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Air Evac personnel airlifted Deputy Pack to the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, where he was treated for broken ribs, broken vertebrae in his back and a collapsed lung prior to his release on Monday.

Sheriff Motley said that Brian Lewis has not been located at press time, though multiple agencies including the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife have assisted in the search.

“We are still looking,” Motley said.

Following her arrest, Victoria Ratliff, age 25, of West Liberty, was lodged in the Rowan County Detention Center on the following charges:

- Public intoxication by a controlled substance (excludes alcohol).
- Resisting arrest.
- Disorderly conduct (second degree).
- Menacing.
- Assault (third degree; police/probation officer).
- Fleeing or evading police (second degree; on foot).
- Wanton endangerment (first degree; police officer).
- Bribery of a public servant.

Sgt. Williams told dispatchers that Ratliff had sexually propositioned him during the course of an interview prior to her complaint of “chest pain and claustrophobia,” which prompted him to request EMS transport for her.

Sheriff Motley posted a brief message regarding the incident to his department’s Facebook page on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 9:

The Morgan County Sheriff’s Office as well as Deputy Pack’s family would like to thank the Morgan County Volunteer Rescue Squad, Blackwater Volunteer Fire Department, 519 Volunteer Fire Department, Morgan County Ambulance Service, West Liberty Volunteer Fire Department, West Liberty Police Department and Elliott County Ambulance Service for successfully treating and removing Deputy Pack from the scene.

We would ask that you keep Deputy Pack in your thoughts and prayers while he is recovering from his injuries.

I would like to thank the Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, and the dedicated deputies of our department for their assistance in this investigation.

The Ongoing Search For Brian Lewis

As previously noted by Sheriff Motley, authorities have not located Brian Lewis at press time.

Sheriff Motley said that Lewis, 24, who resides at 1749 Blaze Rd., West Liberty, is being sought for multiple criminal charges in relation to the Dec. 8 incident and from previous warrants.

The sheriff noted that his department has received intel that Lewis could have sustained a broken foot when he fell down the embankment with

Deputy Pack, though he has not surfaced at the hospital as of this writing.

E-911 transcripts indicate that Lewis was wearing a blue University of Kentucky hoodie and jeans at the time of the incident.

Anyone with information regarding the whereabouts of Brian Lewis is urged to contact the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office at 743-3613, West Liberty Police Department at 743-4385, or Kentucky State Police Post 8 at 606-784-4127.

“If anyone is found to be aiding Lewis in eluding apprehension, they will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law as well,” Motley said. “This incident is a prime example of the daily dangers that our law enforcement officers encounter while protecting our community.

“Deputy Pack is a young man with a family who chose a career to protect and serve his community. A drug-induced decision by this individual to flee could have ended that in a split second. Please continue to keep Deputy Pack and his family in your prayers.”

Sheriff Motley again expressed his gratitude to all who responded to the incident.

“I would like to reiterate how blessed our community is with volunteers,” Motley said. “Our ambulance service, rescue squad, and fire departments are a true blessing.”

Editor’s Note

The Courier thanks Deputy Shawn Pack for his service and wishes him a full and speedy recovery.

— Miranda

U.S. 460 to re-open on Dec. 14 in Magoffin Co.

JACKSON, Ky. – Drivers who use US 460 just west of downtown Salyersville in Magoffin County should prepare for a detour beginning Monday, Dec. 11. Construction associated with the Ivy Point Hill roadway relocation will result in the closure of the road. The tie-ins to the new alignment will be constructed while the road is closed.

The road will be closed between milepoints 10.0 and 10.6, or between KY 30 and Lee Prater Street/Water Works Street. This will affect through traffic between Salyersville and West Liberty.

The road is expected to re-open by Thursday, Dec. 14, on the new alignment. Final paving will take place next spring.

A signed detour will be posted involving KY 30, the Mountain Parkway, and KY 7. Through traffic on US 460 can use KY 30 and the Mountain Parkway to reconnect with US 460 at the end of the Mountain Parkway.

Approximately 3,700 vehicles use the affected section of US 460 each day.



Morgan County DAV Awards

Three members of Morgan County DAV Chapter 132 were recognized for their faithful membership at the chapter’s December meeting Commander Akers (right) presented Raleigh Jenkins with the member’s perfect attendance award. Akers also presented a forty year membership pin to Garry Banks and a five year membership pin to Larry Jenkins. Congratulations to all for their achievements. Pictured left to right are Raleigh Jenkins, Garry Banks, Larry Jenkins and Dwayne Akers.

Voter registration surges in Ky. following election

Dec. 31 is deadline to switch party affiliation for May 21 primary

FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 8 — Secretary of State Michael Adams announced that voter registration surged in the weeks following the 2023 general election, with 10,607 new registrations from November 8th through 30th.

“Surging voter registration reminds us that we must prepare for a high turnout in the 2024 election,” said Adams.

In November, 7,278 voters were removed – 5,461 deceased voters, 1,067 voters who were convicted of felonies, 525 who moved out of state, 94 duplicate registrations, 77 who were adjudged mentally incompetent and 54 who voluntarily de-registered.

Republican registrants account for 46 percent of the electorate with 1,606,398 voters. Republican registration grew by 3,440 voters, a .22

percent increase. Democratic registrants make up 44 percent of the electorate with 1,525,037 voters. Democratic registration declined by 2,078, a .14 percent decrease. There are 356,721 voters registered under other political parties, 10 percent of the electorate. “Other” registration rose by 1,967 voters, a .55 percent increase.

Adams reminds Kentuckians who wish to update their political party affiliation to do so by December 31, in order to be eligible to vote in the May 21, 2024, primary in the party of their choice. By law, a voter who is registered as a Democrat or Independent after December 31, 2023 will not be able to vote in May’s Republican primary, and a voter who is registered as a Republican or Independent after December 31, 2023 will not be able to vote in May’s Democratic primary. This rule does not apply to voters newly registered after the first of the year.

Morgan County High School student is among top art contest winners

Cloey Bowman one of 12 Ky. students selected from nearly 900 entries

FRANKFORT, Ky. Dec. 7—Gov. Andy Beshear today announced that 12 students representing 11 Kentucky counties were top finishers in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s 2023 Adopt-A-Highway Art Contest. The annual contest allows young Kentuckians to showcase their talents while promoting an important message of keeping roadsides free of litter.

This year’s theme “Can it, Kentucky” drew in nearly 900 entries statewide from students ages 5-18. The winning art came from students representing 12 unique schools. Among the winners was Morgan County High School student Cloey

Bowman Morgan County High School. Bowman placed third place statewide in the 15-18 age category.

The Adopt-A-Highway program is a statewide volunteer effort to reduce roadside litter and keep Kentucky’s highways beautiful. Litter-free roads promote a clean environment, foster civic pride, and save taxpayer dollars.

“We’re thankful to have young and talented Kentuckians lend a hand at sharing an important message to encourage us all to do our part to keep Kentucky beautiful,” said Gov. Andy Beshear.

Adding his congratulations to the winners, KYTC Secretary Jim Gray touched on the importance of promoting a cleaner Kentucky.

“Litter-free roadsides do

more than protect our scenic byways; they also keep harmful materials from washing off roads and sidewalks and into our drinking water,” said Secretary Jim Gray. “We’re grateful to have students be part of the solution of maintaining a clean and safe environment.”

The top finishers in each of the four age divisions will receive a \$100 gift card, while second- and third-place finishers will each receive a \$50 gift card. First- through third-place recipients for all age groups will have their pieces displayed at the Transportation Cabinet Office Building in Frankfort.

taxpayer dollars. More information on Kentucky’s Adopt-A-Highway program can be found at <https://transportation.ky.gov/AdoptAHighway/Pages/default.aspx>.

Unwrapping The True Meaning Of Christmas

Submitted By
Sandra Carpenter

In a dusty stable surrounded by a host of farm animals. The virgin Mary gave birth to a son. The promised child of God was born.

Mary and Joseph cried as the newborn babe breathed in his first breath on earth.

They called him IMMANUEL (GOD IS WITH US).

There were no priests to sound trumpets or incense burned at his feet. Just two doting parents, a few donkeys and sheep. It was truly a humble birth for such a long-awaited King.

Although they feared for their child they had to trust in an unknown future and the God they trusted. Jesus is the everlasting light. All hope and fear are met in him.

With angels watching down

below they played their harps of gold. The blessed angels sang the heavenly songs of old for the gracious King: Oh come all ye faithful, let us adore him, Christ the King.

With humble beginnings royalty was born. Do you think that Mary would know that her baby boy would one day walk on water. That he would save our sons and daughters, He would deliver you from this sinful world that we are born into. He would heal the blind, the maimed, calm the seas, and walk where angels trod. Heal the deaf, raise the dead, and be Lord of all creation. The perfect lamb of God.

There is only one perfect

gift (Jesus) and he won't be found under a tree. He can be found in people's hearts. In a still voice if you will listen, a knock on your heart's door. In scripture: If you seek him he will be found by you. And when found, there awaits a great reward for you. He is here to seek and save.

Jesus say's I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP, THE GOOD SHEPHERD. THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE, THE WAY AND TRUTH AND THE LIFE—THE TRUE VINE.

Remember the true meaning of Christmas

News Of Record

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- Treneka Lavonda Jones, 30, of Louisville, Ky., daughter of Latosha Henry and Donald Jones to Desmine Treyvon Croom Sr., 30, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Yhmeko Lashuan Croom and George Fisher II.
- Astrid Dawson, 49, Rockmart, Ga., daughter of Maria Thelmann Schenker and Andreas Schenker to William James Dawson, 42, of West Liberty, Ky., son of Vivian Jean Dawson and William Jackson.
- Donna Lee Slone, 50, of Sandy Hook, Ky., daughter of Mary Bell Maxie Skaggs and Alfred Estill Skaggs to James Land Dulin, 56, of Crockett, Ky., son of Gracie Keeton Doolin and Emery Van Doolin.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

- Diana Patrick to Jake Sweeney and Chris — 8 acres more or less on the waters of Blackwater Creek beginning at the line of Hollie Pieratt and Margaret. Love and affection.
- Tucker Bolin to David Charles Foster — Land beginning at a per-simmon bush on U.S. 460 E on the south side of said highway. \$13,000.

CIRCUIT COURT

New civil suits — Park Federal Credit Union d/b/a Park Comm vs. Lindsay Adkins, Nov. 30; Angela Dawn Scalf vs. Brian Joel Scalf, Dec. 4; Martaila Lynn Spears vs. Steven Wayne Tyree, Dec. 4; Mariner Finance LLC vs. Abraham Thornsbury et al, Dec. 4; James Harrison #095435 vs. Fairrel D. Smith et al, Dec. 6.

DISTRICT COURT

New civil suits — Daisy M. Holland vs. Alexandria D. Holland #6245613, Dec. 1; Genesis Recovery Services Inc. vs. Terry Ferguson, Dec. 1; Connie Johnson vs. Kyle Stamper, Dec. 6; Cavalry SPV 1, LLC (as assignee of Citibank vs. Amy Hale), Dec. 6; Terry Lynn Perdue et al vs. Dave M. Perdue, Dec. 7.

ARRAIGNMENTS

Joshua Browning — failure to produce insurance card — pleaded guilty, \$50.

Nathan Lee Conley — no/

expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, improper display of registration plates, failure to produce insurance card — rescheduled Jan. 9, 2024.

Josephine Davis — cruelty to animals (second degree; three counts) — pre-trial conference Jan. 9, 2024.

Ryan Davis — cruelty to animals (second degree; three counts) — pre-trial conference Jan. 9, 2024.

Dustin Trey Dillingham — failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security — pre-trial conference March 12, 2024.

Dustin Trey Dillingham — speeding 25 mph over limit, failure to produce insurance card — pre-trial conference March 12, 2024.

Dustin Trey Dillingham — rear license not illuminated no/expired registration plates no/expired Kentucky registration receipt — pre-trial conference March 12, 2024.

Jerry Ferguson — failure of owner to maintain required insurance/security — rescheduled Jan. 9, 2024.

Jerry M. Ferguson — no/expired registration plates — rescheduled Jan. 9, 2024.

Andrew D. Johnson — speeding 25 mph over limit — pleaded guilty, \$50; operating on suspended/revoked operator's license — pleaded guilty, \$200, 30 days.

Elizabeth Kilburn — assault (fourth degree domestic violence; minor injury) — pre-trial conference Jan. 9, 2024.

Daniel Keith Kuykendall — failure to wear seat belts, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, failure to produce insurance card — rescheduled March 26, 2024.

Tammy McVey — no/expired registration plates — pleaded guilty, \$25; failure to produce insurance card — pleaded guilty, \$50.

Joshua Risner — glaring headlights, operating on suspended/revoked operator's license, no/expired Kentucky registration receipt, no/expired registration plates, failure of non-owner operator to maintain required insurance, failure to produce insurance card, failure to wear seat belts, failure to dim headlights — rescheduled Jan. 9, 2024.

Kenton S. Taulbee — insufficient head lamps, theft of identity of another without consent, fleeing or evading police (first degree on foot), wanton endangerment (first degree; police officer), resisting arrest, possession of a controlled substance (first degree, first offense; methamphetamine) — matter bound over to grand jury.

Jamekqua M. Holt — promoting contraband (first degree) — preliminary hearing Dec. 19, 2023.

Michael Dunn — disorderly conduct (first degree), assault (fourth degree; minor injury), alcohol intoxication in a public place — pre-trial conference Jan. 9, 2024.

Pre-trial conference — Brenda J. Bridgman — abuse of a teacher, prohibited — order entered.

Pre-trial conference — Nathan Jenkins — theft by unlawful taking over \$500 but under \$1,000 (contents from vehicle; two counts) — jury trial Jan. 12, 2024.

Pre-trial conference — Nathan T. Jenkins — theft by unlawful taking over \$500 but under \$1,000 (contents from vehicle) — jury trial Jan. 12, 2024.

Pre-trial conference — Anibal Mendez — failure to wear seat belts, operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol — rescheduled Jan. 30, 2024.

Pre-trial conference — Matthew Peyton — violation of Kentucky violation EPO/DVO — bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference — Matthew Peyton — assault (fourth degree; minor injury) — bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference — Matthew Peyton — assault (fourth degree; minor injury) — bench warrant issued.

Pre-trial conference — Charles L. Robbins — assault (fourth degree domestic violence; minor injury) — order entered.

Pre-trial conference — James D. Ross — unauthorized use of motor vehicle (first offense) — rescheduled Dec. 19.

Pre-trial conference — Cynthia Lynn Salyers — operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol/substance — ADE.

Pre-trial conference — Joshua A. Tolson — operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol — pleaded guilty, \$200.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

For safety reasons, the property located at the head of Mordica Creek, Mordica Branch, consisting of approximately 1,200 acres is off limits to any **unauthorized** ATV Traffic, Hunting, Fishing and Trespassing, without written permission from the landowners.

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