

## A special Rotary Club “thank you”



Photo submitted

The Greensburg Rotary Club hosted a dinner Tuesday night at the Greensburg Community Center to say thank you to the groups who helped make the 2021 Cow Days Fall Festival a success. Rotary President Jay Shofner, left, presents a \$1,000 check to Greensburg-Green County Fire and Rescue Chief Lawrence Gupton.

## For the record

<b>Green County Sheriff's Department</b>	Three Springs Hwy., Hardyville, was arrested Oct. 8 at 25 Brentwood School Road, Greensburg, by the Green County	Sheriff's Office, on the charges of Driving on Suspended License and Drug Paraphernalia - Buying/Possessing. Kennedy Summer,	761 Pierce Donansburg Road, Greensburg, was arrested Oct. 8 by Sheriff Robert Beard on a Hart County Warrant, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card.
Christopher Wayne Mansfield, 30, 4179			

# Kentucky Transportation Cabinet issues ‘Antler Alert’ for wildlife

*October - December peak season for collisions involving deer*

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is issuing an "Antler Alert" to remind motorists that it's peak season for highway collisions involving deer and other wildlife on the move. "Shorter days and cooler nights, October through December, bring a noticeable increase in highway collisions involving deer," KYTC Secretary Jim Gray said. "Drivers should be vigilant at all times, but the autumn presents a special challenge for drivers, with deer and other wildlife increasingly on the move, often at night." Every year, State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. issues a closely watched report of collisions involving deer and other wildlife, based on insurance claims. For the year that ended June 30, 2020, State Farm reported more than 1.9 million animal collision claims in the United States, of which 1.5 million involved deer. On average, U.S. drivers have a 1 in 116 chance of a collision with an animal. Kentucky ranks above the national average and 18th among the states at 1 chance in 88. Drivers in neighboring West Virginia run the highest risk - 1 in 37, according to State Farm. (View the report here.) As the report notes, highway crash rates involving wildlife increase sharply in October, November and December with mating seasons, hunting seasons and fall harvests, which will prompt

deer to roam in search of new hiding places and sources of food. In Kentucky, 2,091 highway crashes involving deer were reported to police in 2020, according to a data base maintained by Kentucky State Police and closely followed by the KYTC Office of Highway Safety. Of that total, 123 occurred in Boone County - more than in any other county. Rounding out the 10 highest totals were Christian County (101), Hopkins County (95), Campbell County (93), Hardin County (86), Warren County (85), Muhlenberg County (75), Pulaski County (70), Henderson County (69) and Franklin and Kenton counties (68 each). A complete list is here. KYTC offers these driving tips to help improve safety: Slow down immediately upon spotting a deer crossing the roadway; they tend to travel in groups. Don't swerve to avoid a deer, which can result in a more serious crash with an oncoming vehicle or roadside object. In the event of a crash, keep both hands on the wheel and apply brakes steadily until stopped. Always wear a seat belt. Keep headlights on bright unless other vehicles are approaching. Eliminate distractions while driving: Phones down! Drive defensively, constantly scanning the roadside, especially at dawn and dusk when deer are most active.

Motorists are asked to report all deer-vehicle collisions to police. KYTC traffic engineers

use the crash data to aid in placing deer-crossing warning signs and other safety measures.

# Court news

## Circuit Court October 6 session Judge Todd Spalding presiding

Billy R. Smith, 53, violation of pre-trial diversion. 20 day sanction in lieu of revocation. Richard Allen Sparks, 42, pleaded guilty to first-degree wanton endangerment, fourth-degree domestic violence assault and resisting arrest. Sentencing is set for November 3.

## District Court, Oct. 4 session Judge Mike Hall presiding

Boston David Curtis Banks, 20, pre-trial diversion for speeding. Christopher Samuel Borders, 34, disregarding a traffic light. \$10 fine plus costs. Jeremy Allan Cortez, 45, speeding. \$15 fine plus costs. Traffic school. Timothy Bruce Hawkins, 56, speeding. \$15 fine plus costs. JoAnn Lobb, 59, pre-trial diversion for possession of marijuana. Benjamin Thomas Smith, 20, pre-trial diversion for speeding. Christopher A. Agee, Second-degree indecent exposure. 30 days to serve, 30 days probated.

Candy M. Clark, 46, pre-trial diversion for no insurance. William Thomas DeSpain II, 29, operating motor vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of synthetic drugs. 52 days, credit time served, 45 days probated. \$350 fine plus costs. 12 month license suspension. Attend alcohol and drug education. Jonathan R. Gaskins, 28, improper display of registration plates and vehicle a nuisance. \$100 fine plus costs. Wesley Hiser, 39, failure to maintain insurance second and driving on a suspended license. \$1,100 fine plus costs. Adam Jessie, 42, pre-trial diversion for second-degree disorderly conduct. William Edward Sharpe III, no age available, failure to comply with terms of pre-trial diversion. 30 days to serve. Timothy John Short, 59, fourth-degree assault, menacing and third-degree criminal mischief. 60 days provided. Margaret Evelyn Skaggs, 45, speeding. \$20 fine plus costs.



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