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## Local tattoo shop holds ‘Tats for Tots’ benefit for Care Cottage

By **KATIE KELLEY**  
STAFF WRITER

More than 100 people attended Lost Gypsy Tattoo’s “Tats for Tots” fundraiser on Aug. 1 to get their children “tattooed” for a good cause.

Throughout the day, Lost Gypsy Tattoo employees Draven Gayheart, Brad Combs and Will Hurt, along with guest artist Brandon Baker, offered Sharpie tattoos to children 2-12 years of age for a minimum \$1 donation. The shop also took donations of toys, clothing, blankets and more. All proceeds and donations from the event went to the Care Cottage, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing trauma experienced by



Hazard Herald photos by Katie Kelley

Last Thursday, Lost Gypsy Tattoo held a “Tats for Tots” fundraiser benefiting the Care Cottage, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing trauma experienced by child victims of sexual abuse.

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The Hope House homeless shelter has officially been closed down, and maintenance has begun on the building.

Hazard Herald photo by Katie Kelley

## Hope House closes, plans for future unclear at this time

By **KATIE KELLEY**  
STAFF WRITER

After the brutal murder of a Hazard woman on July 14 in which the victim and the alleged murderer were both residents of the Hope House, Hazard Mayor Donald “Hap-

py” Mobelini began holding weekly meetings in City Hall to address the situation, the homeless population and start the process of bringing various organizations together to collectively gather resources available for the homeless community.

It was during one of these meetings that it was confirmed that the Hope House has officially closed its doors.

“The homeless population is not new to Hazard,” said Mobelini, explaining that, for years, there have been many homeless people

in the city, often residing in the Hope House homeless shelter, the parking structure and other places.

“There’s a misconception — every homeless person in town does not live in

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## Grand jury to get murder case

By **KATIE KELLEY**  
STAFF WRITER

The Leslie County man who was arrested in connection with the June murder of Marlena Holland Howard Hurt at the Bobby Davis Park appeared in Perry District Court for his preliminary hearing on Aug. 6.

In court, represented by attorney Frank Riley, Anthony Ray Lewis, 48, formerly of Yeaddiss, waived his right to a preliminary hearing, allowing the case to be bound over for potential action by a Perry County grand jury.

“A lot of times, the preliminary is sort of a fact-finding thing, so a lot of times they’ll wave it if they know the facts are against them or if they know

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## Man pleads guilty in Perry meth conspiracy Co-defendant set to potentially change plea in September

A **HAZARD HERALD**  
STAFF REPORT

A Bourbon County man has pleaded guilty to his role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Perry County, while his co-defendant, a Leslie County resident, is set to potentially enter a

guilty plea in September.

According to court documents, on July 30, Larry Wayne Coots, 53, of Paris, pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime.

According to court documents, Coots faces a potential sentence of

between five and 40 years in prison and a potential maximum fine of \$5 million, as well as supervised release of four years on the methamphetamine charge. In connection with the firearm charge, court documents show, he faces a potential sentence of life in prison.

Coots’ co-defendant, Cynthia Burkhart, of Yeaddiss, has filed a

motion to be rearraigned to potentially change her plea. A arraignment hearing in her case is set for Sept. 30.

According to the plea agreement in the case, between May and December 2017, Coots conspired with others to distribute more than

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