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## Man accused of shooting cop to face jury



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Floyd County Circuit Judge Thomas Smith asks Robert Powers questions during an Aug. 9 hearing. Powers is scheduled to stand trial next month for shooting a police officer.

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County man who allegedly shot a former Prestonsburg Police officer could face life behind bars.

Floyd County Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner said Robert L. Powers, 31, of Auxier, is facing a sentence of 20 years to life in prison, if he is convicted of crimes

alleged in one of three felony cases he currently faces.

Powers is scheduled to go to trial on Sept. 19 in a case in which he is charged with shooting former Prestonsburg Police Sgt. Adam Dixon.

On Aug. 9, Circuit Judge Thomas Smith held the final pretrial conference in the case, telling Turner and Powers' attorney, Joseph Lane of

the law firm Pillersdorf, Derossett and Lane, that he will need the jury instructions about two weeks prior to trial date "based upon the complexity of the charges" against him.

In October 2015, Powers allegedly led police on a high-speed chase and shot Dixon during a standoff with

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## Ride with a pal

East Ky. Gearheads hosts 10th annual event



Floyd Chronicle and Times photos by Mary Meadows

The East Kentucky Gearheads, a Johnson County car club, hosted its 10th annual Ride with a Pal at Archer Park in Prestonsburg on Aug. 11, featuring inflatables, activities, a visit from Scooby Doo and the AirMedCare medical helicopter, a car show, burnout competition and live music from the Mystery Meat Blues Band. Special needs attendees voted for the car show winners and they also picked out their favorite cars to ride in a parade through town.



For the eighth consecutive year, Grady James Brooks of Johnson County won the Burn Run competition at Ride with a Pal.

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## Wayland couple held at gunpoint

FLOYD CHRONICLE AND  
TIMES STAFF REPORT

A Floyd County man is behind bars, after police allege he broke into a home in Wayland, held two people at gunpoint, stole their guns and vehicle and fled.

Zackery T. Howard, 26, of Prestonsburg, was arrested Aug. 10 by the Kentucky State

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Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Coal Run Mayor Andrew Scott, right, shakes hands with Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale, after Hale was hired as the new executive director of the Big Sandy Area Development District. Hale will step into his new role in January.

## Hale hired as Big Sandy ADD director

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

The Big Sandy Area Development District hired Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale as the agency's new director this week.

The district's board of directors made the decision during a special meeting on Monday, Aug. 13, voting unanimously to accept the recommendation of the board's executive committee.

Hale, who recused himself from the

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## Spradlin Br. annexation pushed to ballot

By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER

Voters will decide in November whether Prestonsburg may annex Spradlin Branch.

The Prestonsburg City Council approved an ordinance declaring the city's in-

tent to annex more than 120 acres on Spradlin Branch in March, and resident voters or property owners had 60 days to file a petition to ask that the annexation be placed on the ballot.

Floyd County Clerk Chris Waugh confirmed on Monday that he certified a peti-

tion that was filed on behalf of residents in May.

"I think they're going to make it to go on the ballot," Waugh said, reporting he certified the petition. He spent several weeks verifying the petition by

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The 10th annual Ride with a Pal ended with a parade of the classic cars through Prestonsburg.



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Johnson Central High School student Eric Castle signs to sing "My Old Kentucky Home," being performed in the background by members of the Mystery Meat Blues Band at the Ride with a Pal event at Archer Park in Prestonsburg. Castle, who taught himself sign language, wants to study sign language skills in college. At the event, held for special needs children and adults, Castle wore a "Disable the Label" T-shirt.

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**HALE**  
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vote, stepped down as chairman of the board of directors during the meeting, passing the gavel to Coal Run Mayor Andrew Scott, the board's vice chairman.

Scott said five "very well qualified" candidates sought the position. He and Prestonsburg Mayor Les Stapleton, another executive committee member, said Hale stood out as a candidate because he had the most experience.

Stapleton said, "I will tell you that of the people that we had that came in and did interviews, some of them was very strong in a department or a area, and the nomination we came up with, we felt like at that time, is the probably the most overall. They touched a little bit of everything that we think is needed for the job. They had a lot of overall knowledge and resources."

Stapleton's recommendation for Hale came, however, with a few political jabs. He told board members that he and Hale "don't get along professionally" and "stay at odds" with each other, but Hale is the most qualified.

"This is not a political position for him, and we had a very, I think, I think we had a pretty good conversation about that," Stapleton said. "I had approached the current sit-

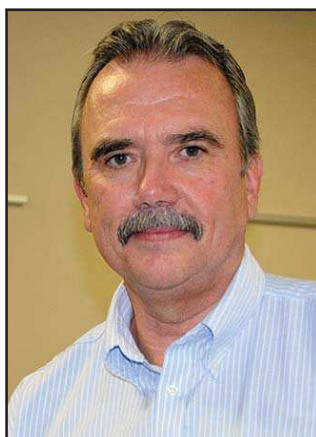
ting judge afterwards and I told him that if I saw it going that way, I was going to be the first one to pull up red flags and raise cane. So, please, understand that although I am probably his, I'm the anti-judge Hale, and, I don't get the wool pulled over my eyes very often, but I asked some very hard questions and I think he answered."

Board members laughed at Stapleton's remarks, and they also laughed when Stapleton made the motion to accept Hale's resignation as chairman of the agency. Hale took the jokes in stride. He told board members he would be "happy to accept" the position.

"I appreciate the opportunity. I look forward to serving in a different capacity," he said. "I feel like sometimes I've not had, I've not had my fill of public service just yet, and I want to keep working and try to raise the quality of life for our people here in Eastern Kentucky."

Hale was hired to replace current Executive Director Sandy Runyon, who will retire on Aug. 31, but he won't start working at the agency until his term as Floyd County judge-executive ends in January.

During the meeting, the board promoted long-time employee Terry Trimble as the agency's new deputy director, reporting that she will serve as interim director



**Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale was hired as the new executive director of the Big Sandy Area Development District on Monday. His position begins after he leaves his current seat in January.**

until Hale begins working there.

After the meeting, Trimble, who has worked under three directors during her 27 years of employment at the Big Sandy ADD, praised the board's decision.

"I think Judge Hale will be a very good executive director," she said. "He's familiar with the area. He's familiar with the legislators. He's familiar with the state folks. He's familiar with the staff. I think he has the same goals and objectives, and I think that he'll do a good job."

She praised the Big Sandy ADD team for going "above and beyond" to improve the region — something Runyon also talked about when she addressed the board.

"It's been a really good 18 years," Runyon said, praising Big Sandy ADD staff and say-



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows

**Big Sandy Area Development District board of directors members and agency staff give executive director Sandy Runyon a standing ovation during an Aug. 13 meeting. Runyon will retire on Aug. 31.**

ing serving as executive director has been "an amazing job to have."

She encouraged the agency's board of directors to continue to support the agency, saying that the support of the board will be "critical" in the future.

"I think that there will be some tough times coming, judge, and I think that this board will be critical in those tough times that are coming," she said. "You know, when money gets less and less, then things begin to get more critical, the details are more important."

She described Hale as a "big ADD supporter" who "understands a lot of the intricacies of the ADD that it's difficult for an outsider to have."

In addition to his experience as judge-executive, Hale also previously worked as the

Appalachian economic development coordinator under former Gov. Steve Beshear and he also held various roles under former Gov. Paul Patton, including work with the state's Appalachian Regional Commission program. He believes that experience will help him in his new role at the Big Sandy ADD.

Hale, a lifelong Democrat, said he'll have no problem working with people of any political party.

Scott reported that Trimble will earn about \$60,000 as the new deputy director. Hale will earn the same as Runyon, more than \$80,000 annually.

Runyon has been the director of the Big Sandy ADD since 2000 and worked in other governmental roles prior to that time. She will be honored at a celebration on



**Terry Trimble, who has worked at the Big Sandy Area Development District for 27 years, was promoted to deputy director of the agency on Monday. She will serve as interim executive director through January, when Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale will begin his new role there.**

Aug. 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center and again on Aug. 30, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the University of Pikeville's health professions building.

**ROBBERY**  
Continued From Page 1A

Police. He is charged with first-degree robbery and theft by unlawful taking in one felony case filed against him. In the other, he faces seven felony and misdemeanor charges, including two counts of first-degree fleeing/evading police, DUI, second-degree disorderly conduct, menacing and resisting arrest.

The Kentucky State Police reported in a statement they received a call at about 5 p.m. on Aug. 10, reporting an armed robbery at a home in Wayland.

The statement said that, when troopers arrived, they were informed a male came in the back door of the home of Russell Wallace and his wife, holding them at gun-

point. The subject stole two firearms and a vehicle at the residence and left, the statement said.

According to the statement, the post received a complaint of a reckless driver near Dwale at approximately 6:30 p.m. that evening. The description of the vehicle, the statement said, matched the one that had been stolen from the Wayland residence.

"Troopers located the vehicle and attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the driver refused to stop," the press release said. "A short pursuit which lasted about one minute and had a top speed of 50 mph ended when the operator exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Troopers then searched the area of Old Dwale School Road and located Zackery Howard

(26) from Coal Branch in Prestonsburg, hiding in a residential garage."

Howard was arraigned in both cases in Floyd County District Court on Monday. District Judge Eric Hall set his bond at \$5,000 cash in the robbery case and \$1,000 cash in the fleeing/evading case. Hall scheduled a preliminary hearing for Aug. 20.

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## EDITORIAL

### The unexpected is the everyday for emergency responders

#### Firefighters, responders deserve thanks

On Aug. 8, the Prestonsburg Fire Department and other agencies were faced with something they had never seen before.

A fire broke out at the boat dock at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, forcing the firefighters to take on numerous challenges.

According to Prestonsburg Fire Chief Mike Brown, the fire, which destroyed three boats, damaged two others, and damaged the boat dock, presented

a challenge for the firefighters.

Brown said extinguishing the blaze was challenging because the boats and the dock moved on the water. He said 16 fire department personnel responded to the scene with five trucks. They worked several hours there.

"Upon the first truck's arrival, there were two house boats that were fully involved, and then, the heat exposure off of those two actually caught a third on fire," Brown said. "And,

with the three burning, there was damage to a couple of other boats that we were able to get loose and get away from that dock."

But, that's often the way firefighting goes. Rarely is an incident response for a "cookie-cutter" event. Each one is different and presents different challenges and different dangers.

The men and women who make up our local fire and emergency response services, whether they be members of a paid department such as Pres-

tonsburg or members of one of the volunteer fire departments which make up the front line of emergency response in much of Floyd County, have big expectations placed on them.

They are expected to be ready and prepared to respond to any emergency, whether it be a car crash, a fire, a medical emergency or any other event. Some, like the boat fire, are so unexpected that they can only hope the training they receive normally will help them respond.

And, in this case, it did.

The members of our local fire departments put in hours of training to be able to be there to help when the worst moments of our lives occur and they do it gladly.

Without them and their dedication, there would be a lot more tragedies in our community. Their willingness to serve saves and improves lives.

We're grateful to them for their service and ask our community to join us in thanking them for their sacrifices on our behalf.

## GUEST COLUMN

### New proposed graduation requirements offer flexibility and accountability

By **WAYNE LEWIS**  
INTERIM COMMISSIONER  
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

Does handing a diploma to a high school graduate mean that he or she is ready to succeed in the next phase of life? Does it even indicate that he or she is confident in reading and mathematics?

Under Kentucky's current graduation requirements, the answer is no, which is why I believe now is the time for us to make significant revisions to our requirements.

The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has been hard at work developing a proposal for revised minimum high school graduation requirements in Kentucky, and we are recommending significant changes to those standards to the Kentucky Board of Education in October.

Kentucky now boasts one of the highest high

school graduation rates in the country at nearly 90 percent. Our high school graduation rate ranks seventh in the nation.

The improvement we have made in high school graduation over the last decade has been extraordinary. We now graduate many more students than we did just a generation ago. That's progress to be proud of, but we must do more.

Our high school graduation rate has not translated into the successes in college attainment or employment that you would expect. According to the Kentucky Center for Statistics, of the public high school students graduating in 2017, just 65.6 percent met the requirements to be considered ready for college and/or the workforce. Only a little more than half of all 2015 graduates were enrolled in a college or university in the year following their graduation.

And, for the graduating class of 2010, only 30.6 percent of graduates earned a certification — such as a certificate or any type of degree — seven years after they graduated high school. These data points cause us to question what a Kentucky high school diploma really means.

Currently, our minimum requirements for high school graduation fall short of assuring that our graduates have reached a level of competency in reading and mathematics. Neither do our requirements ensure that our graduates are ready for college or the workforce. We can do so much better.

The process for developing our recommended changes has involved substantial stakeholder input and a tremendous amount of work and discussion by KDE staff and members of the Kentucky Board of Education.

KDE teamed with education and business and industry partners from across Kentucky to develop the "Profile of a Kentucky High School Graduate," which is intended to identify the competencies needed for high school graduates to successfully transition to the next step in life, whether that be a two-year or four-year college, apprenticeship and/or the workforce.

About 4,000 people responded to a survey conducted this spring that addressed the experiences they would like students to have during high school, the trends and issues that impact the current and future workforce and their recommendations for changes to the graduation requirements.

The Kentucky Board of Education's examination began with a look at the things other states are doing to ensure their high school graduates can

successfully transition to careers and college.

Kentucky's minimum graduation requirements have not been altered since 2013, when an option for early graduation was added. If our proposal is approved by the board, the new requirements would go into effect for high school freshmen in the fall of 2019.

Here are some of the key elements of our recommendation:

The proposed minimum high school graduation requirements are aligned to the graduate profile defined by post-secondary educators and business and industry leaders. According to these groups, a high school graduate should be able to communicate, achieve academically, think critically, adapt to change and collaborate.

Under the new requirements, a graduate would complete a minimum of 22 credits and demonstrate attainment of foundational skills in reading and mathematics on new 10th-grade reading and mathematics assessments. Passing those assessments would become a requirement for high school graduation.

Students would be required to complete statewide science and social studies assessments in grade 11, pass a civics test, receive instruction in financial literacy and demonstrate essential skills and technology competence.

Additionally, students would be required to demonstrate transition readiness by attaining "academic readiness" or "career readiness" as defined in Kentucky's new school accountability system.

These are significant changes, but I have complete confidence that our students, educators and communities are more than capable of rising to the occasion and meeting or exceeding the bar we set for them.

I look forward to continuing to work with districts, schools and stakeholders across the Commonwealth as we continue striving for educational excellence.



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**Frona Hall**

Frona Hall, 67 of Har-  
old, died Sunday, August  
12, 2018, at her resi-  
dence.

She was born March  
30, 1951, in Floyd Coun-  
ty, to the late Millard and  
Margaret Francis Bevins  
Tackett. She was the wife  
of Vernis Hall. She was a  
homemaker and member  
of Toms Creek Freewill  
Baptist Church.

Along with her hus-  
band she is survived by  
her son Jason (Stacy) Hall  
of Harold; daughter Julie  
Kidd of Grethel; brothers  
M.L. (Judy) Tackett, E.L.  
(Glenda) Tackett and Ed-  
die (Jackie) Tackett, all  
of Grethel; sisters Patsy  
(Larry) Newsome of Ohio,  
Nan (Phillip) Osborne of  
Paintsville and Patty (Mi-  
chael) McKinney of Lou-

isville; sister-in-law: Linda  
Tackett; grandchildren:  
Dylan, Hunter, Dalton,  
Jenna, Kaitlin, Shelby,  
Karlee, Lacie and Jay-  
la and great grandson  
Bryson.

Along with her par-  
ents, she was preceded  
in death by her brothers  
Roger and Noah Tackett.

She will be missed by  
all that knew and loved  
her.

Visitation will be  
Wednesday, August 15,  
at 6 p.m. and all day on  
Thursday, August 16.

Funeral services will  
be held Friday, August  
17, 2018 at 11 a.m. at  
Nelson-Frazier Funeral  
Home of Martin, with Tim  
McCoy officiating.

Burial will follow in  
the Bruce & Rosa Hall  
Cemetery, on Branhams  
Creek in Harold.

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ary.

**Henry Harris Jr.**

Henry "Mutt" Harris  
Jr., 75, of Prestonsburg,  
died Sunday, August 12,  
2018.

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**Rena Ethel  
(Meadows) Miller  
Garrett**

Rena Ethel (Mead-  
ows) Miller Garrett, 81,  
entered the gates of  
Heaven on Tuesday, Au-  
gust 7, 2018, in Findlay,  
Ohio. Rena Ethel was  
born June 1, 1937, in Katy  
Friend, Prestonsburg, to  
Johnny Meadows and  
Bessie Rose Meadows.

On February 4, 1954,  
she married Leander Mil-  
ler, who preceded her in  
death just days before  
their 50th wedding an-  
niversary. She was also  
preceded in death by her

parents, her second hus-  
band, Jim Garrett, and  
son, Johnny Earnest Mil-  
ler.

Rena Ethel leaves be-  
hind three children: sons,  
Leander Jr. (Debra) Miller  
of Findlay, Ohio, Randy  
(Kathy) Miller of Jackson,  
Ohio; daughter, Rena Lee  
(Bobby) Peters of McAr-  
thur, Ohio; five grandchil-  
dren: Eric Miller, Leanna  
(Matt) McGuire, Natalee  
(Wyatt) Andrews, Ca-  
sey Peters, and Georgia  
Miller; five great-grand-  
children: Jenessa Miller,  
Eric Lee Miller, Madie Mil-  
ler, Logan McGuire, and  
Haylee McGuire.

She had such a love  
for her children and  
grandchildren. She cher-  
ished every opportunity  
she had with them.

Rena Ethel was a de-  
voted member of Bethel  
Ridge Baptist Church in  
Jackson County, Ohio  
since 1960. During her  
58 years at Bethel, she  
worked tirelessly minis-  
tering to others through  
delivering food, love, and  
prayers to shut-ins and  
others in need. She had  
a deep faith in Christ and

a love for church and old  
gospel hymns. She great-  
ly enjoyed visiting several  
area churches. She will  
certainly be remembered  
for the love and humbleness she exhibited every-  
where she went.

Rena Ethel never  
met a stranger. She al-  
ways made everyone feel  
welcome and loved. She  
loved the simpler things  
in life and had many  
hobbies. She was an  
amazing cook, gardened  
and canned, crocheted  
and quilted, and crafted  
handmade gifts. Her hi-  
larious personality and  
gentle spirit have made  
an impression on the  
lives of so many and will  
never be forgotten.

A service to celebra-  
te Rena Ethel's life was  
held on Saturday, August  
11, at the Bethel Ridge  
Baptist Church with Brother  
Henry Ward officiating.  
Burial followed in Hanna  
Cemetery on Cove Road  
in Jackson, Ohio. Online  
condolences may be sent  
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**Curtis A. Ousley**  
Curtis A. Ousley, 82,  
of Printer, died Sunday,  
August 12, 2018.

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under the direction of  
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Martin.

**Matthew Duane  
Prater**

Matthew Duane Prater,  
25, of Hueysville, died  
Sunday, August 12, 2018.

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Home of Martin.

**Juanita Webb  
Shepherd**

Juanita Webb Shep-  
herd, 73, of David, died  
Sunday, August 12, 2018.

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**Jerry Lee Slone**

Jerry Lee Slone, 55,  
of Blackey, died Thurs-  
day, August 9, 2018.

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Home of Martin.

## Wheelwright still needs a police officer

**By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER**

The City of Wheel-  
wright still needs a police  
officer.

Police Chief Randy  
Johnson has been off  
work for several weeks  
due to a health issue. The  
city commission voted to  
seek a new part-time of-  
ficer a couple of months  
ago, but after no applica-  
tions were submitted, the  
commission voted to seek  
a full-time officer instead.

On Aug. 8, and the  
commission voted to hire  
a Floyd County Sheriff  
deputy who lives in Tea-  
berry — the only person,  
they said, who submitted  
an application. The pay

was set at \$12 per hour,  
plus incentive pay.

Commissioners talked  
about bringing the depu-  
ty in for an interview, but  
Mayor Don Hall and Com-  
missioner Andy Akers sug-  
gested hiring him immedi-  
ately.

"I want to go ahead  
and get an officer in place.  
We've been eight weeks  
without one," Hall said.

He stepped away from  
the meeting to call the  
deputy and offer him the  
job. There was no answer.

On Friday, City Clerk  
Beverly Taylor reported  
that the deputy turned  
down the job offer. He  
currently earns more mon-  
ey than the city voted to  
pay him, according to in-

formation provided during  
the meeting.

The city is still seeking  
applications for a full-time  
police officer. For more in-  
formation, call (606) 452-  
4202.

During the meeting,  
the commission also:

- Approved paying \$30,000 in bills for July and August and the financial report, showing the city has \$27,000 in its general fund, \$157,600 in the prison fund and \$22,000 in the road aid fund.

- Approved hiring Ryan Hall to service the city's heavy equipment for \$2,500.

- Approved allowing Fire Chief Danny Gullet to buy three gauges for fire



Floyd Chronicle and Times photo by Mary Meadows  
Pictured are, from left, Wheelwright City Commission members Vernon Smallwood and Sam Little, Mayor Don Hall, City Attorney Tyler Green and commission members Bobby Akers and Andy Akers.

trucks at \$79 each. The  
commission did not take  
action on Gullet's request  
to paint and letter the new  
fire truck and service the  
department's ATV and  
rescue truck. Gullet sug-  
gested that the city sell

the old fire truck as scrap  
metal, reporting it could  
bring \$2,000 in revenue.

- Reported that a special meeting will be called for 5 p.m. on Aug. 22 to discuss complaints recently filed against the

fire department and the  
"potential discipline" of a  
fire department member.  
Officials said any interest-  
ed party may address the  
commission during this  
meeting.

## Wheelwright considers 'potential discipline' of FD member

**By MARY MEADOWS  
STAFF WRITER**

The Wheelwright City  
Commission will hold a  
meeting next week to  
investigate complaints  
against the fire depart-  
ment and the "potential  
discipline" of a depart-  
ment member.

During an Aug. 8  
meeting, City Attorney  
Tyler Green announced  
that the commission will  
call a special meeting to  
be on Aug. 22 at 5 p.m.  
The statement came fol-  
lowing a closed-session  
discussion of an issue that  
was raised last month by  
Commissioner Sam Little,  
a former fire department  
member, who reported it

took the fire department  
more than an hour to get  
to a rekindle fire located  
on the hill across the road  
from the department.

Green said the com-  
mission took no action  
during the closed ses-  
sion, but said Mayor Don  
Hall decided to call a spe-  
cial meeting to "discuss  
all matters involving the  
fire department."

"Any interested par-  
ties can appear at that  
time," Green said. "We  
will be happy to take any  
statements from inter-  
ested parties in closed  
session at that time. This  
does involve the potential  
discipline of a fire depart-  
ment member or employ-  
ee."

During the meeting,  
Fire Chief Daniel Gul-  
let complained about  
the way complaints filed  
against the department  
and him are being han-  
dled. He presented com-  
mission members with  
copies of social media  
posts allegedly written  
by Little, saying that they  
were "offensive and slan-  
derous."

"I was questioning  
whether or not the com-  
mission had authorized  
Commissioner Sam Little  
to ask those questions  
to the fire department  
members," Gullett said.

When the issue arose  
at last month's meeting,  
the commission voted to  
have Hall and Little meet

with the fire department  
during its next meeting  
and report back to the  
commission. Hall said he  
did not meet with fire de-  
partment members, but  
Little did.

"So, were those  
questions authorized to  
be asked?" Gullett asked.

"I don't know," Hall  
said. "I don't remem-  
ber. We just said to go  
and ask everybody that  
was at the accident, you  
know, when the alterca-  
tion took place, for us to  
ask everybody what they  
seen and heard."

Little said the city  
received two complaints  
on the fire department,  
sparking a discussion be-  
tween Gullett and Little.

Commissioner Bobby  
Akers made a motion to  
move the discussion to  
closed session. It lasted  
about 25 minutes.

Upon return from  
closed session, Little re-  
ported that the crack in  
the fire department wall  
is "significantly worse,"  
reporting it has dropped  
"probably two centime-  
ters" since the last meet-  
ing.

"You can literally stick  
your fingers back there,  
all the way through the  
wall," he said.

Gullett has requested  
repairs to the wall since  
last year.

He presented reports  
from the fire call that Lit-  
tle said last month took

more than an hour to re-  
spond to.

He reported response  
was 27 minutes and  
he emphasized it was a  
"non-emergency" run for  
a fire that rekindled.

Hall changed the sub-  
ject, asking Gullett to or-  
der gauges the commis-  
sion approved buying for  
fire trucks.

Although Green said  
the discussion about pos-  
sible disciplinary action  
against a fire department  
member would be held  
during closed session,  
state law permits em-  
ployees or personnel who  
are subject to disciplinary  
hearings to request pub-  
lic hearings, rather than  
closed hearings.

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Residents of Spradlin Branch filed a petition to oppose the annexation of this community into Prestonsburg city limits. The Prestonsburg City Council waived its right last week to object to the names of residents who signed that petition, and voters will decide if the city can annex the area.

**ANNEXATION**  
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determining whether 57 people who signed it to oppose annexation owned property there. He traveled to Spradlin Branch several times and filtered through deeds and records filed at the county courthouse.

"When it came down to it, I had 52 property owners, and 26 people who signed the petition, which is actually 50 percent, right on the nose," Waugh said. "Can you believe that?"

Waugh said Spradlin Branch property owners will be asked whether they are in favor of being annexed into Prestonsburg during the General Election in November. If less than 55 percent of voters oppose it, the city can move forward with the annexation.

The City of Prestonsburg had the right to object to some of the names on the petition and potentially disqualify it, but the city council chose not to take that option.

Members voted in a special meeting on Aug. 9 to waive the city's

rights to object to names on the petition, allowing it, instead, to move forward to the ballot.

Mayor Les Stapleton told council members that two petitions were filed — one filled with names of property owners and one filled with names of residents. He said the city could object to some of those names, but pointed out that process could be a "big headache."

"My thoughts is right now is that we go ahead and let it go," Stapleton said. "Let it go on to the ballot. Let's let them decide."

Council Member Shag Branham agreed.

"They made the effort ... but here's the thing," he said. "There's some that wanted it, some that don't. Let's let them make the decision."

The city planned to annex Spradlin Branch, Stapleton previously reported, to fix "holes" of unincorporated areas that are surrounded by areas that have been annexed. The property surrounding Spradlin Branch is already part of the city. He emphasized that Spradlin Branch residents

will not be able to voluntarily come into the city for at least five years if the annexation vote fails.

"They need to understand that if they do not, if we don't basically come out to the good on this battle, for five years, they can't even voluntarily come into the city," Stapleton said. "They're locked out at that point. They cannot come in, period."

Waugh said he received two petitions, but could only use one of them during the certification process.

"I got a second petition, but in order for me to actually use it, the mayor would have had to give me that second petition, and there was an issue dealing with the timing of it, because it said they were to file it within 60 days, from the date of publication," Waugh said. "The first petition was filed within that 60 days ... The second was not. And so, I took everything up based upon the first petition. I knew it was going to be close, but when it was all said and done, it was right on the nose."

# Halloween will come early in Prestonsburg this year

**FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The City of Prestonsburg will celebrate Halloween a day early this year.

On Aug. 9, the Prestonsburg City Council voted to observe trick-or-treat from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, rather than the following day.

"Surprisingly, this week, I have had calls about trick or treat," Mayor Les Stapleton told

the city council. "We're almost two months away, but we have people interested in it."

Council Member Don Willis pointed out that Halloween falls on a Wednesday this year, and Stapleton said, "that is a problem with church."

Council Member Shag Branham suggested tabling the motion, noting that churches may want to host trunk-or-treat events for children in Prestonsburg.

"A lot of them do

have a Wednesday night service," Stapleton said. "They have Bible study. They have a lot of different things going on that night, and, there being so many different churches that would be affected by kids running up and down the street, screaming and yelling and things, Tuesday night might be a better option for us."

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has not yet set trick-or-treat dates for communities in other areas of the county.

# Community calendar

• Aug. 15; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• Aug. 16; 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.: Worldwide Equipment, Inc. to host blood drive with Kentucky Blood Center, 1999 Ky. Rt. 1428, Prestonsburg. Free t-shirts for those who donate blood and donors will be entered to win a Toyota 4Runner as part of the center's summer giveaway. 800-775-2522

• Aug. 16, 10 a.m.: The Big Sandy Elder Abuse Council, open to any person who is interested in helping senior citizens in Floyd, Martin, Martin, Magoffin and Pike counties, meets, the Big Sandy Area Development District. (606) 886-2374

• Aug. 16-17; 7 p.m.: Big Sandy Trail Riders meet, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• Aug. 16-26: Kentucky State Fair, Louisville

• Aug. 17; 10 a.m.: Floyd County Fiscal Court meets, county courthouse. (606) 886-9193

• Aug. 18; 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Fitzpatrick Baptist Church, Big Branch of Abbott, to host Women's Celebration, themed "If

We're Honest, in a world of many demands, who are we pleasing?" (606) 886-6204

• Aug. 18; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Floyd County Farmer's Market open, South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg

• Aug. 20; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg City Council meets, city hall. (606) 886-2335

• Aug. 20; 6 p.m.: Floyd County Homeless Shelter to host community meeting, Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad.

• Aug. 21; 3:30 p.m.: Mountain Arts Center Board of Directors meet, MAC. (606) 889-9125

• Aug. 21; 5:30 p.m.: The I Quilt (IQ) group for beginning quilters meets, Floyd County Extension Office. (606) 886-2668

• Aug. 21; 6 p.m.: Prestonsburg Utilities Commission meets, utilities office

• Aug. 21; 7 p.m.: Tuesday Night Songwriters Scene at Pig in a Poke. (606) 230-0368

• Registration underway for SOAR Summit, to be held Aug. 30-31 at East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville. (606) 766-1160 or soar-ky.org

• Aug. 23; 5 p.m.: Betsy Layne Elementary Par-

ent Teacher Organization meets on the third Thursday of each month in the school library. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.

• Through Aug. 25: Registration underway for Moonlighting for Hospice, a "full moon 5K" and a "full moon pontoon cruise," with live music, post-race party activities, which will be held at Dewey Lake on Aug. 25. All proceeds benefit Appalachian Hospice. Register at appalachian-hospicecare.com or call (606)789-3841

• Mondays through through-Sept. 4; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Free workshop for people with chronic disease like diabetes or COPD to be offered at the Floyd County Extension Office by Big Sandy Health Care's Chronic Disease Self Management program.

• Sept. 2; 12 p.m.: The descendants of Isaac and Louisa Parsons are invited to the Parsons Family Reunion, to be held at the Parsons Cemetery, just off Ky. 979 in Big Mud. Please bring photos and memories! For more information, call Bonnie Parsons Coleman at (606) 791-8488.

# Prestonsburg plans to expand utilities commission

By **MARY MEADOWS**  
STAFF WRITER

The Prestonsburg City Council is planning to expand its utilities commission.

On Aug. 9, the council held the first reading of an ordinance that would increase the number of members on the commission from three to five. The second reading and vote for that ordinance is expected to be held during the council's next regular meeting on Aug. 20.

The proposed ordinance amends the 1956 city ordinance that created the utilities commission to add two new members. No other changes to the original ordinance are included.

The ordinance notes that the commission will be made up of five members who have lived in the city for at least a year and members are appointed by the mayor with approval of the city council. The appointment must also be approved in writing by the "original purchaser or purchasers of any outstanding bond" the commission has.

Membership is not

open to any person who has held a public office in the past two years, the ordinance states, and it is not open to any person who is "related within the third degree" to the mayor or any city council member.

During the special meeting, the city council also discussed several topics in a 20-minute closed session, with Stapleton citing two exceptions to the open meetings law, one for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property when publicity affects the property value, and the other for collective bargaining

negotiations for employees. After closed session, however, Stapleton clarified that the "personnel issues" discussed fell under a different exemption, one that permits closed session discussions or hearings that might lead to the appointment, discipline or dismissal of an employee. He also noted that the council discussed proposed or pending litigation in closed session.

Council members David Gearheart and Harry Adams did not attend the special meeting. The council's next regular meeting is Aug. 20 at 6 p.m.

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## Welcome Baby Smith



John Caleb Smith, the son of Aaron and Christy Smith of Allen was born Wednesday, December 6, 2017. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Dave and Thelma Ratliff of Allen and John and Dorothy Smith of Wheelwright, Ky.

## Birth Announcements

All birth announcements for babies under 3 months are **FREE**.

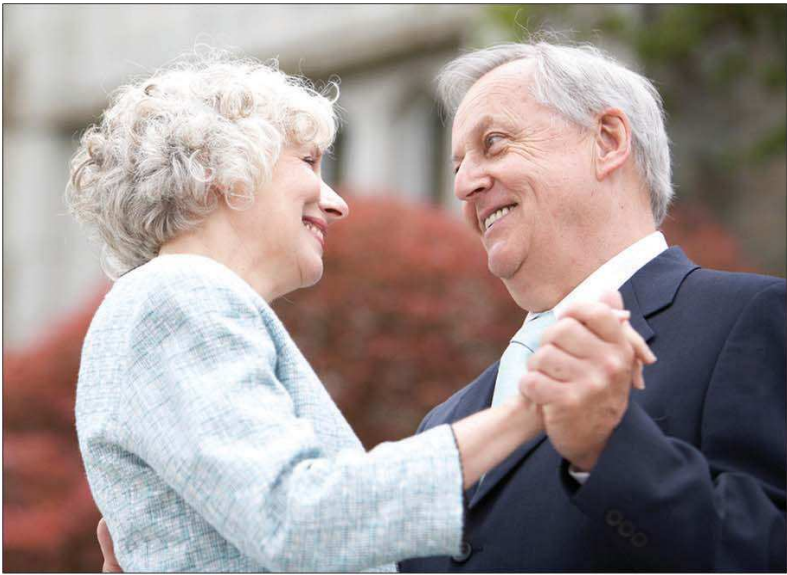
## Celebrating Birthdays



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

## Senior Citizen Center Birthdays

All Senior Citizen Centers may announce their birthdays for **FREE**.



## Celebrating 55 years

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

## Wedding Anniversaries

All wedding anniversaries over 40 years, in addition to 10th and 25th anniversaries, are **FREE**.

## Dotson-Simpkins



Mike and Cathy Layne Dotson of Prestonsburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Tara Renae, to Scott Michael Simpkins, son of Marvin and Lynn Robinette Simpkins of Williamson. The bride-elect is a 2011 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and received a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Kentucky in 2015. Simpkins is a 2011 graduate of Pikeville High School and a 2015 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. A June wedding is planned in Prestonsburg.

## Engagement

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## Wedding

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## Hatfield-McDaniel



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

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# TLC Daycare owners receive pretrial diversion

By **WAYLON WHITSON**  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PAINTSVILLE — The owners of the formerly Paintsville-based TLC Child Development Center received a pretrial diversion in Johnson Circuit Court recently in connection with felony theft by deception charges related to employees not receiving paychecks for approximately six months.

According to court documents, Thelma and

Ottway N. Crider were originally charged in March in complicity to commit theft by deception including cold checks with a value of less than \$10,000 for incidents involving several employees at the day care center. Lenora Bowman, Angela May, Donna Williams and Missy Church, the documents said, were given the bad checks ranging in value from approximately \$515 to \$624 on dates between May

19, 2017 and December 29, 2017.

“Thelma and Ottway plead guilty to the theft charges as alleged,” said Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney Anthony Skeans. “We reached an agreement between them and the worker victims as to a restitution amount and a means to pay it.”

Skeans said the agreement is a form of pretrial diversion wherein Thelma and Ottway Crider

can have their charges waived if they complete payment of the restitution, totaling approximately \$14,000.

“It’s a little complicated, but the sum total of it is, they’re eligible for pretrial diversion,” Skeans said. “It’s kind of like probation, in that if they do what they’re supposed to do, it goes away.”

“They agreed to pay an estimated \$14,000, and they put \$5,000 down to get the deal,”

he continued. “That has already been distributed to the workers. Then, they’re supposed to pay at least \$300 a month until they get it paid off.”

According to a business permit filed with the Paintsville City government and issued March 2, 2017, Thelma Crider was listed as the processing agent for TLC Child Development Center. Ottway Crider was listed as the director and incorporator for the

company, according to the Kentucky Secretary of State’s business registration database. The company, according to the database, is in bad standing with the SOS and is listed as “inactive,” having been issued a certificate of administrative dissolution on Nov. 7, 1996, due to failure to file a required annual report.

Skeans said he is satisfied with the verdict and commiserated with the employees.

# Deputies arrest alleged drug trafficker in McDowell

A **FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

The Floyd County Sheriff’s Department reported on social media that the department arrested an alleged drug trafficker in the McDowell

area on Aug. 8.

The statement said that the deputies working in McDowell received information about a male subject involved in illegal drug activity on Doty Creek.

Deputies located the

man, Evan Potter, 26, of Hueysville, walking, the statement said.

During the investi-

gation, they uncovered crystal meth, plastic baggies, digital scales and a set of brass knuckles, the

statement said.

Potter, charged with trafficking in a controlled substance and carrying a

concealed deadly weapon, was lodged in the Floyd County jail.

# Man beat woman with pistol, police say

**FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES STAFF REPORT**

A Floyd County man is being held without bond, following an alleged assault in which he is accused of hitting his girlfriend in the face with a pistol.

Andy Ryan Coahran, 24, of Prestonsburg was arrested on Aug. 11 by the Prestonsburg Police Department.

Officers reported in the citation that they were asked to conduct a welfare check on a woman who has “severe swelling/bruising and laceration around the eye and nose area” of her face.

Police said the victim

told police that Coahran punched her in the face and struck her with a pistol, causing her to lose consciousness, the documents say. She was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Coahran was charged with first-degree assault, a felony. He was also served with a warrant from Indiana, where he is accused of being a fugitive in a case in which he is charged with burglary, auto theft and theft.

Floyd County District Judge Eric Hall ordered that Coahran be held without bond in both cases. He is scheduled to undergo a preliminary hearing on Aug. 20.

# Teleworks continues to hire in surrounding counties

By **JOSH LITTLE**  
APPALACHIAN NEWSPAPERS

PIKEVILLE — Teleworks USA continues to put Pike County residents to work.

At its meeting last week, the Pike County Fiscal Court heard an update from Billy Carrico, Teleworks’ Pike County hub manager. Carrico said that, as of July 30, the company had 165 people employed through its Pikeville hub, with a majority of those employees residing in Pike County.

Carrico said employees for the Pike County hub also come from Mingo County, West Virginia, and Floyd and Letcher counties.

He said he expects an additional 10 employees by the end of August and a total of 200 by the end of the year.

Carrico said the current average wage is \$12 for full-time employees. He said that, in some cases, if two family members living in the same household both work for Teleworks, the combined income for the household could total approximately \$60,000.

“I think that’s a pretty good turn-around, if you have two people working in one home,” he said, referring to families who were likely working at minimum wage jobs before.

Carrico said Teleworks is garnering not only local, but national attention.

“We’re seeing a lot of different companies come into the county,” he said. “We’ve hosted a group from California, a group from Detroit in July, some from Texas. So, we’re generating a lot of interest, especially in the work-from-home community. More and more national companies are looking at us, which means they are looking at Eastern Kentucky to staff their call centers, they’re customer service and their tech support lines.”

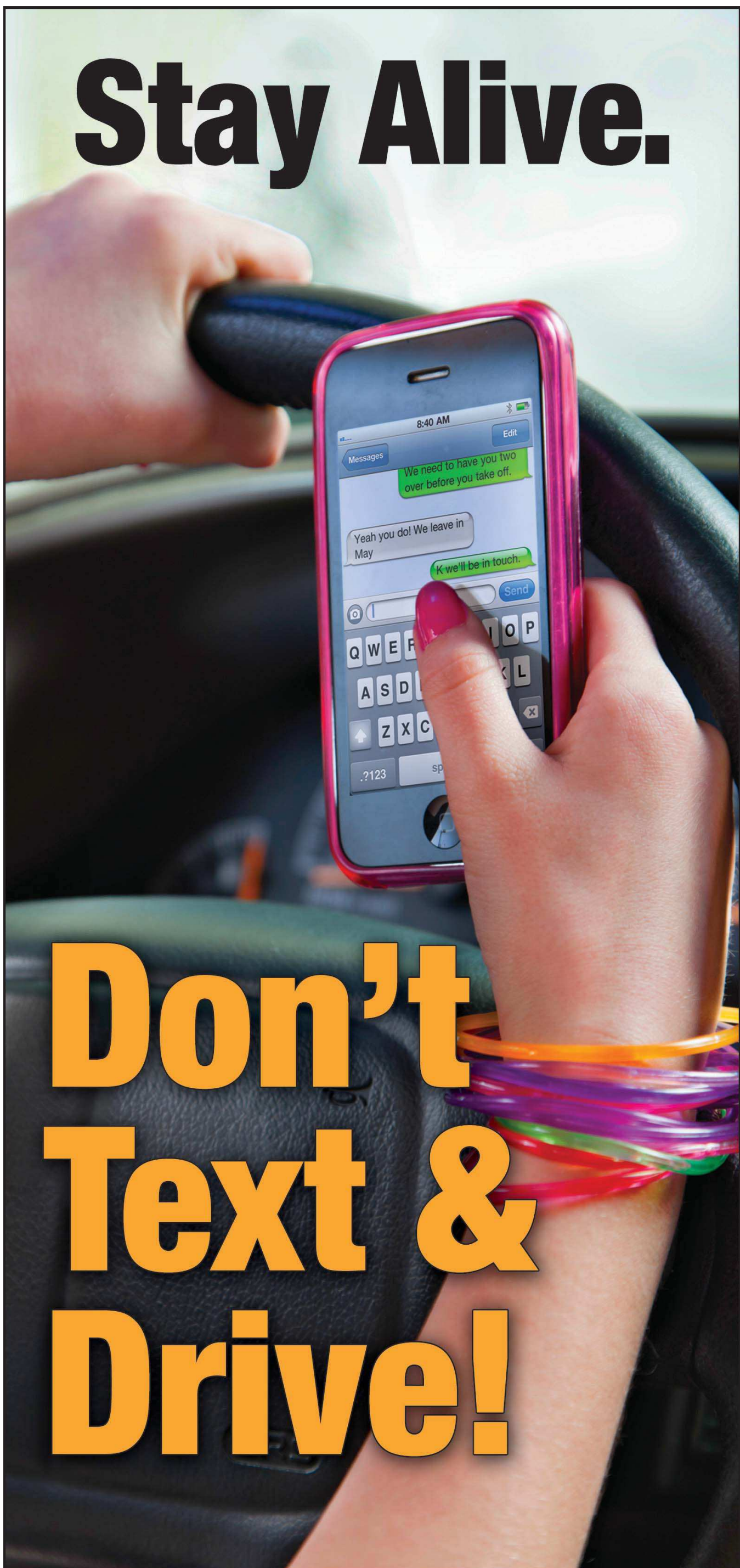
Carrico said the current retention rate for the Pike County hub is 71 percent — this means employees keeping the same position for one year or more. He said this is a number of which the company is proud.

Carrico expressed his gratitude for the support from the county and the fiscal court.

“(I’m) really thankful to have such a good support network in the county,” he said.

He went on to say that he believes Teleworks is changing lives in Eastern Kentucky.

“We’re giving people jobs and they’re making more they’ve made (in the past). I’m thankful for any job anybody can get, but they’re making more than minimum wage ... They’re making a wage that they can support their families (with).”



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police that lasted several hours at a home in Abbott. Dixon, who is no longer employed by the department, was flown out for emergency care and survived the shooting.

That month, Powers was indicted for first-degree assault for allegedly shooting Dixon and two

counts of first-degree wanton endangerment for allegedly endangering the lives of Prestonsburg Police officer Ross Shurtleff and a minor child who was in the home where the stand-off took place. He was also indicted for being a persistent felony offender and illegally possessing a handgun as a convicted felon during that incident.

He has been indicted in two other cases since

that time.

In February 2016, Powers was indicted for the allegations that arose from the Oct. 20, 2015, high-speed chase. He was charged in that case with driving under the influence, two counts of fleeing or evading police, first-degree wanton endangerment for endangering the life of a female, speeding and reckless driving.

He was also indicted

in September 2016 for one count of first-degree promoting contraband. That indictment alleges that he allegedly brought "dangerous contraband" to the Floyd County jail in July 2016.

The Sept. 19 trial will only concern the shooting case, Turner said, and he expects it to last at least three days.

He said if the shoot case is "resolved favorably for the common-

wealth," the other two cases against Powers will be "easily resolved" because they carry lesser penalties.

The first-degree assault charge carries a penalty of between 10 and 20 years, Turner said, but the persistent felony offender charge Powers faces could increase the potential sentence to life in prison.

"He's looking at the potential of a sentence

that would be equivalent to murder conviction, 20 to life," Turner said.

Powers underwent a competency hearing last year, and Smith found him competent to stand trial last September. This year, his attorney Ned Pillersdorf requested a speedy trial and a reduction in his bond, saying in the motion that Powers is not a flight risk.

# Local area birth announcements

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Highlands Regional Medical Center released its latest round of birth announcements last week. They include:

May 22: Axel Samson King, son of Savannah and Austin King of Prestonsburg

May 24: Conner Axel Hensley, son of Katie Baker and Brent Hensley of Paintsville

May 24: Ava Jade Rice, daughter of Courtney and Jackie Rice of Salyersville

May 27: Makena Grace Duchnowski, daughter of Karissa and Joshua Duchnowski of Salyersville

May 28: Kenzi LeAnn Looney, daughter of Amanda and Kevin Loony of Langley

May 28: Ellie Rayegan Osborne, daughter of Samantha and Justin Osborne of Martin

May 30: Arthur Scott Brooks, son of Mikayla Renee Brooks of Prestonsburg

June 1: Kye Alexander Ottrando, son of Allison and Anthony Ottrando of Prestonsburg

June 2: Dallas Ryan Elizabeth Martin, daughter of Barb and Anthony Martin of Printer

June 5: Braxton Ray Walter, son of Brittany Johnson and James Walter of Beauty

June 6: Kobe Julian Lane Adkins, son of Emily Howell and Julian Adkins of Warfield

June 6: Benjamin Tyler Roberts, son of Brooke Farley and Charles Roberts of Pippa Passes

June 6: Paisley Grace Jones, daughter of Brittany Nicole Moore of Garrett

June 7: Felicity Jane Litton, daughter of Brenda Whitt and Frank Litton of Tomahawk

June 7: Jonathon Hunter Ward, son of Jon Ward and Christina Mullins of Salyersville

June 8: Jase Matthew White, son of Samantha Bays and Jordan White of Paintsville

June 8: Jackson Charles Thomas, son of Susana Silva and Dalton Thomas of David

June 13: Grayson Jace Boggs, son of Alyssia Leigh Boggs of Paintsville

June 13: Dixie Belle Copperaine Cox, daughter of Amber Janene Donaldson and William Allen Cox of Ulysses

June 14: Kieran Daniel Bailey, son of JoBeth Butcher and Christopher Bailey of Louisa

June 17: Connor Jase Carty, son of Sadie Diamond and Travis Quentin

Carty of Oil Springs

June 17: Mason Waylon Lee Neace, son of Elizabeth and Tommy Neace of Hazard

June 18: Ryker Bentley Salisbury, son of Britany Bartrum and Brandon Salisbury of Martin

June 19: Michael David Chester Lee Manuel, son of Sharon and Larry Manuel of Pikeville

June 19: Sophia Rose Burkett, daughter of Elizabeth and Nicholas Vicars-Burkett of Prestonsburg

June 20: Marissa Faith Nicole Thomas, daughter of Jessica and Ricky Thomas of Dwale

June 20: Lily River Fitch, daughter of Kelsea Suzanna Keathley and Joey David Fitch of Printer

June 21: Anderson Paul Bailey, son of Nakeshia and Shawn Bailey of Gunlock

June 21: Mila Ryan Young, daughter of Christie and Ryan Young of Inez

June 21: Kallie Brooke SESCO, daughter of Savannah and Marcus SESCO of Inez

June 25: Hudson Tyler Douglas Spriggs, son of Jenna Mae Rice and Tyler Douglas Spriggs of Wittensville

June 26: Gavin Dale Collins, son of Andrea and Dustin Collins of Stanville

June 26: Danielle Nicole Ousley, daughter of Chasitie Ousley and Ned Ousley of Blue River

June 27: Raegan AnnFaye Duty, daughter of Amanda Gibson and James Duty of Louisa

June 27: Maddox James Cochran, son of Sabrina and Brandon Cochran of Prestonsburg

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# Students led academic camp this month

**SPECIAL TO THE FLOYD CHRONICLE AND TIMES**

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Danny Adkins said officials "tried something a little different" for the district's student-led academic camp, held Aug. 1-3 at Floyd Central High School.

The camp was divided into high school content in the mornings and middle school content in the afternoons for the first two days, and the third day featured Future Problem Solving and Community Problem Solving.

Adkins said, "We tried something a little different this year. Some of our academic team students who attended the summer camp, sponsored by the Kentucky Association for Academic Competition, along with a few of their teammates, led an academic camp in our district and we couldn't be happier with the results."

He said, "Students prepared presentations and quizzes for other for middle and high school students. We also invited fifth grade students to attend the middle school part of the camp."

Academic camp sessions included topics such as World War I and

"This is the best academic camp we've had for our kids."

— Seth Crisp, Allen Elementary School assistant coach

Supreme Court cases for social studies, Ancient Greek literature and Pulitzer Prize winners for language arts, cells and diffusion and DNA for science, artists and composers for arts and humanities and various topics in mathematics. Students who placed in the top three spots were recognized at the end of the camp.

AES assistant coach Seth Crisp said, "This is the best academic camp we've had for our kids. One of the highlights is that our team sees students in their own county teaching the camp sessions. Seeing these fellow students who are just a few years older helps our team realize that they can be in that role, too, in the future with hard work and dedication."

The district's Early Childhood Director and Academic Team Coordinator Anna Shepherd said officials are proud of the students who led the



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Students who led the content area and quick recall portions of the camp included Ryan Sword, Lakayla Conn, Kade Scott, Reese Reynolds, Lindsay Caudill, Adam Hutchinson, Preston Crase, Trevor Castle and Justin Tussey.

camp. "We're so proud of this group of young people who stepped up to lead our district and provide a quality camp for 5th-12th graders," she said. "Not only did they gain a deeper understanding of their content by preparing to teach, they've also had an opportunity for building on their leadership skills."

The top spots in science went to Ally Hamilton of Prestonsburg Elementary in first place; Kate Moon at Allen Elementary in second place; and Miles Hutchinson at May Valley in third place.

Math awards went to Cameron Kilgore at Adams Middle in first place;

Lucas Wolford at John M. Stumbo in second place; and Jonathan Moore at South Floyd in third place.

Language arts awards went to Emma Porter at Allen in first place; Ethan Walls of Adams Middle and Ruthie Dillion of Allen, who tied for second place.

In Arts & Humanities, awards went to Elizabeth Goodman at Allen in first place; Sara Springer of Adams in second place; and Adrianna Terry from Prestonsburg in third place.

In Social Studies, awards went to Jada Reynolds from Allen in first place; Chloe Hall from South Floyd in second place; and Kylie Ows-

ley at Allen in third place.

Students who led the content area and quick recall portions of the camp included Ryan Sword, Lakayla Conn, Kade Scott, Reese Reynolds, Lindsay Caudill, Adam Hutchinson, Preston Crase, Trevor Castle and Justin Tussey.

Students Savanna Price, Victoria Sexton, Reece Terry and Chloe Watson helped lead the Future Problem Solving portion of the camp. Coaches Brent Hutchinson, Michelle Martin-Sullivan and Bobby Akers assisted students during camp.



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## Keathley claims shooting award at Morehead State camp

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Prestonsburg High School student-athlete Kaitlyn Keathley claimed another award over the weekend. Keathley, a senior guard for the Prestonsburg girls' basketball team who has received recruiting interest from several colleges, won the shooting challenge at the Morehead State Women's Basketball Elite Camp on Saturday.

The Prestonsburg senior enjoyed the experience at the Morehead State-hosted camp.

"I really enjoyed spending the day getting to know the coaching staff and some of their players," said Keathley. "I thought there was a lot of talented players, especially at the guard position, at the camp. As a player who enjoys playing against the best, these are the type of events you really look forward to."

Following her transfer from Pikeville to Prestonsburg in the spring, Keathley has continued to work hard in preparation for her senior season.

"Coach (Brandon) Kidd really helped me this summer, getting me prepared for this type of competition," added Keathley. "Coach's offense is

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Kaitlyn Keathley was the Hot Shot Champ at the Morehead State Elite Camp on Saturday. Keathley is a Prestonsburg High School senior.

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## Impact falls in East Tennessee Classic semifinals



courtesy photo

Impact reached the semifinals of the East Tennessee Classic on Sunday.

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

PIGEON FORGE, Tenn. — Impact, an 8U baseball team made up of players from Floyd County, reached the semifinals of the East Tennessee Classic at the Cal Ripken Experience on Sunday.

The Floyd County-based youth baseball team finished 1-1 in pool play. The Alabama Slammers pulled away to beat Impact 14-2 during pool play. But in another game during pool play, Impact topped the Lil War Possums from Clemson, S.C. Lil War is the 2018 South

Carolina state champion and ranked fifth nationally in the USSSA Standings. Impact pulled away to defeat Equip Baseball Club, a squad out of Charlotte, N.C., 14-3 in the tournament. However, the Alabama Slammers, the eventual tournament champion, topped Impact

in the semifinals. Impact is preparing to travel north to Maysville to compete in the Wald Park Invitational during the upcoming weekend. The Floyd County 8U baseball team is slated to conclude its season in a tournament in Santa Claus, Ind., Sept. 1-2.

## HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

### 15th Region Pre-season poll

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

LEXINGTON — A pair of Floyd County squads were ranked in the Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association Preseason 15th Region Top 5 Poll. Floyd Central was ranked fourth, while Prestonsburg tied for fifth in the poll, which was released on Thursday.

A second-year program, Floyd Central is ranked fourth behind East Ridge (3), Pikeville (T-1) and reigning champion Paintsville (T-1). A pair of tradition-rich high school volleyball programs, Pikeville and Paintsville tied for the top spot in the preseason region poll.

Prestonsburg and Pike County Central tied for fifth in the preseason 15th Region volleyball poll.

Floyd Central finished runner-up to Paintsville in the 2017 15th Region Volleyball Tournament. Upstart Floyd Central concluded its inaugural campaign 32-8, capturing a 58th District title and finishing runner-up in the 15th Region.

Prestonsburg ended the

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**Kentucky Volleyball Coaches Association**  
Preseason 15th Region Top 5 Poll  
T-1. Paintsville  
T-1. Pikeville  
3. East Ridge  
4. Floyd Central  
T-5. Pike County Central  
T-5. Prestonsburg

# Lady Blackcats suffer shutout loss to Pike County Central

By **STEVE LEMASTER**  
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Remaining in the loss column, Prestonsburg dropped an early-season high school volleyball match at home earlier in the week. Visiting Pike Central, a 15th Region rival, shut out the Lady Blackcats 3-0 at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse on Monday night.

The match served as a season opener for the Lady Hawks.

Pike County Central held on to defeat Prestonsburg 25-20 in the opening game of the 15th Region volleyball match.

The Lady Hawks won more convincingly in the second game, pulling away to prevail 25-12.

Finishing strong, Pike County Central topped the Lady Blackcats 25-15 in the decisive third game.

With the loss, Prestonsburg dropped to 0-4.

Pike County Central opened its latest season 1-0 with the win.

The Lady Blackcats are scheduled to visit Pike County Central for a mid-season match on September 10.

Prestonsburg was hosting Magoffin County at press time on Tuesday. The Prestonsburg-Magoffin County volleyball match ended too late to make this edition.

**Betsy Layne drops home opener to Shelby Valley:** Following back-to-back losses to Phelps and Knott County Central on the road, Betsy Layne hosted Shelby Valley in a home opener on Monday night. A 15th Region counterpart, Shelby Valley spoiled Betsy Layne's home opener, pulling away to beat the Ladycats 3-1 (25-10, 20-25, 25-22, 25-20).

With the loss, Betsy Layne slipped to 0-3.

Shelby Valley improved to 2-1 with the win. Visiting Shelby Valley returned to the win column following a shutout loss to reigning 15th Region champion Paintsville on Thursday.

Betsy Layne is slated to host Pike County Central on Tuesday, Aug. 20.

## KEATHLEY

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very similar to what I will see in college. He likes to space the floor and allow players to make plays. That has really gotten me back to driving the ball more often and attacking the rim more consistently. So, coach helped me a lot in preparing for the speed and quickness of the games on Saturday." The camp afforded Keathley an opportunity to interact with Morehead State coaches and players.

"I loved the Morehead State campus, players and coaching staff,"

confided Keathley. "I had an awesome time and I'm excited about visiting again soon."

Prestonsburg coach Brandon Kidd has witnessed Keathley work hard throughout the off-season heading into her senior campaign.

"I am so happy for Kaitlyn and all the recognition she is getting," said Kidd. "The time and effort that she puts into improving her game is second-to-none. I have seen so much improvement since she got here and can not wait to see what her future holds."

Kidd made strides in his first season as head coach of the Prestons-

burg girls' basketball program and is heading into a promising second campaign.

"It's my job as a coach to put each and every one of my girls in a position to succeed and help them reach their goals," added Kidd. "Myself and my staff take pride in what we are doing here at Prestonsburg. It's an exciting time for us here at Prestonsburg. We have a great group of young ladies that want to work hard and make a name for our program."

Keathley and her Prestonsburg girls' basketball teammates will open preseason practice in mid-October.

# Could be Busch's turn



Racin'  
**Steve Mickey**

Chase Elliott gave us that glimpse of what it could be like last week when he won his first ever Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series race at Watkins Glen. Suddenly, the strangle hold that the sports big three of Kevin Harvick, Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr. had on the series was broken for what now seems like only a few minutes as this weekend at Michigan it was once again business as usual for the series or at least the way business has been conducted so far this season.

Kevin Harvick dominated the race by leading 108 of the 200 laps on his way to crossing the finish line 3.233-seconds over second place driver Brad Keselowski. The win was his seventh of the season and it broke the tie that he was in with Kyle Busch for the most wins in the series. The win was the 44th of Harvick's career and ironically it tied him with Chase Elliott's famous father Bill for 17th on the all-time win list.

While Harvick and Busch have long since punched their ticket into the playoff round of the sport, there doesn't seem to be any letup in the way their teams are approaching the races left in the regular season. The seven bonus playoff points that are available for each race is the

motivation for these two drivers as well as every other driver that has already qualified for the playoff round to go out and race for not only the win but also to finish first in the opening two stages of each race. Each of the first two stage winners receive one bonus point and the winner of the race is awarded five bonus points. Harvick swept both stages on his way to the win on Sunday giving him the maximum number of seven points and in the process pass Busch in the bonus point standings as he now has 40 to Busch's 35.

Harvick's lead may not last long as this week the series rolls into Bristol Motor Speedway for one of the more anticipated stops of the season with the running of the Bass Pro Shops NRA Night Race. Bristol late has been the playground of Busch as he has posted 21 checkered flags across NASCAR's top three series. To get a good feel for his domination at the half-mile track all you have to do is look at the total of wins by the second place driver which happens to be Hall of Famer Darrell Waltrip who was always thought of as the track's king and he only has 13 checkered flags.

Bristol is one of the few tracks that hosts a NASCAR triple header weekend where it hosts the MENCs, Xfinity and Camping World Truck Series and nobody has come close to dominating Bristol's three nights of racing like Busch. He won all three races last season for the second

time in his career as he also did it in 2010, which was the first time that it had ever been done in the sport and he remains the only driver to ever sweep three races in one weekend. This Friday he will be going for his tenth Xfinity Series win and he will enter that race as the defending champion and then the following night when the Cup boys take the track he will be going for his third consecutive win.

**PIT NOTES:** Speedway Motorsports Inc. recently made an announcement that has ever race fan like myself who had to eat a ticket because of a race being postponed, smiling from ear to ear. The dreaded race postponement is a race fan's nightmare as most have to go back to work the following day or end up having to spend more money on another night in a motel plus food. SMI announced that if a race is postponed due to weather that any ticket holder that is unable to attend on the rescheduled date, a ticket credit can be issued toward a qualifying NASCAR race at any of SMI's other venues. SMI is the parent company of Atlanta Motor Speedway, Bristol Motor Speedway, Charlotte Motor Speedway, Kentucky Speedway, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Sonoma Raceway and Texas Motor Speedway. SMI has stood up for the fans and it will be interesting to see if any of the other track owners step up and offer the fans the same protection.

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2017 season 7-16. The Lady Blackcats fell to Betsy Layne in the opening round of the 2017 58th District Volleyball Tournament.

Preseason 15th Region favorite Paintsville ended its championship

campaign 33-5. The Lady Tigers lost to longtime state powerhouse Mercy in the first round of the 2017 Volleyball State Tournament. Other favorites from around the state are McCracken County (Region 1), Henderson County (Region 2), Breckinridge County (Region 3), Greenwood (Region 4), Central

Hardin (Region 5), Mercy (Region 6), Assumption (Region 7), North Oldham (Region 8), St. Henry (Region 9), Campbell County (Region 10), Paul Laurence Dunbar (Region 11), West Jessamine (Region 12), Corbin (Region 13), Letcher County Central (Region 14) and Russell (Region 16).

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