

City to host drive-thru Halloween

Amnesty program is Oct. 22-24

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Greensburg City Council, in a special called meeting via Zoom and Facebook Live Monday evening, discussed having a drive-thru on Court Street October 31, distributing Halloween candy/goodies. The event will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. CT. Residents participating in Halloween activities must follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 guidelines. “In a year where so many things have been disrupted, we want to make sure our local youth can still celebrate Halloween,” said Mayor John Shuffett. The City of Greensburg has teamed up with county government to provide this year’s White Goods Amnesty program, Oct. 22-24, next to Access Cable TV on Columbia Highway. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

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Dragon Stadium gets big upgrades

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While students were out for Fall Break, Green County Schools started a couple of major improvement projects at Dragon Stadium. Through a partnership with Limestone Bank, Green County Schools replaced the old Ski & Coke scoreboard with a scoreboard & LED-videoboard combined unit. The videoboard will be capable of showing videos, advertisements, live-feeds, and special tributes. The scoreboard improvements will also feature the district’s first play clocks outside of both end-zones of the field. The approximate \$30,000 cost of purchasing the scoreboards and play clocks were fully-funded by an agreement between Green County Schools and Limestone Bank. Director of Finance Zachary



Photo submitted

A new scoreboard & LED-videoboard combined unit was installed at Dragon Stadium last week. The videoboard has many capabilities. The scoreboard improvements will feature the district’s first play clocks outside of both end-zones of the field. The process of replacing the track surface is also underway.

Leftwich commented on the scoreboard improvements. “The potential of the new jumbotron is truly unlimited,” Leftwich said. “Dragon fans will be surprised at what a monumental difference it makes to the stadium. We appreciate Limestone Bank for making this possible for our students.” The district also started the process of replacing the 15-year-old track surface that surrounds the field at Dragon Stadium.

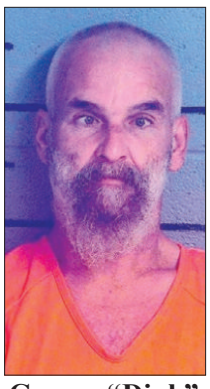
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Greensburg man arrested for blue lights, impersonating, assault, more

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A Green County man is in jail and charged with trying to abduct a woman in Adair County last month by using blue lights to get her to pull her car off the road. Kentucky State Police arrested George Dewey “Dink” Barton, 47, of Greensburg, early Sunday morning. Officials believe he is the man that a female successfully fought off after she pulled over thinking he was law enforcement. He threw ammonia in her face and tried to forcibly pull her from the vehicle. She fought back, suffering minor injuries, and the assailant finally retreated to his car. The incident took place Sept. 3 around 10:30 p.m. on Edmonton Road six miles west of Columbia. Through investigation, KSP Detective Nick Davis was able to obtain an arrest warrant on Barton for assault 4th degree (minor injury); impersonating a peace officer; improper use of blue lights; wanton endangerment, 2nd degree; unlawful imprisonment, 1st degree; and terroristic threatening, 3rd degree. KSP arrested Barton at his residence Sunday morning at approximately 1:39 a.m., but only after a long night that began before dusk on Saturday with a standoff and concern there may be explosives hidden on the premises. The KSP Special Response Team assisted after KSP received word that Barton was expecting them and planned to kill law enforcement officers before he was captured.

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George “Dink” Barton

Election: Reed, Call vie for circuit judge position

Kaelin Reed looks to maintain circuit court judge

JOHN MOORE
CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL

Q: Would you give us a little background on where you’re from, where you’ve attended school and your work history?

A: I’m originally from Brandenburg, graduated from Meade County High School and attended Transylvania University, where I received my undergraduate degree in political science. Then I went to law school at the University of Kentucky and graduated in 2006 with my Juris Doctorate degree, after which I worked for a law firm in Lexington for about five years. My wife is originally from Lebanon, so once it was time for us to start a family, she wanted to be closer to home and to her mom and dad, so we moved to Lebanon. I worked as an attorney for a firm in Lebanon, Mattingly & Nally-Martin, and was also the assistant county attorney in Marion County for about five years. Then I was elected to the school board here in Lebanon, so I had to give up my county attorney work but continued working in private practice. I worked there until last summer, when my wife and I formed our own law office in July 2019. I practiced as a partner with her for the rest of



Kaelin Reed

2019 and 2020 until I was appointed.

Q: What led you to decide on a career in law?

A: You know how some kids, when they’re little, say “I want to be a fireman,” “I want to be a professional basketball player” or something to that effect? When I was a kid, for whatever reason, I said “I want to be a lawyer.” I’m not sure why — it’s not like I had any lawyers in

my family, since my mother was a teacher and my father was a police officer — but that’s just something I always said. The thing that appealed to me about it, as I got older, was the ability it afforded me to help people. If you do it right, practicing law allows you to help folks in ways that they can’t help themselves, and you can help them accomplish things that they can’t accomplish on their own.

Q: What led you to move from working as an attorney to pursuing a judgeship?

A: I never really thought of myself as being a judge, but it was an opportunity that presented itself when Judge [Allan Ray] Bertram had to retire early due to health issues (in January 2020). There were several attorneys in the 11th Circuit who were all around the same age and around the same point in our careers who all sort of knew Judge Bertram would retire when his term expired in 2022.

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Steven Casey Call challenging to be circuit court judge

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CENTRAL KENTUCKY NEWS JOURNAL

Q: Give us a little bit of background on where you’re from, where you’ve attended school and any relevant work history.

I was born and raised in Caldwell County, Preston is the county seat there, and I grew up on a farm. My dad was an engineer for the Illinois Central Railroad and the Paducah-Louisville Railroad for 42 years, and my mother continues to work as an assistant at the University of Kentucky’s Research and Education Center in Princeton. Our family raised tobacco for almost 30 years, so I have a farm background. I originally came to Campbellsville in 1997 to play baseball for Campbellsville University. I had a great experience going to school at CU, and graduated in 2001 summa cum laud with a bachelor of science in history and political science. I had a chance to come back to Campbellsville after I graduated from Southern Illinois University School of Law in 2004, and started practicing with David Nunery. Shortly thereafter I met my wife, Angie, who came to work there a couple of months af-



Steven Casey Call

ter I did. We started dating and eventually got married and that’s what really tied me to Campbellsville. Angie and I became partners in the firm in 2011 and became senior partners in the firm in 2016 after Mr. Nunery retired. We’ve been practicing law together for 16 years and have been married for 12 years with two children, Maddie and Jack, who are nine and seven years old.

Q: What led you to decide on a career in law?

When I was growing up, I was always that friend that people would come up to and talk about their problems, it seemed like, so the law seemed like a natural fit. I enjoy the research and the writing aspect of it, I enjoy solving problems and I like helping people.

Q: What led you to move from working as an attorney to pursuing a judgeship?

When I started practicing in 2004, most of my practice since that time has been defending individuals, small businesses and even corporations in civil litigation all over the state. I think I’ve practiced in the circuit courts of more than 60 counties across the state — and I’ve had weeks where I’d have to be in Paducah and Pikeville both — so I’ve seen a lot of circuit judges work in civil court.

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