



SUPERINTENDENT AARON HARRELL is pictured with Webster County Schools Employees of the Year. Chaz Breedlove and Brianna Lancaster were recognized during the school system’s annual closing day activities held last Monday. Breedlove works in the district’s transportation department and Lancaster is a teacher.



THE WCHS BAND and cheerleaders helped close out the school year for all employees of the Webster County school system.



SHERRI GRANT WAS welcomed to closing day activities by the WCHS cheerleaders. Grant is retiring after working for the school system for 26 years.



A ROUSING WELCOME was given for the new employee cadre. Those teachers and assistants spent the year “learning the ropes” and working to help make attending Webster County Schools the best possible experience. They endured many hours of training and work as they became part of the education experience.

Webster County Schools Recognize Retiring Staff Members

Webster County Schools held its Closing Day Celebration on Monday, May 19th, in the Webster County Middle School gym. The Webster County Cheerleaders welcomed staff with welcome cheers, and the Webster County Band played pep band music and the fight song. Mr. Aaron Harrell, Superintendent, welcomed everyone. In

his opening remarks, Mr. Harrell remembered Bryan Harley, Maintenance Director, who passed earlier this year, with a moment of silence. The WC New Teacher Cadre, led by Clay Elementary Principal Courtney Noel, was recognized for their year-long book study and discussion of Teach Like a Champion, by Doug Lemov.

Retirees were recognized for their years of service in Webster County Schools. The 2025 retirees include:

- * Amy Wright - Clay, 4 years
- * Christie Stone - Sebree, 20 years
- * Linda Egbert - Sebree, 11 years
- * Brady Kirk - WCHS, 3 years
- * Julie Martin - WCHS, 21 years
- * Sherri Grant -

WCMS, 26 years

- * Cathy Hudson - Certified Substitute
- * Norman Winstead - Custodian, 10 years
- * Darlene Winstead - Custodian, 19 years
- * Mike Bumpus - Transportation, 16 years
- * Paula Denton - Transportation, 35 years
- * Trudy Wahl - Transportation, 8 years

The 2025 Employees

of the Month were celebrated one more time before the announcement of the 2025 Employees of the Year, Chaz Breedlove, Support Staff of the Year, and Brianna Lancaster, Certified Staff of the Year. After the celebra-

tion, all staff were treated to lunch and dessert from various food trucks, including Fiesta Acapulco, Just Burgers, Pop G’s Barbecue, Torera Hibachi, Livers Farms, Kim’s Fish and More, and Rolling Cones.

Traffic Safety Checkpoints Released By WCSO

In an effort to enhance highway safety in Webster County and target areas of high traffic safety issues including impaired driving offenses, the Webster County Sheriff’s Office has the following pre-approved traffic safety checkpoint locations:

1. US 41A North at KY 56 and KY 873
2. KY 109 North of Clay at the 10 Mile Marker
3. KY 56 East at Old Beech Grove Road
4. KY 109 at KY 670
5. KY 56 West between New Cedar Grove Church Road and Lyce Duncan Road
6. US 41A South at KY 270
7. US 41 South at KY 147
8. KY 132 East at KY 494

These locations incorporate checkpoint locations established by the local Kentucky State Police Post, with additional locations added due to ongoing issues related to traffic safety concerns and impaired driving, identified by local data.

In the previous three (3) months (February, March and April), the Webster County Sheriff’s Office has investigated 20 DUIs (Driving Under the Influence), along with 60 collision investigations (includes injury and non-injury collisions) on Webster County roadways. For a small rural county, those are alarming numbers.

If strategic traffic safety checkpoint utilization in Webster County can reduce collisions on county highways and roadways by 10-15 percent, it is well worth the slight inconvenience the checkpoints cause to our motoring public.

In an effort to promote public safety through public information and education, the Webster County Sheriff’s Office will release a monthly notice of the potential areas targeted with traffic safety checkpoints. The exact dates and times of checkpoints will not be provided.

In an effort to keep a driver’s time delays at an absolute minimum,

the WCSO requests drivers encountering a traffic safety checkpoint have their seatbelt on and their operator’s license, proof of insurance, and registra-

tion receipt readily accessible. A typical traffic safety checkpoint should have a traffic delay of 30 seconds to a few minutes to drivers.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Kentucky Energy Planning & Inventory Commission (EPIC) will be hosting a Public Hearing at 6 p.m. on June 4, 2025, at the Webster County Courthouse.

Pursuant to KRS 164.2807, EPIC has received a Notice of Intent to Retire the Robert A. Reid Combustion Turbine. You can read the entire Notice of Intent here: <https://caer.uky.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/cover-letter-reid-ct-w-exhibits.pdf>.

This public hearing will allow any Webster County community member to provide input and feedback about this proposed action.

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