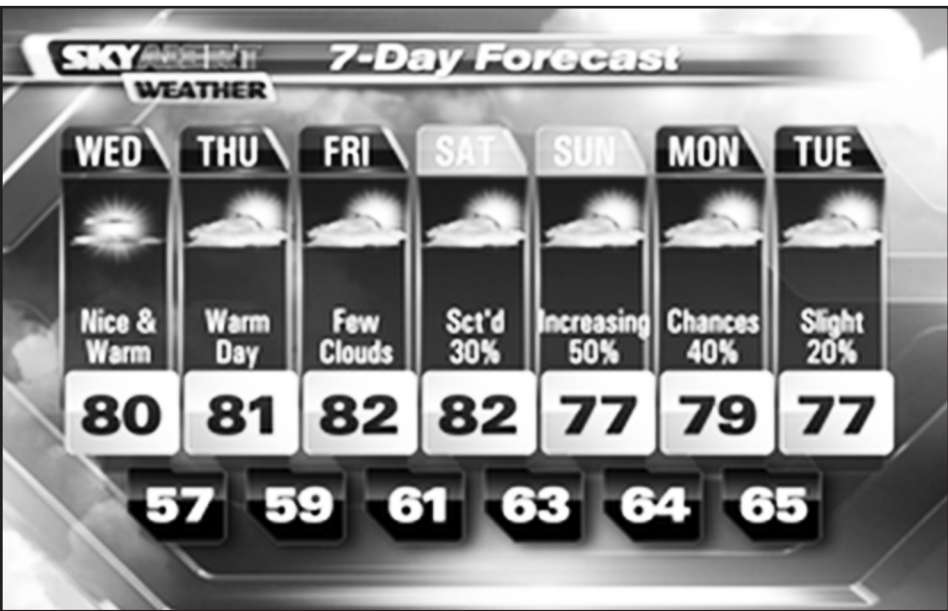


WYMT News

Seven Day Forecast

Here's your 7-day forecast from WYMT, where your weekend is always in view.



District Court News

Judge Hon. Henria Bailey-Lewis 10-02-17

A n d e r s o n , Brent D-No/Expired registration plates; No/Expired Kentucky registration receipt; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; Reckless driving; Failure to produce insurance card; Improper display of registration plates. Counts 1-3, 5 & 6-Dismissed without prejudice; Count 4-Guilty plea, \$20 fine & court costs; 01-08-2018.

Blevins, Jimmy-Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; No operators/moped license; Operating on suspended/revoked operators license; Improper equipment; Failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor. FTA-BW \$300.

Bowling, Clarence Ronald-Terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. Dismissed without prejudice.

Clark, Wesley-Burglary, 2nd degree; Failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor. Def waives PH; Cont to 10-16-2017.

Clark, Wesley D-Public intoxication controlled subs (excludes alc); Failure to appear, citation for misdemeanor. Guilty plea; set to 2 days in jail; cts 2 days; Court finds plea is ki&vol.

Daugherty, Jessica R-Failure to or improper signal; Failure to wear seat belts; Driving on DUI suspended license-1st offense; Operate mv u/ influence alc/drugs .08 2nd offense; Failure to produce insurance card. Cont to 10-16-2017.

Drake, Shawn R-Speeding 25 mph over limit. Cont to 11-13-2017.

Gabbard, Lonnie Wayne-Wanton endangerment-1st degree; Wanton endangerment-1st degree; Criminal mischief-3rd degree. Not guilty plea, will hire atty, PH 10-09-2017.

Gilbert, Wade-No/Expired registration plates; No/Expired Kentucky registration receipt; Improper display of registration

operator to maintain req insurance, 1st; No tail lamps. Dismissed without prejudice with proof shown.

Neeley, Jeramie-Flagrant non support. Not guilty plea, will hire atty, PH 10-16-2017.

Sandlin, Patrick-Public intoxication controlled subs (excludes alc). FTA-BW \$300.

Shelton, Estes M-TBUT or disp auto-\$10,000 or more but U/\$1,000,000. Not guilty plea; Court finds def qualifies & appts DPA; Transport order to be executed; PH 10-09-2017.

Smith, Melissa-No/Expired registration plates; No/Expired Kentucky registration receipt; Failure to produce insurance card; No operators/moped license. FTA-BW \$100.

Sparks, Joshua-TBUT all others \$500 or more but U/\$10,000. Bond to be released; Dismissed without prejudice.

Spivey, Brandon-Flagrant non support. Cont to 11-27-2017.

Spurlock, Tammy-Public intoxication controlled subs (excludes alc). FTA-BW \$300.

Vance, Randall J-Def prepaid citation; Refer to STS.

Wagers, Jesse-Assault 4th degree domestic violence no visible injury-Amended to Harrassment; Custodial interference; Escape-2nd degree identify facility-Amended to Attempt; Disorderly conduct, 1st degree; Resisting arrest. Counts 1, 3 & 5-Guilty plea, set to 12 days, cts 12 days; Counts 2 & 4-Dismissed without prejudice.

Wagers, Jessie Wayne-No/Expired registration plates; Failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security 1st; No/Expired Kentucky registration receipt; Failure to register transfer of motor vehicle; Rear license not illuminated; License to be in possession. Counts 1 & 3-6-Dismissed without prejudice; Count 2-Guilty plea, set to 5

Beshear, AGs Call on Congress to Change Federal Law to Make Drug Treatment more Affordable, Accessible

'Road to Recovery' Act would make drug treatment options more available to Kentuckians

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 2, 2017) – Attorney General Andy Beshear today joined a bipartisan coalition of state attorneys general in his latest effort to address the opioid crisis in Kentucky.

Beshear and 38 state attorneys general are calling on Congress to pass the Road to Recovery Act, HR 2938, that will remove an unnecessary restriction on Medicaid funding for in-patient drug treatment.

The bill addresses the "Institutions for Mental Diseases" (IMD) exclusion created in the original 1965 Medicaid legislation to prevent the funding of large, residential mental health facilities. While the exclusion led to the closure of what were, in many cases, inhumane institutions, it now has the unintended effect of limiting Medicaid funding for residential treatment facilities, which can be one of the most effective ways to treat drug addiction.

The Act will remove the exclusion for addiction treatment facilities only. This will help open new avenues for addiction treatment while maintaining appropriate restrictions on mental health facilities, Beshear said.

"Our people are dying. Last year more than 1,400 Kentuckians died as the result of a drug overdose," Beshear said. "The Road to Recovery Act will help those struggling with addiction gain access to treatment, potentially saving their lives."

In 2016, Beshear provided \$8 million from a settlement with Purdue Pharma directly to 15 substance treatment centers across Kentucky.

Led by Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, the coalition of attorneys general and the National Association of Attorneys General sent a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives asking to support the Act.

Beshear said health care providers, insurers, treatment centers, governors of both political parties and the President's Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis support the change in the federal law.

Beshear is co-chair on the National Association of Attorneys General Substance Abuse Committee.

Beshear announced Sept. 22 the legal team his office will partner with in the investigation and prospective litigation against drug manufacturers, distributors and retailers where there is evidence that they contributed to the opioid epidemic by illegally marketing, distributing and selling opioids to Kentuckians.

In August, he launched the Kentucky Opioid Disposal Program, the state's first initiative to allow Kentuckians to safely dispose of opioid medications at home. The program has the potential to dispose of more than 2.2 million unused opioids.

Beshear is currently working with local law enforcement and community leaders to host substance abuse awareness forums across the state. The office has also been instrumental in numerous drug related arrests, including working with federal authorities on arresting a fentanyl dealer whose drugs had killed several Kentuckians.

Bordering state AGs participating in the effort to remove the IMD payment exclusion include Illinois, Ohio and Virginia.

Laurel County Sheriff Warns of Phone Based Scam

Sheriff Warns Citizens to Never Give Personal Information

Sheriff John Root is reporting that: a phone scam has been reported to the Laurel County Sheriff's Office that is circulating in the Laurel County area.

A caller is reporting that individuals have missed a court date in a local court system and that a warrant is being issued and that the individual can pay money to not be arrested. This is totally a scam in an attempt to take money from alarmed victims.

In most of these phone scams, the caller requests money be sent by a cashiers check, a green dot card, money gram ,a check or the victims bank routing numbers.

Citizens need to be alerted that in all these instances, all appear to be a scam. Please do not fall prey to this attempt to steal money from unsuspecting people. Generally if citizens have caller I.D. on their phone, and do not recognize the caller's number, it is recommended not to answer, and screen phone calls. Scammers can even program familiar phone numbers into their calls. Common sense applies here.

As always, we recommend that citizens never give out personal identifying information, and never send money, checks, or other means of cash.

The sheriff's office continues to investigate.

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