

District Court News

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District Court May 15 session Amy Sullivan Anderson presiding

Ashton Mulligan, 29, pre-trial diversion for disregarding a traffic light.

Nicholas Tyler Cavanaugh, 19, Nashville, speeding. \$50 fine plus cost.

Donald Lee Clark, 47, driving on a sus-

pending license. \$150 fine plus costs.

May 8 session Judge Mike Hall presiding

Charlene Fay Ambach, 34, pre-trial diversion for speeding.

Tabitha Lynn Davis, 37, speeding. \$15 fine plus costs. Traffic school.

Logan Eric Tyler Armstrong, 18, underage alcohol possession, possession of an open alcoholic

beverage container in a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of an unidentified third-degree controlled substance and DUI. 60 days probated. \$370 fine. Attend alcohol and drug education.

Demetric Jones, 36, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. 45 days, credit 23 days time served. Pay costs.

For the record

Greensburg Police Department

Brian F. Harvey, 54, 516 Henry Street, Greensburg, was arrested March 15 on North Main Street by Officer Coffman subsequent to a traffic stop. Harvey was charged with TICS 1st Degree (Meth) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, No Registration Plates, No Registration Receipt, Failure to Produce Insurance,

Failure of Owner to Maintain Required insurance, Failure to Notify of Address Change. Harvey was also arrested on a Green County District Court Warrant for Violation of Bond Conditions.

Colin A. Peringer, 28, 1527 Blowing Springs Road, Greensburg, was arrested March 21 by Corporal D.R. Davis at the intersection of North Main Street/Hodgenville Road sub-

sequent to a motor vehicle accident. Peringer was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, Aggravation Circumstance Operating on Suspended Operator's License Failure to Notify Department of Transportation of Address Change, and two Russell County bench warrants for Failure to Appear on the Charges of Burglary 3rd Degree and Theft by Unlawful Taking.

Legislative update from Representative Reed

House approved budget focuses on fiscal discipline, financial stewardship, and strategic investments

Capitol Focus



State Rep. Brandon Reed

This week, legislators returned to Frankfort to conclude the last two days before the veto period begins. During the veto period, the Governor will consider legislation that passed the House and the Senate and either sign or issue a veto. If the Governor chooses to veto, the House and the Senate will have the opportunity to override the veto during the last two days of session on March 29 and 30.

Among the bills passed the last two days before the veto period, is HB 192, which serves as the Executive Branch budget and includes funding for the majority of the state's programs, services, and agencies. For the past several months, we navigated the daunting task of crafting a mindful and responsible budget during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to crafting a common sense, responsible budget, we also managed how to replace state funds with federal funds to leverage every state dollar.

As I mentioned before, the budget is a daunting task, especially considering the issues brought to a forefront in the past year. With this budget, Kentucky has the opportunity to shift our state's budget philosophy towards realizing a level of fiscal discipline, financial stewardship, and strategic investment that holds the potential to improve our quality of life without jeopardizing the values we hold strong. As the Appropriations and Revenue vice chair, primary co-sponsor of HB 192 and member of the Conference Committee, my goal in this budget is to continue to help our state weather the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic while thoughtfully planning for the future.

A critical part of thoughtfully planning for the future is implementing strategic investment policies. We don't want to create future debt by using one time money as an excuse to make long-term financial com-

mitments. In the most recent stimulus, the federal government allocated approximately \$2.4 billion of federal stimulus dollars to help Kentucky mitigate the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on our state and its people. While it is tempting to look at these funds as an opportunity to increase pay for public employees as well as fund exciting new projects, making long-term commitments with one-time money is not responsible policy – especially when so many Kentuckians are unemployed or underemployed. Instead, our goal is to look at every federal dollar as a strategic opportunity to invest in strengthening our schools, businesses and workforce.

In the past year, \$3.13 billion in federal money has been allocated for public education spending in Kentucky. The most recent stimulus package included \$2 billion for public education spending to be used to fund remediation efforts for learning loss, personal protective equipment, student mental health support, and after-school and summer learning programs.

The education fund accounts for 42 percent of the state general fund dollars, so just over \$5 billion. This budget provides full SEEK employer match, including \$1.05 million for the employer match for new mental health professionals, and it maintains SEEK funding at \$4,000 per pupil. We funded the TRS health last year and we have about \$75 Million in credit for our portion. We also included a provision to require federal funds to be spent before state funds, as we plan to leverage every state dollar we can. We also fully funded teacher retirement benefits at the annually required contribution (ARC), which draws \$1.15 billion of education funding. Lastly, we allocated \$1 million in general fund monies for the Teacher Scholarship Program, which provides financial aid to Kentucky students pursuing teacher certification at participating Kentucky colleges.

As you know, hundreds of thousands of Kentuckians were forced to draw unemployment as a result of the closures in response to COVID-19.

A year from the beginning of the pandemic, we are still faced with thousands of unresolved claims, and the realization of a pre-historic, antiquated unemployment system in desperate need of modernization. While the demand was unprecedented, this added yet another hurdle to the newly unemployed and their families. In this budget, we require the Office for Unemployment Insurance program to add 90 positions. This will help regionalize the effort to solve the remaining unemployment claims. We also allocated an additional \$10.4 million for upgrades for the Unemployment Insurance System. From the beginning of the pandemic, we heard your frustration and your struggle, and this funding was a high-priority part of HB 192 and funding the longevity of Kentucky's unemployment system.

As we continue to navigate the effects of the pandemic, it is pivotal that we are prepared for unexpected emergencies and future opportunities. That's why we allocated \$608.5 million to the rainy day fund budget reserve in fiscal year 2021. By doing this, we increased our operating reserve, or the number of days the state can function without outside money; from 4 days to 29 days. This operating reserve is important to increase Kentucky's credit score, which has long been bogged down by a pension crisis.

The economic fallout is far from over and there is still a great deal of uncertainty with thousands still unemployed. While the December forecast issued by the Consensus Forecasting Group showed a small increase in tax receipts in this fiscal year, at least one member of the panel cautioned that

the forecast is merely an educated guess, describing it as throwing darts at a dartboard. As stewards of the state's resources, it is our sacred duty to ensure the money sent to Frankfort is managed wisely.

Delivering internet to every part of our state has always been a priority of mine. During the pandemic, we had no choice but to lean on technological advances leaving many Kentuckians without access behind. As the sponsor of HB 320, I am happy to announce we are one step closer to that reality with its passage. This measure seeks to deliver broadband service to households and businesses in hard to reach rural areas by allowing the electric cooperatives regulated by the Public Service Commission to qualify for the financial assistance available through the Broadband Development Fund. The measure also contains language that more than doubles the amount of money available to the fund to \$250 Million. HB 320 builds on legislation passed during the 2020 legislative session when the fund was created to harness state resources and engage both public and private sector companies to reach the 'last mile,' the term used to describe hard to reach, rural areas that do not have the population necessary to attract some companies.

You may remember that the General Assembly approved HB 1, SB 1, and SB 2 at the beginning of this session. These bills better defined a governor's authority during this pandemic and during a state of emergency in general. Unfortunately, these bills are being challenged in court. While we recognize their fate is undetermined while it is being litigated, some executive orders did

need to be extended in the case they are implemented. HJR 77 is an effort to do that. We know there are appropriate and reasonable steps that are beneficial to individuals and businesses, including extending continuing education requirements, waiving penalties and interest on businesses that have been shut down, price gouging, and waiving co-pays on vaccines on testing. After carefully evaluating each executive order and emergency regulation set to expire earlier this month, we chose to renew only a handful. While we have no idea when the courts will decide what happens to SB 1, SB 2, and HB 1, we have

to have a precedent for how these will be managed in the future.

As always, am grateful to serve this district and our communities. If you are needing assistance or have any questions, I can be reached during the week from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. (EST) through the toll-free message line at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via e-mail at Brandon.Reed@rc.ky.gov. You can keep track of committee meetings and potential legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at legislature.ky.gov and you can also follow me on Facebook and Twitter @BrandonReed4KY. IN GOD WE TRUST

ACCEPTING SEALED PROPOSALS

The Green County Board of Education will be accepting sealed proposals for replacement of the district's phone system. Bid specifications can be found at Green County Board of Education Central Office at 402 E. Hodgenville Avenue, Greensburg, KY 42743 and proposals must be submitted by March 31, 2021 at 1:00pm central. All bids will be publicly opened at 1:30pm central on March 31, 2021 in the Green County Board of Education Conference Room.

Public Notice

Eat by Knight, Inc. d/b/a Timeout in Greensburg hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ-2 Retail Drink License and a Special Sunday Retail Drink License no later than Wednesday 31st March 2021. The licensed premises are located at 112 North Main Street, Greensburg, KY 42743. The owner and vice president is James Knight, 2998 Highway 1464, Greensburg, KY 42743. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing to the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601 within thirty (30) days of the date of the legal publication.

Accepting Bids

Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency Inc., is now accepting bids for seeds, plants, fertilizer and other items for the 2021 Garden Program.

Interested parties may contact Lisa Allen, 203 W. Court St., Greensburg, Ky., 42743, 270-932-7324. Sealed bids must be received at the location listed above no later than Wednesday, April 14, 2021. This project is funded, in part, under a contract with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services with funds from the Community Services Block Grant Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Greasy Creek Baptist Church Bid Notice

Greasy Creek Baptist Church is now accepting bids for the following two positions: Mowing/Landscape Maintenance and Church Facility Custodian.

To inquire call Stuart Tucker 270-403-5934, Chad Dixon at 270-932-1801, Larry Clark 270-299-5167 or Bill Clark 270-932-4481 for questions or bid applications. Sealed bids will need to be received by April 11th.

Upon awarding bid and signing contract, proof of liability insurance will need to be submitted. Contracts are rebid annually. Trustees reserve the right to refuse and or reject any and all bids at their discretion.

Crossword Puzzle Answers

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Crossword puzzle found on page 9A

Basketball Contest Rules

To enter the contest, contestants may use either this page or an identical page obtained at no charge at the Record-Herald office, 102 West Court Street, Greensburg. You do not have to purchase a paper or anything else to be eligible to win. Only one entry per person. Contestants must circle their winning teams on the page. Should contestants get the same number of games correct, the tie will be broken by the tie-breaker. All entries must be MAILED to the Greensburg Record-Herald, P.O. Box 130, Greensburg, KY 42743. All entries must have an automated postmark no later than FRIDAY, 5 p.m., of this week. To be eligible for the Grand Prize and bonus, an entry must be received by Saturday morning. **Mark all envelopes BASKETBALL CONTEST.** NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED IN PERSON at any participating stores or at the Record-Herald. The grand prize will be awarded when a contestant picks the winners of 26 different games. For each week that no one wins, the amount will increase by \$25.