

For the record

Greensburg Police Department

Bree A. Bailey, 28, 115 Riverview Street, was arrested June 15 on Cedar Street by Sgt. Matney on a Logan County District Court Warrant for Failure to Appear on the charges of Theft By Unlawful Taking or Disp. Shoplifting Under \$500, and Non-payment of Court Costs. Bailey was also charged with a Parole Violation from the Kentucky Probation and Parole Board.

Jonathan L. Smith, 59, 102 Hillview Terrace, was arrested June 16 at his residence by Officer Johnson on a Taylor County District Court Bench Warrant for Failure to Appear on the charges of Possession of Marijuana and Operation on Suspended License.

James E. Combs, 40, Dunnville, was arrested June 21 at Hillview Terrace by Officer Keltner on a Casey County Circuit

Court Warrant for Failure to Appear on the charges of No Registration Plates, No Registration Receipt, Failure to Produce Insurance Card, Failure of Owner to Maintain Required Insurance-1st, Permitting Operating of Motor Vehicle with Improper Registration, No Operator's Mope License, Failure to Wear Seatbelts, Possession of Marijuana, Operating Motor Vehicle Under Influence of Substance-1st, and a Kentucky Probation and Parole Warrant for Parole Violation. Combs was also charged with Drug Paraphernalia-Buy/Possess.

Vinnie O Stacy, 32, Russell Springs, was arrested June 21 at Hillview Terrace by Cpl. Davis on a Casey County Circuit Court Warrant for Probation Violation on the charges of Flagrant Non Support and Probation Violation (for Felony Offense).

Senate Bill makes schools safer while protecting the Second Amendment



Senator Mitch McConnell

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) delivered the following remarks on the Senate floor regarding safer communities:

"The American people do not have to choose between safer schools and the Constitution. And neither does the U.S. Senate.

"The American people want their constitutional rights protected and their kids to be safe in school. They want both those things at once.

"And that is just what the bill before the Senate will help accomplish.

"Thanks to the leadership and dedication of Senator Cornyn,

Senator Tillis, and several of their counterparts across the aisle, we are considering a bipartisan bill that will make our country safer without making it any less free.

"This is the sweet spot, Madam President: Making America safer, especially for kids in school, without making our country one bit less free.

"The legislation before us would make our communities and schools safer without laying one finger on the Second Amendment for law-abiding citizens. Its key provisions are hugely popular with the American people.

"This bill supplies significant new funding to law enforcement and police, to school security, and to mental health treatment both in school and in the wider community.

"Under this bill, if

a teenager has been convicted of a crime or adjudicated to be mentally ill, even before their 18th birthday, that important information will show up in a firearms background check until they are 21. This strengthens the existing background check system without expanding it.

"States will receive new money for crisis intervention programs of their own choosing, and if they choose to use the money for so-called 'red flag' laws, those laws will have to meet a new, higher standard for due process.

"This a common-sense package. Its provisions are very popular. It contains zero new restrictions, zero new waiting periods, zero mandates, and zero bans of any kind for law-abiding gun owners.

"Police and law enforcement sup-

port this bill strongly. "The police chiefs' association and the Fraternal Order of Police say, 'this bipartisan measure is... one that will save lives.'

"The National Sheriffs' Association call it, 'a bill that can actually save lives... that allows the States to craft their own unique answers to the question raised by gun violence.'

"After years of liberal demands to make war on citizens' constitutional rights, our Democratic colleagues have finally accepted that we can make schools and communities safer without impeding on the Second Amendment.

"We can do more to protect innocent Americans, schoolkids especially, without eroding the Bill of Rights one inch.

"And that's just what the Senate will do when we pass this bill."

Reed: Setting the record straight: Roe v. Wade overturned

Capitol Focus



State Rep. Brandon Reed

Friday, June 24, 2022.

This date will go down in history as one of the most important in our nation's history as the Supreme Court of the United States stood strong in their ruling in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case.

By now you are aware that the ruling overturned Roe v. Wade. The Court's opinion expresses clearly that "There is nothing in the Constitution about abortion, and the Constitution does not implicitly protect the right," as well as "It is

time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's elected representatives."

Ultimately, the Dobbs ruling means that state legislatures have the authority to pass laws regulating abortion in their states. While pending legal challenges must be dealt with, the United States Constitution is no longer interpreted to prohibit enforcement of legislation passed by the Kentucky General Assembly that limits or prohibits the procedure. In preparation for the possible overturn of Roe, the Kentucky General Assembly already approved several pieces of pro-life legislation.

For Kentuckians, the Dobbs ruling has the immediate effect

of ending all medically unnecessary abortions. In 2019, the Kentucky General Assembly passed HB 148, which called for an end to abortion in Kentucky upon the overturn of Roe v. Wade. I cosponsored the measure, which contains an exemption for a licensed physician to perform a medical abortion necessary to prevent the death or substantial risk of death due to a physical condition, or to prevent the serious, permanent impairment of a life-sustaining organ of a pregnant woman.

In addition to HB 148, HB 91 stands out among the most important. I was honored to cosponsor this bill that places the issue before Kentucky voters during the November 2022 General

Election as proposed constitutional amendment #2. By voting "yes" for amendment #2, we will all get to decide whether or not to amend the state constitution with the following words: "To protect human life, nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to secure or protect a right to abortion or require the funding of abortion." To put it plainly, a "Yes" vote is a vote for life.

Given the Governor's public outrage at the Dobbs ruling, legislation we passed during the 2021 Regular Session may be necessary. HB 2 expands the role of the Attorney General, the state's chief law enforcement officer, in enforcing statutory and regulatory conditions on abortions. While we

passed this law after the Governor refused to close abortion clinics when he shutdown other elective surgeries during the pandemic, this measure may provide more important than ever if the administration fails or refuses to follow the will of the people. I was one of the cosponsors for this measure.

While we rejoice in a Supreme Court that showed great courage in this ruling, it is important to remember the women and men who have spent almost five decades praying, advocating, and fighting for Roe to be overturned.

I also think it is critical that we recognize the work is not done. Now we must double down on efforts to ensure these infants have every opportunity at

success. That means continuing our work in foster and adoptive care, working to keep families together when possible, and providing resources to help parents. The same political policies that brought us Roe v. Wade also helped place Kentucky as one of the worst states to be a child. I know how great our people are and how much can be accomplished when we combine faith with works.

Thanks for taking the time to read this update. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. Feel free to contact me via email at Brandon.Reed@LRC.KY.GOV. If you would like more information, please visit the LRC website legislature.ky.gov.

Ex-Governors Ernie Fletcher, Steve Beshear in 2022 Recovery Hall of Fame class

BY MELISSA PATRICK KY HEALTH NEWS

Four Kentuckians were inducted into the 2022 Kentucky Recovery Hall of Fame at the fourth annual Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Recovery in the Workplace Conference in Lexington on Tuesday.

"Our 2022 Kentucky Recovery Hall of Fame inductees have spent years pioneering a comprehensive approach to recovery in the commonwealth," said Tim Robinson, president and CEO of Addiction Recovery Care. "They exemplify the collaborative effort it takes to ensure every Kentuckian has the best opportunity for sustained recovery. We're grateful for their leadership and commitment to ending the addiction epidemic once and for all."

Two of the awards are named after inaugural inductees U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers and Jay Davidson of The Healing Place; an Employer of the Year

award was added this year. The awards are sponsored by Recon Ky, a consortium working to promote long-term recovery in Kentucky.

Former U.S. Rep. and Gov. Ernie Fletcher and former Gov. Steve Beshear (who ousted Fletcher in the 2007 election) were the recipients of the Rogers Award, which recognizes Kentucky public officials who have advocated for legislation and policies that address the addiction crisis and help Kentuckians with substance-use disorders reach long-term recovery.

During his tenure as governor, Fletcher established a recovery housing program called "Recovery Kentucky" that is still in operation. He is the founder of the Fletcher Group, which works to help rural communities with safe, sustainable recovery housing and other best practices for people with opioid and other substance use disorders.

"While addiction is still one of the com-

monwealth's most pressing issues, I'm proud of the comprehensive and collaborative approach Kentucky has taken to address this public health crisis," Fletcher said in the news release. "Since leaving public office, I've kept my commitment to helping Kentuckians return to healthy, purposeful, addiction-free lives, and it is an honor to be inducted into the Kentucky Recovery Hall of Fame."

During Beshear's second term as governor, he expanded Medicaid under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which has been instrumental in allowing more Kentuckians access to comprehensive, inpatient and outpatient addiction care. He also launched Rewarding Kentucky, a program to help people in recovery with job training and meaningful employment, and secured funding to strengthen the treatment and recovery infrastructure across the states. Bes-

hear is one of seven members on an opioid crisis task force of the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C.

"Expanding and protecting access to care for all Kentuckians, including those struggling with substance use, was one of my top priorities as governor, and I am grateful for this recognition," Beshear said in the release. "This crisis is far from over, and I will continue to work alongside other advocates and stakeholders to help more Kentuckians reach long-term recovery."

Mike Barry is the recipient of the Jay Davidson Award, which recognizes an individual in recovery who has helped to support Kentuckians with their long-term recovery.

Barry is the former CEO of People Advocating Recovery, an organization committed to mobilizing, organizing, training and rallying people in recovery and their allies. He also spearheaded the creation of

PAR's Advocacy Training Center to help spread the message of recovery through public policy and legislation. Barry recently announced his retirement, but continues to serve as chairman of the board for PAR.

"I'm humbled to receive the 2022 Jay Davidson Recovery Hall of Fame Award," Barry said in the release. "During my time at PAR, I was able to use my personal recovery experience to advocate for meaningful policies that promote long-term recovery, and I will continue to support these efforts however I can. It is a privilege to be honored for this work alongside so many other distinguished recovery leaders."

DV8 Kitchen of Lexington is the Hall of Fame's inaugural Employer of the Year, which recognizes a business that has championed second-chance employment and helped to reduce stigma around recovery in the workplace.

DV8 Kitchen now has two locations and all of the bakery's employees are in recovery. Owners Rob and Diana Perez have also created the DV8 Kitchen Vocational Training Foundation, which allows employees the chance to participate in professional development workshops and network with local business people.

"After experiencing the loss of so many employees to substance use, we felt compelled to step up and do more to address addiction in our community," Rob Perez said in the release. "We became intentional about hiring Kentuckians transitioning out of treatment and providing them with meaningful employment and mentorship. As the Kentucky Recovery Hall of Fame's first Employer of the Year, we will continue to champion second chance employment, destigmatize addiction and encourage others in the business community to do the same."