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Landis named Green County Victim Advocate

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Green County native Lindsay Flood Landis is doing big things. Landis was named the Green County Victim Advocate as of January 1, as part of the Green County Victim Assistance Program.

A Victim Advocate's job is to establish a network of resources for victim services. The advocate helps a victim find safety, facilitate referrals to meet immediate needs, become more knowledgeable about the criminal justice process, assist in the restitution process, and act as an overall

liaison throughout the justice process.

"A Victim Advocate is a service provider who offers support to victims... to those who may have lost their voice along the way," Lindsay Landis said of her new title.

Landis, formerly a Domestic Violence Advocate at Springhaven in Marion County, returned to the Green County Attorney's Office as an administrative assistant to Russ Goff in September 2017.

County Attorney Russ Goff is looking forward to having this need filled.

"We have long recognized the need for a victim advocate," he



Lindsay Landis

said. "Unfortunately, until now we have lacked the resources to fully provide the assistance and support to the extent we would like. While we

have always tried to answer questions and keep victims as informed as possible, we have lacked the ability to really spend time with all our victims and help them navigate life during those difficult situations."

Landis applied for a Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant in July 2018 to create the Green County Victim Assistance Program. The grant funds would include the establishment of the local victim advocate position.

"Green County Fiscal Court agreed to sign on to be the Grant Organization, meaning pre-approved and pre-allocated funds

would be paid by Fiscal Court and reimbursed by the Justice & Public Safety Cabinet," Landis explained.

Landis said she spent countless hours perfecting the grant, hours which paid off when the grant was approved in December.

Funding was awarded beginning January 1, with a total projected cost of \$71,250. The federal award came in at \$57,000. Landis is able to offset the remaining balance by counting projected volunteer hours and using donated office space.

"Green County Fiscal Court has donated space for a Victim Ad-

vocate office, so I'll have an office in the courthouse, where the Green County Sheriff's Office used to be, and at Russ Goff's office," Landis said.

The grant, which is 100% federally funded, will have to be reapplied for each year with the amount reassessed.

The project proposal states the VOCA Victim Assistance Grant funds would allow this agency to create the Green County Victim Assistance Program and establish the position of Victim Advocate in an otherwise rural, underserved county.

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Domestic Violence PSA filmed



Photo by Crystal Cecil

Courtney Edwards, Domestic Violence Victim Advocate for Marion and Washington counties, brought her work to Greensburg Monday afternoon when she coordinated a domestic violence public service announcement. She was assisted by filmmakers Blake Judd and Cody Meek, right. Caleb Shirley, above left, and several other Green County residents were featured in the production. The script discusses recognizing the signs of domestic violence, excuses victims may use to justify the situation, and advises that it can happen to anyone regardless of social class, gender, race or religion. More photos on page 12A.

Grand Jury named five in Feb. session

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Green County Grand Jury indicted five people at its monthly session Feb. 6.

Troy G. Davis, 49, 850 Ferry Road, was indicted on three counts of first-degree wanton endangerment. The charges stem from an alleged incident Oct. 23.

Bond was set at \$10,000.

William M. Hagan, 37, 2963 Taylor's Chapel Road, was indicted on one count each of first-degree wanton endangerment of a police officer, resisting arrest, first-degree disorderly conduct, third-degree criminal mischief, menacing and alcohol intoxication in a public place. The charges stem

from an alleged incident Dec. 1.

Bond was set at \$500. Joseph Q. Seadler, 35, 202 Kerry St., was indicted on one count each of theft of identity and being a first-degree persistent felony offender. The charges stem from an alleged incident Jan. 10.

Bond was set at \$15,000.

Derrick Harris, 40, 820 Ford, was indicted on one count each of second-degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and being a first-degree persistent felony offender. The charges stem from an alleged incident between Nov. 12-15.

Bond was set at \$500. See Grand, page 11A

GC DECA brings home 18 first place awards

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Green County High School and Middle School Area Technology Center DECA students traveled to Western Kentucky University February 6 for the 2019 Region 3 DECA Competition. The yearly competition hosted DECA students from around the state who competed for a bid to the State Competition.

Three middle school students were invited to compete this year, Charlie Moon, Eleina Beldiman and Allys Matney. Each placed first in their individual event and placed first collectively in their team event.

The students, under the supervision of ATC Sandy Smith, racked up a number of first place trophies.

Every DECA member from Green County qualified for the State Competition.

Smith has been the ATC DECA advisor for 12 years. She has enjoyed being involved in DECA because she



Photo by Angelina Alcott

Members of Green County ATC DECA brought home 25 big awards Feb. 6 at Western Kentucky University, including 18 first place awards, five second place awards, and one third and one fourth place award. Students pictured will advance to the State Competition March 3-5 in Louisville.

believes DECA is more than business or marketing career fields; DECA is for all careers helping students to grow and realize their true potential.

"I am so proud of all my DECA members," Smith said. "They are an outstanding group of young men and women, and I am very humble that they will allow me to work and share my knowledge and experiences."

"Even when I push them to new challenges, they don't push back, they just accept and embrace, allowing us both to grow from the experience together, as individuals and as a team."

DECA students who placed in their competition division included: Apparel & Accessories Marketing- Gabby Hendrickson, 3rd place; Automotive Services Marketing-Nash John-

son, 2nd; Business Service Operations Res.-Emma Renfrow, 1st place; Business Services Marketing-Mason Stone, 1st place; Innovation Plan-Briley Sharp, 1st place; Start Business Plan-Melissa Jeffries, 1st place; Food Marketing-Cody Ray, 2nd place; Hospitality Service Team-Weston Dixon, Ryan Engle, 2nd place; Hospitality & Tourism Professional Selling-Isaac Young,

1st place; Integrated Marketing Campaign-Gracie Slinker, Cierra Whitley, 1st place; KY Entrepreneurship Functions-Allys Matney, 8th Grade, 1st place; KY Free Enterprise Basics-Eleina Beldiman, 8th grade, 1st place; KY Free Enterprise Basics-Krislyn Berry, 2nd place; KY Job Interview-Dalton Green, 1st place; KY Sports & Entertainment-Charles Moon,

1st place; KY Web Page Advertising-Eleina Beldiman, Charles Moon, Allys Matney, 1st place; Marketing Communications-Maggie Atwell, 4th place; Marketing Management Team-Anna Anderson, Liam Caswell, 1st place; Professional Selling-Dylan Childress, 2nd place; Quick Serve Restaurant Management-Austin Banks, 1st place;

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