

**BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT - DIVISION 2**

Breckinridge Circuit Court, Division 2, met on Wednesday, July 23 with Judge Kenneth H. Goff II presiding.

Kailin D. Crawford, 32, pleaded not guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition and first degree criminal possession of a forged instrument. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for September 3.

Linda D. Fentress, 46, pleaded not guilty to flagrant non-support. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for September 3.

Bradley S. Allen, 24, pleaded not guilty to receiving stolen property/firearm; failure of owner to maintain required insurance, first offense; and license to be in possession. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for September 17.

A motion for shock probation by Guy L. Brison, 24, was denied.

**BRECKINRIDGE CIRCUIT COURT - DIVISION 1**

Breckinridge Circuit Court, Division 1, met on Wednesday, July 23 with Judge Bruce Butler presiding.

William Burney, 50, pleaded not guilty to second degree assault/domestic violence; second degree strangulation; third degree terroristic threatening; and menacing. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for September 17.

Tracy L. Perks, 49, pleaded not guilty to third degree burglary and first degree criminal mischief. A pre-trial conference was scheduled for September 17.

Trenton Z. Neal, 29, was sentenced to one year in prison for first degree possession of a controlled substance (meth), third or greater offense.

Savyon N. Hamilton, 28, pleaded guilty to receiving stolen property valued over \$10,000; theft by unlawful taking/disposition of property valued between \$10,000 and \$1,000,000; first degree criminal mischief; and possession of burglary tools. Sentencing was scheduled for September 3.

Dakota J. Donahue, 19, was sentenced to five years in prison, probated for five years, for second degree unlawful transaction with a minor.

Rodney D. Jones, 55, was sentenced to 15 years in prison for conspiracy to commit murder, and 15 years for conspiracy to kidnapping/victim death. The sentences will run concurrently for a total of 15 years.

Keith Lucas, 55, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for second degree criminal possession of a forged instrument and one year for first degree possession of a controlled substance (meth), first offense. The sentences will run concurrently for a total of 10 years and probated for five years. In another case, he was sentenced to one year in prison, probated for three years, for first degree possession of a controlled substance (meth), first offense.

**DEED TRANSFERS**

Lisa Jennings Bentley and Julia Kay Boyd to Peter and Carrie Stepson; Lots 87, 88, 181-183, Whispering Oaks Estates; \$428,000	James W. and Teresa Drury to Jason W. McDonald and Jena M. Carrillo; Lots 90-92, Raffo Village; \$75,000	Roy C. and Vicki L. Greer to Eva K. Wilson; Lot 30, Lake of the Woods; \$9,500	to S5 Properties LLC; two tracts near Old Hartford Rd; \$75,000	Janie Stiff Smith to Lisa Gail Gala; property near Brandenburg-Irvington Lane; \$7,060
Nathan Patrick and Jennifer Lee Givens to Timothy and Tina Montgomery; Lot 21, Patriots Landing Subdivision; \$681,000	Jerry R. and Rebecca A. Martin to NAS Breck, LLC; Lot 3, Woodbridge Estates; \$12,500	Curtis A. and Deborah Davenport to David L. and Julie A. Birk; Lot 53, Hornback Mill Fishing Camp; \$2,609.62	Derrick and Bethany Board to Rusty McClellan; Lot 5, Rosetta Forest Subdivision; \$17,000	Janie Stiff Smith to James Dale Smith; property near Brandenburg-Irvington Lane; \$5,980
The Estate of William Piercy to The Roger and Nancy Mudd Living Trust; Lots 105 and 106, Hidden Valley Subdivision, Section 1; \$64,900	Robbie L. and Doris Dupin to Faith Ann Miller; property in Irvington; \$139,900	The Mary Jean Kenney Revocable Trust Agreement to Angela M. Shaw and Jesse R. Noe; Lot 25, Browns Hide-a-way; \$352,000	Jessica and Joseph Thomas and Dennis A. and Kathi J. Ranes to Claude Jeffrey and Melissa A. Hayes; Lots 32 and 33, Meadow Lake Subdivision; \$424,000	William J. and Sarah B. Henderson to Mark John and Kelly Michelle Leonardi; two parcels near Hornback Mill Rd; \$165,000
	Sylvester L. Jr. and Karen F. Kopple to Julian Regan Revocable Trust; Lot 16, Timber Lake; \$625,000	Ronald G. and Ruth Ann Wheeler	Kelsey Alexander and Dennis Satterfield to Derek M. Warren; property in Irvington; \$175,000	Shelia Kay DeSpain to Clinton D. and Jennifer L. Roberts; 0.9297 acre tract; \$500

**Preparing for the 2026 Biannual Budget**

Without a doubt, the most important responsibility of the Kentucky General Assembly is the drafting of the commonwealth's biannual budget. Like the federal government, all proposed appropriations and budgetary measures must originate in the House of Representatives.

However, this does not mean my colleagues and I do this work alone. Quite the contrary in fact, as we meet throughout the legislative interim alongside our fellow lawmakers in the Senate as members of budget review (BR) subcommittees under the larger Interim Joint Committee (IJC) on Appropriations and Revenue. In total, there are six of these subcommittees which each focus on a different area of our commonwealth, review their financial needs, and hear their requests from the next budget. Of course, we also receive information and input from countless stakeholders, including state agencies and advocacy groups.



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period focused on sustainability, resilience, and strategic investments. A substantial portion of general funds are directed towards K-12 education and Medicaid, with the latter seeing a total per-person increase of \$615 to \$1,034 since the pandemic began. The state's financial health is further strengthened by the growth of the Budget Reserve Trust Fund, which has grown from nothing in 2011 to a \$3.5 billion today. This growth has enabled significant one-time investments across various sectors, including transportation projects, economic development, sewer and water grant programs, local government support, hospitals, postsecondary education, and a substantial allocation of \$3.1 billion towards unfunded liabilities in the state retirement system.

**BR SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Members met to hear from the Cabinet for Economic Development on job and business growth across Kentucky. The committee received an update on the Kentucky Product Development Initiative that aims to fund site development and infrastructure across the Commonwealth by supporting local government. Members also heard about progress the cabinet has been making on enhancing economic growth and bringing jobs to Kentucky. The cabinet gave suggestions on how the legislature could further support economic development in Kentucky.

**BR SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, FINANCE, PERSONNEL, AND PUBLIC RETIREMENT**

Members heard from a parent or sibling by age 18. Without support, these losses can lead to long-term emotional, academic, and social challenges. Camp Evergreen is just one of the many ways Hosparus Health Grief Counseling Services meets the needs of grieving families in its community.

Thanks to the generous support of Kosair for Kids, WHAS Crusade for Children, and the Central Kentucky Community Foundation, Camp Evergreen remains affordable for families. Registration starts at \$100 for a family of two, with each additional member just \$25. Scholarships are available based on financial need.

Camp is open to any family in the community whose loss occurred within the past two years. Families of all compositions are welcome.

The application deadline is Friday, Sept. 26. Register online

number of our commonwealth's constitutional officers and their offices to review their budgets and receive updates regarding their activities. First, Secretary of State Michael Adams stated that his office remains self-sustainable and requested no appropriations be made during the next budget cycle. Next, the office of the attorney general reported on their distribution of over 2,000 protective vests to law enforcement officers, and their continuous efforts to effectively prosecute violent crime and domestic violence. Finally, Commissioner of Agriculture Jonathan Shell provided updates regarding the office of agriculture policy, and requested additional funding in order to increase recruitment and retention for the department.

**BR SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND JUDICIARY**

Members met to hear from the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Department of Corrections regarding their proposal for a high-acuity mental health facility in order to better treat youths who have severe mental illnesses which require hospitalization. The design and construction phase of the facility are estimated to cost \$35 million with the operating budget estimated to be \$12.1 million. Members also heard testimony regarding Well Path, a comprehensive medical provider contracted by the commonwealth, and their recent financial reorganization.

**BR SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

Members heard from the commonwealth's public postsecondary institutions regarding their compliance with House Bill 4, a measure which was passed during this past legislative session to prohibit diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) from higher education. The universities highlighted the elimination or repurposing

of staff, resources, and programs prohibited by the law. The Kentucky Community and Technical College System indicated that the elimination of programs and sponsorships will save \$2.5 million annually.

**BR SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

Members received an update about how funds allocated to the Department of Aviation from HB 1 of the 2024 Regular Session are being used to support airport projects, such as hangar construction. Members also received an overview of public riverport projects, ranging from equipment replacement to asset revitalization. Lastly,

members received an overview of Kentucky's electric vehicle charging program. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet discussed the impact of the Unleashing American Energy executive order on the program, as well as the impact of EV ownership fees and EV power excise taxes on the state road fund.

**BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**

Members of the Budget Review Subcommittee for Health and Family Services convened to provide budgetary oversight on projects aimed at protecting the safety of our senior citizens

and encouraging public health improvements across the Commonwealth. Specifically, committee members were briefed on the status of three ongoing initiatives: long-term care certification surveys; the Public Health Transformation Initiative; and the Central Lab Expansion Project.

As always, I can be reached anytime through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. You can also contact me via email at Josh.Calloway@kylegislature.gov and keep track through the Kentucky legislature's website at legislature.ky.gov.

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- Cooperative family games and team building
- Specialized grief workshops led by licensed counselors
- Traditional campfire, complete with s'mores and songs and silent disco
- A celebration of remembrance to honor lost loved ones "Grieving is hard work," Ferry adds. "Camp Evergreen provides time and space where families can step away from their busy lives to do some very special self-care — to take a breath, reflect, and recharge."

According to the 2025 Childhood Bereavement Estimation Model (CBEM), one in nine children in Kentucky and one in 10 children in Indiana will experience the death of a