

Representative Reed receives 2021 'Friend of Kentucky Cities' award

The Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) presented Representative Brandon Reed (R-Hodgenville) with a "Friend of Kentucky Cities" award. KLC bestows the award upon legislators who perform outstanding work advocating for issues that impact cities across the state.

Representative Reed sponsored House Bill 199, a KLC initiative that strengthens encroachment permit requirements. He also sponsored an amendment to House Bill 249 that allows cities to share tax data to ensure accurate and up-to-date information.

"We appreciate Representative Reed's willingness to work with us on issues important to cities," remarked KLC Executive Director/CEO J.D. Chaney. "The encroachment permit measure that Representative Reed sponsored in the 2021 session will help keep our cities safe, and the language he added to House Bill 249 improves communication between municipal governments. It is always a pleasure to work with a legislator who steps up on behalf of the cities he represents."



Photo submitted

KLC Executive Director/CEO J.D. Chaney, Director of Public Affairs Bryanna L. Carroll, and Hodgenville Mayor Jim Phelps present Representative Brandon Reed (R-Hodgenville) with a 2021 "Friend of Kentucky Cities" award.

"I am honored to receive this award from the Kentucky League of Cities, and I appreciate their early support of House Bill 199 during the 2021 Regular Session. This measure promotes Kentuckians' safety by ensuring any contractor on or near our roads has the proper permits," Representative Reed said. "I am honored to be a 'Friend of Kentucky Cities' award recipient, and I

look forward to working with KLC in the future to craft legislation that positively impacts all Kentuckians."

KLC Director of Public Affairs Bryanna L. Carroll thanked Representative Reed for his hard work on behalf of cities. "It is always good to have someone serving in the legislature who understands the vital role cities play in our state," she noted. "Representative Reed

is ready and willing to discuss policies that can make cities in his district and across the state safer and more efficient. We appreciate his hard work and that of all the legislators who took up key pieces of legislation in the 2021 session."

Founded in 1927, the Kentucky League of Cities is a membership association of more than 370 cities across the commonwealth.

For the record

Greensburg Police Department

Duston Jones, 36, 101 Shady Lane, Lot 4, Greensburg, was arrested at his residence Nov. 13 by Officer Johnson on a Taylor County District Court Bench Warrant for Failure to Appear on the charges of Possession of Handgun by Convicted Felon, Receiving Stolen Property (Handgun).

Hannah R. Phillips, 26, 206 North Depot Street, Greensburg, was arrested Nov. 14 by Officer Johnson at her residence on a Taylor County District Court Bench Warrant for Failure to Appear on the charges of Possession of Controlled Substance, 1st Degree, 1st Offense (Methamphetamine), and Theft by Unlawful Taking Shoplifting (Under \$500).

Cody A. Burton, 29, 102 Ray Street, Campbellsville, was arrested Nov. 16 at 517 Henry Street by Cpl. Davis. Subsequent to following up on a domestic violence complaint, Cpl. Davis arrested Burton for Assault 4th Degree Domestic Violence, Minor Injury.

Shannon Overstreet, 53, 5153 Mar-

shall Ridge Road, Greensburg, was arrested Nov. 16 by Sgt. Matney at 120 Riverview Street. Subsequent to a call for service, Sgt. Matney arrested Overstreet on an Adair County District Court Bench Warrant for Failure to Appear Theft by Deception Cold Checks.

Thomas Davis, 33, 101 Shady Lane, Greensburg, was arrested on Shady Lane Nov. 17 by Officer Johnson. Subsequent to a complaint of domestic violence, Davis was charged with Assault, 4th Degree, Domestic Violence (Minor Injury), Strangulation, 1st Degree, Terroristic Threatening, 3rd Degree, Criminal Mischief, 2nd Degree.

John C. Upton, 35, 769 Old Hodgenville Road, Greensburg, was arrested Nov. 17 on Campbellsville Road. Subsequent to a traffic stop, Upton was charged with Operating Motor Vehicle Under the Influence, Possession of Controlled Substance not in Proper Container, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Speeding 26 mph Over Limit and Reckless Driving.

Local District Judges participate in judicial college

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District Court Judges Amy S. Anderson and Mike Hall, Jr., who serve Green, Marion, Taylor and Washington counties, attended the District Judges Fall College on Sept. 20-23 in Lexington. Some judges attended the college remotely.

The judges usually meet once a year for a judicial college but this

was their second program this year. They had a college in June to catch up after their 2020 college was canceled due to COVID.

"Because district judges oversee a broad spectrum of cases, it's important to stay current on the issues affecting those who come before us in court," said Jefferson District Judge David P. Bowles, who was elected presi-

dent of the Kentucky District Judges Association at the college. "This college offered timely sessions on everything from substance abuse and immigration to domestic violence and DUIs."

The judges learned about the increase in methamphetamine use and attended a session on the recovery capital model, a comprehensive approach to helping

people with substance use disorder gain and maintain recovery. In addition, several law enforcement officers from Jefferson town shared their experiences with substance abuse and drug trafficking cases.

An immigration session focused on basic immigration law and how judges are to use interpreters in immigration matters. The judges heard

from Darlene Thomas, executive director and founder of GreenHouse17, on the behavior of intimate partner abusers and how survivors and children are affected by abuse. GreenHouse17 provides shelter, counseling and other services.

In another session, the judges had the opportunity to discuss court issues with Laurie K. Dudgeon, direc-

tor of the Administrative Office of the Courts. They also had a session on judicial ethics in election campaigns.

Participants were able to earn continuing judicial education credits at the college, which was hosted by the KDJJA Education Committee and the Division of Education Services at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

GC Circuit Court Clerk participates in fall college

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Green County Circuit Court Clerk Ann Arnett participated in sessions on court records, technology and best practices at the Circuit Court Clerks Fall College from Oct. 11-13 in Louisville.

The clerks generally meet for educational programs twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall. They were able to have both colleges this year after COVID-19 prevented them from gathering in person in 2020.

"While we're certainly not out of the woods with the pandemic, having both the spring and fall colleges was a bit of normalcy for the circuit clerks," said Bell County Circuit Court Clerk Colby Slusher, who is president of the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks. "We look forward to meeting often to stay on top of issues that matter for our offices and the people we serve. For our colleagues who couldn't make it in person, the remote meeting technology we adopted during the pandemic came in handy for them to participate virtually."

As a result of the pandemic, the Judicial Branch is receiving

funds from the Federal American Rescue Plan to upgrade Kentucky's court technology. At the college, the circuit clerks learned more about plans for the \$14.7 million the 2021 General Assembly appropriated for court technology. Offices of Circuit Court Clerk will have a significant role with these projects, which involve video arraignment/conferencing, court record redaction, an online portal for self-represented litigants and payment kiosks for court fines and fees.

In a session on court records, the clerks got a

refresher on the types of court documents that can be released to the public and those that must be confidential, sealed or redacted. Another session covered audits, which the Administrative Office of the Courts conducts every year on all Offices of Circuit Court Clerk.

The circuit clerks discussed best practices based on the population size of the counties they serve and met with Laurie K. Dudgeon, director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, for an open discussion. In another session, they had the opportunity to learn about the recovery

capital model, a comprehensive approach to helping people with substance use disorder gain and maintain recovery.

In a special event at the college, the circuit clerks honored former Supreme Court Clerk Susan Stokley Clary, who retired in February 2020. Supreme Court Justice

Michelle M. Keller was the keynote speaker for the event.

The circuit clerks also received an update about the Kentucky Circuit Court Clerks' Trust for Life program for organ and tissue donation. Kentuckians can register to be an organ/tissue donor at their local Office

of Circuit Court Clerk or at donatelife.org.

The circuit clerks were able to earn continuing education credits at the college, which was hosted by the KACCC's Education Committee and the Division of Education Services at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

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