



Winners of the AARP and KRTA Grandparent Essay Contest are, left to right, county winner and West Irvine School winner Lexi Tiller, runner-up Haylee Brooks, runner-up Chase Hobbs, and runner-up Sofie Collett. (Photos courtesy of Floretta Thorpe)



Estill County Retired Teachers president Robert Smith presents the county-wide and school winners awards to Lexi Tiller from West Irvine Intermediate School.



Katie Johnson, left, and Emma Winkle show off their championship rings after their Estill County Lady Neers won the 14U ISA State Tournament.



Estill Lady Neers, the 14U ISA State Tournament Winner - Left to right, front, Savania Newton, Henlee Hunter, Carly Cain, Maci Muncie, Emma Winkle, Neesa West. Back, Coach Lynn West, Coach Mckeely Muncie, Aaliyah Edenstrom, Jessie Begley, Lauren Farmer, Katie Johnson. (Photos courtesy of Stephanie Patrick West)

## Lady Neers Win 14U ISA State Fastball Tournament in Stanford

The Estill County Lady Neers 14U fastpitch softball travel team brought home the rings in the Independent Sports Association (ISA) State Tournament played

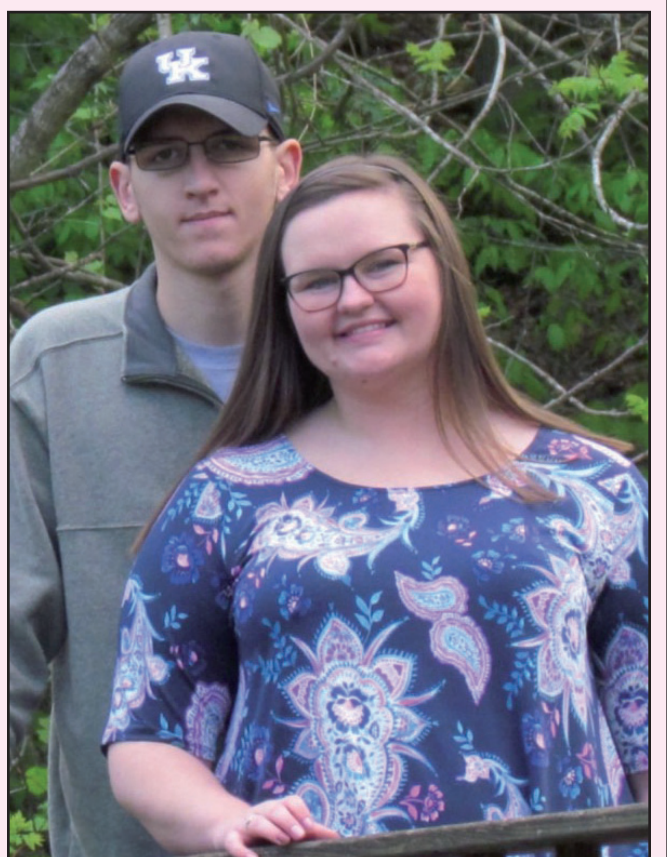
June 15-16, 2019, at Veterans Memorial Park in Stanford, Kentucky. There were 13 teams from Kentucky to West Virginia. The Lady Neers played six games in

the tournament, scoring 61 runs and giving up only 23 runs. The Lady Neers are now 11-0 for the 2019 Travel Ball Season. (Courtesy of Stephanie West)



The first group to shovel dirt at the ground-breaking for the new Area Technology Center were students from Estill County High School.

## McKinney and Lay Announce Marriage



Austin Michael Lay & Brandi Nicole McKinney

Michael and Misty McKinney are pleased to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Brandi Nicole McKinney, to Austin Michael Lay, the son of Mike and Melinda Lay. The wedding will be officiated by Pastor James Bonny and Bro. Delmar McGee at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29th, 2019 at Outreach Church, 220 Rice Station Road. Reception to follow at Estill County Fairbarn.



AT LEFT: Music lovers started forming a line on Thursday to get tickets to Kickin' on The Creek, a music festival held annually in September on Ross' Creek. Only a limited number of tickets are available. Distribution of the tickets began on Saturday morning. Those waiting for tickets sat in folding chairs which lined the street to the Methodist Church.