

Creech and two counts of being a first-degree persistent felony offender.

On Friday, Creech, 46, had already served 341 days in jail, and Madison Commonwealth's Attorney David Smith recommended the remaining days be conditionally discharged.

Clouse scheduled sentencing for June 23. Speaking to reporters outside the courtroom, Smith referred to Creech as one of Sizemore's victims because he allegedly held her at gunpoint to prevent her from warning Ellis of the threat posed to him.

Madison County Detention Center records list Creech's address as Grayhawk in Jackson County.

Carl Lee Banks, 37, of Richmond, who is accused of driving Sizemore to and from the robbery scene, appeared briefly in court Friday morning, but his cases were continued until June 23. He is charged with attempted first-degree robbery and first-degree bail jumping.

Released on bond in the robbery case, Banks allegedly missed a court appearance and incurred the bail jumping charge. He has remained in the MCDC since Dec. 15.

Sizemore, 36, and Ratliff, 27, are both scheduled to stand trial July 5, 2018, on charges connected to Ellis' death. The state intends to seek the death penalty if they are convicted.

On March 17, attorneys for the two defendants asked Clouse to void Kentucky's death penalty statute. However, he later rejected that request.

Sizemore is charged with: murder (police officer); two counts of attempted murder (police officer) for allegedly shooting at the officers who came to Ellis' aid; first-degree unlawful imprisonment for holding Creech hostage as Ellis searched an apartment for the suspect; two counts of convicted felon in possession of a handgun; attempted first-degree robbery;

Ratliff is charged with: complicity to murder (police officer); two counts of complicity to attempted murder (police officer); and complicity to unlawful imprisonment.

Ratliff has remained in the MCDC since Nov. 4, 2015. Sizemore is being held by the state corrections department.

Day Horse Club. The winners of the 4-H Bid-A-Basket auction were; Devonna Hisel, Beach Basket; Steve Johnson, July 4th basket; Marci Hudson, Movie Basket; Pat Henderson, Cooking Basket; and Sherrie Judd, Gardening Basket. All proceeds from the baskets go to help send youth from Jackson County to 4-H Camp. Applications for youth to attend 4-H Camp have been extended until June 12. Please contact the Extension Service at 287-7693 to pick up an application.

The Jackson County Cattlemen's cooked delicious hamburgers for everyone while the Jackson County Homemakers provided homemade desserts. The Jackson County Homemakers also held a raffle on a beautiful homemade quilt that they made and Imandra Johnson was the lucky winner!! Kentucky Proud Food Samples were given out by Clare Kincaid, FCS Agent; Patsy Smith, SNAP-ed Assistant; and Cathy Howell, Program Assistant, along with a Think Your Drink Educational Booth and a Canning Booth!! Vendors from our local Farmer's Market set up and sold early garden peas, new potatoes, onions, homemade baked goods and other early garden produce. The Grand Opening of the Jackson County Farmers Market is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the Annville location on Welchburg Road. Mark your calendar and come join us and help support our local farmers!

The Jackson County Cooperative Extension Service Staff; David Coffey, Agriculture and Natural Resource Agent; Clare Kincaid, Family and Consumer

Science Agent; Verlene Congleton-Hacker, 4-H Youth Development Agent; Sara Christman, Summer UK Intern; Patsy Smith, SNAP-ED Assistant, Cathy Howell, Program Assistant; Tamera Hall, Staff Assistant; Judy Hisel-Rose, Staff Assistant along with the Extension District Board and Council members would like to thank everyone for coming out to visit with us and help celebrate the day. We know that without a wonderful community such as ours that our programs would not be as successful.

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Festival Ralph Stanley II and Hall of Fame member Larry Sparks, but may appreciate a run down on Shawn Lane and Dave Adkins.

Shawn Lane is a fan-favorite vocalist, instrumentalist, and songwriter who was nominated as 2015 IBMA Songwriter of the Year. The 26-time IBMA Award winning Blue Highway's heralded lead and tenor singer is as explosive on fiddle as he is on mandolin, often lending his talents to the Grammy-winning Earls of Leicester when not on the road with Blue Highway. Lane's solo album "Mountain Songs" was named the #19 Bluegrass Album of the Year by Bluegrass Today's Daniel Mullins in 2014, while his first solo album "All For Today" was named one of CMT's Top Ten Bluegrass Albums of the Year 2003.

Lane was a member of the bands of both 13-time Grammy-winner Ricky Skaggs and Hall of Famer Doyle Lawson prior to becoming a founding member of Blue Highway in 1994. Shawn has even been honored with a signature mandolin named after him, crafted by Dearstone Mandolins of Blountville, TN.

Shawn will appear with his beautiful wife Gracie, and sons Grayson and Garrett, at Stringbean Park on Friday, June 16, at 6:20 pm and 8:40 pm, just prior to Larry Sparks closing

Friday's show at 9:30 pm.

Dynamic performer Dave Adkins' most recent Bluegrass Album debuted at #1 on the Billboard Chart, with his newest release in Spring 2017 shining as his first All Gospel Album. Dave started in the Country genre, serving as a disc jockey on WBHR-FM in Pikeville, and performing at Dollywood, before landing a recording contract with Atlantic Records at the same time John Michael Montgomery, Tracy Lawrence, and Neal McCoy were charting mega hits with the label in the 1990's.

Dave splashed onto the Bluegrass scene in 2010, immediately winning friends and fans with his big heart and vocals to match. Legend Ralph Stanley once gave Dave one of his most cherished compliments, patting his arm and saying, "That boy can sure beller out a song, can't he?" Dave earned a 2013 SPBGMA Nomination as Male Vocalist of the Year / Contemporary, as well as a 2015 IBMA Nomination as Emerging Artist of the Year with good friend Edgar Loudermilk, with whom he released a duo album.

Adkins newest project "Come to Jesus" on Mountain Fever Records has been heralded as a "turbo-charged, blow the roof off the church, vocal dynamite packed force" by Sherri George, who penned the liner notes for the album.

The Dave Adkins Band will appear at Stringbean Park on Saturday, June 17, at 9:10 pm, just prior to Laurel River Line closing Saturday's show at 10:00 pm.

The 21st Annual Stringbean Festival will also host its first ever Church Service on Sunday, June 18, at 9:30 am. With beautiful gospel music and speaker Barry Spurlock, the free service is scheduled to conclude in time for local families to attend their own home church services afterwards. Everyone is welcome and warmly invited to attend.

Full event schedule and tickets are available at www.StringbeanPark.com.

Sheriff Hundreds of good citizens are called for jury duty each year. It is not something most people enjoy, however, it is absolutely essential for our citizens to participate in this extremely important legal process. Our system of justice could never be as effective without the cooperation of those citizens who are called for jury duty. Thank you for your participation.

With the warmer evenings and the clear skies, you can expect to see more traffic safety check points at various locations throughout the county. The locations will be selected by our officers in areas with good visibility and areas where traffic volume is not overwhelming for police officers involved. These areas should afford a minimal amount of intrusion or motorist inconvenience. Our objective is to positively impact alcohol/drug related traffic accidents and other vehicle incidents. Our personnel will make every effort to treat you and your

family with respect as we work hard to protect the motoring public and our officers. Have a safe and sober week and please wear your safety belts when riding in a motor vehicle.

Grants 2017. With matching funds provided by the Jackson County Conservation District in the amount of \$2,500 along with a carryover amount a total of \$7,500 in grant monies will be available to replace failing systems in Jackson County.

You must provide proof of ownership for your home, meet HUD poverty guidelines and complete an application for a septic system grant to qualify for one of these grants. Qualified individuals may pick up an application at the Conservation District office located at the Kentucky Mountain Housing building across from the High School bus garage at 3258 Highway 421 South in McKee between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. This will be an ongoing application process with straight pipes taking priority over failing systems. Call us at 287-4284 for information.

Junes Money Tip for Students: Be Wary of Companies Offering to Lower Loan Payments

If you owe money on federal student loans, you should be wary of sales pitches from companies offering to help borrowers lower their payments, warns the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Such companies charge fees — sometimes high fees — for filling out forms that you can do for free. Many will want to charge monthly fees for monitoring your loans. Again, you can do that for free.

The best place to start is the servicer that the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has assigned your loan to. Your servicer can tell you what your options are and can help you with the forms you need. If you need help finding your servicer, you can go to www.nsls.ed.gov and retrieve your loan information.

You can also go directly to the ED website at www.ed.gov and click on the link titled "Student loans." Under that link you'll find links to detailed information about all of your options.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES), need-based grants and other programs to help students pay their higher education expenses.

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.

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