:9 NIV

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AA Meeting – 8 p.m.

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## Despite difficulties, we are still blessed



BY JAMIE BECKETT  
CHRONICLE & TIMES

I am blessed.  
I am blessed because God has given me the essentials of life – a roof over my head, food on the table and clothes on my back. I am blessed to have a loving husband, parents, family, adopted family, friends and church family. I have an enjoyable job that provides. I have great coworkers. I have a car that gets me to and from where I need to go. I may not have things of extravagance, but I have everything that I need.

I've been through rough times when things didn't seem so wonderful. I've been without a job. I've been through health issues (one of which took years to get a correct diagnosis). I've lost loved ones. There have been times when it felt as though the weight of the world was upon me. When times are bad, we often can't see beyond the waves that surround us. We can't see the shore-

line. We can't see the life preservers being tossed toward us. Instead, we simply feel engulfed by the water crashing over us.

Whatever crisis you may be facing is not going to be easy. I'm not going to lie and say it is, because that's not the truth. There will be difficulties. You may start climbing up out of the valley, onto the mountain, only to slide back down. There may be missteps along the way. Maybe you don't get the job. Maybe the illness isn't getting any better. But whatever happens, whether it be good or bad, I plead to you to hold on. Don't give up.

Even in the deepest moments of despair, I am still blessed, and if you're a Christian, than so are you. We're not just blessed, but we are richly blessed, filled with blessings beyond measure. Because we have something so magnificent, so grand, so remarkable that words fail to describe it. We have Christ living within us.

"Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them' (John 14:23)."

On Sunday, my minister Bob Wertz shared this verse and thought with us. When we live an obedi-

ent life to God, we receive blessings. Having the Holy Spirit is one of them. We are blessed because God and Christ have chosen to make their home with us. Think a b o u t that – the Creator of the universe, the One who rose from the dead, chose to make their home with us. How awesome is that?

"Now I have resurrection power living on the inside. Jesus, you have given us freedom. No longer bound by sin and darkness. Living in the light of Your goodness. You have given us freedom," sings Chris Tomblin in "Resurrection Power." We are so greatly blessed it's really hard to fathom. We actually have "resurrection power" within us!

Therefore, regardless of what is happening in our lives and in this world around us, we are still blessed. We are still children of God. Yes, we will still have hardships and trials and we may even be persecuted. But the One

who died on the cross is with us, *is within us*. We are never alone – not for one second. Regardless of how low the valley is, how deep the wave covers us, or how steep the mountain is, Jesus is still there. He never moves. He is at the right hand of God interceding for us (Romans 8:34). He never changes.

"Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8)."  
So don't give up. Christ is there to help us through whatever difficulty we find ourselves in. We simply must humble ourselves and seek Him. He will lead us through these hardships. He will guide us to the other side. Just keep seeking, reading the Word and listening with an open heart. We may fall, but He will be there to pick us up. There is a shoreline in sight and Jesus is our light-house. He will guide us, we just need to stay strong in faith. Stay obedient and we will be blessed.

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– John 14:23

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**INMATE**

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Halbert and Bartley emphasized that Potter did not die as a result of an extended fight at the jail.

"There is one fact that I think the world should know, and that is that this was not any type of protracted argument, no protracted fight, anything like that," Bartley said. "I have personally viewed video and that video shows that essentially there was one punch. One punch that landed, and, unfortunately, it was the nightmare punch that took this man's life."

Bartley said Gibson attempted to strike Potter twice, but he only hit him once on the side of the head, causing him to fall. He would not disclose the specific cause of death issued in Potter's preliminary autopsy results, but he noted that those re-

sults are consistent with what he saw on video.

"It is the nightmare punch. One punch took a man's life," he said. "And that doesn't make it any less worse than if he give him five punches. But people should know that their lives can change in a snap of a finger, in an instant. In this case, it took the life of one man, destroyed the life of another with one single punch.

"For those out there who appear to think that this was some extended struggle or something, they need to know that's just not so, and they do need to know that jail staff responded swiftly and appropriately, and made all the right efforts to try to save this boy's life," Bartley said.

He said the jail staff and its medical personnel "responded within seconds" of being informed by inmates that there was a problem.

He said Potter exhibited "signs of life" prior to his transport to the hospital and "there were efforts to save his life," but it was not possible.

Halbert commended his staff for their quick response to the incident, calling it a "bad situation overall for everybody."

Bartley said his office has worked alongside the Kentucky State Police, Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner, the coroner's office and the state's medical examiner's office in this investigation. Bartley expects the case to be presented to the grand jury soon.

Gibson is incarcerated at the Pike County Detention Center where he was taken on June 6 for safety reasons and to prevent any issues with the investigation, which continues under the direction of KSP Det. Jason Dials.

He was arraigned on

Thursday, June 7, in Floyd County District Court. A not guilty plea was entered on his behalf, he was appointed a public advocate and a preliminary hearing was set for June 15. With a recommendation from the county attorney's office, Judge Jimmy Marcum set his bond at \$1 million.

Potter and Gibson both had criminal records.

Gibson was one of three people arrested on Watergap Road last June after a coal truck driver reported that he swerved to avoid hitting an autistic child who was in the roadway. Gibson was "hiding in the bathroom" that day, court records show, and was in possession of meth and a crystal pipe. He was charged with a felony, first-degree possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

He pleaded guilty in the case in July 2017, striking a plea deal that

gave him a five-year diverted sentence on the drug possession charge and a 12-month sentence, probated for two years, on the drug paraphernalia charge, if he attended drug court. Following a revocation hearing last fall for absconding from drug court, Gibson's probation was revoked by District Judge Eric Hall. He was sentenced to serve 12 months, with at least six months of that time in a substance abuse program. Halbert reported Gibson was expected to be released next month.

Halbert said Potter had only been incarcerated for 32 days, but he was facing charges in several cases against him.

He was arrested in March in the misdemeanor case, charged with public intoxication and second-degree disorderly conduct, following an alleged incident at Highlands Hospital in which

he was accused of being intoxicated and causing problems with the nursing staff. A court trial was set to be held in July in that case.

In May, Potter was arrested and charged with a felony count of second-degree burglary, following reports that he had broken into a Dwale residence. On May 14, Judge Hall overruled a motion by attorney Joshua Kinzer to reduce Potter's bond. Potter declined drug treatment in that case, which was referred to the grand jury.

"They both obviously had issues, or they wouldn't have been in jail," Bartley said. "That doesn't make what happened any less horrible. Nobody deserves to have that happen. I don't care what they've done."

## Floyd County inmate pleads guilty to assault, menacing

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

On June 4, a day prior to a fight that killed a Floyd County Detention Center inmate, another inmate was arrested on charges stemming from a fight that broke an inmate's jaw last month.

Dontae Thompson, 27, of Lexington, was charged with fourth-degree assault and menacing on June 4, for a fight that occurred at the jail on May 10.

According to the citation, Thompson started

arguing with inmate Kevin Moore. They went into to the bathroom and came out a few minutes later. After exiting the bathroom, Thompson hit Moore one time and Moore "went down," the citation says.

Thompson then "put his hands up in a manner that says he quit and was backing to the cell door" as Moore followed him, arguing. Moore's jaw was broken during the altercation, the citation says.

Thompson pleaded guilty to the charges in Floyd County District

Court on June 5, the day inmate Adam Potter died after being punched by another inmate. Thompson was sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Thompson was incarcerated for several charges that stemmed from an alleged high speed chase in April that began after he allegedly struck and knocked down a police officer in Magoffin County. The chase, according to court documents, ended in the driveway of Floyd County Circuit Judge Johnny Ray Harris in Floyd

County.

He was indicted on May 23 on three charges of second-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly endangering the lives of Barren Craft, Jacquelyn Harris and Judge Harris, first-degree fleeing or evading police, being a persistent felony offender in the second degree, DUI and numerous traffic charges.

He is scheduled to be arraigned on that indictment on June 12.

Talking about the murder of Potter at the jail this

week and recent cases that have been filed against inmates for fights at the jail, County Attorney Keith Bartley commended Floyd County Jailer Stuart Bear Halbert for filing charges against inmates who fight. He said Halbert "has taken the moral obligation" to do that, and "that's never happened" before at the jail.

"Now, does that mean that we're not going to have any more fights? No, because in any jail they will have fights," Bartley said. "Anytime you put

180 people together in one location cramp them into small cells where they are 24-7 around each other and you're talking about people, many of which are there for violent crimes to start with, and are there with drug related crimes, you're going to have problems. The question is how do you handle those problems? And I think that Jailer Halbert is doing it better than it's ever been done."

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## Sanders named to All-Tournament Team



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Betsy Layne senior shortstop Tyler Sanders makes a throw to first base in action earlier this season. Sanders was named to the All-15th Region Baseball Tournament Team.

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Betsy Layne senior shortstop Tyler Sanders was named to the All-15th Region Baseball Tournament Team at Johnson Central High School on Saturday.

Sanders drilled a double for 58th District runner-up Betsy Layne during the Bobcats' opening round loss to Pikeville, a longtime rival. Pikeville blanked the Bobcats 10-0 in five innings in the first round of the 15th Region Tournament on Monday, May 28.

Along with Sanders, the All-15th Region Baseball Tournament Team included: Lincoln Billiter (Shelby Valley), Nate Brown (Pikeville), Matt Combs (Paintsville), Peyton Cyrus (Lawrence County), Blake DeLong (Johnson Central), Gabe Ferrell (Johnson Central), Tyler Maynard (Lawrence County), Dylan New (Phelps), Jonathan McKenzie (Paintsville), Jonathan Potter (Pike Central), Ryan Sartin-Stone (Johnson Central), Tanner Smith (Paintsville), Christian Tackett (Pikeville) and Seth Williams (Paintsville), who was named Most Valuable Player.

Combs, who helped the Tigers capture the 15th Region championship, transferred to Paintsville from Floyd Central earlier in the school year.

Paintsville topped crosstown rival Johnson Central 5-2 in the 15th Region Baseball Tournament title game on Saturday.

## Spurlock named to All-Tournament Team

By STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

PAINTSVILLE — Floyd Central sophomore third baseman Rheannah Spurlock was named to the All-15th Region Softball Tournament Team at the conclusion of the tournament at Johnson Central High School on Saturday.

During her sophomore campaign, Spurlock also played catcher for the Lady Jaguars.

Host Johnson Central eliminated Floyd Central from the post-season, shutting out the Lady Jaguars 10-0 in five innings in the opening round of the 15th Region Softball Tournament on Wednesday, May 30.

In addition to Spurlock, Emily Adkins (Shelby Valley), Ciana Bowen (Lawrence County), Halli

Caudill (Lawrence County), Macy Daniel (Johnson Central), Emily Ford (Pikeville), Lindsey Lockhart (Pikeville), Lindsey McNamee (Pikeville), Taylor Maynard (Belfry), MacKenzie Methex (Lawrence County), Lindsay Stambaugh (Johnson Central), Alexis Stanley (Pikeville), Kylea Stanley (Pike Central), Taylor Stumbo (Paintsville) and Kayleigh Thomas (Pike Central) were named to the All-15th Region Softball Tournament Team.

Stanley, who led Pikeville to the 15th Region title, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Pikeville doubled up Lawrence County 6-3 in the title tilt to capture its second straight 15th Region championship.



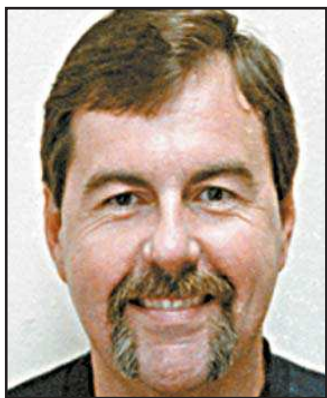
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Floyd Central sophomore third baseman Rheannah Spurlock was named to the All-15th Region Softball Tournament Team.

## What happened to NASCAR's youth movement?

This was supposed to be the season that we saw the changing of the guard as Dale Jr. joined Jeff Gordon, Carl Edwards and Tony Stewart as the most recent retirees in the series leaving the door open for the talented pool of young drivers to make their mark in the sport. The season opening Daytona 500 was won by Austin Dillon and the remarkable second place finish by Darrell "Bubba" Wallace Jr. seemed to give us a glimpse of what we might be seeing in 2018.

That checkered flag was the only one to this point that the youth movement can claim as victory lane has become the exclusive property of the veterans. Veterans Kevin Harvick with five wins and Kyle



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Busch's four wins lead the series and when those two are not taking the checkered flag they seem to always be in the hunt in the final laps. Veteran Martin Truex Jr's win on Sunday at Pocono was his second of the season which puts him in that exclusive club of drivers who have already

posted multiple wins.

The two remaining wins on the schedule belong to veterans Joey Logano and Clint Bowyer. Wins are so important to a driver in the sport because of the perks that comes with them. A win automatically advances you to the championship round of ten races with the opportunity to run for the title. A win also automatically qualifies you for the Monster Energy NASCAR All-Star Race which an owner can use to attract a would be sponsor.

The "Young Guns" of the sport include Ryan Blaney, Chase Elliott, Erik Jones, Daniel Suarez, Alex Bowman, William Byron, Darrell Wallace Jr. Ty and Austin Dillon. Dillon's win has been the highlight for

the youth movement but each youthful member have had races where they have given us flashes of what the future may hold for the sport.

Ryan Blaney who drives for Penske Racing is the highest ranking member of the group in the points in tenth. He also has shown that he can get his Ford to the front as he has recorded three stage wins on the season. Following Blaney in the standings is Elliott in 13th followed by Jones in 14th. Joining Blaney as stage winners are Bowman and Suarez with one each. It is not that these numbers are bad or about what a young driver is expected to produce but more with the level of performance that the veterans show up with

each week at the track.

It use to be that young drivers had to spend several seasons in the sport working their way up the ladder as they tried to catch the eye of a Cup owner that might be having an opening for the following season. That is not the way the sport does business now as young drivers in the Xfinity and Truck Series that show the talent to compete at the next level are groomed in those series by Cup owners that know they are going to have an open seat for them in the top series.

There is no denying the talent that this youthful group has brought to the sport and the excitement that comes with it but there is still something to say for experience. The win col-

umn and the point standings support the fortunes of the veterans and there is something to be said about how much experience counts when the races go off the board and the pressure of making the championship round is there every lap of every race. It might not be a coincidence that the top-six drivers in the standings are time tested veterans and that those six account for 13 of the fourteen checkered flags captured this season. The excitement of the youth movement is not lost on the veterans as they can still bring the fans to their feet and still make it tough on a young driver but when you think about it hasn't that been the way it has always been in the sport?

# Kinzer competes in Johnny Appleseed Classic at Eldora

A FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT

ROSSBURG, Ohio — Following a month-plus hiatus from dirt track racing due to lingering back issues, Brandon Kinzer and his Kinzer Motor-

sports team returned to action on Sunday, May 27 at famed Eldora Speedway. The American Late Model Series (ALMS) presided over the annual Johnny Appleseed Classic at the 1/2-mile speed-

plant and all eyes were focused on the \$3,000 payday in the final tune-up for the upcoming Dirt Late Model Dream. Kinzer clicked off the third-fastest lap in his group during time trials prior to slipping to sixth in his heat race. After grabbing the fourth

transfer spot through the B-Main, Kinzer wound up finishing 18th in the final rundown of the 25-lap event.

With the same back issues still affecting Kinzer throughout the show at Eldora Speed-

way, he made the decision to take two more months off to rehab the injury completely and correctly. Kinzer has wiped all races off his schedule for the months of June and July but his number 18 team may

not be sitting idle during that time. Dale McDowell may pilot a Kinzer Motorsports entry occasionally in events that his Shane McDowell Racing (SMR) team chooses not to enter.



Veteran Late Model driver Brandon Kinzer turned a lap during the 2017 season.

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## Team Impact wins Kentucky Classic Summer Opener

BY STEVE LEMASTER  
SPORTS WRITER

MT. STERLING — Team Impact, an 8U youth baseball team, won its second straight tournament title over the weekend, claiming the Kentucky Classic Summer Opener championship in Montgomery County. The squad, which is made up of

players from throughout Floyd County, finished the weekend undefeated.

In pool play, Team Impact beat the Cave Run Muskies 16-6, the Montgomery County Trojans 13-7 and the Powell County Pirates 17-6. In tournament play, Team Impact topped the Montgomery County Trojans

15-4. Then, finishing strong, Team Impact outlasted the Cave Run Muskies 25-24 in the title game.

Now 9-1 overall and riding an eight-game win streak, Team Impact will compete in a tournament at Muskies Park in Morehead June 16-17.



Team Impact won the Kentucky Classic Summer Opener in Mt. Sterling over the weekend.

photo submitted

Go where the action is and engage in projects that allow you to use your skills, attributes and experience. Set yourself up for change and be willing to try new things. This is a year to put your time, effort and energy into personal gains and benefits.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) - You'll be faced with mixed emotions that are bound to make you think twice when it comes to how much you do for others. Listen to what's being asked for, but only offer what's fair.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) - Emotional problems will surface when dealing with decisions that include other people. Partnerships must be handled with care to avoid a misunderstanding.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) - A short trip will do you good and will encourage you to make a decision that you've been contemplating. If you are uncertain, ask someone you trust to offer suggestions.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Keep plugging away at whatever it is you must accomplish. Hard work will pay off, and the time it takes to apply extra detail will not be wasted. Follow your instincts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Channel your energy into home and personal improvements. Gather information to ensure that you have answers ready for anyone who offers criticism or derogatory remarks. Take better care of your health.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) - Look at the big picture, but don't buy into something you cannot afford. Set your sights on what's realistic and doable. A personal improvement or romantic encounter looks inviting.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) - Discuss your intentions with someone who

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will be influenced by the decisions you make. Getting the go-ahead will make your plans easier to achieve. Home improvement is favored.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Listen carefully and look for a way to deal with friends and relatives without upsetting someone you care about. Don't make changes without getting approval first.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) - Clear the air. If you want someone to do something, you have to be blunt about what you want. Find out where you stand, and do what's necessary.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-March 20) - Not everyone will see things the same way you do. Take a wait-and-see approach when dealing with matters that can influence your reputation or affect your position.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) - Keep busy. A physical challenge will help you blow off steam and keep you from doing or saying something you shouldn't. Bide your time and gather information.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) - Resolve uncertainty and move forward with enthusiasm. Personal gains can be made if you are willing to put in the time and effort. Romance is on the rise.

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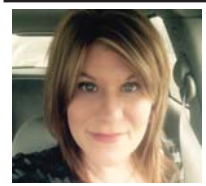
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tion is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map The application

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# HEALTH NEWS @

# PIKEVILLE MEDICAL CENTER



## Migraine Advancement



By Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center neurologist, Dr. Naveed Ahmed, was one of the few headache specialists across the country invited to attend a recent conference to discuss a brand new medication for the treatment of migraine before it was launched.

*What is the new migraine treatment everyone is talking about?* "There is a new medication that four of the major drug manufacturers are developing," said Dr. Ahmed. "As a board certified headache specialist, it was a privilege and honor to be invited to the launch of this medication to meet with the people involved with the trials and discuss how this medication is used to prevent chronic migraine headaches, rather than just treat the pain and symptoms."

*How does it work?* Research began many years ago that found people having migraine attacks have high levels of something called calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP). "This medication works to target CGRP," explained Dr. Ahmed "and prevent recurrent migraine headaches by blocking them." The medication is self-administered in a monthly dose through a pen-like device, similar to those used for insulin.

*Who is it for?* "These medications are typically used for patients who have failed with other preventative medications and have recurrent, disabling migraine headaches," explained Dr. Ahmed. "Criteria for who can and cannot get this medication has been laid out by the FDA."

*When will it be available at PMC?* "It is available now!" said Dr. Ahmed. "At the PMC Neurology Clinic, a patient who meets the criteria for this medication will receive a prescription for it."

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## ePMC Patient Portal

By Amy Charles

Pikeville Medical Center is encouraging patients to use an internet application to get more involved in their own health care.

The ePMC Patient Portal allows you to take a more active role in managing your health and wellness, by providing you with online access to portions of your medical records. You can also request an appointment, communicate with your health care provider and even view your recent lab results; all from the convenience of your smartphone, tablet or computer.

"Communication is the biggest thing I have seen with my patients," said Dr. Gudar, PMC Family Practice physician. "They can send me a message through Patient Portal and it comes directly to Family Practice." The average response time for a general question is 24-48 hours.

"You can also request appointments," Dr. Gudar continued. "All you have to do is specify The day and time you are available to see a physician and the scheduler's try to accommodate your requests."

This is helpful for those people whose work schedules prevent them from calling their doctor's office during normal business hours to schedule appointments.

Patients can also access supplemental information about specific conditions they have been diagnosed with, to gain a better understanding of how to manage their illness.

"Another good thing I have found on Patient Portal is the education information," explained Dr. Gudar. "For example, diabetics often ask me what types of food they should or should not eat. You can search diabetic diet and it brings up access to reputable information." It is the same type of information a patient would receive in a visit.

"There is also a medication list that gives you the side effects and what each medication is used for," said Dr. Gudar. "This feature is helpful if a patient is unsure exactly what medications they are taking are prescribed to treat."

Patient Portal also has a feature that allows you to link your account with someone else's. "Parents should link their account with their children's accounts," Dr. Gudar said. "Then they can always keep up with which child is taking what medication and when their appointments are."

It is also a beneficial tool for people who are helping take care of their aging parents.

"The biggest population of people I see who would benefit from linking accounts are the elderly," said Dr. Gudar. "The elderly don't always remember what medications they take or what they previously took."

To link your account with another, simply call the Patient Portal department at 606-218-3565 for more information.

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