



# Rowdy crowd



Allen Greene/TriCitiesSports.com

Kyle Busch's pit crew jumps over the wall as he stops in for tires and a splash of gas during Friday night's Xfinity race at Bristol Motor Speedway. Busch would go on to battle for the lead with long-time nemesis Brad Keselowski late in the race. Keselowski hit the back of Busch's car, cutting down a tire and sending the defending Sprint Cup champ into the wall. Busch ended up 24th, but Keselowski ran out of gas, handing the victory to Austin Dillon. **Story on page 9A.**

# Trio's tryst triggers tussle in trailer park

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The blotter is derived from recent incident reports and central dispatch records of local police agencies.

## Kingsport Police Department Aug. 16

- A 911 caller claimed his shoes and phone had been stolen on Oak Street, with the suspect described as "tall and skinny, Brotherhood tats on his face." He also reportedly had a swastika tattoo on one arm.

- An elderly woman told police that after her house and car keys went missing, her former daughter-in-law later demanded \$500 for them to be returned. The next day, an unknown man arrived at her residence claiming he had "gotten them back for her but it cost him \$100." He then handed over the keys and instructed that she drive him to the bank to get his payment. She complied, but while doing so explained the situation to a teller, who in turn called police. The male suspect was located in the parking lot and questioned by an officer. The female suspect was later contacted by police at her home, where she stated, "I don't have to answer any of your questions." She then shut the front door. No charges were immediately filed, with the incident categorized as extortion.



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# Scam alert

- VSP warns of IRS phone scam, caller ID 'spoofing'

## Southwest Virginia Bureau

RICHMOND — The Virginia State Police on Friday issued a warning of an ongoing phone scam where the caller claims to be an Internal Revenue Service representative and demands payment using verbal threats and intimidation.

The VSP said the caller I.D. number used by the scam is a legitimate VSP area office phone number, and the VSP has received numerous calls concerning the scam in recent days.

In each scam call reported to the VSP, the caller is described as having a "thick, foreign accent" and identifies himself or herself as working for the IRS.

See **IRS SCAM**, 2A

- Hawkins sheriff Scammers using 3 different tactics

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ROGERSVILLE — The Hawkins County Sheriff's Office and other area law enforcement agencies have received information from citizens who have reported getting phone calls from individuals who attempt to scam them into sending money.

Below are the most common scams about which the HCSO is receiving complaints.

If you believe that you have been a victim of a scam, or have any questions, please contact the HCSO at (423) 272-4848 or your local law enforcement agency.

- Publishers Clearing House scam

See **SHERIFF**, 2A

# Hawkins drug dealer sentenced to 30 years

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GREENEVILLE — Notorious Hawkins County drug trafficker Gregory Harold Moore was sentenced to 30 years in federal prison Friday in Greeneville in exchange for previous guilty pleas related to dealing large quantities of meth and pills as well as threatening an informant.

Moore, 47, of Surgoinsville, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge R. Leon Jordan following guilty pleas for conspiracies to distribute meth, hydrocodone, oxycodone and oxymorphone.

Moore also pled conspiracy to threaten bodily injury to a person in retaliation for suspected cooperation with law enforcement and engaging in intimidating, threatening to influence or prevent testimony, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking offense.

According to prosecutors, Moore admitted that between May 2015 and August 2015 he sold an approximate total of two ounces of meth spread out over four separate occasions to an individual working with law enforcement.

In August 2015, Moore told this individual that he could provide three ounces of meth the next time they met (and currently had two ounces of the drug).

A federal search warrant was executed at Moore's Surgoinsville residence, at which time authorities seized



**MOORE**

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Students at Jefferson Elementary School perform Friday with Paul Taylor, below. Taylor spent five days as an artist in residence at the Kingsport school.

# How do you didgeridoo?

## Artist brings Australian culture to Kingsport school

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KINGSPORT — Jefferson Elementary students didgeridooed their way into Australian culture this past week and played, sang, danced and boomeranged as they explored the Aboriginal and European heritage of the land down under.

Artist, educator and didgeridoo player Paul Taylor, an Australian native who lives in Wyoming but returns to his native land two months a year to visit, teach and study with an Aboriginal elder, was an artist in residence at the Kingsport elementary school thanks to funding from the Jefferson Parent Teacher Organization with help from local Home Depot, Lowe's and Walmart stores.

"I go all over. I teach in Australia, too," Taylor said after the first of two performances of students, during which he would get them to quieten down by



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saying "cooe," an Aboriginal bush call for attention. "I teach my culture (in Australia), too. They're not learning it, either."

Taylor came for one day last school year and was such a hit that the PTO brought him back for a week. Third-grade students made boomerangs and demonstrated them, while fifth-graders made didgeridoos from donated PVC pipe and performed with them. Fourth-graders made bullroarers.

Students in first, second, third and fourth grades danced, and kindergarten students sang the "Kookaburra Song" and "Give Me a Home." The school of 475 students was split into roughly equal-sized morning and afternoon performances Friday in the school gym. They also danced.

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## One last Bolt

Anchoring the Jamaicans' winning 4x100 relay team in what he insisted will be his last Olympic race, Usain Bolt won his ninth medal Friday night. He has won the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay gold medals at Beijing, London and now Rio. **Page 9A.**



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