



LAWRENCE COUNTY — A KY-MOMS virtual “Healthy Baby” Workshop will be held Tuesday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., for those pregnant and up to 60 days postpartum. Participants get a \$50 Walmart gift card and more. Registration deadline is Jan. 24. For information contact Kylee Hall, 606-329-8588, ext. 4097 or khall@pathways-ky-org.

LAWRENCE COUNTY — Strawberry, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, elderberries, gooseberries and asparagus plants are being sold at the Lawrence County Extension office. Orders are due by Feb. 14. Check their Facebook page for order form or stop by the office, 249 Industrial Park Rd., Louisa. Make checks payable to: LC Extension office. For information, call 606-673-9495.

LAWRENCE COUNTY — The Lawrence County bands: LCHS, Louisa Middle, Blaine and Fallsburg students are talking order for their annual Strawberry Sale. Orders are due by Wednesday, Feb. 19. \$25 for a 8-pint flat.

FRANKFORT —Secretary of State Michael Adams announced voter registration remained strong in the last month of 2024, with 9,324 voters registering in December.

“It’s remarkable that in the month following a presidential election, and 17 months before our next election, Kentuckians showed strong interest in voting,” said Adams.

In Dec., 4,962 voters were removed from the rolls – 4,034 deceased voters, 505 felony convicts, 234 who moved out of state, 98 duplicate registrations, 56 who voluntarily de-registered, and 35 who were adjudged mentally incompetent.

Republican registrants account for 47 percent of the electorate, with 1,674,447 voters. Republican registration rose by 5,263 voters, a .32 percent increase. Democratic registrants make up 42 percent of the electorate, with 1,499,867 voters. Democratic registration fell by 2,970 voters, a .20 percent decrease. There are 385,339 voters registered as Independent or under other political affiliations, 11 percent of the electorate. “Other” registration climbed by 2,069 voters, a .54 percent increase.

REGIONAL — World Heritage International Student Exchange Program (WH), a Non-Profit, Public Benefit Organization, is seeking local families to host foreign exchange students this coming school year. World Heritage students come from a variety of countries worldwide: Italy, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Ukraine, Japan, Australia, to name just a few. They are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and they are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture, family life, school, sports. etc. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families, who welcome the students into their home, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. Host families may be single parents, couples and single persons.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. World Heritage students are carefully selected based upon academics and personality, and host families choose their student from different backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

World Heritage also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by spending a school year, semester or a summer with a host family in another country.

If interested in hosting an exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad, please call Debra at 1-800-888-9040, visit www.world-heritage.org or send an email to info@world-heritage.org to request more information

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EDITORIAL.....

By ROBERTA CANTRELL
BSN Editor

We all speak about all the comforts of home, we decorate our homes and some of us even like to create themes for each room.

We love for our homes to be comforting while also welcoming for those who come to visit.

We want our homes to feel like a safety net, a place where our families can be comfortable and feel free to roam about from room to room.

But man ‘o man let us be stuck in our special place of solitude for more than a day and some of us lose our marbles.

We become so fed up in our homes that we have busted our butts to provide for our families that we begin to lash out at the people who haven’t been able to enjoy their homes because they’ve been out working in bad weather restoring power, heat and clearing roads.

That being said, I want to use this editorial to thank those people who haven’t

stopped since the first snowflakes started falling.

State, county and city road crews have diligently worked clearing roads, cutting trees only to find more snow to come and having to go right back and redo the roads they already worked on before they could even get to roads that still needed done. This was a bad storm and even the National Guard was brought in to assist in the cutting of trees and helping where they could.

Then you have first responders, now people, I have a scanner and there were days when I know it seems quiet to you, but that scanner never stops.

The fire and police departments all over the county are hopping taking care of their own areas and assisting others when they can. There have been housefires, numerous vehicle accidents, and various other incidents they are being called to.

Travis Hughes and his crew at emergency manage-



ment have never stopped. They have been making sure people are getting their medications, food, heat supplies, whatever they can do to help.

I really don’t know what more anyone can do.

Still yet, there are complaints every year against these people during the snow storms.

I am so thankful that these hardworking men and women can turn a deaf ear and keep working, doing what they do best for us year after year and continuing to get us through these tough times while we sit in our comfortable homes and wait it out.

JOHNSON COUNTY GRAND JURY HANDS DOWN 12 TRUE BILLS

By ROBERTA CANTRELL
BSN Editor

The Johnson County Grand Jury handed down 12 true bills during their January meeting.

•Mason Maynard, 33, of Flat Gap, was charged with first-degree bail jumping when on Dec. 13, 2024, he committed the offense of failing to appear at the specified time and place as ordered by the court for a pre-trial hearing.

•Tammy Johnson, 48, of Dingus, WV, was charged with first-degree bail jumping when on Oct. 25, 2024, she committed the offense of failing to appear at the specified time and place as ordered by the court for a bond hearing.

•Christopher Tackett, 42, of Paintsville, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance when on Oct. 23, 2024, she committed the offense of unlawfully being in possession of Methamphetamine.

•Lindsay Lemaster, 43, of Sitka, was charged with trafficking in marijuana (complicity), first-degree possession of a controlled substance (complicity) and possession/use of drug paraphernalia (complicity) when on June 28, 2024, she was unlawfully acted alone or in complicity with Scottie McKenzie committed the offense of being in possession of 11 pounds and two ounces of marijuana with the intent to traffic in it, committed the offense, along with McKenzie, of being in the possession of 1.9 grams of Methamphetamine, and also in complicity with McKenzie was in possession of two altered smoking pipes containing chemical residue.

•Scottie McKenzie, 53, of Wittenburg, was charged with trafficking in marijuana (complicity), first-degree possession of a controlled

substance (complicity), possession/use of drug paraphernalia (complicity) and operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of drugs/alcohol when on June 28, 2024, he was unlawfully acted alone or in complicity with Lindsay Lemaster, committed the offense of being in possession of 11 pounds and two ounces of marijuana with the intent to traffic in it, committed the offense, along with Lemaster, of being in the possession of 1.9 grams of Methamphetamine, and also in complicity with Lemaster, was in possession of two altered smoking pipes containing chemical residue. McKenzie was also found to be operating a vehicle while he was impaired effecting his ability to operate the motor vehicle.

•Violet Trusty, 36, of Hager Hill, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, another charge of first-degree possession of a controlled substance and use/possession of drug paraphernalia when on May 11, 2024, she unlawfully committed the act of being in possession of being in possession of Methamphetamine, Cocaine and a glass pipe containing residue.

•Rachel Blair, 41, of Paintsville, was charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest when on July 7, she unlawfully committed the offense of being in possession of Methamphetamine, a glass pipe with burn marking and a syringe. Blair is also charged with engaging in fighting, violent or threatening behavior in a public place and attempting to prevent officers from the Paintsville Police Department

from effecting an arrest by using or threatening to uses physical force against them.

•Jeremy Joseph, 42, of Hager Hill, is charged with first-degree possession of a controlled substance, another charge of first-degree possession of controlled substance, third-degree possession of a controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, prescription not in proper container when on Nov. 19, 2024, he committed the offense of unlawfully being in possession of Methamphetamine and a schedule II narcotic Methadone. Joseph was also found to be in possession of being in possession of five dosage units of Diazepam a schedule IV controlled substance, a set of weighing scales, marijuana and Diazepam and Methadone not in their proper containers.

•Joseph Laney, 36, of Offutt, was charged with first-degree possession of controlled substance, use/possession of drug paraphernalia, operating on a suspended or revoked license, disregarding stop sign when on Sept. 5, 2024, he unlawfully committed the offense of being in possession of Methamphetamine and a glass pipe containing residue. Laney was also found to be unlawfully operating a motor vehicle under a suspended license and failed to stop at a posted traffic control device.

•Denver R. Lemaster, age unknown, of Paintsville, was charged with second-degree assault and persistent felony offender when on Nov. 9, 2024, he committed the offense of assaulting Christopher Sallie causing serious physical injury by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.

•Raven Dunston, 42, of Paintsville, was charged with first-degree bail jumping when on Nov. 8, 2024, she committed the offense of failing to appear at the specified time and place as ordered by the court for a pre-trial hearing for case number 23-CR-00089.

•Raven Dunston, 42, of Paintsville, was charged with first-degree bail jumping when on Nov. 8, 2024, she committed the offense of failing to appear at the specified time and place as ordered by the court for a pre-trial hearing for case number 24-CR-00093.

(Editor’s note: An indictment is not an indication of guilt but a determination by a grand jury that criminal charges warrant further judicial review.)



WHILE ROAD CREWS were out working overtime throughout Lawrence County to get roads cleared, some folks like Stoney Harper from the Blaine area decided use his own resources to clear their way out. Photo courtesy of Lisa Harper

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