

District Court News

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September 8, 2022; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license-Guilty Plea, \$20 fine.

Scroggins, Charles-Criminal littering. Long term treatment. Continue by agreement to August 8, 2022.

Settles, Paul Anthony-No/Expired KY registration receipt; No/Expired registration plates; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st. Counts #2-4: Dismissed without prejudice. Filed proof of insurance/reg.

Smith, James M-OBS TBUT all others \$500 or more but u/\$10,000; Failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor. He did not appear. Issue WOA. \$1,000 cash bond.

Smith, Stephen Joe-Speeding 18 mph over limit-Amend to Speeding 10 mph over (Limited Access)-Guilty Plea, \$20 fine & court costs; No/Expired KY registration receipt-Dismissed without prejudice with proof; No/Expired registration plates-Dismissed without prejudice with proof shown; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st-Dismissed without prejudice with proof.

Stewart, Houston W-No/Expired KY registration receipt; No/Expired registration plates; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; Improper display of registration plates. Defendant did not appear. Issue WOA. \$200 cash bond.

Stidham, Brandon Douglas-Flagrant non support. Defendant waived days. Continue by agreement to August 22, 2022.

Tankersley, Austin-Assault 4th degree domestic violence no visible injury. Review treatment-Transport 6/21/22; To appear virtual. Continue to August 8, 2022.

Taylor, Summer-Custodial interference; Custodial interference; Custodial interference. Counts #1-3: Not Guilty Plea. Appoint DPA. Defendant waived days. Preliminary Hearing: August 8, 2022.

Weaver, Deeliah Lynn-Public intoxication controlled subs (Excludes Alc). Guilty Plea, 32 days in jail, Credit time served 32 days. In Jackson Co. Detention Ctr.

Jackson County Register of Deeds

6/14/2022 to 6/28/2022

Carl Rose and Veronda Rose to Rodney Lawrence.

David J. Hays, MD Farm Account, LLC to Burning Springs Medical Realty, LLC.

Hazel Marcum to Kathy Carter.

Arvin Webb and Yolanda K. Webb to Olivia Addison Paige Powell and John Tanner Cody Powell.

Stephanie Gayle Burkhart and Stephanie Gayle Chose to Stanley Thomas Martin.

Rudy Jean Derrick and James Derrick and Ed McCowan and Lita McCowan and Chester McCowan and Pearl Coleman and Darlene Sowers and Rusty Sowers and Naomi Adams and Ruth Moore and Marilyn Riddle and Larry Riddle to Stanley Harry Hostetter and Susan Lynn Hostetter and Laura Susan Kyle.

Ashley Vaughn Scott and Alan Scott to Doris Denney.

Jason Earl Wilson and Amber Wilson to Joshua Younkins.

Robert Maass and Edie J. Maass to David Ellis and Rachel Ellis.

Tuckys LLC and Steven Wilson and Jessica Wilson to CTA, LLC.

Erik Hubbard and Brooke Hubbard to Peoples Rural Telephone Cooperative Corporation, Inc.

Billy Wayne Fields to Nicholas Alan Wagers.

Michael Wayne Huff and Kimberly Renae Huff and Kenneth Jody Huff and Irma Jean Huff and Tina Louise Huff to Gary Kevin Huff.

Gary Kevin Huff and Tina Louise Huff and Kenneth Jody Huff and Irma Jean Huff to Michael Wayne Huff and Kimberly Renae Huff.

Michael Wayne Huff and Kimberly Renae Huff and Kenneth Jody Huff and Irma Jean Huff and Gary Kevin Huff and Tina Louise Huff to Taylor Paige Huff.

Gary Kevin Huff and Tina Louise Huff and Michael Wayne Huff and Kimberly Renae Huff to Kenneth Jody Huff and Irma Jean Huff.

Ethel Morgan and Kay Black-Attorney-In-Fact to Harold Morgan Jr and Doris M. Morgan and Andrew Hillard.

Donald Leon Roard Jr and Brandi J. Roark to Keaira Curry and Brendan Hays.

Marriages

Rachel Renee Smith Barrett, 42, McKee, Disabled, to Richard Lee Mitchell, 42, Ermine, KY, Disabled.

Frankie Renea Siler, 34, Tyner, Caregiver, to Melvin Douglas Hubbard, 40, Tyner, None.

Bianca Renee Abner, 25, McKee, Home Care Aid, to Edward Keith Watkins, 34, McKee, Lineman.

Kimberley Adkins, 26, McKee, Walmart DC, to Justin Edwards, 32, McKee, Walmart DC.

Optometry Scholarships Available to Kentucky Students

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 28, 2022) — Kentuckians interested in becoming optometrists may apply starting July 1 for the state's Optometry Scholarship program, administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

"This scholarship will help future optometrists fulfill their dreams of being able to help those in need," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "By making these funds available, our hope is the recipients will practice optometry in Kentucky, thereby giving more of their fellow Kentuckians an opportunity to access quality eye care."

The scholarship may be used at the Kentucky College of Optometry at the University of Pikeville; Indiana University College of Optometry in Bloomington; Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee; and the University of Alabama at Birmingham College of Optometry.

Applications for the 2023-2024 academic year will open July 1. The deadline to apply is Dec. 1. Recipients will be notified in February 2023. Applicants must be Kentucky residents and U.S. citizens to be eligible for the scholarship program.

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. Kentucky Lottery funds pay for many of those programs. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit kheaa.com; write KHEAA at P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926.

This Fourth of July, Remember: Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 27, 2022) – As Kentuckians celebrate Independence Day next weekend, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to remind drivers that "Buzzed Driving Is Drunk Driving."

Unfortunately, the holiday weekend can create dangerous driving situations when individuals choose to drive while impaired.

"We want all Kentuckians to enjoy their Independence Day festivities," said Gov. Andy Beshear. "However, we encourage everyone to celebrate responsibly by booking a safe ride home or designating a sober driver if your celebrations include alcohol. The top priority for everyone has to be keeping themselves and others safe."

Last year in Kentucky, there were 83 crashes involving a drunken and/or drugged driver over the Fourth of July holiday period, resulting in 36 injuries and four deaths.

"Impaired driving is 100 percent preventable," said KYTC Secretary Jim Gray. "Drivers must understand that drugs and/or alcohol not only hinder your ability to drive, but also affect your judgment about whether you can or should drive. You may think you're fine, but impairment slows judgment, coordination and reaction times."

According to NHTSA, impaired driving fatalities typically spike during holidays. To prevent tragedies from occurring, the KYTC recommends the following:

- Before the festivities begin, plan a way to get home at the end of the night safely;
- If you're impaired, use a ride-booking company, taxi, call a sober friend or family member or use public transportation to get home safely;
- If you see an impaired driver, safely pull over and contact law enforcement. You may dial the KSP toll-free line directly at 1-800-222-5555 or call 911.
- If you know people who are about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to their destination safely.
- Wear a seat belt! It is not only the law, it is the best defense against an impaired driver. Buckling up helps prevent injury and death if involved in a crash.

"If you are under the influence of any substance and choose to get behind the wheel, you put everyone on the road in danger, including yourself," said Gray. "Remember – buzzed driving is drunk driving."

Gov. Beshear Presents More Than \$360,000 to Support Safety, Accessibility at ECU Funding will go toward sidewalk, lighting on Summit Street in Richmond

RICHMOND, Ky. (June 21, 2022) – Today, Gov. Andy Beshear presented \$369,200 to Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) to build a 6-foot-wide sidewalk and add additional lighting to provide a safer way for students, staff and Richmond families to get to and from campus.

The funding from the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) will provide a 6-foot-wide concrete sidewalk that will offer new ramps that are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at street crossings and striped crosswalks. The funding will also support additional lighting on the south side of Summit Street that continues until University Drive, which will improve safety for people walking early in the morning or late at night.

"This is another step we can take to keep people safe and make college more accessible to Kentuckians who may want to attend classes but worry they couldn't get transportation to and from the university," Gov. Beshear said. "My administration will always put education first – both by investing in students directly and by investing in the infrastructure and communities around them."

The new sidewalk and lighting will be maintained by EKU and is expected to reduce traffic and gas emissions, providing additional benefits for the city and the environment.

The Governor and Lieutenant Governor thanked EKU President David McFaddin for his continued leadership on improving access to higher education.

"When we remove barriers to education, it helps our people seize new opportunities and pursue their goals," Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman said. "This is another way that President McFaddin, the EKU team and the Richmond community are helping lead the way on improving college access."

"Ensuring that our faculty, staff, students and campus guests have safe and accessible access to and from campus is a priority for EKU," Dr. McFaddin said. "Partnerships are what make projects like this happen, and I am appreciate of the collaboration between the City of Richmond and the Commonwealth of Kentucky to bring this project to fruition."

"We want to thank Gov. Beshear and the Commonwealth of Kentucky for providing this TAP grant funding for the Summit Street project," Richmond Mayor Pro Tempore Mike Brewer said. "This is a great example of the working partnership between the state, Eastern Kentucky University and our fine city. The Summit Street project will improve sidewalks and lighting along this corridor that will allow for easier passage and better safety at night."

Congressman Rogers' Statement on Gun Control Bill

WASHINGTON, DC -- U.S. Rep. Harold "Hal" Rogers (KY-05) released the following statement after the House passed the "Bipartisan Safer Communities Act" (S.2938), which passed the U.S. Senate on Thursday. Congressman Rogers voted against the bill.

"This bill provides incentives for new red flag laws in our states, allowing a firearm to be removed from some gun owners without due process. It weakens the Second Amendment, adding unwarranted intrusions on the rights of law-abiding citizens. While there are other portions of this bill that are worthy of support, it does not do enough to protect the Constitutional rights of the American people."

The Jackson County Times will be closed next week for our July 4th Vacation. We will return the following week to our regular schedule.