

Paducah residents roll up their sleeves for Holiday Heroes blood drive



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People in Paducah took time after the Christmas holiday to give the gift of life during the Red Cross' Holiday Heroes Blood drive. The drive was held Friday, Dec. 27, through Monday, Dec. 30, at Concord United Methodist Church. The annual event aims to boost the blood supply during the holiday season, a time when donations tend to be low. Those who were unable to give during the Holiday Heroes drive can still donate year-round at the Paducah Red Cross Blood and Platelet Donation Center at 4635 Falconcrest Drive. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org/give or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Man arrested after Flock camera system alerts police to stolen car

BY SUN STAFF

Paducah police on Monday announced the arrest of a Fulton, Kentucky, man in connection to the theft of a classic car reported stolen in Tennessee.

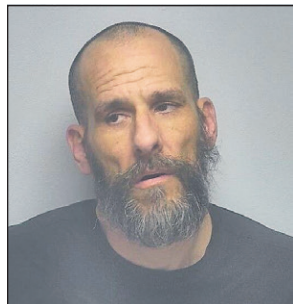
The man — identified by police as 48-year-old Chad P. Kenney of Fulton — was arrested on Christmas Eve morning after police received a notification from the

Flock surveillance camera system that a vehicle reported stolen in Chattanooga, Tennessee, was entering Paducah.

According to a news release from the Paducah Police Department, an officer found the vehicle in question — a 1968 Ford Thunderbird — and Kenny at a business in the 3000 block of Lone Oak Road.

Kenney was arrested at 9:28 a.m. that day.

The police department said officers also learned that Kenney was wanted on multiple warrants in McCracken and Fulton counties charging him with failure to appear in court. Kenney was arrested on those charges, as well as a charge of receiving stolen property valued



CHAD P. KENNEY

at more than \$1,000, and jailed in the McCracken County Jail.

Commonwealth lowers flags to honor former president Carter

State and federal leaders share admiration for Carter's life, legacy

BY SUN STAFF

Flags at state offices in Kentucky have been lowered to half-staff in honor of former President Jimmy Carter, who died Sunday at the age of 100.

Gov. Beshear ordered the flags to be lowered early Monday morning. They are to remain at half-staff until sunset on Tuesday, Jan. 28.

"Jimmy Carter was a true American — he lived through his faith and values each and every day, lifting up his neighbors and serving our great country through kindness and compassion," Beshear said in a statement released Monday morning. "Let us all learn from him and honor his memory by leading with love. Britainy and I are praying for the entire Carter family and our country as we mourn the loss of this American hero."

Carter was the 39th president of the United States, serving from Jan. 20, 1977, to Jan. 20, 1981.

In a news release announcing the lowering of the flags, Beshear encouraged individuals, businesses and organizations throughout Kentucky to join in the tribute. Beshear's order is in keeping with an

order from President Joe Biden lowering flags to half-staff at federal buildings and grounds across the nation, in U.S. territories and on naval vessels for 30 days from the day of Carter's death.

Many Kentucky leaders have released statements honoring Carter's legacy, including several Republican lawmakers.

U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky released a statement Sunday that read in part: "President Carter lived a truly American dream. A devoutly religious peanut farmer from small-town Georgia volunteered to serve his country in uniform. He found himself manning cutting-edge submarines hundreds of feet beneath the ocean. He returned home and saved the family farm before feeling drawn to a different sort of public service. And less than 15 years after his first campaign for the state Senate, his fellow Americans elected him leader of the free world.

"Jimmy Carter's character and commitment, just like his crops, were fruits of all-American soil. After every season when life led him to lofty service far from home, he came back home again, determined to plow his unique expe-

riences and influence into helping others; into building and teaching and volunteering; into further enriching the same rich soil that had made his own life possible."

In a post to the social media platform X, U.S. Rep. Andy Barr of Kentucky wrote: President Jimmy Carter was a man of service, humility, and dedication to others. His impact on our nation and the world will not be forgotten. My prayers go out to his family as we honor his legacy."

Kentucky Secretary of State Michael Adams also took to X to share his thoughts on the former president.

"In 1980 I was Ronald Reagan's strongest 4-year-old advocate, but in time I've come to appreciate and admire the President, and man, Jimmy Carter. He lived out his faith in the political arena and afterward to an extent that too few self-proclaimed Chris-

tians do. Rest in peace," Adams said.

Public television station KET is honoring Carter by re-airing programs that celebrate his legacy. At 1 p.m. CT on Sunday, Jan. 5, KET will air "Jimmy Carter: American Experience." In a news release, KET said the program will allow viewers to "revisit the life of the Georgia peanut farmer who rose to become our 39th president."

"The film traces Jimmy Carter's rapid ascent in politics, dramatic fall from grace, unexpected resurrection and post-presidential success as a humanitarian," the news release explained.

The public television station also aired "In Their Own Words: Jimmy Carter" on Monday, Dec. 30. For those who missed the broadcast, it is currently available online at <https://www.pbs.org/video/jimmy-carter-zq3dvt>.

Registration open for key chamber events

Luncheon to feature Beshear; breakfast to feature state of the city and county addresses

BY SUN STAFF

The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce will kick off the new year with events that give the local business community opportunities to hear from state and local leaders.

On Monday, Jan. 13, the chamber's Public Policy Luncheon will feature Gov. Andy Beshear. The event is scheduled from 11:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Carson Center in Paducah. Registration is required to attend the luncheon, and table sponsorships are available at a variety of price points.

But, before the Public Policy Luncheon rolls around, the chamber will host Paducah Mayor George Bray and McCracken County Judge Executive Craig Clymer on Thursday, Jan. 9. Bray and Clymer will deliver State of the City and State of the County addresses during the chamber's Power in Partnership Breakfast at the Paducah-McCracken County Convention Center.

The Power in Partnership Breakfast is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. on Jan. 9. To attend the event, registration is required by 2 p.m. on Jan. 6. The cost to register for the breakfast is \$25. In a news release about the breakfast, the chamber said Power Card holders do not have to pre-register.

Bray is Paducah's 40th mayor, and he was re-elected to his second term in November. The chamber noted that his re-election marks the first time a Paducah mayor was re-elected since 2008. Bray is the current chairman of the Paducah/McCracken County Metropolitan Planning Organization and the incoming chairman of the Paducah/McCracken County Industrial Development Author-

ity. He serves on the Paducah Area Community Reuse Organization Board and the Greater Paducah Economic Development board. Additionally, Beshear recently appointed Bray to the statewide Nuclear Economic Development Authority, or NEDA.

Clymer is in his second term as McCracken County judge executive. He also serves as chair of the Paducah/McCracken County Industrial Development Authority and the Paducah Area Community Reuse Organization Board. Clymer is also on the board of Greater Paducah Economic Development.

Clymer was McCracken County Circuit Court judge from 1998 to 2017. After retiring as circuit judge, the chamber said he joined the law firm of Boehl Stopher & Graves, LLP. Before his time as circuit judge, Clymer served as McCracken County District Court judge from 1993 to 1997 and as a staff attorney for the United States District Court from 1988 to 1993.

Beshear is also in his second term of office. He has served as Kentucky's governor since 2019, before which he served as the state's attorney general. The Beshear administration has emphasized economic growth during both his terms as governor, and his bio on the governor's website boasts that the "best two years on record for economic development occurred under Gov. Beshear's leadership."

To register to attend the Jan. 9 Power in Partnership Breakfast, visit paducahchamber.org or call 270-443-1746.

To reserve sponsorship and seats for the Jan. 13 Public Policy Luncheon, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yphawcmr>.



Gov. Andy Beshear



George Bray



McCracken County Judge Executive Craig Clymer

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